

Andreas Killian and Children

Andreas Killian

b:1 December 1702 - d: 1788

Andreas Killian is our Pioneer who came to America from Germany in 1732. Andreas saw better opportunities and a promising way of life in America. His determination to experience these opportunities for himself and his family pushed him to North Carolina where he settled ca. 1747. He came from an overcrowded Europe to a wild unsettled land.

He raised 12 children and lived during a time of many conflicts, including the American Revolution. He became a successful pioneer and patriarch of industry and ambition in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina.

Andreas Kilian was born in 1702 in Steinbach an der Holzecke, Bavaria. His baptismal record dated on the 1st of December 1702 in Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg is shown below. His baptismal record says his parents were a Köbler named Andreas Kilian resident in Steinbach and his wife Dorothea Knaus. Andreas died in 1788 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Freitag d. 1. Decbr. ist Andreas Kilian Köbler zu Steinbach und seine
Frau Dorothea geborne Knaus, ein Sohn: namens: Andreas
getauft und von Michael Lilgen Köbler zu Artzbach als
Zeuge und Taufpater vorgestellt worden.

'On the 1st of December [1702] the son of Andreas Kilian, Köbler in Steinbach, and his wife Dorothea born Knaus was baptized with the name Andreas and Michael Lilgen, Köbler of Artzbach [Arzbach] was witness and godfather.'

Andreas married Maria Margaretha Fischer on the 6th of May 1722 in Feuchtwangen, Bavaria, daughter of Hans Leonhard Fischer and Maria Barbara Schüle. She was born in 1696 in Thürrhofen, Bavaria. At that time the village was known as Dürnhof. This marriage record provided sparse information about the bride and groom and did not identify the parents, where they lived, their profession or the names of witnesses, as is normal in German marriage records.

Andreas and Magdalena [Margaretha] lived in small villages. Villages were not permitted to have police, a militia, a jail, grain storage, professional guilds or a market place. These privileges were reserved for towns with a town rights charter. The nearest jail was in Feuchtwangen, 17 kilometers away. The building called the Büttelei still exists at Hirten-Gasse in Feuchtwangen, but is now a private house. This is undoubtedly where Andreas and Magdalena were married.

Note: This information and much more can be found in the book 'The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian' By William McCreight (2011) and published by AKDHA. More information on Andreas Killian and his children and descendants can be found in the book 'The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)' by AKDHA and published by AKDHA.

Typed version of Andreas Killian's Will

"IN THE NAME OF GOD - I Andrew Killian of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, being sick of body but of sound and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth (to wit)

After all my lawful debts are paid, which I allow to be paid out of the debts now due to me; I give to Mary my beloved wife the sole and proper use of the house in which I now live with the benefit of a garden onehalf acre of the tendable land, firewood, etc. Enduring her natural life - together with the gray mare and colt and her choice of any of my milk cows with her calf-and wintering for the same on my plantation yearly as long as she lives, and also twelve bushels of wheat, seventy bushels of Indian corn, and two hundred weight of hog meat to be paid her annually by my sons Daniel Killian and Samuel Killian jointly as long as she lives, or otherwise enduring her widowhood, likewise her bed and furniture, spinning wheel, and such part of my pewther and dresser furniture as she may desire, and such other part of my household furniture as she may reasonably need for housekeeping, these things to be for her only proper use and behoof forever.

I give to my son-in-law Michael Price the husband of my daughter Margaret - one shilling sterling.

I give to my son Leonard Killian one shilling sterling.

I give to my son John Killian one shilling sterling.

I give to my son-in-law William Lewin husband of my daughter Jean - one shilling sterling.

I give to my daughter Crate Hager one shilling sterling.

I give to my son Andrew Killian one shilling sterling.

I give to my son George Killian one shilling sterling.

I give to my son Daniel Killian one half of all my land in fair division, quantity and quality considered - together with one seventh part of all the profits arising from the sale or division of my unbequeathed moveable estate and outstanding debts, whom I also appoint one of my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

I give to my son-in-law John Barringer husband of my daughter Christina (Catrina) one seventh part of my unbequeathed personal estate.

I give to my grandson Andrew Killian son of my son Andrew Killian - one fourteenth part of my unbequeathed personal estate.

**I likewise give to my son George Killian one seventh of my
unbequeathed personal estate.**

Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, in testimony of which I have unto set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five on the twenty second day of September, in the ninth year of the American Independence.

JOSEPH STEEL

In the Name of God - Amen - I, Andrew Killian of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, being sick of Body but of sound and disposing Memory, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Man and form as followeth (to wit):

After all my lawfull Debts are paid, which I allow to be paid out of the Debts now due to me, I give to Mary my wife the sole and proper use of the House in which I live with the furniture and contents thereof.

With the yearling cow and wintering for the same on my farm yearly as long as she lives, and also Twelve Bushels of wheat, twenty Bushels of Indian Corn, and two Hides of Hogg meat to be paid her Annually by my son Daniel Killian and Samuel Killian jointly as long as she lives, or otherwise enduring her widowhood. Likewise her bed and furniture, spinning wheel, and such of my pewter and Oyster furniture as she may choose. And all other part of my household furniture and effects which she may desire to have.

I give to my son in law Michael Price the Husband of my daughter Margaret One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son Leonard Killian One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son John Killian One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son in law William Lewis Husband of my daughter Jane One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my daughter Kate Hager One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son Andrew Killian One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son George Killian One Shilling Sterling.

I give to my son in law James Lewis One Shilling Sterling.

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I Give to my Son in Law John Waring Husband of
Elizabeth one seventh part of my unbequeathed personal
Estate

I Give to my Son in Law Michael Hawk Husband of my daughter
Elizabeth one seventh part of my unbequeathed personal
Estate not standing debts

I Give to my Grandson Andrew Thillier Son of my
son Andrew Thillier one fourteenth part of my unbequeathed
personal Estate

Andrew Thillier one fourteenth part of my unbequeathed
personal Estate

I Likewise Give to my Son George Thillier one seventh
part of my unbequeathed personal Estate

I Likewise Give to my Son in Law James Driscoll one
seventh part of my personal Estate not heretofore bequeathed
to me

Witnessing and Confirming this will

at New York City

on the Twenty Second Day of September and in the Ninety
fourth Year of the American Independence

Signed Sealed published and
delivered by the said Andrew Thillier
to be his last will and Testament
in presence of us

Andrew Thillier

James Driscoll

Margaret KILLIAN daughter of Andreas Killian

Margaret Killian, Info 5/3/2008 Additional records from the Erzberg Lutheran Church indicate the baptisms of: Translation of Anna Margaretha's Christening Record: Monday 29 April 1726 Andreas Kilian, weaver and resident of Steinbach and his wife Margaretha born Fischer, christened a legitimate daughter with the name Anna Margaretha. Anna Margaretha Steger and Leonhardt Steger, blacksmith and Schutzverwandten in Wildenholz were named as witnesses and god parents. (This is the same blacksmith Leonhardt, the surname translated as Steyern, mentioned in Leonhardt's baptismal record.)

Margaret married John Michael Price. Michael was born 9 Oct.1718 in Offenbach, Germany and died in 1802 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Both Margaret and Michael are buried in Wall Cemetery in Montgomery County, Virginia. It is thought that Margaret married Michael in Virginia and that she did not go to North Carolina with the Killian family.

Leonard Killian son of Andreas Killian

New Info: March 26, 2008 By researcher William McCreight, a North Carolina native now living in Germany. On 30 April 1724 the son of Andreas Kilian, the younger, and Margaretha Fischer Kilian was baptized in Erzberg and named Leonhardt after the child's godfather, Leonhardt Steyern, a blacksmith from Wildenholz. Wildenholz is one mile south of Steinbach. Andreas Kilian, the younger, was described as a weaver. This baptismal record is consistent with the date of Leonhardt's birth taken from his grave mark.

Leonard Killian is the second child, and first son, of Andreas Killian (1702 - 1788) the pioneer who came to America from Germany in 1732. Although in Germany Andreas' name was Kilian (with one "L") he used the two "L" form after his arrival in America. His descendants use mostly the two "L" form of the name as he did. However, some of Leonard's descendants use the name Killian. (Note the use of "O" in the name rather than the more common "A". Bill Hinds, of Florida has made a long term study of Leonard's descendants and has a web site with many thousands of his



descendants. In like manner Ed Killian, of Mississippi has studied the descendants of Andreas' son, George and has a web site with that information. My own web site includes all of Andreas' descendants, but does not attempt to include the massive information included in the sites mentioned above. Leonard Killian inadvertently confused the subsequent generations by marrying a girl whose name was Mary Margaret Killen. For decades it was assumed that Killen was just another bad spelling of her married name. Not the case, her maiden name was Killen. His life is also very interesting because his tombstone is in the German language and gives the dates of his birth and death as well as his age in years, months and days. The dates and age are not consistent. The material below sheds some light on this curious anomaly. Leonard's tombstone is in Old St. Paul's Church Cemetery which is located about one mile northwest of Newton, NC. The tombstone is in the German language. This might suggest that German was spoken in his home, or that Germany was still thought of as the "home" country. Since Leonard was nine years old when he arrived in America this may seem a little surprising. However, in both PA and NC where he lived there were many Germans. A brief history of St. Paul's Church begins: "A great emigration of German colonists mostly from PA began settling in the Piedmont area of NC during the first half of the eighteenth century. These people were of the Lutheran and Reformed faiths. As a result of living and working together, members of the two denominations agreed to build common houses of worship. ...Old St. Paul's Church in Catawba County just northwest of Newton was organized about 1759,....St. Paul's was the first church established in the State west of the Catawba River. ...The Church was originally known as 'The Dutch Meeting House', but became known as 'The South Fork Church' about the beginning of the nineteenth century. It came to be called by its present name, Old St. Paul's' sometime afterwards. The cemetery has reached extensive proportions. Many graves date back to the 1700's. Most tombstones are still legible, but others obviously older were either never inscribed or since eroded by time and the elements. Among the markers chiseled in German is included one dedicated to the memory of Abraham Mauser who died in 1702". Leonard's tombstone is #341 in the cemetery and according to the book reads as follows on a line for line basis:

HIER.RUHET.	With the help of friends this has been translated to:
IN.GOTT.LEONH	Here Rests
ARD.KIL-LIAN.GE	In God Leon-
BOHREN.DEN 1.5	ard Killian
TEN.MAI.1723	Born on the 15
STARB.DEN.6 TEN	th of May 1723
JUNIUS.1795.SEIN	Died the 6th
	of June 1795 his

ALTER.73 JAHR	age 73 year
1.MONATH.	1 month
UND 6 TAG.	and 6 day.

A native German who examined this said the use of the periods was old and unusual but that there was no doubt it still meant the birth date as the 15th. It has also been suggested that it would have been more proper to add an "E" at the end of the last word of the last line and at the end of the last word of the third from the last line, to make the words plural. Also the "U" in the second word of the first line might more properly have been "š". The reason for the hyphen in "Killian" was not understood. I wonder if the hyphen in the Killian could be some sort of way of saying that the name was originally with a single "L", The "GE" after Killian is part of the word on the next line, i.e. words end with a period.

With the dates given one could calculate Leonard as into his 73rd year by only 23 days (counting both the 15th and 6th). Perhaps it was custom to count all of the month of birth as one month and then the six days of June. During Leonard's life there was a calendar reform in 1752 which caused the skipping of eleven days. At this time it would be speculation as to the birth date being given by the old calendar or the new. Probably the old calendar would be my guess. But I have understood that some historical dates have been converted to their equivalent on the new calendar so that by the old calendar George Washington was born 11 Feb 1732, but this is converted to 22 Feb 1732 for the new calendar. Part of the world had been using the new calendar (our present calendar, the Gregorian calendar) for many years when England adopted it. In any event no matter how I try to adjust for the calendar change I can not get Leonard 1 month and 6 days into his 73rd year by any means other than that already suggested. If the suggestion is not correct it means that there is a clear error on the tombstone and we can only speculate concerning where the error lies without other data. Tombstone are NOT generally accepted as accurate and reliable data sources. Also the tombstone may have been so old when the text was copied that there was an error in reading one or more of the numbers. I have seen the tombstone and believe an experienced person should have been able to read it accurately.

In March 1992 a Jerry Waldrop called me about another matter. He collects data about tombstones and has published a few books about tombstones in cemeteries in and around Catawba Co., NC. He particularly works on family cemeteries. I asked him about the dates on Leonard's tombstone. He said that the stone mason often added the age in years, months and days and that he often did it from poorly constructed tables. He said the dates of birth and death are more likely right than the age in years months and days, and that tombstone data is not usually accepted as authentic.

I have also thought that tombstones may include age in years, months and days if the person's life spanned the calendar change.

John Killian son of Andreas Killian

Info 5/3/2008 Additional records from the Erzberg Lutheran Church indicate the baptisms of: Translation of Johann's Baptismal Record: Saturday, 24 September 1729, Andreas Kilian, day laborer in Steinbach and his wife Margaretha born Fischer, a legitimate born son was baptized and named Johann. The godfather was Hanß Lang, share farmer in Arzbach.

Info: Notes from Wayne Milam John was born about 1724-26 ~~probably~~ in Germany. His ~~exact place of birth has not been established~~. He was awarded 1000 acres of land on Leepers Creek April 13, 1749, in what was then Anson County, North Carolina, at the same time his brothers Leonard and Andrew were awarded or granted their property on Killian's Creek. John's property on Leepers Creek was adjacent to his brother Leonard whose land was on Killian's Creek. This could have been around the present day Mariposa community. 1000 acres covers a lot of territory. Jan. 1st and 2nd 1754, John Killian of Anson Co. to Jacob Brown of same (lease s5, release £32 Va. money) land on south side Cataba, on Leapers Creek, 1000 acres granted to Killian 30 Sept. 1749. John was a single man at this time. On 17 May 1754, John was granted 157 acres of land on the west side of Killian's Mill Creek.

John married Ann Elizabeth ^{Carpenter} Zimmerman about 1759. Elizabeth's husband Michael Zimmerman died in 1758 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Michael and Elizabeth had two children, Michael Jr. and Catherine. On 25 Jan. 1765, John sold his 157 acres of land to James McCombs of Pennsylvania, for £34. His wife Ann was named on the deed. The witnesses were James Ramsey, John Ramsey, and Henry Hendry. He bought 200 acres of land from Mathias Beaver in 1766 that was on Clark's Creek. This land was at that time in Rowan County, North Carolina.

In 1773, he was appointed Constable of Rowan County. In 1774, John was replaced as Constable by his neighbor, Thomas Winkler. The area where John and Thomas lived became Burke County. In 1782, John was granted 172 acres on Clark's Creek. In 1788, John signed a petition for where he lived in Burke County to become part of Tryon County. Also in 1788, John was heir of 1 shilling from his father's estate. In 1795, John and wife Elizabeth deeded 141 acres to son Jacob. (Lincoln County DB17 page 237). Catherine Zimmerman married Daniel Smith. Daniel is listed in the will of Elizabeth Killian. Catherine must have been dead at the time Elizabeth made her will, since she is not listed in the will. This will can be found in the state archives in Raleigh, North Carolina and is dated Mar. 1, 1802. Jacob, her son, was named executor of the will.

If John was born in 1725, then he was about thirty four years old when he married. Was this John's second marriage? One would think he would have married at a younger age. This is the only known marriage of John. I have not found where John and Elizabeth married.

John Killian died about 1798-99 since he is not in the 1800 census. A land record for Bostian Cline dated 1801 states that Bostian's land was on a branch of Lyles Creek and adjacent to John Killian Sr., deceased. I do not know when Elizabeth died.

Jean Killian daughter of Andreas Killian

Jean Killian Lawing is the 4th Child of Andreas based on the order in which his children are listed in his will. She is identified in that will as being the wife of "William Lewin" (also known as Lawing).

Most of what we know about Jean is speculative. We do not know for sure where she was born. The best guess to her birth year is 1731-1734. Andreas arrived in Philadelphia in 1732 so this could place her birth anywhere between Germany and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. We are not sure her name is Jean as her name appears with William Lawing as wife Jane and they had a daughter named Jane.

William Lawing received a land grant in 1761 on the east bank of the Catawba River. It is believed they married around that time. Her family was the only Lawing family in North Carolina prior to 1790.

William Lawing died between 1812 and 1819 in Warren County, Tennessee. We do not know if Jean was alive at that time.

The known children of William and Jean Killian Lawing are:

Andrew	(married	Obedience	Bradshaw)				
Jane	(married	Solomon Stansbury,	bond	22	FEB	1791)	
William	(married	Susanna Robeson,	bond	08	SEP	1791)	
Ann	(married	Benjamin Allen,	bond	14	JAN	1797)	
Mary Sallie	(married	Thomas Thomson,	bond	09	JAN	1796)	
Samuel	(married	Isabella Tassey)					

Crate Killian daughter of Andreas Killian

Crate is the 5th Child of Andreas Killian based on the order in which his children are listed in his Will. She is identified in that Will as Crate Hager. We assume that she is widowed at the time of this Will in 1785, as her name is listed rather than her husbands'.

Most of what we know about Crate is speculative. It is not known for sure where she was born. Best guess for her birth year is 1733-1736. As for her name, Crate is clearly written out in Andreas' Will. Some speculate that Crate could be a pet name for Margaret.

Oral history has given her husband as George Hager but there is no proof. George Hager's 1784 Will lists his wife as Margaret. There were 2 Hager pioneers who lived on Killian's Creek, George and William. Both George and William Hager served in Samuel Cobrin's Militia with Crate's brothers Leonard and John.

In the Last Will and Testament of George Hager, he names the following children:

George
Simon
William
Jonathan
David
Elizabeth
Sallie
Mary
Margaret (minor)

Andrew Killian son of Andreas Killian

Andrew Killian, Jr. is the 6th child listed in the Last Will and Testament of his father Andreas Killian. Based on the order the children were listed in the Will it is believed Andrew Jr. was born about 1735-1736, somewhere between Pennsylvania and North Carolina. He was granted 850 acres of land on Killian's Creek, Anson County, NC September 30, 1749. He could have been as young as 12 in 1749. This was the same time his father and brothers John and Leonard were granted land. It is noteworthy when the grant was sold Andrew Jr. and his father's signature both signed the deed of transfer.

Two of Andrew Jr.'s sons, Andrew and Daniel, are listed as heirs in Andreas Killian's Will receiving Andrew Jr.'s 1/7th share of Andreas's estate. The mother of grandsons Andrew and Daniel would seem to be the daughter of Simon Jonas. The 1768 Rowan County tax list of William Coles shows Andrew Jr. and Simon Jonas together. Andrew Killian, Daniel Killian and their sister Molly Killian were named in the estate records of John Jonas, son of Simon Jonas. One would wonder why Molly was not named in the Will of Andreas as her brothers were.

George Killian son of Andreas Killian

George Killian was listed 7th in the Last Will and Testament of his father Andreas Killian. We believe he was born about 1740 somewhere between Pennsylvania and North Carolina. His wife was Mary Anne but we do not know her maiden name.

George lived for a time in Burke County, North Carolina. About 1782, George moved his family to the Natchez area of Mississippi. In 1789, George received a Spanish land patent on St. Catherine's Creek in Mississippi. He later moved to Spanish controlled West Florida in present day Louisiana.

They	had	the	following	children:	
Joseph	(born	abt	1768)	Married Mary Ann Huges	
John	(born	abt	1770)	Married (1) Elizabeth Unknown (2) Mary Goodrail(Goodail)	
Sara	Ann	(born	abt	1780)	Married George Lawing

David (born abt 1781) Married Nancy Ann Hughes
 Nancy Ann (born abt 1782) Married (1) Abraham Galtney (2) Abram Buckles
 (Buckholtz)
 George Jr. (born abt 1783) Married (1) Barbara Hooter (2) Mary McRae
 Priscilla Ann (born abt 1786) Married (1) Sammuel S. Lewis (2) John Wright
 Mary Ann (born abt 1788) Married Jason Plant

Catherine Killian daughter of Andreas Killian

The name of the eighth child listed in the Last Will and Testament of Andreas Killian is cause of discussion. This daughter is identified in that will as being the wife of James Prithet. The last name Prithet has many spellings: of which are Pritchett, Pritchard, and Prichard. Her given name in the Will can no longer be read. 'Recent research on Catherine Killian suggests her name in Andreas Killian's Will was 'Trina', a pet name for Catherine, not Brina as originally stated by J. Yates Killian and engraved on the Andreas Killian monument in 1952.' It is believed she was born between 1746 and 1753.

You will encounter the following possibilities regarding her name: Brina, Brinia, Trina, Catherine/Katherine, Catron and Catrina/ Katrina/Katherina (not to be confused with Christianna Killian Barringer. Catrina should not be associated with Christianna).

Surviving records in Burke County, NC suggest she was originally married to Capt. John Dobson who was killed in the battle of Ramsour's Mill in 1780. She and Capt Dobson would have married about 1768. Possible children of Capt. Dobson include:

Joseph	Dobson
Benjamin	Dobson
Nancy Dobson (married first: John Jonas, second: Wallace Alexander)	
Mary Ann Dobson (never married)	
John Dobson,	Jr.
Elizabeth Dobson (married Henry Schenck, Senior)	

The widow Catherine Killian Dobson would have married James Prithet after 1780 and before 1785. It is not known whether any children were born of this marriage.

Locations	for	this	family:
Burke		County,	NC
Catawba		County,	NC
Lincoln County,			

Daniel KILLIAN son of Andreas Killian

Daniel Killian is the second child, of Andreas Killian (1702 - 1788) and Mary Cline, the pioneer who came to America from Germany in 1732.

Notes from William L Hinds Data Base: At the time of the 1790 census this Daniel Killian lived in that part of Burke County, North Carolina that is now Buncombe County. He received one-half of his father's real estate, in a will dated September 22, 1785, made in Lincoln County. This amounted to 293 acres of land lying on both sides of Clark's Creek, three miles west of the present town of Newton. His brother, Samuel, received the other half of the real estate. Together they were to provide for their mother, Mary. When Daniel married Osley M. Baker, his brother, Samuel, served as bondsman. Sometime before 1800 he moved to Burke (Buncombe) County and settled on Beaver Dam Creek near the present city of Asheville. He entered 200 acres of land on the waters of Beaver Creek in 1792; the grant was issued December 2, 1797.

Samuel C. KILLIAN son of Andreas Killian

Samuel Killian, the second child of Andreas Killian and second wife Mary Beaver/Cline's 4 children. Maiden name of Mary needs more research as to ascertain the correct name. Samuel was born about 1756, based on what information we now have, in a part of Lincoln County which later became Catawba County, North Carolina. Samuel is named in his father's will along with his brother Daniel, to provide for their mother, whose name was Mary, and was to share with Daniel, one half of Andreas' land. In 1778 when Samuel Killian was about age 22 he signed a petition for their area in Burke County to become a part of Tyron County. In about 1784, he married Barbara Hager and together they had 10 children. According to the Lincoln County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of January 3, 1808 it shows where Barbara and David Killian were granted letters of administration of the estate of Samuel Killian, deceased. Samuel Killian's estate was divided in 1813 (Lincoln NC DB 25 p206-211) and his minor children had guardians appointed, or chose guardians that year (a minor age-14 or over could choose a guardian, according to Kathy Sullivan). This lets us assume that Samuel died sometime in late 1807 and probable bury in Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church along with his brother Leonhard. When he died, Catawba County did not exist. It was organized in 1842 from land previously a part of Lincoln County. Therefore, Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which is now in Catawba County, was, at the time of Samuel's death, located in Lincoln County.

In the 1768 tax list by William T. Cole, Andrew Killian had 4-taxables, three white 'polls' and one Negro male (age-12 or above). It's presume that the three 'polls' were Andrew (Andreas), George, and Daniel. Samuel would have been under age 18 and not counted (b.abt1756). This evidently was before either George or Daniel (1787) married. In 1787, Samuel was bondsman for his brothers Daniel's marriage to Osly Baker. In 1796, Samuel witnessed the will of Margaret Killian, wife of his brother Leonard. In 1804, Samuel, along with others, was appointed by the Lincoln County court to divide the land of William

Whittenburg, deceased, among his children. Samuel Killian was taxed in Lincoln County, NC in 1805 (Jacob Cline's District) 1-white poll & 546 acres.

Samuel Killian served as a Captain in the militia during the American Revolution Based on information in the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolutions <<http://southerncampaign.org/>> website. He was probably 'elected' as Capt. of his militia unit by the other members and not necessarily appointed as a regular army officer.

Charles Baker <<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/W9337.pdf>> United States under General Charles McDowell whose brother Joseph was the Col., Sammie Killian was the <<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/W9337.pdf>> Capt. and Joseph McDowell a cousin of the Colonel's was the ...

Elias Baker <<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/w5773.pdf>> in the second service - and that Beall [Bull?] Baker& Samuel Killian were of his mess in the third service- That he was born in ...

S7485 Andrew Shook <<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/s7485.pdf>> he served a campaign against said Indians in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Killian in the regiment of Colonel Joseph McDowell in the expedition commanded by General Charles ...]

His father Andreas and brothers John and Leonhard also served in Captain Samuel Corbin's Militia. Fifty six members of Captain Samuel Corbin's Militia are known to have settled in present day Lincoln and Gaston Counties, North Carolina. In the listing found on the below website, all fifty six are given, and numbered 1 through 56, and each man's number may be located on the map to ascertain just where they settled.
<http://micosaur.tripod.com:80/corbin_map.htm

The children of Samuel and Mary Killian are: Elizabeth, who married William Herman; Sallie, who married John Gross; David who married first Catherine Cline, second, Christiana Deitz, and third wife was Parthenia Cartwright; William, who married first Elizabeth Bost, second, Orlenla last name unknown; Frederick, who married first, Anne Gross, second, Catherine Lutz; Barbara, who married David Bost; Polly, who married Daniel Herman; Samuel, who married Lucinda Hill; Joseph, who married Regina Bolick; and Andrew, who married Sophie or Sophia Reece.

Five of Samuel's children are found in Warren and Grundy County, Tennessee and Dade County, Georgia. They are Sallie Gross, in Grundy County, William, Elizabeth Bost, Samuel Jr., in Warren County and David who went from Dade County, Georgia to Clark County, Arkansas between 1850 and 1860.

Christianna Killian daughter of Andreas Killian

Christianna Killian Barringer is the 11th child in the last will and testament of Andreas Killian. She was born February 20, 1755 on Killian's Creek, Lincoln County, NC. Her husband John Barringer is named in Andreas' Will.

We believe they married between 1773 and 1775. The Barringer family is rich in history. Christianna's father-in-law was Johann Paulus Behringer, the pioneer who arrived in America, September 30, 1743, aboard the ship Phoenix. He went by the name Paul but is often referred to as John Paul. Christianna's husband, John, is often referred to as John Senior. Christianna's son is often referred to as John Junior.

Christianna's father-in-law was a devout Lutheran and played a major role in the history of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Concord, NC. This church has very strong ties to the Barringers and is where Christianna is buried.

John and Christianna lived in Mecklenburg County, NC, until 1792 when the land they lived on became Cabarrus County. John served as Captain in the Revolutionary Army.

We believe Christianna and John had the following children:
Leah Barringer (born about 1775, married John Beaver)
Paul Barringer (born March 12, 1776, married Anna Margaret Elizabeth Peck)
George Barringer (born September 28, 1777, married 1: Elizabeth Mensinger; 2: Elizabeth Culp; 3: Susannah Catherine Bost; 4: Catherine Reed)
John Barringer, Junior (born September 20, 1779, married Anna Catherine Moyer)
Catherine Barringer (born between 1781-1786, married George Quilman)
Jacob Barringer (born July 08, 1784, married Sarah Baust/Bost)
Elizabeth "Betsey" Barringer (born October 18, 1780, married John Peck)
Mary "Polly" Barringer (born about 1788, married James Lee)
Daniel Barringer (born June 14, 1790, married Mary "Polly" Cress)
Sarah Barringer (born January 10, 1797/1798, married Jacob House)

Elizabeth Killian daughter of Andreas Killian

Elizabeth Killian Houck was the 12th child of Andreas Killian based on the order in which his children are listed in his Will. She is identified in that Will as being the wife of Michael Houck.

Much of what we know about Elizabeth and Michael comes from his Revolutionary War Pension Application. She was born ca. 1760. Elizabeth and Michael were married about 1781. Michael Houck was born in Bucks Count, PA in 1755 and was received at St. Pauls Church by Rev. Johann Gottfried Arends, August 1776.

Michael served in the military from 1778 to 1780.

Based on census records, we believe Michael and Elizabeth lived in the following locations:

1790:	Burke	County,	NC
1800:	Burke	County,	NC
1810:	Haywood	County,	NC
1830:	Monroe	County,	TN
1840:	Benton County, AL		

It appears according to census records they had many children. We do not yet have a complete list of names. We do know the name of one son: Enoch Houck born about 1800

In addition to Enoch there could be several unknown daughters and possibly a son, Harvey born about 1808.

We hope this information will provide clues for further research. We invite you to help us find more information about this branch of our family tree!