

# Killian Family Newsletter

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## President's Points

Howdy Cousins,

I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. The 2013 AKDHA Reunion was once again a major success due to the reunion planning committee and all of the officers. I would like to thank each and everyone involved in the planning of the reunion. In the coming months, the process of planning the 2014 AKDHA Reunion will begin. The planning committee usually meets twice a year but this year is the 80<sup>th</sup> reunion and we would like to make it a special event. It's our mission to make your Killian Family Reunion the most memorable occasion, so you can tell other Killian cousins this is something worth attending.

As for the status of the AKDHA charitable projects, we still are currently working on the Old St. Paul's Cemetery Project. If you are not familiar with this project, the AKDHA along with Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church is in the process of restoring the cemetery by cleaning, repairing and resetting tombstones that may be in danger of falling. If there is enough interest in this project we may open up a work day on the Saturday of the reunion. We will have more information on this at a later date. You may reply to me or any other AKDHA officer about this matter. Our email addresses are on the website [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com).

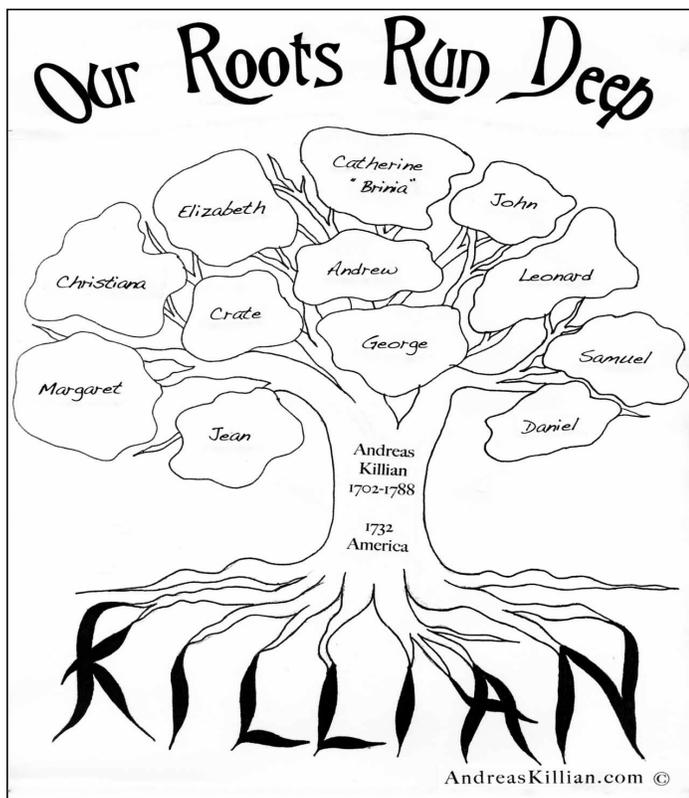
This will be my last year serving as your president, Vice President Steve Killian will take the office of President of the AKDHA. This will complete my second term as President and I have enjoyed every minute. I will still be a presence with AKDHA as Welcome Committee Chairman as well as a Planning Committee member.

In closing, I would like to thank all involved; our officers and planning committee and all the cousins who attended the reunion. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and maybe even some new cousins for the 80<sup>th</sup> family reunion.

Sincerely,

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### Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned AKDHA an exempt status for franchise and income tax purposes under Sections 105-125 and 105-130.11(a)(3), respectively, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Inquiries regarding our federal or state exemption status may be sent to:

#### Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

c/o Pete Whitener, Treasurer,  
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#### Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the AKDHA is to research, educate and preserve the heritage of the German pioneer Andreas Killian and affiliated families who settled in the mid 1700's around the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina; and secondarily to assist other inquirers nationally or internationally on Killian research which may or may not be related to Andreas Killian.

#### Your Donations:

Contributions to AKDHA cover the expenses of the website, newsletter, other publications, the annual "Reunion" educational and business meetings, special events as well as any supporting administrative or fundraising costs needed to further our mission. Future goals supported by contributions will include monument/cemetery preservation, DNA research sponsorship, and educational scholarships. AKDHA has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations.

#### Confidentiality Policy:

It is our policy that personal information, such as your name, postal, and email address or telephone number, is private and confidential. We do not sell, trade, exchange or otherwise make available any personally identifiable information to any other company or organization. Personal information will not be released to third parties unless release is required by law or is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations or proceedings.

#### Annual Reunion:

The AKDHA meets every year for a 3-day Reunion and Business Meeting on the weekend of the Second Sunday in September (SSS) in the Catawba County area of North Carolina at a location to be determined each year.

#### Newsletter:

The AKDHA Newsletter is published in February and August of each year with the possibility of a third special Reunion edition in Autumn, if needed. The Reunion Planning Committee meets in the first calendar quarter as needed. The printing and postage for your newsletter is paid from the AKDHA's General Fund.

#### AKDHA does not have a physical location.

For communication and storage of research material, we rely on:

Our Website: [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)

Our Newsletter: published in February and August

Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter

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**Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.**

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## Old Saint Paul's Church Cemetery Restoration Project

On March 13, 2014, I attended a meeting at Old St. Paul's Church (OSP) with the Trustees of the Settlemyre Endowment Fund Committee and Reverend Sain. At this meeting, the trustees voted to contribute \$5,000 to the Old St. Paul's Cemetery Restoration Project. It was further discussed that \$3,000 for the next three years would be donated from the Settlemyre Endowment Fund. However, the trustees decided to observe the progress in the cemetery before passing these additional funds.

The Old St. Paul's Cemetery Restoration Committee voted to use some of the funds to hire Jason Harpe to restore the larger headstones and monuments. His work will begin as soon as the funds are received. Jason is an accomplished historic preservation consultant. He has held two cemetery workshops with AKDHA and Old St. Paul's that provided valuable information and hands on expertise.

Submitted by Steve Killian, OSP Project Leader  
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## Researching Ancestral Roots At Old St. Paul's Church Cemetery

Derick S. Hartshorn has a list of 46 Confederate soldiers buried at Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery. His list is posted on the internet at: <http://www.ncgenweb.us/catawba/military/Civil%20War/OldStPaul.htm> . With Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in the limelight with AKDHA, each name on the list was compared with William "Bill" Hinds' database. Four direct descendants of Samuel C. Killian and one who married a female descendant of Samuel C. were identified. I did not receive any corrections or additions to the list of Confederate soldiers related to Samuel C. Killian.

After reviewing my August 2013 newsletter article, Derick Hartshorn gave me an additional list of Confederate soldiers thought to be related to our pioneer Andreas.

- ◆ George Washington Wilson (ca. 1825—1926), son of David Wilson (1789—1868) and Mary A. Settlemyre [Hinds RIN #3830] (1802—1875).
- ◆ Julius Alexander Settlemyre (1842—1921), son of Henry Settlemyre [Hinds RIN #3831] (1808—1890) and Sarah S. Whitener (1819—1857).
- ◆ John P. Settlemyre (1839—1912), son of George Settlemyre [Hinds RIN #3829] (1809—1897) and Hannah Hawn.
- ◆ Allen Monroe Settlemyre (1845—1917), son of George Settlemyre [Hinds RIN #3829] (1809—1897) and Hannah Hawn.

The above men are believed to be descendants of Mary Killian and Martin Settlemyre. Mary is the daughter of Andreas' son John.

- ◆ George Fidas Rinck/Rink (1838—1913), a descendant of Johann Frantz Rincke and wife Mary. Some have said Mary was a Killian, but research has not proven her maiden name. If you have any records on Johann Frantz Rincke's wife Mary, let me know.

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian, [FBCheryl@Charter.net](mailto:FBCheryl@Charter.net)

## DNA Report

In lieu of a report of the current status of the Killian DNA project, it has come to light that I need to remind folks about some things that keep the DNA project advancing:

Every member of the Kilian/Killian/Killion DNA project should check your matches every once and a while.

- ◆ The Y-chromosome DNA (Y-DNA) members who descend from Sebastian and Andreas will find they will match all other descendants of Sebastian, including Jeffery Propst and Walter Kilian (lives in Germany and spells name with one "L").
- ◆ The FamilyFinder (FF) members should check your matches to identify genetic relatives both close and distant up to five generations. I'm not a fan of FF, but just maybe FF will identify some of our unlinked Killi\*ns such as Jeffery Propst.
- ◆ Last but not least is the Mitochondrial-DNA (mtDNA) members; mtDNA is passed on from the mother to her children. Your mtDNA represents your direct female line, which would be your mother, her mother, and so forth. Therefore, both males and females can take the mtDNA test, to learn about their direct female line. Your mtDNA can be traced back thousands or tens of thousands of years to a specific Haplogroup. Haplogroup defines which female was your very distant ancestor, popularly known as Daughter of Eve or Clan Mother. One day, I might uncover my third Great-grandmother's surname and can hope one of you will be a mtDNA match to me.

While you are logged in, I encourage you to:

- ◆ Upload your GEDCOM and surnames. Building a family tree can be fun.
- ◆ Check your contact information, email address and phone numbers. You never know when you will get a message from your administrator or a match.
- ◆ Input your beneficiary. Unless you have a family member that is into genealogy, I would like to encourage you to make AKDHA your beneficiary.
- ◆ Upload your photo. It is surprising how much we look alike.

Anyone that has not joined the Kilian/Killian/Killion DNA project is invited to join now, but please join at FamilyTreeDNA. If you have taken a DNA test from another company, please transfer your results to FamilyTreeDNA.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian, May 10, 2014

Yes, May 10, 2014 is correct. I'm *still* working on the Winter 2014 newsletter.

## Who Is Norman Willard Killian?

Wilma Mae Cook Killian of Newton, NC (24 JAN 1927-15 DEC 2005); daughter of the late Vernon Cook and Myrtle Epps; wife of the late **Norman Willard Killian** (4 Mar 1926-11 Dec 1984); preceded in death by parents; husband; infant daughter, Mary Jane Killian; and sister, Macie Barlow. Survived by son, Thomas Killian of Maiden; two daughters, Bonnie Mullins and Norma Jean Yount of Newton; brother, Bud Cook of Newton; and sister, Marie Housinger of Pueblo, CO; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Thomas "Bubba" Lee Killian of Maiden, NC (1 OCT 1953-19 DEC 2013); son of the late **Norman Willard Killian** and Wilma Cook. Survived by his wife of 30 years, Cathy White Killian; sons, Chris

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Killian of Newton and Joshua Bixby of Maiden; daughter, Shana McCall of Maiden; sisters, Bonnie Mullins of Newton and Norma Jean Yount of Newton; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Norman Willard Killian** death certificate says he was born in Union Co., GA and is the son of Tom Killian and Edna Hinson. I estimate Tom and Edna would have been born before 1920-22. If you have any information on this family please forward to me:

Cheryl Killian, email address [FBCheryl@charter.net](mailto:FBCheryl@charter.net).

## What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

My name is Paul Garrett Killian and I was born in Lumberton, Robeson County, NC, on December 29, 1970, the oldest son of Wright Killian and Mary Edith Garrett Killian. Both my grandparents worked for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad in Wilmington and eventually retired from the Seaboard Coastline RR in Richmond, VA. While attending East Carolina University, my parents (both from Wilmington, NC) met and married. After college, their careers took them to Lumberton where I and my two younger brothers were born and raised (Steve and Scott). My mom taught elementary school for 30 years and my dad was a psychology professor at UNC Pembroke for over 30 years. Following in my parents footsteps, I attended East Carolina University, graduating in 1994. Shortly after graduating, I was offered a job and began my career in the athletics department and later moved into information technology. Today, I support network attached storage and manage data backups for several hundred servers. Last year, I was elected as chairman of the ECU Staff Senate, a group representing close to 4000 staff at ECU.

When not busy with work, I spend time at the beach and I am an avid scuba diver. I was originally certified 13 years ago and just last year became a NAUI dive instructor. I do some teaching with Rum Runner Dive Shop in Winterville, NC and also service/repair scuba regulators. I logged my 400th dive this past summer. My favorite dive destinations are Bonaire (Caribbean island) and the NC coast. I've had the opportunity to dive WWI and WWII wrecks, and most notably the German U352 submarine. While diving, I can usually be found with a camera or pole spear in my hand. I do a lot of underwater photography and began spearfishing about 2 years ago. I am most proud of spearing an almost 9 pound flounder on the HMS Senateur Duhamel (WWII wreck) off the Cape Lookout shoals. You hear of "doormat flounder" and this was definitely one!

I became interested in genealogy about 15 years ago and have done some work on family names from my mom's family: Garrett, Cockrell, and Askew. The Cockrell family has deep roots in NC, just as the Killian's do.

My Killian lineage is:

Father - Paul Wright Killian, Jr, born September 1942,  
New Hanover County, NC  
Grandfather - Paul Wright Killian  
Great grandfather - Edward Franklin Killian  
2nd Great grandfather-Charles Henry Killian  
3rd Great grandfather-Daniel Killian  
4th Great grandfather-Jacob Killian  
5th Great grandfather-Johannes Killian  
6th Great grandfather-Andreas Killian



## THE FIRST ANNUAL KILLIAN REUNION

*The following is a history of the **Killian** family as related by **J. Yates Killian**, of Newton, NC, at the first annual Killian reunion held at Salem Lutheran and Reformed church on August 22, 1935, and reported in Lincoln Times of August 25, 1935. Since then, many more discoveries have been made. In honor of this year's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Killian Reunion, this historical article as transcribed by the late George Weldon Killian and published in The Killian Family Newsletter, Volume 4, Number 2-1996 and Volume 5, Number 1-1997.*

“On October 4, 1732 **Andreas Killian** landed in Philadelphia on the British ship “Adventure.” His signature to the declaration of allegiance to the Colonial government, on a photostat copy of the page on which he signed his name, and the signature on a will made by **Andreas Killian** of Lincoln county, North Carolina, September 2, 1785 were made by the same person. “Just what time **Andreas Killian** and his family crossed the Catawba river to the west side is not known, but the Colonial Council granted to **John Killian** 1,000 acres of land in Anson county on April 13, 1749 and on September 30, 1749 **John Killian** received another grant of 1,000 acres on Killian Creek, south side of the Catawba river. Also on the same date September 30, 1749, **Andreas Killian**, received a grant of 1,850 acres on Killian Creek, and **Leonard Killian**, also on the same date 1,200 acres of land on Killian Creek. Therefore it is evident that the Killians crossed to the south or west side of the Catawba river early in the year 1749 or before this year. We are of the opinion that the **Sherrills**, **Henry Weidner**, **Simon Hass** and **Killians** came together to the east bank of the Catawba and crossed about the same time and moved in different directions to build their homes. Killian's Creek in Catawba county was named for the Killian family, on which stream this pioneer family lived until the latter part of the year 1754. For a few years when the Cherokee Indians began hostilities against the white settlers, and had some fighting with the **Forneys**, who, with the **Hagers** had entered land on Killians Creek in 1752-53, then **Andreas Killian** with his family moved back to the east side of the Catawba river.

“But in the year (June 26) 1776 **Andreas Killian** and his son, **John**, bought of **Mathias Beaver**, several hundred acres of land on both sides of Clark's Creek, which is the land on the Newton-Hickory road, near Saint Paul's church, a few miles west of Newton, adjoining the Crowdertown land, but **Leonard Killian** continued to live on his Killian Creek land.

“**Andreas Killian** sold his land on Killian Creek to the **Forneys** and other settlers about the year 1765, the deeds signed by him and his son, **Andrew**. Pioneer **Andreas Killian** probably married twice as is evidenced in his will. His family consisted of twelve children, six boys and six girls. He made a will in which he names the following children:

**Margaret**, the oldest child, supposed to have been born about the year 1721, being eleven years old when the family came to America; she married **Michael Price**.

**Leonard**, the oldest son, was born May 15, 1723; his wife's name was **Mary Margaret**, but no record has been found of her maiden name. They had four children, or more; **William**, **Mathias**, **Mary** and **Margaret**. **Leonard Killian** died May 15 1795, and was buried at Saint Paul's Church near Newton.

**John**, the third child of **Andreas Killian**, was born about the year 1726. He married Mrs. **Elizabeth Zimmerman** (Carpenter), who had a son **Michael**, by her first husband. **John** and **Elizabeth Killian**'s children were: a daughter, who married **David Smith**; **Jacob**, born April 8, 1760, married **Rebecca Creasemore** and settled on what is now the **A. J. Seagle** farm near Salem Church in Lincoln County; **Marellis**, married **Jacob Yount**; **John**; **Phillip**; **Mary** (first married **John Jonas**, and had one child, **John Jonas, Jr.** Then she married **Jacob Fey**, a saddler, of Crowdertown, in 1791. **Jacob Fey** died in 1800, and **Mary** married **Martin Suttlemyre** in 1801. **Mary Killian** thus became the mother of all the **Jonas** clan in Lincoln and Catawba Counties, the mother of the entire **Fey** family in North Carolina and the mother of part

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of the large **Suttlemeier** family of this section of the State); **Abraham**; and **Sarah**, who married **Jacob Dietz**.

**Jean**, the fourth child of **Andreas Killian**, married **William Lewin (Lawing)** of the **Hager** neighborhood.

**Crete**, the fifth child of **Andreas Killian**, married probably a brother of pioneer **William Hager**, likely **George Hager**.

**Andrew, Jr.**, the sixth child of **Andreas Killian, Sr.**, was rather a favorite of his father. They owned land together and **Andreas, Sr.**, in his will included **Andrew, Jr.**'s, two sons, **Andrew** and **David**, in the division of his property. **Andrew, Jr.**, built a mill on the waters of Liles Creek, on what is known as the **Noah Rowe** place.

**George** was the seventh son [*child*] of **Andreas Killian, Sr.**

**Bunia** [*Trina/Catrina*] married **James Pritchett**.

**Daniel**, ninth child, is supposed to have been the oldest child of **Andreas Killian's** second wife, whose name was **Mary**, thought to have been a Miss **Cline** or a Miss **Beaver**.

**Samuel** was the tenth child of **Andreas Killian, Sr.** He married **Barbara**, the youngest child of **William Hager**, who lived on Killian's Creek. **Andreas, Sr.**, gave to these two sons, **Daniel** and **Samuel**, all the real estate and stipulated in his will that they were to provide for his wife (their mother) during the remainder of her life.

**Christiana** the eleventh child of **Andreas, Sr.** Married **John Barringer**.

**Elizabeth**, the twelfth child of **Andreas, Sr.**, married **Michael Hank** [*Houck*]. This **Elizabeth** was received into the Lutheran church, 'Catawber,' by the Rev. **John Gottfried Arndt** June 19, 1776, and **Michael Hank** by the same Rev. Mr. **Arndt** into the South Fork Lutheran church (now Saint Paul's) in August.

**Jacob Killian, Jr.**, son of **Jacob**, son of **John**, son of **Andreas Killian**, the pioneer, married **Catherine Carpenter** (See 1902), and among their children were **Caroline**, who married **Melchi Rhodes**, and **John**, who married **Ibby Wilkinson**, and lived near Denver in Lincoln County.

**Andreas Killian** died in the year 1788 [1787], at about the age of 85 years, and is supposed to be buried at Saint Paul's Church. These pioneer **Killians** remembered the first commandment of the Bible given to man, 'Be fruitful and multiply.' **Andreas** had twelve children and his children were like unto him to the extent of their descendants their descendants can be found in every Southern State from Virginia to Arkansas.

Following the address of **J. Yates Killian**, the clan was organized and the following officers elected: President, **John Carpenter**, of Maiden; Vice-President, **Ramon Heafner** [*Raymond Hefner*], of Hickory; Secretary-Treasurer, **J. Yates Killian**, of Newton.

*This transcription of the 1935 Lincoln Times article was by George W. Killian. Since 1935, more discoveries have been made; you can find information back to 1560 at the website [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com) or purchase one of AKDHA's books:*

**"The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)"** published in 2009 by AKDHA, \$30.

**"The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian"** by William Randolph McCreight and published in 2011 by AKDHA, \$45.

These prices include handling and shipping. All proceeds from book sells go to AKDHA.

Make your check payable to **AKDHA and mail to:**

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## John Killian Sr.'s 1823 Bond

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North Carolina, Civil Action Court Papers, 1712-1970, Lincoln County Civil Action Papers 1822-1824; digital images 627-628, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org>) accessed 26 December 2013; imaged from box no. CR.060.325.8, North Carolina State Archives.

John Killians Bond for delivery of Michl Teagues property

State of North Carolina, Lincoln County} Know all men by these Presents, That I John Killian Snr of Lincoln County are held and firmly bound unto John Coulter Sheriff of our said county in the sum of \$20 current money of this state; To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my heirs, executors or administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal, and dated this 23 day of September A.D. 1823

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, Whereas the said John Coulter, Sheriff, levied an Execution at the instance of James Pittillo on certain property of Michael Teague consisting of a Mare & a Colt and which said property at the request of the said Michael Teagues Wife is left in his own possession and care, until the same shall be sold: Now if the said Michael Teague shall well and truly deliver the said property, herein before enumerated, to John Coulter, Sheriff, at Lincolnton on or before the third Monday of October next without damage or further hindrance, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

[signed] Johanns Killian

### *Who Is John Killian Snr and Mrs. Michael Teague?*

The 1823 Lincoln County NC Bond is signed "Johanns Killian". He is named in the bond as John Killian "Snr" and I must assume "Snr" was used as an "Indicator" by the clerk writing out the bond. There were two adult John Killians in Lincoln County from 1818-1830 NC: (1) **John Killian Jr. born 1764**, the son of John Kilian born 1729 in Germany, who apparently had no sons, and (2) **John Killian born 1796**, the son of Jacob Killian and nephew of John Killian Jr. born 1764. This second John Killian married in 1818, lived in the Salem Church area and had a son John W. Killian born about 1827. By the time of the 1820 census, Revolutionary War Soldier **John Killian born 1758**, the son of Leonard Kilian born 1723 in Germany, lived in Tennessee and I would assume the bond would have stated **John Killian Snr of Tennessee** if it had been him.

Mrs. Michael Teague's parentage is uncertain, but we can surmise her lineage from the following. Dr. Uriah Hester Farr was born 23 Oct 1845, died 21 Oct 1934, resided all his life in Morgan County, and was a grandson of Michael Teague. He wrote in a letter in 1931 about his Civil War experiences with General

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Sherman on his infamous "March to the Sea" describing his vivid memories of fording the Catawba River with the Union Army and recalling the stories his grandmother told of how she fished and played there in her early years. He also mentioned her uncle Mathias who lived to the southeast of Sarah and Michael Teague in Indiana.

Dr. Farr mentions a visit to Tennessee by his mother's brother (his uncle), Michael Teague, Jr., "a mere boy at the time" to see "Grandma and Grandpa Killion, of German descent". Born about 1818, Michael Teague Jr. was a "mere boy" when his family lived "on the Catawba River" as shown in the records below.

From the account of Dr. Farr, Mrs. Michael Teague is Sarah Killian. If she was the daughter of Soldier John Killian, it would explain Michael Teague Jr.'s "Grandpa and Grandma Killion" living in Tennessee. This visit would have been before 1829, since the grandchildren of Soldier John, John D. Killian (son of Jesse), is shown as born about 1827 TN (1850 Morgan County IN census) and Mary (Killian) Overstreet (daughter of Jesse) was born about 1829 IN (1850 Greene County IN census), thus they lived in Tennessee prior to 1829.

### ***Where Michael Teague lived in Lincoln County NC:***

Capt. Little's tax district of Lincoln County NC, in 1818, listed Andrew Killian III "on Lyle's Creek", John Killian Jr. "on the Catawba," and Jacob Lewis "on the Catawba" (Jacob Lewis sold some land on Lyle's Creek to John Killian Jr. in 1812). David Killian (son of Soldier John), and Michael Teague are noted in the tax list, neither owned taxable property. All of these families lived in the area between Lyle's Creek and northeast to the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County. John Killian Jr. lived on the river near Oxford, not very far from St. John's Church. In 1818, Michael Teague was taxed for no acres and 1-white poll, but is not listed in the 1819 tax list, while John Killian Jr. (grandson of Andreas) and David Killian (great-grandson of Andreas) are listed. In 1821, a Joshua Teague, no acres, 1-white poll, is listed in Capt. H. Flower's district along with the "John Killians".

The 1820 Lincoln County NC census is partly in a semi-alphabetical order that makes it vague about locations of households. A Michael Teague is listed on the page after the sequence of John Killian Jr., Andrew Killian III, David Killian (son of Soldier John), and Jacob Lewis (above). Location seems to point to John Killian Jr. as the likely person who signed that bond for delivery of Michael Teague's horses for sale. John Jr. was about age 59 in 1823. The only reason for the "Snr." indicator is he is the "most senior" John Killian living in Lincoln County at the time.

The signature on the 1823 document, "Johanns Killian", seems to resemble German script and I assume the last character (the odd upstroke) in Johann<sup>l</sup> is the old German letter "ß" or "ss" since it appears in three "Johannß Killian" original signatures. I believe that the younger John Killian born 1796 would be less likely to use a German-language signature than John Killian Jr. born 1764. This would reaffirm the document would have been signed by John Killian Jr., grandson of Andreas.

I received seven pages of records from Kathy Sullivan, Gene Killian and Bill Hinds to sort and research to determine the identity of Johanns Killian Snr and Mrs. Michael Teague. This is a synopsis of the details for the readers of the "Killian Family Newsletter" and my conclusions.

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## In Memory of . . .

**Ernest Edwin Long**, Retired MSgt., of Lincoln, NE (10 MAR 1915—18 MAR 2013); son of the late William Joseph Long and Bessie Mae Mayfield; and husband to Pansy Maxwell. They married on March 15, 1941. He served in the Army from 1941-1945 and the Nebraska Air National Guard from 1953-1975. Survived by son, Ronald Long, Lincoln; daughters, Judith Long, Duluth, MN, Nancy Long, Cloquet, MN, and Loretta Romero, Silver Spring, MD.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #90352]

**Harry Richard “Buddy” Newton Jr.** of Hickory, NC (18 OCT 1939—7 MAY 2013); son of the late Harry Richard Newton Sr. and Lorena Hall Newton; and husband of Aileen Ballard. He was preceded in death by sons, Randy Cooke and Raymond Todd Newton; and brother, Max Hall Newton. Survived by his wife of 53 years; son, Steve Cooke; daughter, Jennifer Caldwell; sisters, Melissa (Susie) McRae and Katharine (Kathy) Newton; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN#22330]

**Virginia Lorraine Dudding** of Maybrook Community, Newport, VA (17 JUL 1918—30 SEP 2013); daughter of the late Benjamin Harrison and Sarah Emily Dennis Martin; wife of the late Oscar Berlin Dudding, a marriage that lasted 72 years. Preceded in death by parents; husband; son "Butch" Oscar B. Dudding Jr.; great-grandson, Joshua Dudding; brothers, Paul and Jack Martin; and stepmother, Lilly Huffman Martin. Survived by son, Benjamin R. Dudding of Newport; daughter-in-law, Joyce Thomas Dudding of Pembroke; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #89364]

**Teddy Brooks Cozart** of Lewisburg, Marshall Co., TN (27 SEP 1941—31 JUL 2013); son of the late Athey Neil Cozart and Eunice Lee Rogers Dean. He was also preceded in death by sister, Dona Yoes and brother, Carl Cozart. Survivors include his wife, Annie Maye Stovall Cozart of Lewisburg; daughters, Leah Fagan of Lewisburg and Dorothy Whitehead of Lewisburg; son, Keith Cozart of Lewisburg; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. [Hinds RIN #89955]

**Ione Killian “Mama King” King** of Jefferson Co., AL (age 97 passed away 25 MAR 2013); preceded in death by husband, Roy Howard King; parents, Edgar and Presh Killian; sisters, Nettie Barriger and Audrey Martin; brothers, Ed Killian and Gene Killian. Survived by sons, Wayne King (Jenny) and Dan King; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #48079]

**James Leon “Jim” Fisher, Sr.** of Shell Beach, CA (25 DEC 1931—29 AUG 2013); After 4 years in the army, Jim worked as a lab technician and in 1955 married Patricia Sutherland-Lakovich, becoming stepfather to her three young children. In 1960, Jim and Pat founded Kids Kare Schools where he worked until retiring in 1995. Preceded in death by parents; brothers, Kurt and Kenneth; and wife Pat in 1999. Survivors include wife Sandy; son, Jim Fisher Jr.; stepchildren Rod Lakovich, Mary Tikker, John Lakovich; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #90102]

**Margaret Barger Hefner** of Hickory, NC (22 MAR 1931—1 SEP 2013); daughter of the late Ellis Barger and Agnes Townsend; she was raised by Noah and Sarah Townsend. Preceded in death by parents; husband, Floyd Darvin Hefner; son, Darvin Hefner; grandson, Ronald Keller; and siblings, Ralph Barger, John Barger, Beulah Cline, Helen Propst, Ada Punch, Lois Simmons, Ruth Starnes, Andrew Townsend and Earl Townsend. Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Sluder and Linda Keller both of Hickory; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Lola Townsend, Mary Bolick, Claude Barger, George Barger and Edith Icard. [Hinds RIN #73523]

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**Billy J. Ogle** of Maryville, TN (8 MAR 1935—2 AUG 2013); son of the late Berry and Rebecca Ogle. Survived by wife of 54 years, Shirley J. Ogle; children, Chris Boyd of Knoxville, Debra Boyd Frank of Maryville, Teresa Boyd Claxton of Kansas; granddaughter who was like a child, Terri Lynn Prewozmik of Knoxville; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brother, Robert Ogle of MS. [Hinds RIN #90421]

**Helen Ruth Killian Wilson** of Plum Borough, PA (4 JAN 1929—1 JAN 2014; daughter of the late Elsie Viola Killian and Floyd Glenn Killian; and sibling of the late Josie, Glenn, Jerry, and John. Survived by sisters, Lucy Jane Killian Eckard and Virginia Rose Killian Shuford; brother-in-law Bob Daggett; sister-in-law Betty Lou Killian; and four sons, Steve, Mark, Chris and Jay. [Hinds RIN #21136]

**Naomi Goodson Abernathy** of Charlotte, NC (age 94 passed away 18 SEP 2013); born in Gaston Co., NC; daughter of the late Irven Goodson and Bessie Keener; wife of the late Adrian Abernathy; survived by children, Ned Irvin Abernathy, Don Adrian Abernathy and Carol Abernathy Davis; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #66581]

**Vida Gwendolyn Hurst** of Reyno, AR (10 MAY 1929—30 OCT 2013); daughter of the late Ruffus Floyd Hager and Martha Louise Perryman; wife of the late Naaman Hurst (died 30 APR 1984, married 20 SEP 1947). Preceded in death by parents; husband; sons, Dale Hurst and an infant boy; two brothers Cyril Hagar and Cleo Hagar; two sisters Eva March and Joyce Edington; survived by three sons, Jimmy Hurst of Pocahontas, AR., Donny Hurst of Reyno, AR., Rodney of Reyno, AR.; two daughters, Freda McMullin of Poplar Bluff, MO and Rosie Hurst of Reyno, AR; two brothers Earl Hagar of Pocahontas, AR and Merle Hagar of Saint Louis, MO; one sister, Rita Faye Waites of Watertown, TN; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. [Hinds RIN #70149]

**James Hinkle “Jim” Ballard** of Snohomish, WA (1 MAY 1937—17 NOV 2013); son of Jesse Clifton Ballard and Jennie May Killian; survived by his wife of 50 years, Valerie; son James Lawrence Ballard; daughter Sondra Kaye Parker; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #83357]

**Sue Carolyn Lutz Fisher** of Newton, NC (18 NOV 1934—17 NOV 2013); daughter of the late Jacob Woodrow Lutz and Lora Killian; survived by her husband of 58 years, Fred C. Fisher; son Terry Fisher of St. Marys, GA; two stepsons, Dain Sivak of Augusta, GA and Eric Sivak of Washington, DC. [Hinds RIN #63043]

**Melba Kathryn Garner Killian** of Calico Rock, AR (30 APR 1927—21 DEC 2013); daughter of the late Joel Garner and Lela Faye Stroud Townsend; married Walter Bryan “Dub” Killian (died 13 DEC 2004) on November 24, 1952. Survived by two daughters, Kathy Ducker and Sherry Killian of Mountain Home; two brothers, Charlie Townsend of Calico Rock and Don Garner of Lake St. Louis, MO); one sister, Sonia Kay Howerton of Ava, MO; two grandchildren, Aaron Ducker of Henderson and Sarah Rosa of Mountain Home; five great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Earl Killian of Calico Rock and Bob Killian of Pineville; and sister-in-law, Lynn Killian of Louisburg, MO. She was preceded in death by parents; husband; one brother; and stepfather. [Hinds RIN #90741]

**Martha Griffin Killian** of Gadsden, AL ( 24 JUL 1917—11 FEB 2014); preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Thomas Killian; and her daughter, Jane Godfrey; survived by children, Robert Killian, Fred Killian, Susan Besant, and Ragan Godfrey; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #90962]

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**Jean Louise Killian Pinyan** of Cherokee Co., GA (3 JUL 1927—7 JUL 2013); daughter of the late Charles Clifford Killian and Lillian Louise Poor; wife of Charles Eugene Pinyan (1923-2005); married in Jun 1947; survived by sons Charles Eugene Pinyan and Thomas Killian Pinyan. [Hinds RIN #47687]

**Anna Imogene Huey Eaton** of Acworth, GA (3 NOV 1922—17 AUG 2013); born in Canton, GA; daughter of the late William Clarence Huey and Bessie Mae Killian (#37740); wife of the late Ronald Eaton; preceded in death by parents; husband; sister, Eunice Heath; and brothers Don Huey and Cotton Huey. Survived by children; Jim Eaton and Jan Bates; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Harold Huey. [daughter of Hinds RIN #37740]

**Mary Frances Cash Hulsey** of Rainbow City, AL (23 NOV 1933—16 MAY 2013); daughter of the late Burrel Alton Cash and Gladys Irene Cash; wife of the late Norman L. Hulsey (14 JUN 1930-3 DEC 1999) for 48 years; preceded in death by parents; husband; and brother, Bobby Wayne Cash; She is survived by her four children, Terry L. Hulsey of Chattanooga, TN, Steve A. Hulsey of Rainbow City, Deborah Hulsey Mayo of Jamestown, TN, and Brent A. Hulsey of Fort Payne, AL; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Glenda Cash Armstrong of Rainbow City; brother, Wyman Cash of Attalla; sisters-in-law, Virginia Cash of Attalla and Patricia Stone of Rainbow City. [Hinds RIN #24504]

**Roberteen Killian Sigmon** of Conover, NC (31 JUL 1927—20 DEC 2013); daughter of the late Vernon Killian and Ninna Sigmon; preceded in death by parents; husband, Everette Ray Sigmon; and two brothers, Ervin Killian and Aaron Killian. Survived by son, Tony Sigmon of Conover; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN # 62828]

**Danny Winfred Duckworth** of Hickory, NC (17 MAY 1943—5 DEC 2013); son of the late Winfred Duckwork and Myrtle Brittan. Survived by his wife of 38 years, Jeanie Killian Duckworth; sons, Shawn Duckworth of Morganton and Darren "Scooby" Duckworth of Hildebran; stepson, Terry Deal of Taylorsville; two granddaughters; two sisters; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN # 62848]

**Cline Lester Smith** of Conover (27 FEB 1946—DEC 2013); son of the late Roy Lester Smith and Ella Ellavie Davis) Smith. Survived by his wife of 44 years, Karen Sue Killian Smith; son, Chris Smith; daughter, Brandie Smith; and one grandchild. [Hinds RIN # 62891]

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**Database identification reference numbers** [Hinds RIN #] **from William "Bill" L. Hinds.** You can find these reference numbers at Rootsweb.com in the Killion database. Go to [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) click on Family Trees, in box under "Jump to a database", Type "Killion" without the quotes. This takes you to Hinds' database eliminating all others.

## REMINDER

**Tax deductible** contributions can always be made to benefit the AKDHA and/or its programs. As you plan your future gifting, consider a charitable contribution to support our great AKDHA in honor of your ancestors. Donations are always noted in our fall reunion business meeting. For information in estate planning, memorials, wills, and gifts, contact: Dan Sipe, [jdsipe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdsipe@bellsouth.net) or call (803) 230-1175. If you are not coming to this year's AKDHA Reunion contributions can be made to AKDHA by mailing your gift to our Treasurer, Pete Whitener, 5585 Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658.

## Alabama Reunion Time

### Descendants

of

**Daniel Killian (1790-1876) and Mary Elizabeth Bost (1790-1878)**

**Dekalb County, Alabama**

**Saturday, June 21, 2014**

Fellowship Hall of Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 14701 US Highway 11, Collbran, AL;  
6 miles south of Fort Payne, Alabama.

Doors will be open at 8:00 AM.

The more serious students of genealogy should plan to attend a workshop  
led by Wayne Milam beginning at 8:30 AM.

A catered meal (\$10/adult plate) served at noon.

Business meeting will begin at 1PM or shortly thereafter.

The remainder of the afternoon will be a time of fellowship,  
visiting, and learning about Killian relatives.

Charles Killian of Ft. Payne is in charge of the 2014 reunion.

His phone number is (256) 635-8604.

Or email David Killian at [DavidKil@BellSouth.net](mailto:DavidKil@BellSouth.net)

This reunion is held every two years (even number years).

If you are not at Gravel Hill this year, you will have to wait until 2016 to meet these wonderful cousins.

**All are welcome.**

## Newsletter Help Wanted

**Columnist** to write a series of articles for the Killian Family Newsletter; creating articles that offer commentary and opinions. Submit your "Column" idea to Dan Sipe, AKDHA Projects Director, [jdsipe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdsipe@bellsouth.net).

**Editorial** writers to write one or more articles which appeal to the readers of the Killian Family Newsletter on current popular taste or public interest. Submit your articles to Charles Killian, Killian Family Newsletter Editor, [ckilli@charter.net](mailto:ckilli@charter.net).

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## THE KILLIAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER

George Weldon Killian, with the help of William D. "Bill" Killian, published the first Volume of *The Killian Family Newsletter* in 1993. The newsletter has been successful in many ways; the announcement of the yearly September reunion, collection of data, sharing knowledge, and finding lost cousins. Many of the articles you read are things just stumbled across. What is needed is text and pictures to include in the Newsletter. Many of you must have old or new newspaper clippings that would be of general interest. How about old wills, or military records? Some of you may have letters from grandparents or great grandparents. Perhaps someone would like to write an "open letter" to their grandchildren.

Please submit text, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc, via email to [ckilli@charter.net](mailto:ckilli@charter.net) or USPS mail to:  
**Charles David Killian, 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294**

## RECAP: 2013 AKDHA Annual Reunion

Reported by Eric Killian

Friday evening, September 6, 2013, marked the start of the 79th gathering of the Killian clan. The Killians gathered at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center. The ladies group from Mt. Zion Church prepared a wonderful meal along with the musical sounds from “Works in the Harvest” quartet. The rest of the evening was followed by a genealogy meet and greet session with a group photo.

Saturday morning, our clan met back at Mt. Zion Church for a bus tour of Killian points of interest. With our first stop at Old St. Paul’s Church Cemetery, we had a tour of the church and monument of our pioneering great-grandfather Andreas Killian, as well as being updated on the tombstone restoration project at Old St. Paul’s Church Cemetery by which many of our kin preformed some hands on cleaning of tombstones. After leaving Old St. Paul’s Church Cemetery, our tour carried on to the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, which is one of two remaining covered bridges in North Carolina. The tour then broke for lunch at Boxcar Grille as we enjoyed some home style country cooking along with fellowship enjoyed by all. After our lunch break, we headed off toward Murray’s Mill which is the last operational grist mill in our area. During the guided tour of the mill, we learned many things about the workings of the mill; how corn was ground into grits and mill, wheat was ground into flour and folklore of the old mill.

Next, we loaded up the tour bus and off we went to Brenda and Lee Killian’s farm. While there, Lee demonstrated the workings of his saw mill by cutting logs into boards. Next on our tour agenda we were scheduled to go by the Andreas Killian farm at Killian’s Creek, but due to time constraints, we had to cut the tour short and head back to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Once back at the church, we had refreshments and our Board and Business meetings took place. During the Business Meeting, we heard various reports on projects the AKDHA are working on announcements of Killian loved ones that had passed away during the year as well as new additions to the Killian family.

After the business meeting we adjourned for the evening and returned Sunday after church services. Sunday afternoon festivities started out with a wonderful meal prepared by Jennifer’s Catering followed by Dan Sipe’s Powerpoint presentation by Bill McCreight, entitled *Modern German Families to Andreas Killian*. This program explained Bill McCreight’s tireless journey of finding Killian information in Germany and finding Killians related to our Andreas in America. After Dan’s presentation, we gathered and visited one last time; telling each other goodbye until next year, wishing long time and new friends a safe trip back to their homes. I hope everyone passes along to their Killian kin an invitation to the 80th reunion in 2014; we have such a blessed time.

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## 2014 AKDHA Scholarship

**AKDHA Scholarship Award Program Applicants.** The Executive Committee of the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association will be awarding one (1) or two (2) \$500 scholarships this year. Applicant, parent, grandparent, or guardian must be an active member of the AKDHA and a descendant of Andreas Killian. Completed applications and all attachments must be postmarked no later than July 16th. Scholarship details, application and instruction can be found at [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com), click on the Projects tab, then click on the Scholarship tab.

## 2013 Scholarship Award

Hello, I am Hannah Hodges of Springdale, AR. My parents are Tron and De Anna Hodges, 153 Woodcliff Road, Springdale, AR 72764. **I Can Make a Difference.** I plan to attend University of Arkansas instead of Arkansas Tech, Fayetteville, AR, to start my education toward a career in pediatric nutrition. One of the major health issues for children recently receiving much attention in our country is the problem of being overweight. Much of this is caused, I think, by the lack of knowledge of the content of our food and the current consumption of a great percentage of our food intake from fast food restaurants and easily accessible "junk food." My ideal job would be as a pediatrician advising young mothers about the deleterious effect of buying, storing, and serving empty calories because nutrient-packed foods require some effort and time. I'd like to show them that the time they spend investing in the health of their children is worthwhile and should be an important part of being a mother. To tell her child, "No, you may not have that Twinkie before supper," is not easy in this permissive culture, but responsible parents will realize that they owe it to their progeny [children] to do what is right for the child's health. I'd like to be able to teach young mothers how to stay within their budgets while preparing nutritious and delicious meals. I want to learn all facets of nutrition to enable me to not only see that my own children grow up eating healthy meals and maintaining healthy weights but also to work in some capacity where I can help many others. Pediatric nutritionists work in clinics, hospitals and schools. One person can't change a nation, but I can make a difference by pursuing a career in pediatric nutrition.

NOTE: Hannah Hodges descends from Elizabeth Killian Keeton [Hinds RIN #3421].

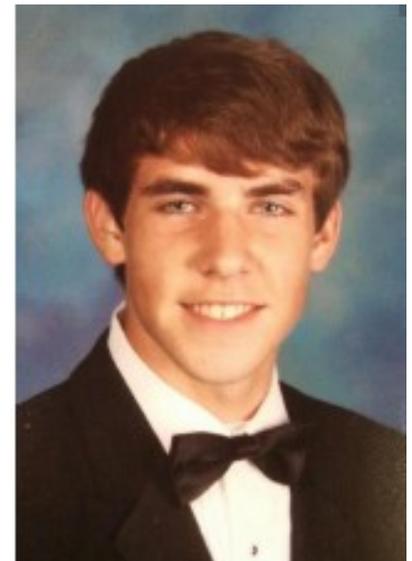


**Hannah Hodges  
Springdale, AR**

## 2013 Scholarship Award

Mr. Seth Christian Todd, son of Wes and Dorinda Todd of Conover, NC was another one of our students in 2013 awarded the 2013 Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association's (AKDHA) scholarship. Todd attends Tri Cities Christian School of Conover, NC. Todd was highly recommended by his pastor and english teacher. Todd has a GPA average 3.29. He plans to attend the Catawba Valley Community College of Hickory, NC where his major will be automotive technologies. He states in his article to our scholarship committee, "There are many ways in which one can make a difference [in life]. By attending college, I am also making a difference within my family and community. ...Not everyone follows their dreams, however I believe that everyone should follow their dreams whether to become an NBA player or to become an astronaut. By following my dream ever since the fifth grade, my hope is to have my own shop, but also to show people that perseverance does pay off when you dedicate your time to something you care about." Todd is also the grandson of Ray Pope [Hinds RIN #62720] and Doris Killian [Hinds RIN #62701] of Conover, NC. We wish Todd the very best in his career and future!

Dan Sipe,  
AKDHA Programs & Projects



**Mr. Seth Christian Todd  
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AKDHA publishes your Killian Family Newsletter twice a year. The newsletter is the most efficient way to keep in contact with the descendants of Andreas Killian and all who are interested in the Kilian/Killian/Killion surname. A sizable amount of money, close to \$1,500, is budgeted each year to mail the printed version.

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