

The 52nd Killian Reunion

The 52nd Annual Killian Family Reunion was held Sunday, September 14, 1986 at 3 pm at Castanea Presbyterian Church, Lucia, North Carolina.

President Frances Killian Hampton presided. She welcomed the group and opened the meeting with devotions on "being a Nation Under God", appropriate for this Bicentennial Year of the Writing of the Constitution. The Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" was led by The Rev. Gaither Shrum.

President Hampton reported that records for Castanea Church had been lost and she gave a brief history of the church.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Robert Killian reported a balance of \$651.94. (report attached)

The group voted to give \$50.00 for the use of Castanea Church.

The joint Salem Lutheran and United Church of Christ, Route 2 (Startown Road), Lincolnton, NC was approved as the meeting place for the 1987 reunion.

Historian Bill Killian reported on letters received during the year. He stated that Mack Canipe, 1985 Reunion Speaker, continues to work on a book he is writing called "The German Element in the Carolinas".

Historian Lucy Killian asked for the geneological lineage of each person present so that the Killian Family History can be updated.

Persons present introduced themselves and told something of their particular lineage. Twenty-eight (28) of the clansmen attending are direct descendants of Pioneer Andreas's twelve children. Two represented John, three represented Daniel, and 23 descended through Samuel. Not represented were Margaret, Leonard, Jean, Crate, Andrew, Jr., George, Brinia, Catrina, and Elizabeth.

President Hampton introduced The Rev. Gaither Shrum, Pastor of Coral Park Baptist Church, Lincolnton, NC and Chairman of the Lincoln County Historical Properties Commission. He spoke of the early history of Piedmont, North Carolina, the Spanish Colonies, the Scotch Irish and the thrifty Germans, Gold in Western North Carolina, and the Cherokee and Catawba Indians. Rev. Shrum stated that Andreas Killian and sons Leonard and John were members of the North Carolina Militia (rangers) in 1748. Between 1750 and 1755 the three were granted 5,050 acres of land because of their interest in farming. Rev. Shrum's stories of interest included a later John Killian and Nathaniel Wilson, both State Legislators and political rivals, and the moving of the Catawba-Lincoln County Line one mile from the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Following the program a covered dish dinner and fellowship hour were shared by 49 clansmen and guests.

Helen Killian

Helen Houser Killian
Secretary

Treas. Report
Killian Reunion Assoc.
Sept 14, 1985 -

Balance Brought Forward	\$521.49
Book Sales	123.38
Collection 9/8/85	88.61
Interest SAV. Acct	31.13
	<u>\$764.61</u>

Expenses:

9/8/85 - Casterea Lisby. Ch.	\$50.00
8/85 - MAILING Lts.	
Postage, etc	47.67
9/10/85 - Picnic Supplies	15.00
	<u>\$112.67</u>

BALANCE — \$651.94