

**Third Child
of
PIONEER ANDREW KILLIAN**

John Killian, the son of pioneer Andrew Killian, was born about the year of 1725-26, and was about 7 years old when the family came to America. He received a grant for a 1000-acre tract of land on Killian's Creek April 13, 1749. It is reasonable to believe that the entire Killian family was living on this Creek some time before they took out grants, since the Creek was called "Killian's Creek" in their entries.

John, with his father, moved east of the Catawba River in 1754. We know nothing more of him until June 26, 1766, when he bought of Mathias Beaver and wife, Susanna, of Mecklenburg County 200-acres on both sides of Clark's Creek, in Rowan County, adjoining Bostian Cline, above his father Andrew's tract of 293-acres. This land of John Killian's is the Bollinger land on both sides of Clark's Creek, below and above the Bollinger Ford or Bridge, on the road leading from St. Paul's Church toward Hickory.

In just what year John Killian was married we do not know. He married the widow Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmerman (Carpenter), who had one child—Michael—by her first husband.

John and Elizabeth Killian had four sons and four daughters. John made a will about 1795, willing all his property to his wife Elizabeth. She made her will on March 1, 1802, and mentions—besides her son Michael Zimmerman—the following children: A son-in-law David Smith, Jacob, Marellis (Murrillo), who married Jacob a Yount, John Philip, Mary (Suttlemyre), Abraham, Sarah—married Jacob Deitz.

Nothing is known about Michael Zimmerman (Carpenter) except that he and his half-brother, Philip Killian, had some real estate transaction in 1798.

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