# Killian Family Newsletter

#### Fall 2022

# **Message from the President**

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Greetings cousins and friends,

I will start out by saying, I hope this message finds everyone well.

There is an old saying: Where does time go; it seems to fly by! The 2022 AKDHA Family and Friends 88th Annual Reunion is planned for Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11th. September will be here before you know it.

For last year's reunion approximately 50 plus or minus cousins and spouses attended the reunion activities. The Saturday trip to Billy Graham's Library in Charlotte, NC was a very enjoyable event for me and everybody I talked with.

This year's day trip is planned for Kings Mountain National Military Park and Battlefield located near Blacksburg, SC. The Battle of Kings Mountain was a military engagement between Patriot and Loyalist militias in South Carolina during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War, resulting in a decisive victory for the Patriots. Hooray!

Something very different this year is a Hickory Crawdads baseball game. The Crawdads are a Minor League Baseball team of the South Atlantic League and the High-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers. The game will be played at L. P. Frans Stadium, in Hickory, NC, which opened in 1993 and has roughly 4,000 fixed seats. The stadium address is 2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory, NC 28601.

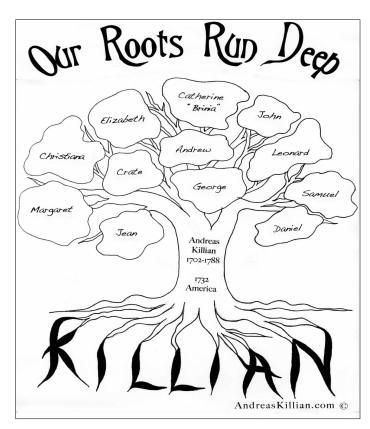
I truly hope that each and every one of you are able to attend this year's reunion. I look forward to the family stories, adventures, and just good old family fun along with a baseball game and the day trip to Kings Mountain. If you have never been to the reunion; please make plans to attend this year. I look forward to meeting new cousins and friends.

Boo, such a disappointment, COVID precautions will probably still be in place. Hence, the reunion is mostly outside activities; Kings Mountain and a baseball with social distancing indoors. AKDHA will provide masks, gloves, and hand-sanitizer. It is still a personal decision to come and join in the festivities. Covid protocol cannot become our way of life; I just won't

If you do not make this years reunion, I hope to see you next year!

Please take care, stay safe, and I hope to see you in September.

Eddie Killian, AKDHA President



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\*\*AKDHA is in need of Officers. With teleconferencing, there is no need for you to live in North Carolina to be an active officer of the association that represents your Killian Heritage.

#### 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

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603

#### **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

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

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, <a href="www.AndreasKillian.com">www.AndreasKillian.com</a>. Please refer to the date of the issue in your search.

Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.

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# Andreas Killian Received His Land Grant 273 Years Ago

North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian and his family were typical of the first settlers west of the Catawba River. He sailed into the port of Philadelphia in 1732. He settled on 1000 acres, which was granted September 30, 1749, Grant #3826 in Anson County, North Carolina, on a creek that to this day bears his name, Killian's Creek. This creek is in Lincoln County, North Carolina. It was in 1766 he buys a 293 acres homestead tract on Clark's Creek in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina. This homestead was up the road from Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church; north of Settlemyre Bridge Road and East of Startown Road, Newton, North Carolina. In 1939, J. Yates Killian wrote, "He [Andreas] lived somewhere near the [Clark's] Creek on the land that the late Samuel E. Killian of Hickory owned, on the old Lincoln-Hickory road, the Crowdertown Road, near the once promising town of Crowder's."

It was 30 years after Andreas Killian past from this life that Henry Cline was given the job of constructing a very plain but practical log building to be used for worship assemblies. This building, sealed by boards, is still standing solidly against rows of headstones of pioneers and their descendants. As a carpenter, Cline was a genius, realizing the building needed a seating capacity of 250 people in the small structure. He used narrow stairwells and steep high steps to the balcony. This was a space saving achievement.

A canopy or sounding board was placed over the head of the preacher in the pulpit as a gesture of the European churches of old. The seats downstairs were designed for ladies dress fashion of the time. Only the pews in

the center had solid backs to seat the church board.



This old church building was shared by two Lutheran denominations and a Reformed denomination until 1901 when the Reformed congregation built their own house of worship three miles south at Startown. A few years later in 1905, the Lutheran congregations split over synodical affiliation and one group of church-goers moved several miles south and became known as St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Startown. Since both St. Paul's congregations and buildings were on the same mailing route our beloved old log building with board siding was distinguished as the Old St. Paul's congregation. There are many St. Paul churches in Catawba County, North Carolina, but none that remind us so much of the Christian faith Andreas Killian bestowed on his family as Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newton. In 1971, this beloved building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic Place in Catawba County, North Carolina.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost [Spirit]

#### **AKDHA News**

#### **New Babies**

**Briella Dawn Scism,** born December 1, 2021 (3lbs 12ozs; 5:11pm), Hickory NC. Parents are Desiree Dawn Killian and Michael Scism. Grandparents are Bobby Joe & Deannie Herman Killian. Great Grandparents: Sally Earleen Killian Herman Raine and Dean Herman; Great-Great Grandparents are Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian. Descended from Samuel Killian.

Carson J Warstler III, born Nov. 10, 2021, Great-Grandson of Otto Lafayette Killian.

#### Honors / Accomplishments / Graduations, etc.

**Zachary Taylor Sipe,** Bachelor of Business Education from UNC-C, Charlotte NC, May 2021. Zachary is the son of Kimberly & Phillip Sipe, Grandson of Mary Killian Honeycutt Leatherman and Billy Gene Honeycutt, Great Grandson of Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian. Descended from Samuel Killian.

Katelyn McKenzie Guins, Bachelor of American Sign Language from Gardner Webb, NC. Katelyn is the daughter of Celeste Killian Guins Burt and Phillip Stanley Guins (deceased) from Conover NC. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Coulbourn Killian and Bobby Joe Killian, great granddaughter of Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian. This family descends from Samuel Killian.

#### **Of Interest**

Lee and Brenda Killian are active members of AKDHA. They have been selling the family "Estate" in sections at a time for many years. He and Brenda are at it again. They are moving to a new home. Their house and Lee's sawmill has been sold to Race City Steel, a company in Denver NC. Best wishes from all your Killian cousins in your new home.

Links/Connections: www.AndreasKillian.com Emails: Eric Killian (blademann@yahoo.com) Kim Sipe (Historian) kimbosipe@charter.net

# Poem by Mabel Laura Dollar Killian

#### "Dirty Dishes"

Thank God for dirty dishes
They have a tale to tell,
While others are hungry,
We're eating very well.
With home, and health and happiness
We shouldn't want to fuss.
For by this stock of evidence,
God's very good to us!

Submitted Lovingly by Rose Killian Polete

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# Remembering Ruth Ann Ogle Darnell

Ruth Ann Ogle Darnell, age 84, has died. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, 22 March, 2022, her spirit broke the surly bonds of earth and embraced her LORD and SAVIOR, Jesus Christ.

She was born on September 12, 1937, in Tulare, California, to Everett Earl Ogle and Sally Ruth Ogle (Mitchell). When she was less than one year old, her father was killed. Three years later, her Mother remarried and Ruth was raised by her kind, loving "Daddy", Basil Green. She spent her formative years in the Rogue River Valley in Oregon.

Ruth married the love of her life, Carlton Darnell on 26 April 1955. From this joyous union came six children; Randy Carlton Darnell (Marisela, Dodie) of Chilton, Wisconsin; Valerie Ruth Darnell, of Phoenix, Arizona; David Wayne Darnell (Cinde) of Phoenix, Arizona; Jeffrey Kent Darnell (deceased) (Nancy) of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Lisa Renee Darnell (Ray) of Newport News, Virginia; and, Farnad James Darnell, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



She had six children, 16 grandchildren, and 39 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepdad, a son, a grandson, and a great granddaughter.

Ruth was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the age of 17, and was active in LDS Family Research for the better part of 60 years, working on 40 family lines.

She was an exemplary hostess and cook. When she and Carlton became "empty nesters" they hosted many gatherings of empty nesters, with excellent meals and fun games. They also hosted their many widowed friends every Valentine's Day. She was a seamstress, poet, painter and a writer of short stories. She loved to make wedding dresses for new brides. She was a role model to many young wives and mothers. Ruth was loved by all who got to know her.

Ruth loved coming to North Carolina for the Annual AKDHA Reunion. Her husband, Carlton was always by her side listening and smiling at the family stories she would tell. Always happy; always praising her Lord; praising her family; Ruth was a true inspiration to all who knew her.

Several years back, Ruth went on the AKDHA trip to Kings Mountain Battlefield. She had an ancestor who was at that battle. As she walked around the battlefield, she could feel him. She knew him and felt his spirit. This is a feeling that brings comfort. It brought tears to her eyes as she retold the story every year.

Ruth will be missed by many.

Interment will be at the Santa Fe National Cemetery; Military cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#### The AKDHA Newsletter

Your Newsletter is published in February [not since Covid-19] and August of each year. 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: The Website: <a href="https://www.AndreasKillian.com">www.AndreasKillian.com</a> and the newsletter. Your donations make the website and newsletter possible. The Reunion Planning Committee meets the first calendar quarter as needed. No one receives a salary for work performed, therefore donations to AKDHA are appreciated and put to good use.

Mail your donation today to: AKDHA, P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603. Your donation is tax deductible.

#### **Obituaries**

John Daniel Sipe. April 18, 1944 – January 28, 2022, York SC. Dan was the son of the late Ezzie Killian Sipe and Dan Jackson Sipe. Dan was the youngest of five children. He is preceded in death by his brother Max Neil Sipe; and sister, Betty Lou Sipe Whitesides. Dan is survived by a daughter, Kelly Sipe Ahrens; and a son, John Mark Sipe; five grandchildren; two sisters, Darnelle Sipe Sweatt; and Madge Sipe Biggers; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dan received his Bachelors degree in Religion from Gardner Webb in Boiling Springs, TX, and Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in TX. He also attended the Nashville Auto-Diesel College in TN. Dan Sipe spent many years serving the Lord in various ways, Pastor, Interim Pastor, Deacon, Choir Member, Sunday School leader, and Bi-Vocational Pastor. It was Dan Sipe who was President of the NC Killian Family Reunion when it was organized into a true non-profit 501 (c)(3). The AKDHA Scholarship Award was just one of his pet projects. As long as he worked for Duke Energy he applied for and received scholarship funds through Duke Energy to benefit AKDHA. The AKDHA Cemeteries Project was another fine non-profit activity funded through Dan's efforts. Dan was tireless in funding these endeavors. Dan retired from Duke Energy after 33 years. His health declined. He, his brother Max Sipe (deceased) and Joe Killian (deceased) faded from the reunions. Thank you Dan Sipe for all your hard work. The officers and members of AKDHA send love and condolence to the Dan Sipe family.

**Todd Jeffrey Killian, Sr.** Nov. 1, 1962 – Jan. 29, 2022. Pinehurst NC. Todd is survived by his mother, Linda Gail Killian. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Rayford. Todd is survived his spouse; his children Kate Chambers, Jeffrey Killian, Charlie Killian; five grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; his siblings, Kelly Killian, Bryan Killian, and prior spouse Tamsey Killian. Todd Killian was a longtime member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

**Becky Sue Sisk Deal Brooks,** passed away November 8, 2021. She is the ex-wife of Terry Gene Deal and the mother of Tia Deal Kelly. Her grandparents are Shelbie Jean Killian Deal Duckworth and George Deal; and her Great-Grandparents were Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian.

**Jimmie Dean Caldwell**, Chandler OK, passed away on Sept. 3, 2021. She was born April 4, 1941. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, James F. Caldwell; daughter, Dena Duke of Shawnee; son, Randy Caldwell of Chandler; (3) grandchildren, (8) great-grandchildren; (5) great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Willie Mae Townsend Killian, (October 10, 1929 – August 21, 2021) of Hickory, NC. She was born in Catawba County to the late Lena Townsend. Willie worked for the Catawba County Schools system for 20 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Roy D. Killian Sr. Survivors include her two sons, Roy Killian Jr. and Ronald Killian; grandsons, Nathan Killian, Brandon Killian, Scott Killian, Phillip Killian, and Toby Prince; granddaughter, Madison Killian; and five great-grandchildren. AKDHA sends condolences to Willie's granddaughter, Madison Killian. Roy brought Madison to the reunion for many years and she was always recognized as the reunion's youngest attendee.

William "Bill" Harley Polete Jr., (December 23, 1927 – January 13, 2022). Bill was born in Flat River, MS and died at his home in Festus, MO. He was the son of the late Floy Pearl (nee Young) and William Harley Polete. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Rose Marie (Killian) Polete; daughters Regina L. (Lee) Ruppert of Fulton, MO, and Phyllis Conardy of Festus, MO; son David A. (Rebecca) Polete of Leander, TX; foster daughter Pamela Johnson of Fenton, MO; brother Glennon (Helen) Polete of Farmington; grandchildren Brian (Lindsey) Conardy, Stephanie (Nick) Figliolo, Lea (Thomas) Adams, Naomi (Mitch Brum) Polete, and Noah Polete; and great-grandchildren Morgan Figliolo, Cash Conardy, Colt Conardy, Conrad Adams, and Vanessa Adams. Bill was a Navy Veteran of WWII and the Korean War; a retired Aero Info Specialist for the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency; a charter member of Faith Baptist Church in Festus; and a member of American Legion #253. Bill, who never met a stranger, was proud of his military service, awed by his spouse, and loved to tell stories to, as well as share knowledge with, all who would listen. Interment was with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

# 2022 AKDHA Scholarship Award Winner

The Officers and Board Members of AKDHA are proud to announce there is a 2022 AKDHA Scholarship Award winner. Covid-19 has put a hold on many AKDHA activities. There as not been a AKDHA Scholarship Award given since the reunion in 2019. Normally scholarship winners are not announced in the newsletter before the reunion. The announcement is normally at the reunion in September and then published in the Spring. With only one newsletter a year, we are making an exception.

This year's 2022 AKDHA Scholarship Award goes to **Ada Amanda Wright** of Phoenix, AZ. She will be 18 years old this year and descends from John Killian, son of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian. She descends from another North Carolina Pioneer John Yount born 1736. Jacob Yount (1752-1819), son of John married Marellis Killian (1762-1830) daughter of John Killian and granddaughter of Andreas Killian.

Ada Amanda Wright scholarship award will be sent to Arizona State University Polytechnic, Mesa, AZ, where she will be enrolled.

#### One Minute Profile of Descendants of Andreas Killian

Robert Edward "Eddie" Lee Killian Jr of Gaston, SC

Age: 66 Years old Born: Chester, SC.

**Adopted Killian Surname Line:** Descendant of John Alexander Killian, son of Henry Van Killian, son of John Wesley Killian, son of Jacob Killian, son of John Killian, son of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian.

**Biological Line Proven by Y-DNA:** Biological grandfather Claude Tresvan Killian Sr was the adopted son of John Alexander and Mary Ann Melton Killian. His biological parents were Eugene Tamlin Smith and Clara Desdemonia Davis and his grandparents were Richard Maryland Bartee and Sarah Sahara Virginia Terry. Y-DNA matches the Bartee's and the autosomal DNA matches Davis, Gregory, Bartee, Terry, Cain, Koon, Bedenbaugh, Pressley, McJunkin, Sartor, Crenshaw, Hughes, Nash, Wilkerson, Traynham, Hopkins, Martin and more....

Occupation: Genealogy Researcher, and Genealogy Library Collection Manager.

**Retired**: Information Systems Engineer and Supervisor in 2011.

**AKDHA Volunteer:** President, past-President, past-Vice President, first 3-day 2000 AKDHA Reunion Committee Chairman, Webmaster, past-webmaster, Member-at-Large, past Member-at-Large, Volunteer **Family:** Wife, Loretta Gleaton Killian; sons Rob III, Hunter Lee and Kyle Ryan; daughters-in-law Shay Johnson Killian and Jenna Kieken Killian.

**Education:** Associate Commercial Education (majored in accounting), various Information Technology course work.

**Pieces of advice:** 1) live by the "Golden Rule", do unto others as you would hope they would do unto you, 2) It takes an Army, Family and a Team to accomplish anything, 3) It is what is; "To eat an elephant takes one bite at a time".

**Hobbies:** Genealogy, reunions, family associations, Scottish Games and Re-Enacting not as much these days.

Church: Grace Chapel, Dixiana, SC.

Personal Heroes: Jesus, Apostle Peter, John Wayne, Matt Dillion and my Dad.

**Note:** It has been a long haul since 1998, but wouldn't have missed it. I am a Killian long hauler. This is how long I have been attending the AKDHA reunions. Yes, I did want to be a truck driver when I grew up.

# 2014 AKDHA Scholarship Winner

Austin Kyle Guins attended college at West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, California where he met his wife Abigail. Abigail grew up on the mission field in Tanzania, Africa. After college and the birth of their first son Trip they began deputation for the Lord's call on their hearts to be missionaries in Paris, France. They began on the West coast and after a year on the West coast moved to the East coast to continue raising money for their mission. In August of 2021 Kyle and Abigail left the little town of Conover, NC with their two boys, Trip and Theo. Trip who is now 3 and Theo who was born while in NC and is now 1-1/2. They flew to France with their children and 12 large suitcases that held everything they owned in tow.

For the last year, they have been in language school learning French to be able to communicate with the citizens of France and those passing through. At the end of July this year, they will travel home to the United States and renew their visas. Then first of August, they will fly back to France to begin their ministry with a Church there in the city. Trip, their three-year-old, over the past year has attended school where the only language spoken is French. He has been able to pick up the language very quickly and is able to communicate with a native Parisian. Theo has attended preschool and now listens better to French commands than English. We ask that you pray diligently for open hearts of the people in the city to allow Kyle and his family to minister to them about the gospel of Christ. Pray specifically for open hearts, safety as they travel throughout the city, and financial provisions for their needs. They are thankful for the AKDHA monetary scholarship award. AKDHA is a part of the ministry spreading God's word to the citizens of Paris and those passing through. If you would like to connect with them you can see updates on you tube at **Guins4Paris**. You can also request their prayer letter by visiting the website **Guins4Paris.com** 



Kyle, Abigail, Trip, Theo Guins



Kyle & Abigail Guins



Phillip, Celeste, Kyle, Kaitlyn Guins

Kyle is the son of Phillip Guins & Celeste Killian Guins. Celeste is the daughter of Bobby Joe Killian and Sandra Coulbourn Killian Bobby Joe is the son of Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian Arville is the son of James Monroe Killian and Fannie Minerva Lael Killian Descended from Casper Killian

# 2021 AKDHA Reunion Recap

Friday, September 10, 2021

Eric Killian, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all 16 in attendance.

Tim Killian, Pastor, gave devotions and prayer to set the meeting.

Dinner was a buffet style melt in your mouth home cooked meal provided by Killian Family members. The food was delicious and appreciated by all; the taste of pure, simple, delectable home cooking.

After the meal, Worth Pearce setup his camera and took the Killian Family Group Photo. Thank you to Worth for his attention to detail and Tim Killian for all the assistance.

#### Saturday, September 11, 2021

On Saturday many went to the Billy Graham Library and Museum field trip over to Charlotte, NC.

The Annual Business Meeting back was at Mt. Zion Lutheran with election of 2021-2022 officers

Eddie Killian elected President. Eric Killian's term had expired

Bill Killian (Waco, TX) elected Vice-President. Eddie Killian moved up to President

Tim Killian resigned as treasurer and chaplain. Eric Killian elected Treasurer

Sue Killian resigned as co-treasurer. Cathy Killian elected Co-Treasurer

Linda Killian resigned as Member-At-Large and Welcome Committee Chairperson

#### 2021 AKDHA Reunion News:

James Caldwell did not attend this years reunion. His beloved wife of 60 years, Jimmie Dean Caldwell, Chandler OK, passed away on Sept. 3, 2021.

Jimmy Price of Blacksburg VA had hip surgery back early June and could not attend this year. He's doing well.

The Oldest Person at Killian Reunion was Worth Pearce, at 93 years young.

The Youngest Person at Killian Reunion was Kendall Sipe (son of Kimberly Sipe) 25 yrs. Old.

Bill & Margaret Killian of Waco TX traveled the farthest to attend the 2021 reunion.

The evening ended with a Homemade Ice Cream Social and Group Picture.

#### Sunday, September 12, 2021

Afternoon lunch was a Catered Meal by Mt. Zion Lutheran Women.

Afterward lunch was the Recap of Saturday's Annual Business Meeting, a group Picture, and farewells to all until next year.

# Follow up on the 2019 AKDHA Scholarship Award Winner

Kaitlyn Makenzie Guins was the 2019 Killian Scholarship Award winner. Kaitlyn attended Gardner Webb University graduating in 2020 with a degree in American Sign Language. Kaitlyn has obtained her interpreter certification as well. She is currently working with special needs children in the Cleveland County School system in North Carolina, where she assists those children with hearing

impairment by interpreting in their classes. Kaitlyn is engaged to Cameron Barkley, a native of Claremont, NC. Kaitlyn and Cameron have set a wedding date for April 23, 2023. Kaitlyn plans to further her education in the fall by pursuing her masters degree in Speech Therapy. Please pray for her school studies as well as her upcoming wedding.

# **Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion**

### **Celebrating 88 Years of Reunions**

September 9-11, 2022

#### **Schedule of Events**

#### Friday, September 9, 2022

(All times are Eastern Standard Time)

6:30 pm: Registration/Social Gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center

7 pm: **Potluck Dinner** with delicious home cooked recipes prepared by local Killian cousins.

Local descendants, it is suggestion you bring enough food to feed your family and two guests. Bring your photos, crafts, books, etc., there will be tables set up for you to set up your display genealogy info, items of interest, DNA info and stuff. \*Any Killian stories\* (bring family

items to show, Killian products and Killian books, etc.).

The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook will be available for purchase. Cash and carry, reunion

discount, \$3.00 off.

8:30 pm: Wrap up evening with a group photo

#### Saturday, September 10, 2022

9:00 am: King's Mountain Reunion Trip. Return for business meeting at 3pm. Lots of walking, wear

appropriate shoes and seasonal clothing.

10:00 am Local Killian Point of Interest Tour. Churches, cemeteries, and places of interest. Lunch on

your own OR as a group at popular local restaurant.

3:00 pm: AKDHA Annual Business Meeting at Mr. Zion Lutheran Church

AKDHA Scholarship Award presentation. Website changes report. Form a committee for Life Time Achievement Award criteria. Form committee for AKDHA Memorial Recognition

criteria. Form committee for 89th AKDHA Reunion. Prizes for youngest, oldest, farthest traveled, etc.

Three (3) minute presentation by James Green III of the importance of joining the Killian/

Killion/Kilian DNA project.

4:00 pm: Guest Speaker, Randy Sigmon about the new Old St. Paul's Church historical book.

5:00 pm: Group photo. We must hurry, because there is a special Killian activity at 7pm.

7:00 pm; Group Trip to Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game. Either eat at a local restaurant or purchase

Food Vouchers if you want to eat at game. Baseball group tickets are \$7 each and food vouch

er group rate is \$7 each. Bring your whole family. \*\*\*\*

#### Sunday, September 11, 2022

(Church Services of your choice or sleep-in until lunch or hotel check-out)

10:00 am: Church service at Old St. Paul's Church or 10:30 am: Church service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

1 pm-2 pm: Catered lunch by Mt Zion Lutheran's Church Women in the Mt. Zion Church Family Life

Center. More home cooking with homemade desserts.

2 pm: Summary of Saturday's AKDHA Business Meeting

Group Photos and farewell until the reunion next year.

#### **Contact phone numbers**

President, Eddie Killian (803) 747-9906

Local contact: Eric Killian (828-455-4936)

#### Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

4420 County Home Road

Conover, Catawba County, NC 28613

Any out of town cousins our association made arrangements with **Best Western Hickory** 1520 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602, phone (828) 323-1150.

\*Registration forms (either mail-out or email) need to be received by Saturday, August 31, 2022\*

\*\*\*\*(or Wednesday, August 24, 2022 if attending baseball game). \*\*\*\*

# **Registration Form for the 88th AKDHA Reunion**

\*All Registrations to be received by Saturday, August 31, 2022 for planning purposes\* Please register! This will provide the caterer with a headcount. The registration form is available on the website and can be submitted electronically as well. If you have special needs, please indicate those in the "Names of those attending" box of the registration form. Full Name: Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Other Names of those attending in your party for name tags: Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? Yes No Accommodations Will you be staying at the recommended reunion hotel? Yes No Best Western Hotel located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28206. Continental breakfast included. Phone (828) 323-1150. Remember to Reserve by Saturday, August 31, 2022. Please check (x) which activity you plan to attend so that we are properly handouts and seating. Friday, September 9, 2022 Registration, potluck dinner and fellowship. Saturday, September 10, 2022 \_\_\_\_ King's Mountain Tour OR Local Killian Point of Interest Tour (you can not do both tours) Annual 502(c)(3) required business meeting. Please attend. Guest Speaker, Randy Sigmon about the new Old St. Paul's Church historical book. Group Trip to Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game (either eat at a local restaurant and Food Vouchers if you want to eat at game. Sunday, September 11, 2022 Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center. **Reunion Expenses:** Help us estimate what is needed to make this an enjoyable reunion for all. You may mail a check with this sign up form or pay at the door when you arrive. Crawdad's Baseball Game. Tickets Needed #\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Bring your whole family. Food voucher Needed #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ The Sunday lunch meal will be prepared by Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Women Sunday Catered Lunch Adult plates: #\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Child plates (10 and under): #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 6 = \$\_\_\_ Adult plates: **Attention:** AKDHA will continue to offer the newsletter, reunion lectures, workshops, and handouts "Free". You can help AKDHA with your tax deductible donations to cover all these "free" expenses! Your AKDHA Donation Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*TOTAL Amount due:

Registration Form for the 88th AKDHA Reunion (Register Online) and pay at the door.

Mail registration form and payment to:

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603

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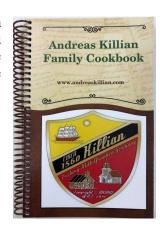
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# This is not the end. There are three more pages.

#### **AKDHA Books for Sale**

"The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook" is available. The cookbook is filled with 299 family recipes, family histories, helpful hints, and much more. We know you will enjoy looking through it and seeing the many names of those who have made this possible. This book will make a great gift for any of your family members. The books are selling at \$15.00 each with additional \$3.50 for shipping/handling. For your cookbook order, please make payment to AKDHA and mail to: AKDHA

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#### Other AKDHA Books

- "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)" is available by mail for \$30.
- "The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian" by William Randolph McCreight, September 2011, is available by mail for \$45. The Forefathers book was published by AKDHA with the consent of the

author, Mr. William Randolph McCreight.

• "Things I Remember..." by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20.

To order family history books, make check payable to AKDHA Mail to: Cheryl Mann Killian 130 Rowan Road Ellenwood, GA 30294

# **AKDHA Fall 2022 Newsletter Addendum**

The interesting thing about a print newsletter is the fold determines how any pages the newsletter has. The format that is currently used is multiples of 4 pages. The Killian Family Newsletter print version is 4, 8, 12, or 16 pages. With the power of the internet, you receiving this newsletter from the AndreasKillian,com website. This newsletter can have unlimited pages. Therefore, I will add a few pages the print version does not have.

#### Made from scratch Red Velvet Layer Cake

1 cup Crisco 1 ½ cups sugar

2 eggs

cups plain flourcup buttermilkoz. Red food coloring

1 tbsp. cocoa ½ tsp. salt 1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. baking soda, dissolved in 1 tsp. of vinegar

Cream Crisco, sugar and eggs. Sift flour, cocoa and salt. Add alternately with buttermilk, vanilla and food coloring to creamed mixture. Beat well. Fold in baking soda and vinegar. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 minutes.

#### **Frosting:**

½ cupCrisco1 stick margarine1 cupsugar1 tsp. vanilla3 tbsp. self-rising flour½ cup warm milk

Dash of salt

Mix all ingredients and beat 8-10 minutes. Use as frosting for Red Velvet cake. This makes a fluffy frosting.

From the kitchen of Brenda Killian, wife of Lee B. Killian ~Descendant of John

It was so easy to cut and paste from an email I received. There was no need to worry about double columns to save space.

Brenda's recipe is from "The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook." The books are selling at \$15.00 each with additional \$3.50 for shipping/handling. For your cookbook order, please make payment to AKDHA and mail to:

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The next page is a copy from the "The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook."

# PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES WITH REESE'S CUPS IN THE MIDDLE

Yields 3 to 4 Dozen 30 cookies

½ cup unsalted butter ½ cup creamy peanut butter ½ cup sugar 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 egg

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

11/4 cups all-purpose flour 3/4 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

48 miniature peanut butter cup candies, unwrapped

Cream butter and peanut butter. Slowly add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla, beating well. Add dry ingredients and mix lightly. Chill dough 1 hour. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place balls in lightly greased 13/4-inch muffin pans and shape into a shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes (dough will rise during baking). Remove from oven and immediately press a peanut butter candy into center of each cookie. Cool before removing from pan.

Coco Killian

# We are the chosen.

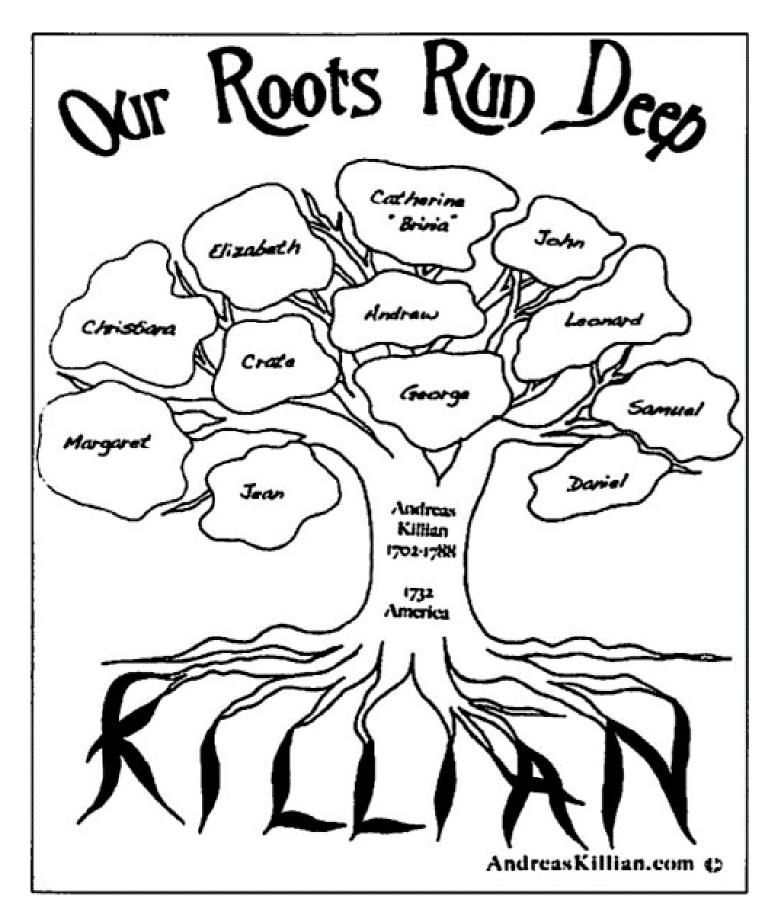
In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story

and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before us. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Author Unknown.

Now you might be asking why I am spending time adding to an newsletter that has already been taken to the printer for mailing. Well, I'll tell you. The books published and sold by AKDHA are the only source of income other than donations. AKDHA does several ongoing projects takes money. Your gasoline and diesel bill has increased, and your grocery bill also. Everyone is paying more this year for everyday items. That is the same for AKDHA. Postage has gone up, and paper prices have increase. This year's Killian Family Newsletter cost went up 16.666% over 2021. Good thing AKDHA is only publishing one newsletter per year the past two years or the scholarships would not be funded. If you have not done so purchase a cookbook today. Also, I am making a plea for you to open your check book and write a tax deductible donation check and mail to

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