

Killian Family Newsletter

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Message From the President

Greetings to my Andreas Killian cousins and friends,

I will start out by saying, we hope this message finds everyone well.

I have important an urgent message. Over the past few years AKDHA has lost board members due to what I call aging out and are not up to continue serving as board members. This year the AKDHA board was shocked by the passing of two association members; former historian Wayne Milam former AKDHA Historian, and Brenda Killian AKDHA Member at Large.

I have known Wayne Milam and his wife Catherine of Southside, Alabama since 2000 NC Killian 66th annual reunion, the Y2K Reunion (What an event. Andreas Killian descendants came from everywhere). Expanding the reunion to a 3-day was no problem for Wayne and Catherine since they always took off the whole week for the reunion, research, and cemetery visits. Wayne was a wealth of information on Andreas Killian and his descendants, including a family tree database. As far as I can remember, Wayne and Catherine did not miss a reunion until 2022.

I have known Brenda Hines Killian and her husband Lee of Denver, NC, since the 1999; the 65th annual reunion. Brenda was always pushing to get the Killian cousins to share recipes. She was instrumental in planting the idea for the Killian Family Cookbook and helped bring it to fruition. She always tried to greet everyone at the reunion. She had a wonderful and genuine smile.

I can say the Lee Killian and Wayne Milam families have been pillars of the North Carolina Killian Reunions for many years. Brenda and Wayne will be deeply missed. To the Killian Prayer Warriors out there remember to keep Catherine Milam and Lee Killian in your prayers to build them and their families up through these challenging times.

Please stay safe and take care of yourselves. I am looking forward to seeing each of you this year at the AKDHA Annual Reunion September 8th, 9th, and 10th in the land of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788) to celebrate our heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Killian,
AKDHA President

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned AKDHA an exempt status for franchise and income tax purposes under Sections 105 — 125 and 105 — 130.11(a)(3), respectively, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Inquiries regarding our federal or state exemption status may be sent to:
Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)
P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603

Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the AKDHA is to research, educate and preserve the heritage of the German pioneer Andreas Killian and affiliated families who settled in the mid 1700's around the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina; and secondarily to assist other inquirers nationally or internationally on Killian research which may or may not be related to Andreas Killian.

Your Donations:

Contributions to AKDHA cover the expenses of the website, newsletter, other publications, the annual "Reunion" educational and business meetings, special events as well as any supporting administrative or fundraising costs needed to further our mission. Future goals supported by contributions will include monument/cemetery preservation, DNA research sponsorship, and educational scholarships. AKDHA has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations.

Confidentiality Policy:

It is our policy that personal information, such as your name, postal, and email address or telephone number, is private and confidential. We do not sell, trade, exchange or otherwise make available any personally identifiable information to any other company or organization. Personal information will not be released to third parties unless release is required by law or is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations or proceedings.

Annual Reunion:

The AKDHA meets every year for a 3-day Reunion and Business Meeting on the weekend of the Second Sunday in September (SSS) in the Catawba County area of North Carolina at a location to be determined each year.

Newsletter:

The AKDHA Newsletter is published in February and August of each year with the possibility of a third special Reunion edition in Autumn, if needed. The Reunion Planning Committee meets in the first calendar quarter as needed. The printing and postage for your newsletter is paid from the AKDHA's General Fund.

AKDHA does not have a physical location.

For communication and storage of research material, we rely on:

Our Website: www.AndreasKillian.com.

Our Newsletter: published in February and August.

Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter.

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, www.AndreasKillian.com. Please refer to the date of the issue in your search.

Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.

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Association Officers for 2022-2023

President	Eddie Killian
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Co-Treasurer	Cathy Killian
Historian	Kim Sipe
Chaplain	**Vacant
Webmaster	Eddie Killian
Newsletter Publisher	Charles Killian
DNA Administrator	James Green III
Book Editor and Sales	Cheryl Killian
At Large	Lee Killian
At Large	James Green III
At Large	Brenda Killian
Programs and Projects Director	Eric Killian
Cemeteries Project Director	**Vacant
Welcome Committee Chairman	Doris Pope
Welcome Committee Co-Chair	** Vacant

****AKDHA Needs Officers.** With teleconferencing, there is no need for you to live in North Carolina to be an active officer of the association that represents your Killian Heritage. You are asked to attend annual reunions / meetings at least every 2 years.

Amzie Adolphus "A.A." Killian House Reepsville Road, Daniels Community, Lincoln County, Lincolnton, NC



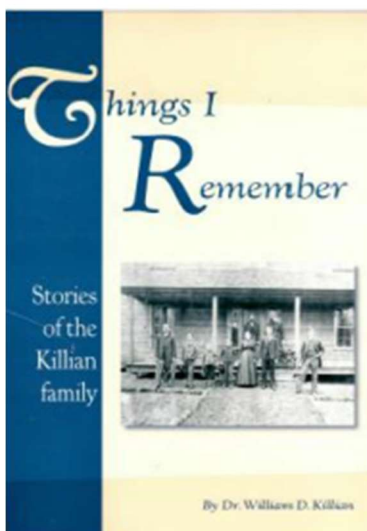
Older photo of the A.A. Killian homeplace

A.A. Killian (1850-1922) is said to have completed and moved his family into this framed house in 1895 when his son, David Coon Killian (1884-1976), was eleven years old. The house is a two-story wooden frame house with an "L" on the back. The two-story house with central hallway has four rooms (a living room and downstairs bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs) and two back rooms from the "L" consists of the dining room and kitchen. It has two porches, a front and a back.

David Killian was born in a log house adjacent to this house. This log building is used as a barn. David inherited the farm and house. The house was subsequently owned by Frank Killian and Frank's daughter, Jane Killian Conner. It is currently owned by Jane's son, Eric Conner. This is the house which David and his wife (Bessie Era Lantz) raised their children, Laura "Elizabeth" (1912-2008), Franklin "Frank" Amzie (1915-1999), "Robert" Lantz (1916-2015), and William "Bill" David (1922-2019).

The David Coon Killian family was instrumental in yearly North Carolina Killian Family Reunions (Second Sunday in September Reunions) over the years. Each in their own rights held titles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the publishing and mailing of The Killian Newsletter. It takes families like this to keep the memories alive. The book "Things I Remember..." was written by Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian in 2005. While it is about the David Coon Killian Family, the book gives flash backs to the Daniels Community and its history. In Bill's book he mentions his father enjoying going to the Killian Family Reunions with Ode Carpenter, Guy C. Killian, and J. Yates Killian.

More about the house: The porch flanking the one-story rear "L" was enclosed about 1928 and one of its chamfered posts still stands in this inner room. Still in place inside the body of the house are board-and-batten and four-panel doors, complete with their original latches, and wide hand-planned partitions and sheathing. The exterior retains its chamfered front porch posts, end chimneys of handmade brick, and cornice returns at its gable ends. The farm buildings, along with the log barn, include a small log building described as the "still house" and several frame structures built by David Killian over the years.



"Things I Remember..." by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20.

Before his death in 2019, Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian donated nineteen copies of his book to the organization he supported. AKDHA has copies available for sale. All proceeds from the sale of books goes to AKDHA, a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization. AKDHA has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations which Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian was a promoter.

To order your books, make check payable to Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association or AKDHA and mail to: Cheryl Mann Killian, 130 Rowan Rd, Ellenwood, GA 30294. For more details about these books phone me at (770) 337-5310 or email: fbcheryl@charter.net

Descendants of Daniel Killian (1790) of Dekalb County, Alabama Celebrates Reunion

The Andreas Killian descendants of Daniel Killian (1790) reunited on June 24, 2023, at Gravel Hill Baptist Church at Colbran, Dekalb County, Alabama. Over 60 friends and Killian family members were present since the last reunion in 2018 with families attending from Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, and Texas. Several Killian descendants were attending for the first time.

The morning began with a genealogy session featuring collections from the Elias and Nancy Tate Killian family ancestral line. Old local newspaper publications from the early 1900's of the Killian's in business in the Fort Payne and surrounding area were available. Several family members enthusiastically took advantage of reading, copying, and photographing information collected over the years.

At the reunion meeting, Charles Killian gave the welcome and introductions. Speakers included Doug Brandon, DeKalb County Historian, and Janice Gilbert, President of the DeKalb County Genealogy Society. Reverend Wayne Killian recognized those who served in the military and gave the invocation. Guest speaker was John Killian of Fayette, Alabama who spoke on "The Mountain Killians." A delightful meal was prepared and served by Dewayne and Sandra Killian Holmes. A business meeting followed with more fellowship afterwards.

We are all still feeling the after math of Covid-19. The Alabama Reunion is normally held as a Biennial Celebration. The reunion of course was cancelled in 2020 with no planning meetings for a 2022 reunion. To get back on track plans are being made for a 2024 reunion.

Front Row: Billy Joe Killian, George Demoville Killian, Lawrence Wayne Killian, Constance Price, Beverly Killian Stapp, Carol Jordan, Blake Killian, Judy Killian McClintock
2nd Row: Rhonda Killian, Willian Thomas (Tom) Killian, Janet McClintock Green, Barbara Killian Allen
3rd Row: Susan Dooley, Jeanie Killian, Ted Killian, Ben Killian, Janice Killian Gregory
4th Row: John Killian, Charles Killian, Lucille Killian Thrasher
5th Row: Ned Killian, David Killian, Susan Stapp Rogers
6th Row: Sally Gilbreath Killian, Polly Albritton, Terri Killian, Bailey Killian, Clay Rogers
7th Row: Roger Killian



What One Andreas Killian Descendant is Doing

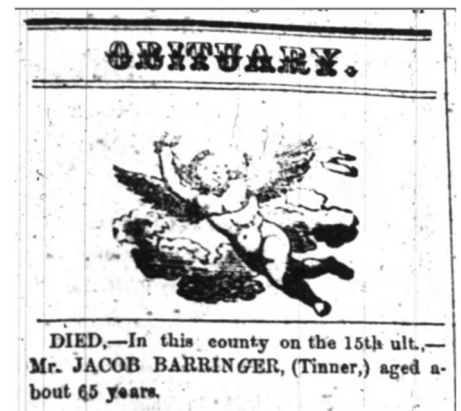
I am Wm. Sydney "Syd" Barringer, and the fifth great grandson of Andreas Killian. I descended from his daughter Christiana, who married John E. Barringer, SR (1752-1817). I am currently in Alexandria, VA, about a mile from George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

In 2020, I set out to dig up bones on my three times great-grand father Jacob (1784-1856), a son of John and Christianna. There is not a grave documented for him. It appears that all but one of Jacob's seven children left the area. I have made a little progress in my search for his children but am still looking for three of them.

I must confess that most all the papers and documents I have been given are focused on my paternal line through Paul Barringer (1743-1807), another Barringer pioneer of North Carolina.

My second great-grandfather Lewis Barringer (1814-1892) moved to west Alabama around 1840 and had twelve children. I am the guy who tries to flesh out something and get family together for a reunion every year. We have been having reunions since 1953 and that was before my time. We have not had a reunion for the last two years due to COVID.

In 2020, my wife took me to Mt. Pleasant for my birthday to look specifically for information on Jacob Barringer (1784-1892). I did not spend as much time as I wanted in the church heritage center, but we are going back. I have been to the Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery several times but focused my research on Christianna's husband John Paul Barringer. I have sorted out Jacob's timeline as much as I could using online marriage records and census data. What appears to be a death notice for Jacob in a newspaper and went ahead and created a FindAGrave memorial for him at St Johns Cemetery. In everything I had or found up to that point, his death date ranged from 1830 to 1850 and the newspaper memorial is 1856. I am still trying to document it better. St Johns is where both of his wives, his stepdaughter, and his parents are buried. There is a good chance that he was buried there. I have conferred with the St Johns cemetery chairman, and he said that the records have proven to be incomplete. It is believed to be due to pastors leaving with the records.



Jacob Barringer (1789-1846) of Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina is my Jacob's half-uncle, and is 5 years younger. Online trees are rife with him being in my line. I should begin challenging people about it, but I would really like one more piece of evidence.

	Lived	Relationship to me	My relation to them
Andreas Killian	(1702-1788)	ggggg-gf	
Christianna Killian Barringer	(1755-1832)	gggg-gm	dau
Jacob Barringer	(1784-1856)	ggg-gf	g-gs
Lewis Alexander Barringer	(1814-1892)	gg-gf	g-fg
Riley Newbern Barringer	(1856-1941)	g-gf	gg-gs
Willie Bean Barringer	(1881-1944)	gf	ggg-gs
Sydney Findley Barringer SR	(1917-2012)	f	gggg-gs
William Sydney Barringer		me	ggggg-gs

Mr. Wayne Milam

November 11, 1937 - April 4, 2023

Wayne Milam has been a fixture at the Andreas Killian Family Reunions for longer than anyone can remember. He was AKDHA's historian for almost 20 years or more. He and Catherine made an adventure of genealogy. Wayne was a descendant of Daniel Killian (1790) of Dekalb County, AL. Daniel Killian, and his wife Mary Elizabeth Bost, were his g-g-g-grandparents. He and Catherine searched and researched for more than twenty years for Daniel and Mary Elizabeth's parents, but he did not find any proof of their parents. Y-DNA of Rev. John Killian of Fayette, AL did prove Daniel (1790) was a descendant of Andreas Killian. Wayne and Catherine had collected a treasure trove of Killian information from courthouses, cemeteries, libraries, genealogy societies all over the southeast USA. Catherine put up with the long drives and hours looking at old records and books. Having Wayne doing research kept him off the go-carts, which was a much more dangerous hobby.



Wayne attended Gadsden High School then went to trade school. Then, 64 years ago he married Catherine Hooks. He joined the Air Force and then the Air Guard 225 Combat Communication Gadsden until retirement. He also worked at Gulf State Steel for 34 years until the plant closed in 2000. He enjoyed fishing, metal detecting, go-cart racing, genealogy, and Nascar. Wayne had a passion for his wife, family, work, and hobbies. His death is a great loss for all who loved and knew him.

Wayne was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Valerie; son, Clifton Milam; siblings, Richard Milam, and Betty Ruth Milam; and parents, Hugh and Mary Milam.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; daughters, Angie Maness, Felecia Cofield; grandchildren, Amber Chafik, April Presley, and Skylar Cofield; great-grandchildren, Yasmine and Layla Chafik, Winterlynn Worley, Riley and Gavyn Presley; and extended family.

Brenda Jean Hines Killian

February 7, 1944 – June 3, 2023

Brenda Killian, of Denver, NC and wife of Lee Beatty Killian passed away suddenly this year. Brenda was the oldest child of the late John & Geneva Hines of Lexington, NC.

Brenda and Lee Killian met on an arranged blind date more than 50 years ago. The date was arranged by a counselor she worked with. This counselor went to the same church as Lee. Life gets in the way of life, and it was not until 20 years later that they would become husband and wife. They had a beautiful life together. Her greatest joy was family. Although she and Lee never had children, she kept up with her siblings, her 8 nieces and nephews and nieces; and she never missed a birthday or anniversary without sending a card or making a phone call to each one of them. She enjoyed a lovely friendship with her sister-in-law, Ernestine Killian.



Brenda was a well-educated lady. Brenda graduated from North Davidson High School. She received her BS and MA at Appalachian State University; undergraduate at Brevard College; and post graduate work at the University of South Carolina. She retired from the Catawba County NC School System as a school counselor and director of county testing. Prior to that she was a teacher of Home Economics, Biology, Physical Science, and 8th grade sciences. She spent 33 ½ teaching. While growing up she had wanted to be a pharmacist, but she followed her mother's dream of becoming a teacher. Her mother had not been able to afford college.

The best advice Brenda could give was “be a kind listener and never give up”. That is probably why she did so well in life. Her greatest joys came in service to others. Her professional career gave her many opportunities to affect the lives of children in the area. Her work with the acolytes at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is remembered by many of the children and parents as highlights of their young church experiences. The time she spent as a docent at the Mundy House as a member of the Eastern Lincoln Historical Society brought the rich history of the Denver community to life. She was an active member of the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association. She will be missed for years to come.

Ever thinking of others, Brenda's final act of kindness was to give the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

“The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook”

“The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook” is available. The cookbook is filled with 299 family recipes, family histories, helpful hints, and much more. We know you will enjoy looking through it and seeing the many names of those who have made this possible. This book will make a great Christmas gift for any of your family members. The books are selling at \$15.00 each with an additional \$3.50 for shipping/handling.

For your cookbook order, please make payment to AKDHA and mail to:

AKDHA
P.O. Box 3272
Hickory, NC 28603

By mail the cookbooks are \$18.50 each, please indicate the number of cookbooks you are ordering.

Obituaries submitted by Family and Friends

Carlton Henry Darnell (December 21, 1935 - February 26, 2023)

Carlton married Ruth Ann Ogle on April 26th, 1955. She was a proud Andreas Killian descendant. He and Ruth were regular attendees of the Killian Family Reunion. Ruth passed away in March of 2022. They will be missed at future Killian reunions. Ruth and Carlton had six children, 16 grandchildren, and 39 great-grandchildren.

Robert D. "Bob" "Farmer" Daggett (December 1, 1953 - June 6, 2023)

Robert was the eldest of four children born in Gibson City, Illinois to Robert O. Daggett and Jocie (Killian) Daggett. He married Diane Edgecombe on June 26, 1976 and became the parents of two daughters, Lindsey, and Elizabeth.

Floy Pearlina Eckard Starnes (May 6, 1924 - February 12, 2023)

Floy Eckard Starnes of Hickory, NC is a Killian by marriage. Wife of Paul Junior Starnes, whose parents were Metta Celeste Starnes Killian and Arville Leonard Killian. She was preceded in death by her husband; and three sons, Thomas Eugene Starnes, and Stephen Paul Starnes. She is survived by her daughters; Sandra Colson, and Lori Parker; son, Ronnie Starnes; grandsons, Luke, and Josh Parker; granddaughters, Melia Smith, Stacey Pollard, and Stephanie Otto; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arthur Gary Killian (February 17, 1945 - January 24, 2023)

Mr. Killian of Rutherfordton, NC was born in Hickory, NC to the late Arthur Garland Killian and Dorothy Carroll Killian. He is survived by two daughters; Candace Killian Stewart, and Hilary Hansen-Jung; his five grandchildren; his brother, Timothy Killian; and sister, Angela "Jeanne" Neumann.

Support Your Association

Yes, I will help support Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

Contributions to AKDHA cover the expenses of the website, newsletter, other publications, the annual "Reunion" educational and business meetings, events, monument/cemetery preservation, DNA research sponsorship, and educational scholarships, as well as any supporting administrative or fundraising costs needed to further our mission.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift \$ _____

Please fill out the information below:

Name _____

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Phone: E-mail: _____

I descend from Andreas' son or daughter: _____

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Mail to: Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

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Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion

Celebrating 89 Years of Reunions

September 8-10, 2023

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 8, 2023

(All times are Eastern Standard Time)

- 6:30 pm: Registration/Social Gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center
- 7 pm: Potluck Dinner with delicious home cooked recipes prepared by local Killian cousins. Local descendants, it is suggested you bring enough food to feed your family and two guests. Bring your photos, crafts, books, etc.; there will be tables set up for you to set up your display of genealogy info, items of interest, DNA info and stuff. *Any Killian stories* (bring family items to show, Killian products and Killian books, etc.). The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook will be available for purchase. Cash and carry, reunion discount, \$3.00 off.
- 8:30 pm: Wrap up evening with a group photo.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

- 10:00 am: Local Killian Point of Interest Tour of Killian's Hardware Store & Museum, Andy Killian's Auto Sports & Car Museum, and local cemeteries upon request. Lunch on your own OR as a group at a popular local restaurant.
- 3:00 pm: **AKDHA Annual Business Meeting at Mr. Zion Lutheran Church;** Election & appointment of association officers, AKDHA Scholarship Award presentation, prizes for youngest, oldest, and farthest traveled, etc.
- 4:00 pm: At the conclusion we all will hear from several of our board officers their Jokes, Lies, Stories and Good Ole Times.
- 4:30 pm: Group photo before heading to Crawdads Baseball Game @ L.P. Frans Stadium located at Winkler Park, 2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory, NC 28601
- 7:00 pm; Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game. Either eat at a local restaurant or purchase Food Vouchers if you want to eat at a game. Baseball group AKDHA admission is gratis due to rainout last year and food voucher group rate is \$7 each. Bring your whole family. Many thanks to Doris Sipe.

Sunday, September 10, 2023

(Church Services of your choice or sleep-in until lunch or hotel check-out)

- 10:00 am: Church service at Old St. Paul's Church or
- 10:30 am: Church service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
- 12:30 pm: Summary of Saturday's AKDHA Business Meeting
- 1 pm: Catered lunch by Mt Zion Lutheran's Church Women in the Mt. Zion Church Family Life Center. More home cooking with homemade desserts.
- 2pm: Group Photos and farewell until the reunion next year.

Contact phone numbers!

President, Eddie Killian (803) 747-9906

Local contact: Eric Killian (828-455-4936)

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

4420 County Home Road

Conover, Catawba County, NC 28613

Any out-of-town cousins our association made arrangements with **Best Western Hickory**
1520 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602, phone (828) 323-1150.

Nominations for AKDHA Board of Directors

On Saturday September 9th, 2023, at 4:pm, AKDHA will meet for the annual AKDHA business meeting which includes approval of the board of directors. At every AKDHA annual meeting, there is an election of officers. Those elected serve a two-year term. Those elected this year will serve until the annual meeting in 2025.

All open offices will be open to the floor at the business meeting for the nomination of anyone willing to serve on the AKDHA board of directors.

This year the nominees as officers for two years (2023-2025) are:

President --Bill Killian of Waco, TX, expire term of Eddie Killian.

Vice-President --Rob Killian of SC, expired term of Bill Killian of Waco, TX.

Vacant Board Member elected term expiring 2024.

Secretary -- Loretta Killian of SC (Mrs. Eddie Killian for election until 2024 AKDHA Reunion Killian), nominated for vacant office formally held by Kandice Waller. Term to expire 2024.

The Treasure and co-Treasure office are not up for election.

The following officers are vacant. Nominations are requested. These officers serve at the Pleasure of the AKDHA President as long as the president wants.

****Newsletter Editor – Open for nomination and approval.**

****Chaplain – Open for nomination and approval.**

****Cemeteries Project Director—Open for nomination and approval.**

****Welcome Committee Co-Chair—Open for nomination and approval.**

Members at Large (two positions available)

****Open for nomination and approval—has been vacant for two-years.**

****Open for nomination and approval—previously held by the late Brenda Killian (Mrs. Lee Killian).**

Approved officers

Cheryl Killian of GA and James Green III of SC – DNA Administrator and co-Administrator.

Cheryl Killian –Book Editor.

Eric Killian of NC – Programs and Projects Director.

Doris Pope of NC – Welcome Committee Chairperson.

Kim Sipe of NC – historian.

Eddie Killian of SC—webmaster.

Please get the word out about this year's annual business meeting. There are many board of directors vacancies. We must encourage the younger Killian descendants to attend, step up, and volunteer. Working for a 501c3 organization would look good on any resume'. The 90th reunion in 2024 is already being planned so if you can help in any way, please contact us.

Newsletter Editor

Submitted by Eddie Killian

It has finally happened; Charles Killian is resigning his AKDHA position as Newsletter Publisher. In 2005, he and his wife Cheryl volunteered to publish *The Killian Family Newsletter* at the Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion. I find it is a shame they are not serving out a full 20-year term, maybe going for 30 years and getting a pin. But after 18 years of service this issue is their “Swan Song”.

When they first began, Charles cleaned up the USPS mailing list and Cheryl searched through old reunion minutes and letters for articles. Publishing the newsletter was a once or twice a year adventure for them. In 2013, with the help of Mrs. Sandy Phillips, The Killian Family Newsletter won The National Genealogical Society (NGS) Newsletter Competition for best newsletter. The NGS recognized the long hours, and creativity that editors devote to their newsletters. A panel of three judges reviews each newsletter on material interest, variety, organization, quality of writing and editing, readability, and attractiveness. The Killian Family Newsletter WON in the category Family Association Newsletter.

Charles and Cheryl volunteered for Newsletter Editor(s) to make sure everyone on the mailing list knew about the yearly SSS reunion. By publishing the accomplishments, deaths, and births kept the legacy Andreas Killian (1702-1788) in print for future generations. We all know what Andreas and his descendants have done is and was monumental.

Please get the word out about this year’s AKDHA annual reunion. There is a need for Andreas’ descendants to take part in keeping the memory of Andreas Killian and his progeny alive. It concerns me that our annual reunion continues to lose attendance. Every descendant of Andreas must encourage the younger Killian descendants to attend the reunion, step up and volunteer. The 90th Reunion is already being planned so you can help in any way, please contact me so that we can celebrate 100 years of Killian Reunion in 2035.

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before us. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Author Unknown

2024 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The AKDHA Scholarship Award program provides funds for children of members of AKDHA and adults descendants of Andreas Killian who are planning to further their education at one of the following:

- Vocational and technical schools (college level)
- Junior colleges
- Colleges or Universities

The value to one (1) or two (2) scholars is \$500 paid tuition to the school he or she will be attending.

The value to AKDHA is creating involvement of a younger generation of Andreas Killian descendants. We need younger people interested in the heritage of pioneer Andreas Killian.

How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates are selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection is based on a competitive nature from the school records, performance scores, personal essay, and outside activities and interests. The applicants must realize that the final selection as made by the Scholarship Committee is final. Scholars start thinking about your essay today.

About:

https://andreaskillian.com/project_scholarship.html

Instructions:

https://andreaskillian.com/project_scholarship_instructions.html

Application:

https://andreaskillian.com/project_scholarship_application.html

M. Luther Killian, Profile

Name: M. Luther Killian

Birth: Chattanooga, TN 1950

Profession and current status: Teacher/coach for 48 years, currently unemployed

Career goal as a child: teacher

Education: BS in Education, MS in School Counseling

Hobbies: Reading, yardening, woodworking

From which Andreas Killian do you descend:

Samuel C. Killian

Family:

Father: Clyde Killian was a carpenter by trade. His family claimed that with so many children, they ran out of options so he was never given a middle name.

Grandfather: George Washington Killian purchased 100's of acres in middle Florida in the early 1900's only to lose it all in the 1929 crash.

Great grandfather: Lott Killian, along with two brothers, served in the Confederacy, was captured at Vicksburg, was paroled, and rejoined. Later, he was injured and died in a confederate hospital near Charlotte, NC a week before the South surrendered.

Best piece of advice: The Serenity Prayer

Comment: Far more than a scavenger hunt gathering historical facts and dates, members of the "Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion" exchange interesting stories about our family ancestors which are especially intriguing when set in the historical context of our developing country. By attending, you will find warm and caring relatives eager to share what they know and just as eager to help you in searching your ancestral history. No matter what level your involvement with genealogy, every Andreas Killian descendant should attend at least one of these annual meetings on the "Second Sunday in September" in Hickory, NC. Consider it your historical and personal pilgrimage.

ONE MINUTE PROFILE OF DESCENDANTS OF ANDREAS KILLIAN

Glen Killian of West Monroe, LA.

Note from editor: 2022 was Glen's first Annual AKDHA Reunion

Descendant of George Killian, son of Andreas Killian.

Work: Manager of Community Coffee. Former Business Owner of Killian Beverage INC – Distributor.

Best piece of advice: Honesty.

Education: Monroe Christian School, High School Graduate; University of Louisiana Monroe College.

Church affiliation: Newlight Baptist, Monroe, LA

Personal Hero: Jesus Christ.

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing.

Comments: I enjoyed the reunion very much. Thank You to the Killian Family of North Carolina.

Sandra "Delcyne" Boswell Grant of Tahlequah, OK.

Born: 87 years ago, Watonga, Blaine County, OK.

Descendant of Leonard, son of Andreas Killian.

Family: two sons and one daughter. One son and daughter are deceased.

Retired from many jobs, none were considered professional.

Growing up I wanted to know everything, explore and check everything out.

Best piece of advice: Don't give it.

Hobbies: Too many to name.

Comment: I am a member of the Catawa Tribe of Native Americans.

Eric Killian of Newton, NC.

Descendant of Samuel C., son of Andreas Killian.

Profession: Automotive Technician.

Family: wife Cathy; 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy) Toni, Tiffany, Tyler, and Taylor; 3 grandchildren, Mason, Elijah, and Landen.

Church affiliation: Covenant Baptist Church.

Personal Hero: Andreas Killian for coming to America and settling West of the Catawba.

Robert W. "Bob" Killian of Hickory, NC

Born in Hickory, Catawba County, NC 83 years ago.

Descendant of Samuel Killian, son of Andreas.

Family: wife, Nancy White Killian. No Children.

Profession: Retired 18 years ago from Aflac Inc.

Hobby: Making Walking Sticks.

Best piece of advice: Live a good and safe life.

Church affiliation: Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ.

Kimberly "Kim" Honeycutt Sipe of Conover, NC.

Family: daughter of Mary Cathrine Killian and Billy Gene Honeycutt.

Descendant of Samuel, son of Andreas.

Education: Bunker Hill High; Catawba Vally Community College.

Profession: Career-Technical Education Assistant.

Bookkeeper 44 years with the schools.

Church affiliation: St. Peters Lutheran Church and St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

Best piece of advice: Work hard, study hard, and pay it forward. Hobbies: Crafts, Genealogy, Racing, and Camping.

Growing up Kim wanted to be a Secretary and Homemaker.

Comment: Kim loves learning the history of family and their stories.

James Walker Green III of Winnsboro, SC.

Descendant of Samuel Killian, son of Andreas.

Born: Savannah, GA 73 years ago.

Education: BS in Geology and General Science (1972), and MS in Computer Science (1991).

Profession: Geologist/ Draftsman/Hydrologist for SC Highway Dept. (1972-1976), Astronomy Lab teacher for University of SC, Midlands Tech, and prison.

Hobbies: Collecting Coins and Stamps, and Genealogy.

Best piece of advice: Start genealogy when your grandparents are alive and interview them and their siblings. Later in life, you will wish you knew more about them and their parents.

Church affiliation: Southern Baptist.

Personal Hero: Nathan Bedford Forest (1821-1877)

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- “The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)” is available by mail for \$30.
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- “Things I Remember...” by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20.

To order family history books, make check payable to AKDHA.

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- **Cemeteries Project Director—Open for nomination and approval.
- **Welcome Committee Co-Chair—Open for nomination and approval.

Members at Large (two positions available)

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- **Open for nomination and approval—previously held by the late Brenda Killian (Mrs. Lee Killian).

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