

## The 49th Killian Reunion

The 49th Annual Killian Reunion was held Sunday, September 11, 1983 at 3 p.m. at Castanea Presbyterian Church, Lucia, North Carolina.

President Fred H. Killian welcomed the group and the meeting opened with the Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Wanda McElveen presented devotions, using as her topic "The Greatness of America."

Minutes were read and approved.

Guests were introduced and each member present told his lineage and gave information concerning places and events.

Historian Bill Killian read several letters received during the year. Some gave history of the family, some were seeking information about their branch of the family, and most were ordering copies of the booklet, The Killian Family In North Carolina.

He told of a millstone found six miles north of Lincolnton in the bed of Clark's Creek, where the Maiden Salem Road (SR 1274) crosses it. This location is near the site of the Old Killian Mill, built more than 150 years ago, and the stone is believed to have been washed away in the flood of 1916, having become embedded in the creek then. Gaither Shrum, chairman of the Lincoln County Historic Properties Commission, learned about the discovery from nearby residents and began tracking down the millstone. He located it at the Department of Transportation office on Prison Camp Road near Newton. The grooved stone -- about four feet across and six inches thick with a six-inch hole in the center -- had been set upright and placed in cement on the lawn in front of the office. Efforts are being made to have the stone returned to Lincoln County.

Frances Killian Hampton was elected Vice President and John Killian will serve as President for 1984 and 1985.

Treasurer Robert Killian reported a balance of \$271.30.

The group voted to place an ad in the Geneological Helper with reference to the annual meeting and sale of The Killian Family in North Carolina.

Members voted to give \$35.00 to Castanea Church and approved <sup>old</sup> St. Paul's Church, Newton, NC as the meeting place on the second Sunday in September next year. (Mt. Holly Methodist Church at 2 p.m. if St. Paul's is unavailable)

An offering was taken and the meeting closed with invocation for a covered dish dinner shared during the fellowship hour.

40 clansmen and guests were present.

*Helen Killian*

Helen Houser Killian  
Secretary