

# Killian Family Newsletter

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## President's Points

Hello cousins,

Looks like we made it through another winter. I hope that you and your family had a great Christmas and New Year. Our 2015 reunion was our 81<sup>st</sup>; which was a great accomplishment for our association. It was enjoyed by everyone that attended. The process of planning for the 82<sup>nd</sup> reunion will begin soon. The planning committee usually meets two or three times a year. It is always our mission to make your Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) Reunion a memorable one and one that you can tell other cousins and kin about. We work hard to make the AKDHA Reunion something well worth attending each year.

I would like to thank all of the officers and board members for the fine work they do. These are the people that make the reunion happen every year. You will find a list of these dedicated people on the inside cover of this newsletter.

This will be my last year serving as your president. Our Vice President, R. Eddie Killian, Jr., will take the office of President for AKDHA. I will remain active in the association as Old Saint Paul's Project Leader.

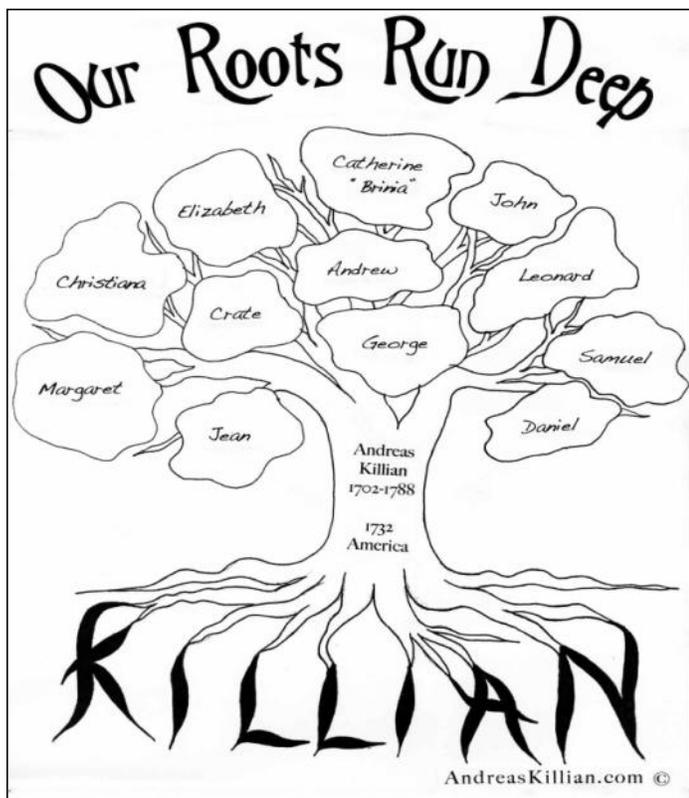
There will be an election of new officers this fall. Our success can only be achieved with the participation and dedication of the other board members. Please consider serving in one of these positions. It is not necessary that you live in the Hickory area. We do planning by phone, email and Skype. We want you to be involved.

In closing, I would like to invite all of you who have attended the reunion in the past to please come again and urge you to bring a family member with you to this year's reunion. We are proud of what we have accomplished and what we are doing in the AKDHA.

Sincerely,

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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 Phyllis Killian  
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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)

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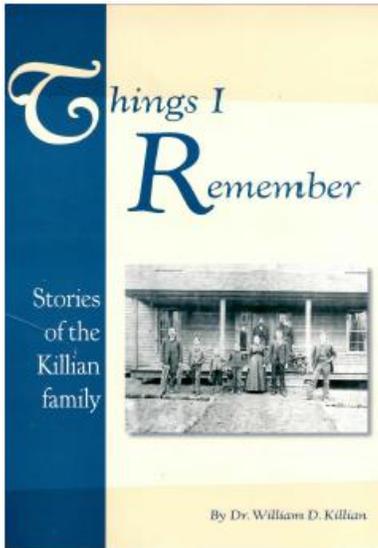
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## Things I Remember... Stories of the Killian family



The first stop on the 2015 AKDHA bus tour was Daniels Lutheran and Reformed Churches. I had read “Things I Remember” several years back. To my surprise, I did not realize Daniels Lutheran Church was the family church of Dr. William D. Killian. As soon as I saw the grave makers for David Coon Killian and his wife, Bessie Lantz Killian, I knew I had more information on Dr. Killian’s family line.

I’ll transcribe one paragraph from “**Things I Remember**”, page 23: *The Killians were Lutheran. The Lantzes were Reformed. When Daddy and Mama [David and Bessie] were married, she joined the Lutheran Church. But she still felt a loyalty to the Reformed Church. During my growing up years, Daniels Lutheran Church shared a preacher with Grace Lutheran Church in Catawba County [NC]. We had Sunday school every Sunday but full services with preaching only twice per month. The fifth Sunday preaching service were alternated between the two congregations, Daniel and Grace. I didn’t get a holiday from preaching because on our off Sundays from preaching, we attended the Daniels Reformed Church services.*

Charles and I have been attending the Andreas Killian family reunion since 2002. This was the first time arrangements were made for us to tour the inside of Daniels Lutheran Church and Daniels Reformed Church building. It was a treat for me.

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian, Ellenwood, GA.

### Books Available From AKDHA

“*Things I Remember...*” by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005,  
is available by mail for \$20.  
All proceeds from the book going to AKDHA.

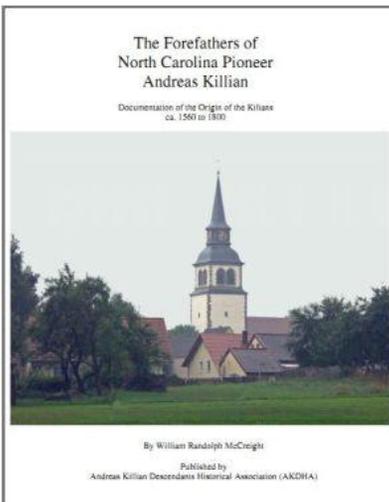
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“*The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*”  
by William Randolph McCreight, September 2011,  
is available by mail for \$45.

This was published by AKDHA with the consent of the author,  
Mr. William Randolph McCreight of Germany  
and all proceeds from the book going to AKDHA.

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“*The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*” is sold out



To order your book, make check payable to  
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For more details about these books phone me at (770) 337-5310 or email: fbCheryl@charter.net

## Hugh Lawson W. (White) KILLIAN

Submitted by Carlton Darnell



Many of AKDHA Reunion attendees know me, Carlton Darnell and my beloved wife, Ruth Ann OGLE Darnell. Reunion attendees have seen Ruth tear up as she talks about her Great-Grandfather, Hugh Lawson W. (White) Killian .

Just a little background on Ruth. Ruth's birth father (Everett Earl OGLE) was killed when she was only 10 months old. Her maternal Grandfather and Grandmother (Cloud James and Susie KILLIAN MITCHELL) went to California, where she and her Mother and brother were living when her father was killed, and brought them back to New Mexico. Her Grandmother was Susanna Killian, whose father was Hugh Lawson W. KILLIAN.

While living near her grandparents in New Mexico, she learned to love her Grandmother deeply. When her mother re-married, they moved away from her grandparents for awhile, then moved back again. They then moved away again. Over the years, her family came back to New Mexico numerous times, where she enjoyed the presence of her Grandmother. She learned to love the scriptures at her Grandmother's knee. She says that her Grandmother loved her without reservation, which she appreciated very much.

Later in life, Ruth became intrigued with her great-grandfather, Hugh Lawson W. Killian. After we were married, she began to study and learn about genealogy. She knew that her great-grandfather had served in the Civil War, because she knew that he had died of wounds sustained in that conflict. Her thought was that he had joined the Confederate cause in Tennessee, where he was born.

Ruth and I were living in New Mexico, where I worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. In 1994, we were living in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where I had been transferred to work for the Department of Energy (DOE). One Saturday, while on a visit to the Antietam Battlefield, she was walking down a road in the 12-square mile battlefield. As she stood looking at a monument dedicated to the Texas Fourth, she received a strong impression from her Great-grandfather that told her ... "This was where it happened, daughter." This so affected her that she sat down and placed her head in her hands. I asked her what was wrong, she replied that her Great-grandfather had spoken to her right here.

After viewing the large battlefield, she went home and began to do more research on her Killian line. She discovered a document from Linda Helms Gardner, a cousin in Colorado that she had received just before she left New Mexico for Washington, D.C. She hadn't had time to read it before we left New Mexico. As she read the document, she discovered that her great-grandfather, Hugh Lawson W. Killian, had joined the Navarro Rifles Company in Texas and had been joined with the Texas Fourth Division. This was a complete surprise to her.

The next Saturday, we went back to the Antietam Battlefield. She went to the desk maintained by the

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National Park Service, which was closed at the time. She approached a Park Ranger and asked about the computer which had been there the week before to help those researching their Antietam Battlefield relatives. He told her that it was down for maintenance, but that if she had a particular individual who had been at Antietam, give him the name and come back in about 15 minutes and he would see what he had on that individual.

When we returned, he had a number of pages, all related to her great-grandfather. She learned that he had been wounded in the early morning of 17 September 1862, in the “Battle of the Cornfield”, at Antietam. It seems that early in the morning of that day, the Union troops had approached through a mature cornfield, while the Confederate troops had set up near the old Dunkards Church. When the Union troops exited the cornfield, the Confederate troops opened fire with rifles, cannon and other weapons. In the ensuing engagement, Hugh Lawson W. Killian had been wounded.

When the Confederate Army had exited the battlefield in the middle of the night, Hugh Lawson Killian had been left for dead. The next morning the Union troops scoured the battlefield and found that Killian was not dead, but severely wounded. He was taken prisoner and sent with other wounded by railroad, to Fort McHenry in Baltimore. It was a three day journey. At Fort McHenry, he was treated for his wounds and eventually traded to the Confederates for two wounded Union soldiers. The Union doctors did not expect him to recover.

In the South, after many months of being transferred from hospital to hospital to recuperate, he was finally discharged from the Confederate Army in the summer of 1864, and returned to his home in Texas. There he married and had children, one of whom was Ruth’s Grandmother, Susanna Killian. In August 1887 he eventually died from his war wounds that had never completely healed, and Susanna’s mother remarried.

Ruth is a very compassionate. I am proud to have her as my wife. I am proud to honoring her by putting the story of her Great-Grandfather, Hugh Lawson W. (White) Killian, to paper.

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## **Vera Killian’s 100th Birthday**

Vera Mae Killian was born August 30, 1915 to Jesse Claude Killian (1887-1975) and Rena Iola Sifford Killian (1887-1980). Her siblings are Jessie Irene (1914-2014), Isabell Laney Killian (1917-1983), John Wiley Killian (1918-1946), Claude Alonzo Killian, and Sarah Frances Killian Hampton.

Over 225 people came to wish Vera Killian “Happy Birthday” on Sunday, August 30th, 2015. Then another wave of well wishers came Monday.

Her sister, Frances Killian Hampton commented on September the 10th that they are still coming to see her.

Submitted by Frances Killian Hampton



## What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

### **Rev. Dr. John Harrison Killian**

Dr. John Killian is a Baptist minister. With former pastorates in Indiana, North Alabama and Birmingham, he is currently pastor of Maytown Baptist Church in Maytown, Alabama. He is very active in his community and in his hobby, genealogy. On February 27, 1997 he was approved by the NSSAR Staff Genealogist for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. His patriot ancestor is John Page, grandfather to Lucinda (née Page) Lewis (1807), mother of Dorcas Lewis (1828). Dorcas Lewis was the wife of Daniel Killian Jr. (1823) of Dekalb County, Alabama

John is also a member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, having served as their National Chaplain and as Commander of the Alabama Society. From 2011-15, John served as Chaplain of the Republican Party of Alabama. He was appointed to serve the needs of the 400 plus members of the State Executive Committee. Reason for his selection: Brother John is not only a caring, loving person who knows how to minister to the needs of his flock, but he is also one of the strongest committed to serve his community. He is not ashamed of his faith and is not ashamed of being a staunch Republican.

Although we have never met, face to face, I first heard of Brother John through the late Willard Israel about 1997 when he was working on his history of the Alabama and Georgia Killians. These are challenging times, and it is always refreshing to hear about someone like Brother John. A native of Birmingham, he is married to Jeanne, a second grade teacher at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. They have two children, John, Jr., and Sarah. Both are college graduates and active in their community. John, son of a steelworker, grew up in Wylam, Alabama, earned his BA degree from Tennessee Temple University, his Master of Divinity degree and later the Doctor of Ministry Degree, from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. John also earned a Master of Arts in Teaching in History from the University of West Alabama.

Brother John has been the pastor of Maytown Baptist since 1998. He is also an adjunct professor of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Birmingham Center, where he teaches classes on doctrine, exegesis and practical ministry, and World History. John is currently teaching a History course at Judson College. A three time winner of the John Randolph of Roanoke National Historical Oration Contest, he has served or is now serving on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Citizens for Action Program. He is on the Board of Regents for the University of Mobile and the Board of Governors for Judson College. He was appointed by Governor Bentley to the State Health Coordinating Committee in 2011 and the Board of Trustees for the University of West Alabama. He is Past President for the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Among Alabama Baptists, John has served as President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention (2012-14), President of the Alabama Baptist Pastors Conference (2006), President of the Alabama Chapter Alumni Association for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2006), and was named Alumnus of the Year for New Orleans Seminary in 2013 and for Tennessee Temple University in 2014.

In many ways he has served his community, state and nation, including Tour Host for three tours to Israel, June 2006, January 2008, and January 2016. He continues to serve, wherever the need.

The Christian ministry is a calling from God. It is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with need at every hand. The need for men like John Killian was never greater than it is today. May more of our kin receive and respond to God's call. Dr. John Killian is an example of how we all need to get involved in our community and state. God Bless America!

Submitted by Rev. Bill Hinds  
Ordained Apr. 3, 1955 and still serving.

## Submitted Obituary

**Mae Setzer Killian** (24 AUG 1930—17 MAR 2016) of Hickory, NC. She left her earthly home after a period of declining health, to join her heavenly father surrounded by family [Hinds #62992] .

She was born to the late Hoyle and Blakie Hawn Setzer. She was a member of St. Stephens Lutheran Church, (Missouri Synod) where she assisted in making quilts for Samaritans' Purse and preparing foods for church functions. Mae a was loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She especially delighted in being outside and working in her vegetable and flower gardens.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 67 years, Worth Killian; and sons, Stephen and wife, Debbie and David and wife, Debbie of Hickory; grandchildren, Traci Vasquez of Newton, Bryan and wife, Crystal of Franklin, Tyler Killian and Kristen of Hickory, Boni Killian of Hickory, and Anna Killian of Hickory; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ned and Rhyne Setzer; and sisters, Mary Fish, Katherine Buchanan, and Dot Reed.

Burial was in the St. Stephens Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) cemetery in Hickory, NC. Pallbearers; Tyler Killian, Bryan Killian, Allen Killian, Greg Hefner, Greg Reed and Gary Setzer.

The family is thankful for all the caregivers and the Grace Team of Catawba County for their service and compassion in caring for Mae.

Submitted by Kimberly Honeycutt Sipe



NOTE: Mae descends from Andreas' son John and her husband descends from Andreas' son Samuel.

## In Memory of . . .

**Hurshell Halton Keener** (28 NOV 1929—28 JUN 2015) of Hickory, NC [Hinds #101395].

**Jonathan Paul Killian** (02 JUL 1980—14 APR 2015) of Richmond, VA [Hinds #24679]. Grandson of W. "Wayne" Killian of Gadsden, AL who passed away 31 JUL 2015.

**Wilbur "Wayne" Killian** (27 OCT 1926—31 JUL 2015) of Gadsden, AL [Hinds #23348]. Grandfather of Jonathan Paul Killian of Richmond, VA who passed away 14 APR 2015.

**Frances Wooldridge Snidow** (01 JAN 1922—07 SEP 2015) of Staffordsville, VA [Hinds #100416].

**Denver Marie Welch Ray** (16 DEC 1926—26 SEP 2015) of Cochise County, AR [Hinds #101349].

**Sara Louise Kirk Killian** (09 APR 1917—29 OCT 2015) of Charlotte, NC [Hinds #21012].

**Jean McKoy Lawing** (22 JAN 1918—19 OCT 2015) McDowell County, NC [Hinds #102248].

**Glenn E. Henderson** (14 FEB 1953—23 OCT 2015) of Park City KS [Hinds #36746].

**Otis J. "Jim" Killian** (14 FEB 1922—11 NOV 2015) of Albuquerque, NM [Hinds #39288].

## 2015 Reunion Tour Bus Stop at Daniels Lutheran and Reformed Churches 3170 Reepsville Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092



In 1767, a tract of ground containing “fifty acres” was granted by King George III to Matthew Floyd. This acreage included a school house and served as a house of worship. Both a Reformed church and a Lutheran church met at the Schoolhouse Church. In 1774, it became legal to have a church other than the Anglican Church (the Church of England) and at that time the land was conveyed “to the two united congregations of Lutherans and Calvinist”. Therefore in 1774, Daniels Lutheran Church and Daniels Reformed Church were legally established.

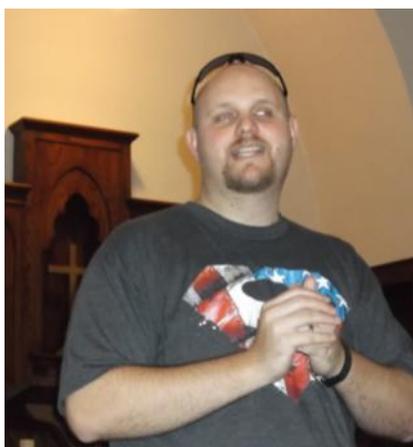
The schoolhouse church building was a log cabin. It was replaced in 1844 with what was called a “plank church”. In the late 1880s, the two congregations decided to construct their own sanctuaries. The present Lutheran brick building was dedicated in 1889. A brick building for the Reformed Church was dedicated in 1894 and was destroyed by lightning in 1936. The stone Gothic Revival style Daniels Reformed Church (built in 1937) is the latest of a line of churches built to be built on the property on.



In Germany, the forefathers of Andreas Killian were Lutheran. No surprise to find Killian headstones in the cemetery and memorials in the building at the Lutheran Church.



The pastor of Daniels Lutheran Church, Dave Fox was our most gracious host. He was new to Daniels Lutheran Church and was run over with questions about Killians, the two church building and the shared Lutheran and Reformed cemetery.



Dave Fox

In 1970, due to deceased membership, the Reformed congregation held its last service in the stone building and presented the deed to the building to Daniels Lutheran Church (ELCA).



## 2015 Reunion Tour Bus Stop at Salem Lutheran and UCC Church 3410 Startown Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092



Until the move to Catawba County, NC, the Killian Family Reunion was held at Salem Lutheran Church on Startown Road. This year's bus tour took us back to Salem, a church which many Andreas descendants know so well. This was our opportunity to show off what we knew about this familiar and beloved church.

First, we had to get a picture of Jimmie Price of Prices Fork, VA with the millstone. Jimmie is a millstone preservationist. He was born and raised in Prices Fork, a community in western Montgomery County, VA named for his family. His father-in-law was a millstone cutter, and Jimmie has endeavoured to maintain the family legacy through demonstrations and books.



First time attendees, Jan Killian Adams and husband, John, stopped to chat, ask questions and posed for a snapshot. Jan descends from Andreas' son George of Mississippi and Louisiana. She had lots of questions and joined us Saturday night at the hotel for the Chat and Snack session.

We roamed though the church, admiring the architecture. The reunion was held at Salem for many years. Rarely did we use the vestibule door and go inside the historic old sanctuary to view and admire.

## 2015 Reunion Tour Bus Stop at Old Saint Paul's Historic Church & Cemetery 2035 Old Conover-Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658

Being at Old Saint Paul's is as close to Andreas Killian as we will ever be. His Clark's Creek land is not a mile a way. We assume he is buried in the Historic Cemetery. It is in this cemetery, a monument was placed memory of Andreas and his children near the marker of his son, Leonard. Maps of the county show that Andreas could have easily walk to worship here.

There is never a year that the Killians don't visit this cemetery. The local Killians have been there hundreds of times. If a tour doesn't take us there, the first timers make their own pilgrimage on Sunday morning, for the annual Old Saint Paul's homecoming service.

Pictured here is Mary Elam with bother James and his wife, Jimmie. Just looking at the background, you know we are at Old Saint Paul's Historic Cemetery.



## 2015 KILLIAN REUNION RECAP

Submitted by Eric Killian



Phyllis, Charles and Stephen Killian and Ray Pope  
Waiting for the Tour Bus outside Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

What a wonderful reunion we had this past year. It was so great to meet all our cousins at our annual gathering of the Killian clan.

Our reunion committee performed flawlessly for making this once again a memorable event. Every person involved with and on the reunion committee, I thank you for a job well done. As you may or may not know our reunion committee is always working towards a goal of making your reunion one of the best memories for and your family. Plans and ideas are under way now for our 2016 reunion.

On Friday evening, we gathered at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center. A pot luck meal was enjoyed along with music provided by "Rev It Up". Rev It Up is a group of ELCA Pastors, who know how to hyped up an audience. After our meal, we all enjoyed social time with our cousins ending up with a group photo.

Saturday morning, things got off to early start. We boarded a bus and headed out on a journey of an informational packed tour of historical churches in Catawba and Lincoln Counties, home to our pioneering grandfather who settled in this area of western NC. After a short break for lunch, the historical church tour continued with the last stop at Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church burial place of our pioneering ancestor. With the completion of our church tour it was back to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for a rest break along with a short business meeting. During the business meeting two \$500.<sup>00</sup> scholarships were award to descendants of Andreas Killian from the AKDHA along with other business items and reports from chairman from other committees within our association.

Saturday evening, it was back on the bus for another road trip to Sims BBQ for a supper. Along with enjoying our meal, members were treated to clogging and country blue grass music. Our driver, Dwayne Burke, loaded up and returned us back to the church to say our good byes for the evening. Dwayne was super, he navigated the narrow county road and city streets like he had done it a few times before. Hope we have Dwayne back next year.



Dwayne Burk  
Bus Driver Extraordinaire

Sunday morning was another early start to the day with worship at the church of your choice. Afterwards, we met back at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center for a wonderful catered meal. Dr. Gary Freeze was the guest speaker and the topic he spoke on why Andreas Killian came to South Fork Catawba River area. After Dr. Freeze's presentation, a group photo was taken and we closed another Killian family Reunion.

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Query: I have lost the contact information for the descendant of John Killian and Betsy Been who attended the reunion. Please phone me at (770) 337-5310 or email fbcheryl@charter.net . Thanks

## “Why Andreas Killian (et al.) Came to the South Fork” Dr. Gary R. Freeze

Dr. Gary R. Freeze teaches American history at Catawba College. He has been a faculty member since 1994, his specialties include North Carolina history, the Civil War and the American South. He also consults regularly with regional historical societies and museums on matters of public history. He is active in historical organizations across North Carolina. He has been an officer in the Historical Society of North Carolina, chair of the state historic highway marker program, and the collegiate advisor to the Tar Heel Junior Historians Association sponsored by the state Museum of History. Dr. Freeze has been awarded the Teacher of the Year Award by the student body on numerous occasions.

Dr. Freeze is passionate about his work. He is passionate about telling the story. It is no wonder he has been honored with awards from his students.

The AKDHA 2015 reunion attendees were honored that Dr. Freeze had time to come on Sunday afternoon to give us new ideas of why our Andreas Killian would come west of the Catawba River about 1749. Many of us have been told it was all about the Land Grant; that Andreas could afford land on Killians Creek in what would become Lincoln County, NC. We have thought that Andreas was self sufficient and cleared the land to farm and built his mill to grind his corn, wheat and barley. We know that Andreas had religious heritage, but Dr. Freeze explained there was more. The people west of the Catawba River area were also involved in economic development.

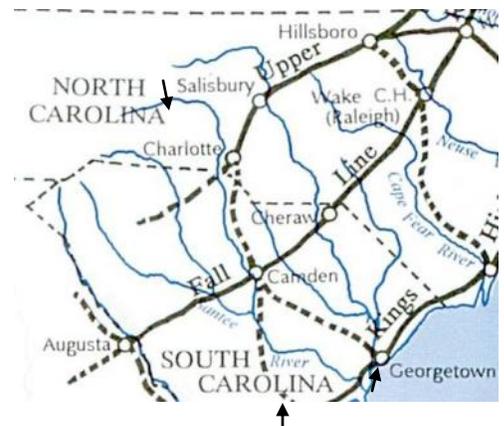
Killians Creek and Leepers Creek flow into Dutchmans Creek and at Mount Holly, NC. Dutchmans Creek flows into the Catawba River down to Wateree River and Santee River in South Carolina. Goods were taken to Charleston by wagons, and those wagons returned with the essentials brought into Charleston from Europe. Early prosperity rested largely upon the trade from outside Catawba River area. Economic livelihood consisted of trade. Had we really ever thought of this before Dr. Freeze’s presentation?

Part of AKDHA’s mission is to educate. When you come to the annual reunion, you should always leave knowing more about the heritage left behind by the pioneers who settled the land west of the Catawba River.

In 2014, Professor Richard Eller gave a presentation on *Indian Warfare circa 1740-1763*. In 2012, Dan Barefoot lecture was on *The Vital Role of the Catawba River Valley and Its Citizens in the Ultimate Outcome of the American Revolution*. Also that year, Tammy Wilson presented her talk on *The Troublesome Years: 1810-1820*.

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AKDHA, % Treasurer Phyllis Killian, 2041 36th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601.



Thank You!

## Killians Hareware

### Hickory's Hometown Hardware Store



The heritage of Killians Hardware spans over 60 years. Founder Emory Killian opened in 1953 and the store still thrives with granddaughters Susan and Sharon along with Sharon's daughter, Jennifer. The adult children of Emory's customers are now served by the third and fourth generations of the Killian family. Customers not only come to shop, but often stop by just to visit. Having a strong sense of community and family, Susan and

Sharon have carried on the traditions of their father and grandfather supporting community non-profits and offering the best products, education, credentialing and service to their customers. On special days of the year, Killians Hardware opens their museum to the community. Founded by Emory's son, Elmer, the museum houses antique cars, area history and memorabilia.

Killians Hardware is your trusted hometown hardware store with a special community feel offering exceptional lawn and garden equipment, outdoor power equipment and commercial equipment. Top brands include Toro, STIHL and Husqvarna. Lawn equipment is not all they sell. They have a full line of hardware, a service department that is #1 in the Unifour area, and the largest inventory of parts in the southeast. With three full time credentialed mechanics, their service department has been recognized as a "Master Service Dealer" by the Toro Company and they offer commercial service within 24 business hours, repairing all types of power equipment. Killians parts department has over 50 years of experience and they help the DIY homeowner find the exact part they need. Their staff will guide you through the process of purchasing the right equipment and help you maintain it.

A staple at Killians is hardware manager and lawn care expert, Bruce Hartsell, who has been with Killians for 25 years. He will share expert advice to help homeowners improve and maintain their yards, and help professionals with commercial lawn care operations. Bruce has a monthly list for lawn care maintenance on their website and offers seminars for local colleges, businesses or non-profit organizations on lawn care.

Whether you are in the market for lawn care equipment, or a simple hardware item, you can count on Killians Hardware to offer you an excellent product, and exceptional information and service.

Killians Hardware is located at 3790 Springs Road NE, Hickory, NC. They can be found on the web at [www.killiansinc.com](http://www.killiansinc.com).



## 2016 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The Executive Committee of the AKDHA is pleased to announce we will be awarding one (1) or two (2) \$500 scholarships this year. AKDHA Scholarship Award is a program that provides funds for children of members of AKDHA who are planning to further their education at one of the following:

- ◆ Vocational and technical schools (college level)
- ◆ Junior colleges
- ◆ Colleges or Universities

### How the Scholarship Works

The program is available to children whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is an active member of the AKDHA (attendance of Annual Reunion or subscriber of *Killian Family Newsletter*) and a descendant of Andreas Killian. The fund is a one-time award paid directly to the student's academic school. The scholarship is not based on the applicant's financial need.

### Who is Eligible?

The term "children" means natural, adopted, step-children or dependent wards of a member of AKDHA. Eligibility for the scholarship is to all first, second, third, and fourth year attendees of vocational or technical schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges, universities and high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning as previously mentioned are eligible.

### Instructions

Application form can be found on website [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)

[http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship\\_application.pdf](http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship_application.pdf)

Include following Attachments:

1. Current ACT or SAT scores (high school applicants only).
2. Current high school or college transcripts.
3. Current letters of recommendation (2) from teachers or educators familiar with the applicant's scholastic achievement and character.
4. Current letter of recommendation from an individual in the community who can provide information regarding the applicant's character, achievements in civic and potential in leadership and civic affairs.
5. Hand-written or typed essay on the topic "*I Can Make a Difference*".
6. List of community and/or extra-curricular activities.
7. Applicant's pedigree from known descendent of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian

NOTE: Any omission of the above six attachments could automatically disqualify the applicant.

Completed applications and all attachments must be mailed and postmarked no later than June 1, 2016 to: Stephen A. Killian, President AKDHA, 2041 36th St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601

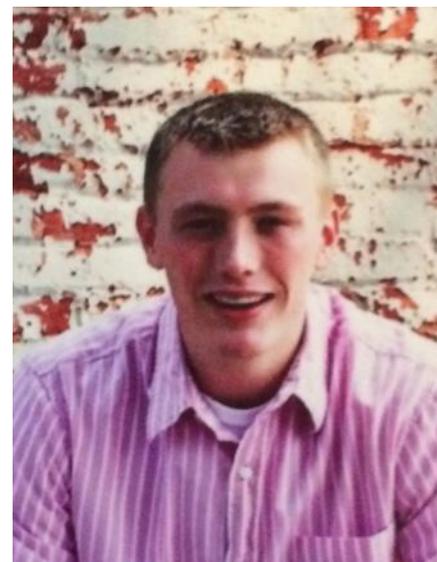
Scholarship details, application and instruction can be found at [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com), click on the Projects tab, then click on the Scholarship tab.

### How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection will be based on a competitive nature from the school records, performance scores, personal essay, and outside activities and interests. The applicants must realize that the final selection as made by the Scholarship Committee is final.

## 2015 Scholarship Awarded to Logan Alexander WHITE

Andreas KILIAN b: 1702 d: 1787 Will Probate 1788 Lincoln Co., NC  
 Leonard KILLIAN b: 15 MAY 1723 d: 06 JUN 1795 NC  
 Adam KILLION b: ABT 1754 d: BEF 25 DEC 1820 Harrison Co., IN  
 Aaron Leonard KILLION b: 07 APR 1788 d: 28 SEP 1857 Clay Co., IN  
 William Aaron KILLION b: 13 AUG 1825 d: 24 AUG 1899 Vigo Co., IN  
 George Gordon KILLION b: 01 FEB 1867 d: 03 DEC 1964 Santa Cruz, CA  
 Charles Edgar KILLION b: 05 MAR 1893 d: 22 JUL 1962 St. Petersburg, FL  
 Muriel Delores KILLION b: 07 MAY 1918 d: 17 AUG 2010 Vigo Co., IN  
 Muriel Carmen WELLS b: 27 AUG 1940 Seelyville, Vigo Co., IN  
 Curtiss Wayne WHITE b: 26 APR 1961 Clay County, IN  
 Logan Alexander WHITE b: 11 DEC 1996 Danville, IN



### “I Can Make a Difference”

Everyone in this world has an opportunity to leave their mark on the earth, to show a difference from when they arrived until they leave. However, I realize that not all people make their mark. Not all people take advantage of their one shot at life to change it. Thankfully I have realized I can make a difference for this world.

I know I can make a difference because I make it a goal for myself to be the change I want to see. As I've grown and matured over the last four years as an Avon High School student, I've come to realization on how much words affect people. You can make or break someone's day with the words you say. This year I made it a goal for myself to be careful with every word I say so that I am making someone's day and not the one breaking their day. I know what it feels like to hear hurtful things, so I don't want to give others that terrible feeling. This may be a small thing, but it's something that I wanted to see differently so I became the change I wanted to see.

Over the years I have been very active in my church, and I'm thankful to say that I have multiple friends attend church with me. Some of those friends have even become regular members. Now I don't give myself God's credit, but I do believe I was a difference in their lives. I will continue this process by being different than most of the kids that walk the halls or streets.

In our world today it's hard to find a lot of people with high morals. I believe I am a young man with high morals. Will I be able to change everyone in this world? No, probably not, but I change the world for someone.

Essay submitted by Logan Alexander White

### Madison Killian 2014 Youngest AKDHA Reunion Attendee

For many years, Madison Killian has been awarded the recognition of being the AKDHA Reunion youngest attendee. Madison did not attend the reunion in 2015 because her grandpa was not feeling well. We hope to see Madison and her grandfather at the 2016 AKDHA Reunion



## 2015 Scholarship Awarded to Kathleen Elizabeth Powalie

Andreas Kilian, 1702 Germany  
 Johannes Kilian, 1725 Germany  
 Jacob Killian, 1760 North Carolina  
 Daniel Killian, 1805 North Carolina  
 Charles Henry Killian, January 8, 1846 Madison, GA  
 Edward Franklin Killian, Sr., July 15, 1877 Atlanta, GA  
 Edward Franklin Killian, Jr., July 15, 1907 Atlanta, GA  
 Edward Franklin Killian, III, May 4, 1939 Atlanta, GA  
 Shari Killian Powalie, May 19, 1971 Columbia, SC  
 Kathleen Elizabeth Powalie, February 15, 1997  
 Charleston, SC



### I Can Make a Difference

By: Kathleen E. Powalie

There are many ways I can make a difference in my college, career, community and family. First, I can make a difference in my family by continuing to be a role model for my siblings and family members and by being a support to my parents. Second, I can make a difference in college by becoming involved in their leadership programs and by becoming a resident advisor so I can be a resource to my fellow students. In my community, I can continue to be actively involved in volunteering opportunities. Lastly, I plan to make a difference in my career by becoming an elementary school teacher. This will allow me to shape the young minds of our future. There are so many ways to get involved and make a difference and I plan to do just that.

### Ashley Powalie, Age 12 2015 Youngest AKDHA Reunion Attendee

AKDHA had the honor of 12 year old Ashley Powalie to attend the 2015 AKDHA Reunion. She is pictured here with her grandparents, Eddie and Myra Killian at Old Salem Lutheran Church.

With the completion of the AKDHA church tour, Ashley's parents and siblings joined up with them at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center for the annual business meeting and Scholarship Award to Ashley's sister, Kathleen E. Powalie.

AKDHA would like to encourage more grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren. And Ashley, please come again.



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## Return Service Requested

### **Descendants of Daniel Killian, born 1790 2016 Biennial Reunion**

Dear Andreas Killian Descendants,

We are in the process of planning the 2016 reunion of Descendants of Daniel Killian, born 1790, of DeKalb County, AL. The reunion will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 6 miles South of Fort Payne, AL on U.S. Highway 11. The reunion will be on Saturday, June 18th, 2016, mark this date on your calendar now.

The fellowship hall will be open at 8:00 A.M.. The more serious students of genealogy among us should plan to attend a workshop led by Wayne Milam beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by a program and business meeting. The remainder of the afternoon will be a time of fellowship, visiting, and learning about Killian relatives. Please bring any family information you wish to share such as old pictures, wills, deeds, letters, etc. Sandra (Killian) Holmes is in charge of the 2016 reunion. If you have suggestions for a program topic or information you wish to share, contact Sandra at 256-293-9388 or [1SandraHolmes@Gmail.Com](mailto:1SandraHolmes@Gmail.Com).

Our mailing list does not include all of our Killian cousins. Please tell any Killian descendants you know about the reunion and invite them to join us on June 18th.

Sincerely,  
Sandra (Killian) Holmes,  
Reunion President