73rd Killian Reunion Sept 7-9, 2007

Hello cousins,

I am Dan Sipe a proud descendant of Andreas Killian and the current president of the Descendants of Andreas Killian Association. I live in York, SC a short distance from Catawba and Lincoln counties of North Carolina. My mother was Ezzie Charles Killian Sipe. I hope this writing finds you and yours doing great.

The following verse from the book of Proverbs has always been a favorite to me: **"Forget not the ancient landmarks thy fathers have set..." Proverbs 22:28.** This verse has built into it a caution and a challenge:

(1)**The Caution:** It is easy to "forget" our ancestors and the struggles they endured and the ground work they laid for us to be a productive citizen enjoying life today.

(2)The Challenge: It takes <u>deliberate</u> work to appreciate our genealogy as descendants of Andreas Killian and our relations to ourselves as Killian cousins. It's hard for me to understand why a person would not have an interest of who they are. Genealogy gives stability, appreciation, direction, excitement and comfort so as to be in touch with our colorful ancestors and one another.

I want to say a word of thanks to those of you on the executive committee who have worked diligently to set up our 73rd Killian Reunion for September 7-9, 2007, in Hickory, NC. It is a large effort by all involved. Your executive committee has met twice this year in Hickory to plan out the reunion. We added many miles on our cars, made many calls, sent many e-mails, met a lot of new cousins, and made arrangements to pull off this reunion. Please let 2007 be the year you decide to become involved.

This newsletter has much information on all the happenings to occur this September, so read it good and makes plans to attend all of the events. Our host church this year is Mt Zion Lutheran Church, 4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC and adjacent to Sipe Orchards Home. Dennis Sipe, a Killian grandson has helped us obtain this location. A big thanks to Mt Zion for the use of their facility.

The Friday night eating is always a good time to fellowship and get acquainted. The "outof-towners" enjoy this time especially so let me encourage the "in-towners" to be present as hosts. Afterwards we usually retire to the host hotel meeting area and continue our fellowship. The Saturday tours and genealogy workshops have always been exciting and informative. This year we have our tour(s) to include several cemeteries, Killian sites and this year the **Killian Museum** adjoining the Killian Hardware on Springs Road. Elmer Killian, deceased, was the well known successful business owner, philanthropist, race car owner/driver and community enthusiasts for many years in Hickory. His lovely daughters now operate the hardware. Elmer left behind a great museum showpiece you need to see to appreciate.

The tour(s) will begin at Mt Zion Church -please see agenda in this newsletter. If you have Killian information (books, bibles, pictures, articles, anecdotes, stories, etc) from any source and willing to share it with us it the Saturday afternoon workshops. Copiers will be available. You just never know but your information will help someone else find a link they have searched for over the years. You might even find a relative-ha! Saturday night is "on your own" evening. We usually get together again to eat, shop or have a good sit-down at the host hotel. Hickory, NC has a lot to offer. Sunday morning we usually go to worship either at Old St Paul's where the Andreas Killian monument is or at the host church. I plan to visit Mt Zion since they are hosting our meeting this year. Sunday school begins at 9:15 with Worship at 10:30. Sunday covered dish lunch will commence at 1:00 PM at Mt Zion with us eating by 1:30PM followed by a short program, reports and a speaker. We should be complete by 2:30 or 3:00 PM.

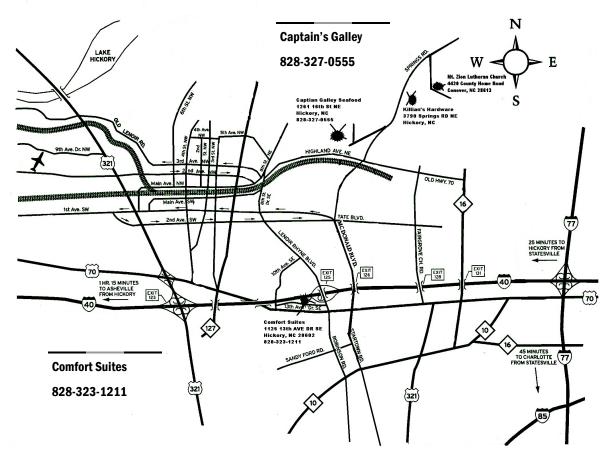
Last Call: I understand that many of you participate in local Killian reunions near you but don't let that suffice for not attending the "Second Sunday in September" Reunion. This is the area of your Killian beginnings. Plan an entire weekend with us and let this be the year you become active in your ancestral heritage. Bring your children, parents and grandparents, anyone who wants to take part and share. You can choose any or all events but please attend!

"Forget not the ancient landmarks thy fathers have set..." Proverbs 22:28.

Many Thanks, Your President, Dan Sipe 2335 One Iron Drive York, South Carolina 29745

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Map and Direction for the Killian Family Reunion



From I-85 and Hwy 321

Exit I-85 at the Hwy 321 exit, turn north on Hwy 321 to the Startown Road exit. Turn right onto Startown Road stay on Startown until you arrive to Hwy 70 in Hickory. Continuing straight crossing Hwy 70, at this point *Startown Road becomes McDonald Blvd*.

To Comfort Suites: Once on McDonald Blvd turn left at the 3rd stop light onto I-40 west go to exit 125. Exit I 40 turning left onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd, at second light turn right onto 13Th Ave Dr SE Comfort Suites well be on the right .

To Captain's Galley: Take McDonald Blvd to the end arriving at Springs Road turning left at the light go to 2nd light turn right onto Sandy Ridge Road Captain's Galley is in the 2nd shopping center on the left. (This will also take you passed the 3 churches St. Stephen's Lutheran, Miller's Lutheran and St Stephen's Lutheran Missouri Synod.)

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From I 40:

<u>To Comfort Suites</u>: Exit I 40 at exit 125 turning South onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd, at light (first light from I-40 west or second light from I-40 east) turn right onto 13Th Ave Dr SE, Comfort Suites well be on the right just passed Hooters.

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Descendants of Andreas Killian 2007 Reunion September 7-9

Friday, September 7th; 9AM	Gather at Mt Zion Lutheran Church parking lot to place pink silk roses on graves of our Catawba County Killian ancestors.		
Friday, September 7th; 6PM	Gathering for dinner at Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant 12610 16th ST NE, Hickory, NC 828-327–0555. After dinner fellowship can continue at Comfort Suites, 1125 13th Ave. Dr. S.E. Hickory 828-327-0555		
Saturday, September 8th; 8:30AM	Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church 4420 County Home Rd, Conover, NC for tours of the Killian Museum and churches of interest. Tour will leave at 8:45 and last until about 12 Noon. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.		
Saturday, Lunch on your own	Don't go by yourself - invite a new found Killian cousin along		
Saturday, 2PM	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Research and Genealogy Workshop Meeting - Greeting - Sharing Bring family charts, bibles, photos, books and histories		
Saturday, 3:30 -5PM	Light Refreshments and Business Meeting of the Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian to review the activities of the Association. Plan to attend and see what your association is doing.		
Sunday, September 9th;	Worship at 10:30AM <u>Mt. Zion Lutheran Church</u> or 10 AM <u>Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church</u> , site of Andreas Killian Monument, 2035 Old Conover-Startown RD, Newton, NC. Join the congregation for homecoming and worship in the old church building.		
Sunday, 1PM LUNCH	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Covered dish and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish, or try something new. It need not be fancy. Just bring enough to share. There will be a short program by Linda Hoyle following the meal to report on business items and a group photo.		

The Killians of Catawba County have worked hard to make this reunion different from those of the past few years. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

History of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

In 1892, area families who had moved to North Carolina voiced a desire to have a church of their own. They had been traveling eight to ten miles on horseback, on foot, by buggy or wagon, to worship at other Lutheran churches.

The first services were held in the old Charity School House on the County Home Road. The school house was located in the northwest corner of the plot of land on which Ned Sipe's home is presently located.

In August, 1893 the cornerstone for the first church building was laid. The church was erected on a half acre parcel of land given by H. Adolphus Herman, located where the present day Mt Zion bus garage stands today. The wood frame building was a mere 30 by 50 feet, and much of the labor and materials were donated by the members. Ten months later, on June 3, 1894, the small congregation dedicated the first sanctuary. A month later, on July 1st, the congregation of Mt Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was formally organized with thirteen families that made up the charter membership of the church.

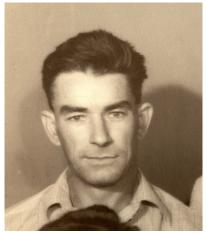
There was no organ or piano available to start with - hymns were started with a pitch pipe. The men sat on the right side of the church and the women and children were placed on the left.

With the congregation now settled in the new church building, new souls were continuously added to the roster, and finally, the group issued its first call for a permanent pastor.

The Reverend Lawrence Propst answered this first call in 1895, serving his term for thirteen years. During his founding tenure, the congregation continued to grow and a parsonage was built.

Since these initial days, the congregation of Mount Zion Lutheran has continued to be truly blessed. Over the course of more than a century, we have stayed the course of God's word even while continuously building, razing, rebuilding, remodeling, and altering the facilities as required by the times and people. As a June 23, 1894 article from The Lutheran Standard reported, "... a Mt. Zion for themselves and their children and all true believers."

My Father, Mack Lee Hinds (1909-1958) by Bill Hinds



In mid-1948, sensing that business was not well for his employer, Mack Lee Hinds moved his family to Springdale, Arkansas where he took a job with the local Ford dealer. He attended several training schools given by Ford Motor Company, and in the mid-1950's, his specialty became automotive air conditioning. At night and on week-ends Dad drove a wrecker on an "on call" basis for Springdale Motor Company, and responded to many calls from local law enforcement operators. He continued in that position for almost precisely ten years. On Labor Day weekend in 1958 he responded to a call to remove a disabled vehicle. The incident that cost him his life was caused by a drunken driver whose car was ordered impounded by the police. Unknown to Dad, one drive wheel had a sheared wheel key, and the brakes were bad. In the recover process, the vehicle started rolling backwards, Dad jumped in to stop it, discovered mechanical problems and couldn't jump out in time to avoid going over a cliff as the car continued to roll backward. There was a rain-slicker in the floor of the car and his feet became entangled in it. He jumped clear of the car, but the car landed on top of him, breaking his back, five ribs, and crushing his kidneys. The accident

happened on Monday, September

1, 1958. He lived until Friday, but was too badly injured to have ever walked again. All efforts to save his life were futile.

On September 15, 2007 Frances and I (and several other members of the family) will be going to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where my father is being memorialized by the International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame and Museum. The organization discovered his story last year and contacted me for information. I'd never heard of the Museum and their "Wall of The Fallen," but when I mentioned it to the family, my youngest son said, "Dad, I've been there. I was intrigued with the place. But I never knew how grandpa died." So he's going back with us, and taking his two sons.

Bill Hinds is the son of Mary Elizabeth Killion and Mack Lee Hinds and has made an extensive study of the descendants of Leonard Killian. His database can be found at rootsweb.com

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Denver Fire Department, submitted by Linda Barkley Hoyle

Lee Killian made the Lincoln Times-News Wednesday, January 17, 2007. The Denver Fire Department recently held groundbreaking ceremonies to commemorate the start of construction on two new facilities. Two new Denver substations are to built in Denver, the eastern portion of Lincoln County, NC.

Lee Killian was one of several men who organized the Denver Fire Department over 50 years ago. He said he never imagined that the department much less Denver - would undergo such massive growth. "We're keeping up with the times," said Killian.

Lincoln County Fire Marshal Mike Futrell said Denver Fire Department is the first fire department in the county to have complete fire protection in its district. Lincoln County will have a \$2 million dollar expenditure for the two new substations.

Head Count for Friday Night at Captain's Galley

Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant was started by three Greek brothers Andreas, Tasios and Gus Kazakos. The nautical decor adds reinforcement to this popular restaurant's propensity for seafood. Plus, there's always a big bowl of hush puppies to ease the time between ordering and eating. The business was built on serving quality seafood that is hand breaded and seasoned then served fresh, in a family style atmosphere. Most of the items are homemade or made from scratch including Hush Puppies, Onion Rings, Sauces and Cole Slaw.

The staff have agreed to reserve us tables on a busy Friday night. In return they have asked if we could possibly give them a guess as to how many KILLIANS are coming. If you think you might come write or email Sandy Phillips with the number of people you coming with you.

Sandy and Wes Phillips 16310 Barcica Lane Cornelius, NC 28031-8720 or sandyJP@bellsouth.net Captain's Galley Would Like Our Best Guess To How Many Are Coming Friday Night so RSVP is not necessary to come. We just want everyone to come and fellowship with the Catawba Cousins.

Killian's Hardware, Since 1953

The third generation of Killians proudly operates the business in the spirit of grandfather Emory, founderfather Elmer, and children Sharon, Susan, and Trina. Always changing with the times, and at least a step or two ahead!

Customers come to shop. Customers come to visit and enjoy old-fashioned popcorn. <u>And on a few very special days of</u> <u>the year, tour the collection of</u> <u>antique cars, area history, and</u> <u>memorabilia from eras past.</u>

Hardware

The employees have built strong customer relations with their 15 years

of experience. Hardware Manager Bruce Hartsell is a "Lawn Care Specialist" who offers a personalized program to keep your yard green all year long. They offer a great selection of merchandise and knowledgeable employees to assist you at all times. Need something they don't have in stock? They can do special orders. Come check out the quarterly cooking demos on the "Elite Grills", something not to miss!

Parts

Whether you need service parts for your new equipment or parts to repair your 25-year-old mower, Parts Manager Rhett Isenhour can get them for you. The parts staff has over 34 years of experience and can help you find exactly what you're looking for. Killian's has the largest parts inventory in the Southeast.

Service

Killians' service department specializes in service and repair for your lawn and garden equipment. The service department has 3 full time mechanics with David Schere as the Service Manager. Their credentials include Briggs & Stratton Master Sales & Service Dealer, Kohler, Tecumseh, Kawasaki, Toro Master Service Dealer, Simplicity, Husqvarna, MTD, Murray Authorized/Certified In-House Warranty Center. Killian' also dose commercial service within 24 hours. /Andreas KILIAN /Samuel C. KILLIAN /Joseph KILLIAN /Elijah KILLIAN /Sidney E. KILLIAN /Everett Hampton KILLIAN SR

Robert Cherry KILLIAN SR, the son of Everett Hampton KILLIAN b: 22 Aug 1876 in Fort Lawn, Chester Co, South Carolina and Martha Mary WESTBROOK b: 25 Aug 1876 in , Chester Co, South Carolina Robert, SR was born at his parents' second home in Chester Co, South Carolina. He was employed by the railroad in Hamlet, NC. Robert married Martha Mary Mize. She was born 13 JUNE 1917 and died 5 MARCH 2004 Hamlet, Richmond, North Carolina.

Robert Cherry Killian, SR and Martha Mary Mize had the following children:

• Martha Irene KILLIAN married Leonard Earl EDWARDS SR. They had the following children: Paula Mary EDWARDS Leonard Earl EDWARDS

 Robert Cherry Killian, JR B: 7 Jun 1946 D: 15 FEB 2006 married Jenelle Lydia HUDSON. B: 7 Nov 1949 Richmond co, NC
They had the following children:
Robert Cherry KILLIAN III B: 8 Jul 1970 Moore co, NC. His son is Dustin James Killian B: 4 AUG 2001
Christy Lee KILLIAN

• Cherry Kay KILLIAN

This newsletter is published for you. We want to encourage you to submit birth and death announcements in a simple and informative format. Name, birth date, mother, father, siblings and lineage back to Andreas. . . Or as far back as you can trace. It is important to remember the <u>next generation</u> of descendants as much as the ones that came before us. Send your announcements, articles, and news to: Charles Killian, 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294 or email to ckilli@charter.net

Returned Newsletters By Cheryl Mann Killian

When my husband Charles started publishing the Andreas Killian newsletter, he started with a mailing list that was several years old. One of his first objectives was to clean up the mailing list. Much time was spent entering the names and addresses into a computer database. Special wording is used below the return address "<u>Return Service Requested</u>". This wording plus using www.betterletter.biz mailing service keeps the database up to date, reducing the cost of mailing the newsletter.

Not many newsletters are returned without a new address for the recipient. When a newsletter is returned to us without a new address, the recipient is deleted from the mailing list database. Hitting the delete button is like losing contact with a close friend. We hope to find them again, but we are worried we have lost contact with them forever.

When a newsletter is returned with a forwarding address, we change the address in the database, address another newsletter, add postage and carry it down to the mailbox hoping they will enjoy their issue. In April one of the returned newsletters with a forwarding address was to Mr. Glenn Killian of Knoxville, TN. I sent him another newsletter to his new mailing address. We got a surprise e-mail saying "You recently mailed a newsletter to my grandfather, Floyd Glenn Killian, which I received because his mail is forwarded to me. Unfortunately, this is not the Floyd Glenn related to your group. I wanted to let you know and ask that you take him off of the mailing list. "

Well, we think everyone on the mailing list is related to our group and I started looking for this 2nd Floyd Glenn Killian. I was unable to link Glenn Killian to Andreas. Maybe with the information someone will be able to link him to our family tree.

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What's in a name?

submitted by Bill Hinds and Cheryl Killian

Dr. James R. Killian, JR Born 24 JUL 1904 Died 29 JAN 1988

In our research we often wonder how to spell our ancestor's name or even what their name is. Dr. James R. Killian is no exception. While doing internet searches for him, I found his name was published in Time Magazine Monday, Nov. 18, 1957 as Dr. James Rhyne Killian, JR. Now, we know he can be James R. Killian, JR but he can't be James Rhyne Killian, JR because his father was James Robert Killian.

The following is from Bill Hinds.

He was born James Robert Killian, Jr. His father, James Robert Killian, was born 17 June 1873 in Catawba Co. NC and died 21 March 1953 at Columbus, Muscogee County, GA. He married Jeannette Catherine Rhyne on 17 Jun 1903. She was born 28 March 1875 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC and died there on 1 Oct 1962. James Robert Killian Jr was born 24 Jul 1904 in Blacksburg, Cherokee County, SC and died at Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He served as President of M.I.T., and his ashes were spread over Killian Court at M.I.T. when he died.

His name appears on his birth certificate as James Robert Killian, Jr., according to his daughter, "Caroline Makepeace Killian, who married Paul Staley (later divorced). When signing his name, this man always signed James R. Killian. However, it appears that after he became President and Chairman of the Board of MIT, and especially after he was named Science Advisor to President Eisenhower, he used his mother's maiden name as his middle name. Whether or not he actually had his middle name changed, as one of my brothers did, I don't know. She stated: "To my knowledge he never legally changed his name, but simply replaced the Robert with Rhyne and never bothered to drop the Jr. Perhaps that was his way of satisfying both his parents. My mother and other family members always called him 'Rhyne', but professionally he was called 'Jim.'" She went on to state that she believed the death certificates reads "James Rhyne Killian, Jr." and then a final note "He is probably smiling at all of this."

Time magazine goes on to say about Dr. Killian; Born in Blacksburg, SC into a farming family of Scots-Irish-German origin, he was educated at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, at North Carolina's old Trinity College (now Duke University) and at M.I.T. ('26), where he got a degree in business and engineering administration and made Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation he stayed on to work for M.I.T.'s Technology Review, was made editor in 1930, spent the next nine years picking up a general know-how of the whole spectrum of science and engineering, developing a facility for tight organization and clear, candid self-expression.

Much more can be found at http://www.time.com/time/magazine/ article/0,9171,868000-1,00.html



As President Eisenhower watched, Killian was sworn in by Sherman Adams, assistant to the President. Mrs. Killian was unable to attend the ceremony so his daughter, Carolyn -- Mrs. Paul Staley -- was with him.

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Let us reconnect Glenn Killian to Andreas

From the 1930 census Tom Killian 37 born about 1893 North Carolina, married at age 16, occupation Prospector Wife Annie/Anna 34 born about 1897 <married at age 14 in 1910 > Children Earnest Killian 16 Inez Killian 13 Claud Killian 11 Austin Killian 10 Glenn Killian 8 <THE GRANDDAUGHTER CONFIRMED THIS IS HER GRANDFATHER> Mildred Killian 6 Elva Killian 8 Margret Killian 1/12 Mark Killian 1/12 <The granddaughter said there are 10 children. The census only list 9>

Obituary:

Etta Louise Watson Killian, member of John Sevier Baptist Church. Survived by husband, Floyd Glenn Killian; children and spouses: Jerell and Rosie Killian and Gary and Julie Killian. Mynatt Funeral Home Fountain City. Social Security Death Record Name: Etta L. Killian Last Residence: Knoxville, Knox County, TN Born: 14 Jul 1925 Died: 9 Nov 2006

From Funeral home records Ernest Wilford Killian born 10-22-1913 died 7-3-1999 Austin F.Killian born 3-29-1920 died 8-16-2001 Parents William Thomas Killian and Dianna Kincaid

Mr. Floyd Glenn Killian is not in the best health.. Wouldn't it be wonderful to link his family to ours?

The linage of Dianna Kincaid born AUG 1896 can be found at www.rootsweb.com. I was hoping one of our readers will connect her husband William Thomas Killian born 1891-1893 to our Andreas.

Thank You from Sandy Phillips

As Treasurer and Secretary, I wish to give a tremendous THANK YOU to all who donated to the Association. In our April newsletter, we asked for help in covering the costs of the Association, the Newsletter in particular. Many included positive feedback regarding the content of the newsletter. We greatly appreciate your help in keeping the bills paid so that we can continue to share our heritage and stay connected. To those who responded, please accept my heartfelt THANK YOU for your support - Sandy Phillips

Delcyne Grant, Tahlequah, OK Roy G. (Bud) and Fay Killian, Shelby, NC M. Luther and Abbie Killian, Chattanooga, TN Lucy Jane Killian Eckard, Cincinnati, OH Eddie R. Killian, Clinton, TN Betty P. Echerd, Hickory, NC Raymond S. Kelley, Elliston, VA David and Marianne Mosteller, Shreveport, LA Worth M. Killian, Hickory, NC James R. and Maxine Killian, Meridian, ID Ray and Shirley Killian, Sayre, OK Ray A. Killian, Charlotte, NC George and Shirley Killian, Fairport, NY Glenda B. Moore, Granite Falls, NC Harry E. Hodges, Jr., Jacksonville, FL Robert E. and Loretta G. Killian, Gaston, SC

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The Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian ATTN: Sandy and Wes Phillips 16310 Barcica Lane Cornelius, NC 28031-8720

Thanks to all that have donated articles, time and money to have this newsletter published the past 2 years.

Plows, Planes & People Reflections of A Wonderful Life

by Ray A. Killian of Charlotte, NC.

Ray sent me a copy of his book

Plows, Planes & People, Reflections of a Wonderful Life. It is his autobiography and is very well written and pays tribute to his Killian ancestry and his North Carolina roots. He is a Catawba County native, attended St. Stephen's High School and was baptized at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

The book is very nicely put together and I am very proud of it. Two printings of the book sold out. I will bring my copy to the reunion to show at the Saturday Workshop.

Charles D. Killian

It is with great appreciation the congregation of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church have allowed the descendants of Andreas Killian to use the church facilities for the Second Sunday in September Reunion home base.

Comfort Suites

1125 13th AVE DR SE

Hickory, NC 28602

828-323-1211

Mention you are attending the Killian Reunion and get a special rate for the weekend

Back to Andreas Killian 1702-1788

Our pioneer ancestor Andreas Kilian came from Germany on the ship Adventure. Landing at Philadelphia where he took the oath of allegiance Sept 12, 1732. He and his family came to North Carolina about 1747 and later established a home near Old St Paul's Church, Catawba county, North Carolina. The association is proud of each cousin and wants to unite you to the Andreas Killian Family.

The following is a suggested format to take you from Andreas to yourself

My family line to Andreas Killian

1. Andreas Killian b: 1702 Germany (married twice) d: 1788 North Carolina



Please add any information you are willing to share with your Killian Cousins

Notes_____

Your Name and Address:

Bring to the Reunion or Mail to: Dan Sipe, 2335 One Iron Drive, York, South Carolina 29745

Andreas' Homeland? submitted by Bill Hinds

In locating the homeland of Andreas Killian, it is worth exploring the area affected by the Salzburg Expulsion. In 1723 Roman Catholic Archbishop Leopold von Firmian felt committed to rooting out Protestantism in his territory. In a trick, he issued a proclamation compelling all Protestants in Salzburg either to become Catholics or to leave the territory. Some 30,000 Lutherans became refugees. Archbishop Leopold von Firmian followed up his 1723 proclamation with an expulsion order in 1731. In a trick, he publicly "give in" to the Protestant's demands and pacify them so as to appear accommodating. The naive Protestants were ecstatic. They were even allowed to have prayer meetings! Now they were in the open. But then the other shoe dropped. Firmian and his cronies concocted and exaggerated a couple of "incidents" giving them an excuse to clamp down even harder. Thinking they could now simply expel the acknowledged Protestants, Firmian signed an Edict of Expulsion on October 31, 1731 giving the Protestants a choice of recanting or exile, at once. He was shocked when 21,475 citizens came forth and openly admitted their faith. . . choosing exile! A quarter of the exiles died within 2 years of leaving their homes

At this point we don't know where in Germany Andreas lived. Some researchers have his ancestral home as the Rhenish Palatinate**, but I don't know the source of that information. It may have been based on the form of German they spoke and wrote. The Rhenish Palatinate is present day Southwest Germany. In Andreas day there was no country called Germany. The territory that later became Germany was a collection of city-states that were not unified as a "country" for more than a hundred years after Andreas Killian came to Colonial America. The time of this expulsion order - 1731 - is close to the time Andreas came to America. The people and language of Salzburg was German. Most of the present day city of Salzburg lies in Austria, and is the home town of Mozart. However, there is also a Salzburg in Germany, just across the border. In 1731-32 Salzburg was a citystate, lying to the east and south of the Palatinate. It was an independent Archbishopric until the Imperial reorganization of 1803, when it was given as compensation to Grand Duke Ferdinand III of Tuscany, the brother of Emperor Francis II. Following the Austrian defeat of 1805, Salzburg was annexed by Austria. The name "Salzburg" translated into English

literally means "salt city." The city and surrounding area is very beautiful, picturesque, and ancient buildings well preserved. I've been there on three different occasions for short periods of time.

Salzburg as Andreas' homeland is merely a possibility that ought to be checked further. What points in that direction is the date of the Salzburg Expulsion and the fact that history says 24.5 percent of the population left Salzburg rather than renounce their Lutheran beliefs. Finding the precise homeland of Andreas will not be easy; thus far it hasn't been. I know that doing genealogy research in Germany is difficult at best. The older records (both church and civil) are still at the local level, local church, local city hall. I first visited Salzburg in the early 1960's. It was a fascinating place, but at that time I had never heard of Andreas Killian. We visited Salzburg again in 1973-1974 when my family and I lived in a small village near Frankfurt, Bad Vibel. In 1974 the village celebrated it's 1900th birthday. Now there was no building standing that was anything like that old, but there were a few that had been in existence when Columbus discovered America. That makes you realize that America is still a relatively new nation. My last trip to Salzburg was in 1984. By then I knew about Andreas Killian, wasn't certain of the tie of my line to him through Leonard, and didn't know much about doing research, especially with the limited knowledge of German I had.

**The term "Palatinate" has several meanings (1) a feudal lord, (2) the territory governed by a feudal lord, or (3) a citizen of such a territory.

The Rhenish Palatinate refers to that part of Europe defined by the left bank of the Rhine River, which has is headwaters in the Alps, and flows generally northwest. "High German" refers to the language spoken by those German people who lived in the highlands, which would be in the south, not in the northern part of modern day Germany. Originally one, the lower Palatinate is in the southwest of Germany between Luxembourg and the Rhine River. The Upper Palatinate is to the east in eastern Bavaria. They were once under the jurisdiction of the counts palatine, but became electors of the Holy Roman Empire in 1356 and were then known as electors palatine. The exact boundaries of the palatinate varied with the political and family fortunes of the various counts. They are roughly defined regions whose boundaries varied considerably over the years.

Jacob Killion of Orange County, NC Email from Wayne Milam

Here is a little something on Jacob Killion of Orange County, NC for the newsletter.

Jacob Killion was born in Orange County, North Carolina March 16, 1755. Jacob was in the Revolutionary War and lived in Greenbrier County, Virginia now West Virginia, then on to Madison and Fleming Counties, Kentucky, Scott County, Indiana and Sangamon County, Illinois where he died in 1838.

Now a question. Who are his parents? Could they be Michael and Anna Killion? Michael and Anna's three known children were born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Anna Elizabeth was born Feb. 16, 1756, Maria Margaret Jan. 10, 1758, and John (Johann Dieterich) Dec. 7, 1759.

Did Michael and Anna go to North Carolina where Jacob was born then go back to Pennsylvania where the other children were born then come back to North Carolina?

Michael was in the Revolutionary War and was a Tory and died in the British Hospital in Wilmington. There may be a question as to whether Michael and Anna did go back and forth from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, but it is possible. The only link that might be made between Michael and Jacob is 1) Jacob named a son Michael and 2) on Jacob's RW pension record he says he was born in Orange County, NC.

I have been unable to link this Jacob or his possible father Michael to the Andreas Killian family. I'm sure they are two separate families. Both have the same last name spelled Kilian.

** DNA has linked Jacob of Orange County, NC to the Andreas Killian family— Uncle/Nephew or Grandfather/Grandson. More research must be done ** cmk

Kilian's of Oberacker Germany Contributed by Wayne Milam

Here are some Kilian names that I have from a Sitz researcher from the Ortssippenbuch (local kinship book) of Oberacker, Germany. All the info on the Oberacker Kilian's was in German. I've used Bable Fish to try to translate it and a lot of it doesn't make sense. It's like someone using bad English.

Johann Jacob Kilian died 10-10-1721 in Oberacker, Germany. His wife was Elizabetha Their 4 children; Johannes, Susanna, Elizabetha, and Johann Michael.

Johannes Kilian, son of Johann Jacob, **married Anna Catherine Kissling.** Their three children were Johann Jakob b. 3-31-1719 d. 4-21-1719, Johannes b. 4-3-1720, Johann Michael b. 9-26-1723 d. 10-17-1723. Anna Kissling died at the birth of Johann Michael. Johannes Kilian married 2nd. Maria Albertina Reyhal. One child, Anna Elisabetha b. 2-11-1725.

Johann Michael Kilian, son of Johann Jacob and Elizabetha was born 4-13-1701 and died 1-29-1769. His wife was Barbara. Their three children: Johann Michael, Peter b. 5-1-1734 d. 1-12-1751, Johannes born 12-27-1739.

Johann Michael Kilian, son of Johann and Barbara Kilian was born 2-2-1730. He married Magdalena Daub/Daut. Their child was Maria Barbara Kilian born 1-30-1752.

Another or one above Michael Kilian married Anna Maria. Their 3 children: Catharina Barbara, Marcus, and Caspar. Marcus Kilian, son of Michael and Anna Maria Kilian was born 8-15-1742 and died 3-28-1798. He married Anna Margaretha Schmid. Their 4 children: George Michael b. 2-3-1771 d. 4-20-1772. Johann Thomas b. 4-25-1773 died in Preussen. Johann Georg b. 1-10-1776 d. 1-21-1776. Sophia Rosina b. 2-1-1777 d.5-25-1782.

The Johannes, Johann, Michael, Jacob, are very familiar names of the Kilian's in North Carolina. We may be getting close to locating where Andreas was born.

Note from internet: Marcus Kilian married Anna Margaretha Schmid 10 OCT 1769 Evangelisch, Oberacker, Karlsruhe, Baden Karlsruhe, Baden is located near the border of Rhineland-Palatinate. A PUBLICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DESCENDANTS OF PIONEER ANDREAS KILLIAN FAMILY

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