

The 50th Killian Reunion

The 50th annual Killian reunion was held Sunday, September 9, 1984 at 3 pm at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Newton, North Carolina.

In the absence of President John W. Killian, Vice President Frances Killian Hampton presided. She opened the meeting with scripture and prayer followed by the group singing "Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still."

The history of past reunions was discussed and two people present were also present at the First Reunion at Salem Lutheran & Reformed Church, Lincoln County, 50 years ago, in 1935. They are Robert L. Killian and Ware L. Killian, Sr.

Three people present remembered being at the unveiling of the monument in memory of Andreas Killian at Old St. Paul's Church cemetery on October 19, 1952. They are Ruby Jenkins, Bill Killian and Helen Killian. *Also Frances K. Hampton*

The Rev. Luther Knauff of St. Paul's Church told about early pioneers who sailed on the ship "Adventure". He also told about the families in the community who worshiped in Old St. Paul's, where pioneer Andreas Killian is buried. The original log building which was started in late 1760's no longer stands, but the present Old St. Paul's includes some of the timbers from the original building. This second structure was built about 1808. Homemade nails were used and the church has a slave gallery. He told the story of a Mr. Hildebran killing a slave in the church, stating that handprints in bloodstain may still be seen on the floor.

Guests and members were introduced and each person told his lineage and gave information concerning places and events of the past.

Thirty Clansmen present are direct decendants of Andreas. Vice President Hampton called the names of Andreas' twelve children and asked for a show of hands of those present who are direct descendants of each of the twelve. Four people represented Leonard's line, 11 descended through John, three through Daniel, and 12 through Samuel C. Killian. Not represented were Margaret, Jean, Crate, Andrew, George, Brina, Catrina (Christianna), and Elizabeth.

During the business session minutes of the 1983 meeting were read and approved. Robert Killian gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$370.03. (copy attached)

Frances Hampton reported on St. Killian of Ireland, and Historian Bill Killian reported on letters received during the year.

The group voted to donate \$35.00 to St. Paul's Church and to place an Ad in the Geneological Helper.

Castenea Presbyterian Church, Lucia, NC was approved as the 1985 meeting place.

An offering was taken, followed by singing "Bless Be The Tie That Binds".

Meeting adjourned for a covered dish dinner and fellowship in the church yard.

41 Clansmen and guests were present.

Helen Killian

Helen Houser Killian
Secretary

Killian Family Assoc -	
Balance 9/12/83	\$271.30
Book collection	87.26
Book collection	53.14
Collection 9/12/83	60.25
Interest	<u>9.25</u>
Total -	481.20

Expenses:

9/12/83 Castana Presky @H -	35.00
Picnic Supplies	19.87
Printing, Stamps + Envelopes.	48.30
175 copies.	
Everton Publ. Co. -	3.00
"The Helper"	<u>106.17</u>
total	

Balance 9/9/84 375.03



Robert Killian
Treas.