

# The Killian Reunion

The sixth reunion of the Killian family was held at Salem Luth. & Reformed Church on Aug. 21, 1940. On account of the recent rains, which had flooded the streams making it impossible to cross many - very few attended this meeting. Because of the illness of her mother, Miss Stines the Sec. & Treas. was unable to attend. In her absence Mr. Guy Killian was appointed Sec. & Treas. pro tem. The meeting was opened with the singing of America after which prayer was offered by Rev. Koontz, pastor of the Reformed Church. The minutes were read and approved. The president Mr. Raymond Hefner presented a <sup>historical</sup> memographed copy in book form of the pioneer Andrew Killian and his children which had been compiled by J. Yates Killian and others. The expense of these memographed copies was about \$25 which was borne by Mr. Hefner. It was voted that the collection and the money in the treasure outside of the memorial fund be given Mr. Hefner to help defray this expense.

A short address was given by J. W. Atkins, editor of the Gastonia Daily Gazette. He complimented the ~~splendid work~~ of J. W. Killian and others for their splendid work in securing the history of the pioneer Killians. He especially stressed the fortitude, trials, and hardships of all the pioneers and their firmness and staunchness in their religious beliefs and the training of their children.

Mr. J. Yates Killian asked that <sup>members of each family would</sup> now complete their family genealogies <sup>and connect them</sup> with the records given in the memographed copy.

The last Thursday in July was fixed as a permanent date for the reunion unless officers saw cause to change the date.

The following officers were chosen

- President Guy Killian
- Vice - Pres. Jessel Sigmon
- Historian J. Yates Killian
- Sec. & Treas. Nora Rhodes Carpenter

A standing vote of thanks was given to the church, to Messrs Killian and Hefner for the history, and to all those who in any way helped to make the meeting successful.

Collections for the Memorial Fund were:

Mrs. Oscar Coats	\$1.00
Guy Killian	1.00
D. P. Rhodes	1.00

Total

\$ 3.00

This amount is deposited in the First National Bank of Hickory to the Andreas Killian Memorial Fund. The total amount is now \$19.00.

The meeting then adjourned to the church lawn where a bountiful & sumptuous picnic lunch was served - and enjoyed by all.

(Guy Killian - Acting Sec - )  
(Raymond Hefner - Pres - )

~~Guy Killian - Pres.~~

~~Dora Rhoads Carpenter - Sec. & Treas.~~