

# Ancestors of Andreas Killian

## Andreas Kilian, Sr.

**b:18 November 1652 - d:before 12 January 1736**

Andreas, son of Georg Kilian, was born 1652 in Schainbach, Baden-Württemberg, and died in 1736 in Steinbach an der Holzecke, Bavaria. He was buried in the Saint Gallus Church cemetery in Erzberg, Bavaria

Andreas was baptized in the Hengstfeld church on the 21st of September 1652. Andreas first married Anna Busch, the legitimate daughter of a Köbler named Hans Busch, on the 13th of February 1677 in the Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg. Anna was from the small village Steinbach an der Holzecke and Andreas moved to Steinbach at the latest before the 6th of February 1677 and his family lived there.

Andreas and Anna had eight children, all born in Steinbach an der Holzecke and all baptized in the Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg. The baptismal records of Andreas' children say he was a Köbler who lived in Steinbach. A good many of the witnesses to Kilian family baptisms and marriages were described as Köbler.

Andreas' and Anna's eight children were all born in Steinbach and der Holzecke and all were baptized in Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg.

After the death of Anna Busch Kilian, Andreas married Dorothea Knaus on the 30th of October 1694. Andreas and Dorothea had four known children, all born in Steinbach an der Holzecke and all baptized in Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg. The second child, named Andreas, died before he was three years old and they had another child, also named Andreas baptized on the 1st of December 1702. This was the Andreas Kilian who immigrated to America in 1732.

Dorothea lived to see her grandchildren Leonhard and Anna Margaretha, but not long enough to celebrate Margaretha's first birthday or to see her grandson Johann.

Andreas' mother, Dorothea Knaus, was buried in the Saint Gallus Church cemetery in Erzberg, Bavaria on the 8th of February 1727. She was 68 years old at her death. This means she was born in 1659 and was six years younger than her husband Andreas.

## Georg Kilian, Jr.

**b:before 1616 - d:before 25 March 1665**

The marriage record of Andreas' father, also named Andreas, said his father was the deceased farmer named Georg Kilian in Schambach. The wife of Georg was not named.

The baptismal records of Georg's twelve children, including Andreas' father Andreas, were found in the Hengstfeld church book. The marriage records of four of these children, including Andreas' father, were found in the Wallhausen church book. All of these records say their parents were Georg Kilian and Apollonia. These records prove Georg Kilian was the North Carolina pioneer Andreas Kilian's grandfather.

A baptismal record for Georg Kilian dated the 13th of January 1616 was found in Limbach, only 1.9 kilometers from Schainbach. Its wording does not absolutely prove the Georg Kilian, who lived and died in Schainbach, is the same Georg Kilian baptized in Limbach on the 13th of January 1616, but the circumstantial case was compelling and records found later prove they are the same person. Andreas' grandfather Georg's baptismal record said he was the son of Georg Kilian and Anna resident in Limbach.

Georg's burial record, dated the 24th of March 1665, said he was approximately 50 years old at death. If Georg was indeed baptized on the 13th of January 1616, he was 49 years 2 months and 11 days old at death. This Georg's father, also named Georg, was born in Kühnhard. The Georg Kilian who lived in Schainbach had family connections to Kühnhard. He had a son named Martin, which suggests a connection to the Kühnhard Kilians, who had many Martins in the family. Georg's son Martin married Barbara Crauß from Kühnhard and his daughter Apollonia married Hans Ebert from Kühnhard. Also the second wife of his son Andreas was named Dorothea Knaus and because of differences in the way names were spelled Knaus and Crauß could be the same family.

## Georg Kilian, Sr.

**b: before 1580 - d: before 20 February 1642**

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## Sebastian Kilian

**b:before 1560 - d:before 12 February 1611**

The earliest ancestor of the pioneer immigrant Andreas Kilian with a documented line of descent is his great-great-grandfather Sebastian Kilian. He lived in Kühnhard, then in Bavaria, but after a boundary change in 1810 it was in the state of Württemberg until 1952 when Baden and Württemberg merged into the state Baden-Württemberg .

Sebastian Kilian was recorded as the father of Georg Kilian in the record of Georg's marriage to Anna Weldmann in Kühnhard on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1611. The date of this marriage shows Sebastian Kilian had to have been born no later than 1570, but probably much earlier and 1550 is a better estimate. Georg was not his only child, and may not have been the eldest. Also Sebastian may have had an earlier wife, in which case he would have been born well before 1570.

The land register of the barons of Wollmershausen in Castle Amlishagen (11 kilometers northwest of Kühnhard) recorded that Bastian Kilian had a farm in Kühnhard and after him Martin Kilian. Bastian is a nickname for Sebastian. Other evidence from church records and in the Wollmershausen records indicate Bastian and Sabastian were the same person. No other record has been found for Martin. He may, or may not have been Sebastian's son. Farm leases were often hereditary, but Martin could have been some other relative.

Sebastian's son Georg was born in Kühnhard, but moved a few kilometers away to Limbach, at least by the time he married Anna Weldmann in 1611. The land register of the barons of Wollmershausen dated 1612 says Georg Kilian had a farm in Limbach, years ago, Later owned by Georg Hörner, which he obtained from Michel Ehenner. This means Georg was farming in Limbach at least before

1600, which would move Sebastian's birth date estimate to at least ten years earlier than Georg's marriage date indicates.

**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.

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