

**Pioneer Andreas Killian's Will  
Probated Jan. session 1788**

In Pioneer Andreas Killian's family there were twelve children six boys and six girls. His will was made September 2, 1785.

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 one half 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 pewter 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 behoove 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-in-law James Pritchett, husband of my daughter Brina, 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 Samuel Killian the one half of all my lands in fair division with his brother Daniel Killian together with one seventh part of my unbequeathed personal estate - whom I likewise 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 son-in-law Michael Houk, husband of my daughter Elisabeth one-seventh part of my unbequeathed estate and outstanding debts.

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

I give to my grandson Daniel 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.

I likewise give to my son-in-law James Pritchett one-seventh part of my personal estate not heretofore bequeathed, etc.

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 eighty five on the twenty second day of September, in the ninth year of the American Independence.

Jacob Killian

seal

Joseph Steel

Andrew Killian

The Monument referred to on the second prior page is inscribed as follows:

In Memory of ANDREA KILLIAN 1702 – 1788

His wife Mary and Twelve Children As Named in His Will

Margaret – Leonard – John – Jean – Crate – Andrew – George – Brina – Daniel – Samuel C. – Christianna – Elizabeth – Our pioneer ancestor came from Germany on the ship Adventure, landing at Philadelphia where he took the Oath of Allegiance September 2, 1732. He came to North Carolina about 1747 and later established a home about 0 miles northwest of here.

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