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Killion Kreek, Kentucky Miller and Stone Mason
1750 - 1845

Submitted by Harley Buntin Neal,

Guillion Gering (Killion Kreek) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and was of German ancestry. His brothers, as listed in the 1790 Census of Lancaster County were: Jacob, John and Phillip Kreek. Other brothers are listed as: James Kreek, as found in the 1790 Census of Shenandoah County, Virginia; and William Kreek, as found in the 1790 Census of Shenandoah County, Va. Killion Kreek is found in the 1785 Census of Pittsylvania County, Virginia with eight children. Killion Kreek was born in 1750 in Lancaster County, Pa., and was married in Frederick County, Va. in 1769 to Margaret Alloway, who was born in 1755 and died in 1811 in Warren County, Kentucky. Killion Kreek died in June of 1845 in Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana and is buried there in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Killion Kreek was an expert stone cutter and stone mason; in 1814 he laid the walls for the first courthouse in Princeton, Indiana. The Gibson County Indiana History, on page 87, attests to his work:

"The first courthouse was built on the following plan...

The brick and all the necessary timbers for construction of the building were furnished by the court. Work was commenced Sept. 1, 1814. Killion Kreek was the contractor who laid the walls."

Killion Kreek followed the migration path down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia from Lancaster County, Pa., and settled in Bourbon County, Ky. By 1796, Killion Kreek and his wife, Margaret Alloway moved to the Big Barren Settlement of Warren and Barren Counties, Ky. Eleven of their fourteen children were married in Warren and Barren County, Ky. Their children consisted of the following: Catherine, John, James, William, Nancy, Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Susannah, Lavisa, David, Philadelphia, Thomas and Killion Kreek (Kreek) Jr. One might note that these children were named after Killion Kreek's brothers and after Philadelphia, Pa. Killion and Margaret were the fourth-great grandparents, and their daughter, Nancy Kreek (who married Lazarus Webb) were the third-great grandparents of Harley Buntin Neal.

In 1796, Warren County was created from Logan County, Ky. and its waterways of Gaspar River, Bay's Fork, (Joseph) Drake's Creek, Manning's Creek and (Henry) Skagg's Creek. One might note that the Joseph Drake Creek and the Henry Skaggs Creek were named for Longhunters that came and explored along the north bank of the Big Warren River, just three miles from the present site of Bowling Green, Ky. In William B. Allen's, A History of Kentucky, page 148, we find:

"The Long Hunters were again in Kentucky in the year 1775, and there are strong indications that they encamped on Barren River, about three miles from Bowling Green. On the north side of the river, on a conspicuous beech tree, are engraved the names of thirteen persons, handsomely out of the bark. The names stand in the following order, beginning with the highest:

J. Neaville, E. Bulger, J. Hite, V. Harman, J. Jackman, A. Bowman, J. Drake, N. Nall, H. Skaggs, J. Bowman, Thos. Slaughter, J. Todd '1775, June the 13th... From June 13th to the 23rd, 1775, the party encamped at that place at least ten days.

In 1798, Barren County was created from Warren and Green Counties, Ky. By 1796 the Sandusky and Kreek families, along with others, were already located along the Big Barren River and the area was opened up for settlement in 1797 for families without veteran surveys. Such families with a person over the age of 21 years would be entitled to not less than 100 acres or more than 200 acres and must have been bona fide settlers on the land for one year before they came into actual possession. They also must have planted a crop of corn and have fenced it properly. In Willard R. Jillson, The Kentucky Land Grants, and from Grant's South of Green River, we find the following land entries:

1. Andrew Sandusky - 200 acres, Book 6, Page 94, 8-28-1779; Warren Co. Ky., on Skagg's Creek. Andrew Sandusky was married in 1790 in Bourbon Co., Ky. to Catherine Creek, daughter of Killion Creek and Margaret Holloway. Andrew Sandusky was killed by the Indians in 1799 in Barren Co., Ky.
2. Lazarus Webb - 100 acres, Book 18, page 107, 7-4-1799; Warren Co., Ky. on Dry Grove. Lazarus Webb was married in 1797 in Warren County, Ky. to Nancy Creek, daughter of Killion Creek and Margaret Holloway.
3. Killion Kreek - 200 acres, Book 14, page 219, 8-29-1799; Warren Co., Ky. on Goose Spring.

From 1796 to 1814, Killion Kreek and wife, with their family lived in the Warren and Barren County, Ky. area. Killion Kreek and Margaret Holloway's home and grist-mill still exists today on Beaver Valley Road, near Glasgow, Ky. in Barren Co. Killion Kreek's Mill, as designated and built in 1799 is found on page 236 in Barren County, Kentucky, National Register of Historic Places of 1966-1991. Also see the drawing of the 1799 Killion Kreek Mill on Goose Spring, Beaver Valley Road, Glasgow, KY., site #C.87002050. We may also note the following of the Killion Kreek (Gillian Gerig) Mill in the National Register as: Guillan Gerig's Mill (Early Stone Buildings of Kentucky), Beaver Valley Road, Glasgow vicinity, 10-15-87, C.87002050.

More detailed information about the Mill is contained in the nomination files in the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office. Write to: David Morgan, Director; Kentucky Heritage Council; Capitol Plaza Tower, 12th Floor; Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone 1-502-564-7005.

In 1811 Margaret Holloway Kreek had passed away and the Killion Kreek Grist-Mill was sold in Warren County. Killion Kreek moved a part of his family to Princeton, Gibson County, Ind. and commenced on 1 September 1814 to work as a contractor and to lay the stone walls of their first courthouse.

In retrospect, Killion's Kreek Grist-Mill was well-situated

and near the 1795 road from Louisville, Ky. to Nashville, In., for the trading of flour, salt, gunpowder, hides and furs, and news in general. The Mill was mostly made from native stones and logs. Killion Kreek went from a miller to a stone-cutter and stone-mason. The author can now only speculate that Killion Kreek built in Kentucky stone the Belle's Tavern at Park City, Ky., and also the courthouse at Greenburg, Kentucky.



1799 Killion's Kreek Mill, Goose Spring, Beaver Valley Road, Glasgow, Kentucky; Site #C.87002050
Drawing by Harley Buntin Neal
1716 Post Ave. Rockford, ILL. 61103

From the records of Sue Rohner of Centralia: Nancy Creek was born 15 April 1780 in Virginia and died in 1868 at the home of her son, Milton Webb, in Ewing, Franklin County, Illinois. She is buried at the Middle Fork Cemetery, Franklin County, Illinois. She was united in marriage to Lazarus Webb on 4 July 1797 in Warren County, Kentucky. Lazarus was born 13 January 1774 in Northumberland County, Virginia, died in 1833 and is buried at Middle Fork Cemetery, Franklin County, Illinois. They were the parents of Charles, Sally, John, Rebecca, Mary Ann, Peggy, Cynthia, Darcus, Edward J., Solomon, Nancy P., Franklin W., Russell G., Milton C., Maria Ann and an infant that was born and died in 1825.

According to Webb and Nancy Cain, "All of the Webbs of Franklin County are descendants of Killion Creek through his daughter, Nancy, and his granddaughter, Margaret Sandusky. The mill passed from the Creek family when Killion and his wife, Margaret, sold it prior to their move to Gibson County, Indiana, where Killion had contracted to do the stone work on the county courthouse. The present owner is very aware of the historic value of the mill and was instrumental in obtaining a 'Kentucky Landmark' designation for this site. Unfortunately, the owner is a single parent who is financially unable to maintain the area surrounding the mill.

Would you contribute a few dollars to improve and maintain the appearance of this piece of our heritage? If so, please send your contribution to: Webb Cain, 4190 Rendon Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76140.

GEORGETOWN SOCIETY
 1000 N. 10TH ST.
 GEORGETOWN, VA 22182

OBITUARY: ADA DOUGLAS WEBB DUNGY

ADA DOUGLAS WEBB DUNGY, daughter of John S. and Nancy Payne Webb, was born at Webb's Hill, Franklin County, Illinois, on September 25th, 1860, and departed this life at her home in Long Prairie on October 14th, 1944. The deceased was happy in her family background, she being a descendant of two of the most prominent and highly respected families in this section of Illinois. Her father, John S. Webb, the founder of Webb's Hill, a distinguished son of a distinguished family, was a man of large vision and wide influence in this section, a fine businessman and esteemed gentleman. Her mother was a member of the Payne family that has made such a distinct contribution to the business, social, and religious life of Franklin county. In the environment of this fine family and cultured community, she grew into young womanhood, deeply imbued, both by heritage and training, in the fine Victorian standards of personal conduct and social relations, so characteristic of the period of her youth. And through her entire life, she gave added proof of the wise proverb of old: "Bring up a child in the way you would have it go, and in age it will not depart from it." On October 20th, 1878, she was united in marriage to John Willis Dungy, a young and progressive farmer, thus uniting two of the substantial and respected families of the neighborhood. This marriage was ideal and happy, and ended after almost fifty-eight years upon the death of her husband in 1936. Soon after her marriage, she and her husband settled in Long Prairie where they spent the rest of their lives. In this delightful home ten children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and eight of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Maud Johnson, William E. Dungy, Mrs. Margaret Haithcoat, Mrs. Nancy J. Dial, Mrs. Inah Russell, Archie Dungy, Mrs. Anna B. Flannigan and Mrs. Bertha D. Drew. During her declining years and last illness she was blessed with every attention that kind and loving hands could administer to her wants; the affection of her dear family was, in fact, a fitting reward for sacrifice and service to them in the years gone by. In this connection special mention should be made of the kindness and devotion of her daughter, Bertha D. Drew, who was so circumstanced that she could render constant service. In addition to her children, she leaves twenty-six grandchildren, eleven of whom are now enlisted in the service of our nation, that she loved, and has made such a distinct contribution to maintain and improve. She leaves also 14 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret A. Haggard, Mrs. Charity Lewis and Mrs. Eliza Bauers, a host of relatives, and many friends. In her early life she gave evidence of a hope in her Savior, and united with Middle Fork Primitive Baptist Church, located in Webb's Prairie. To the church of her early choice she remained faithful to the end of her life, and in her last days her faith in and hope of immortality seemed to brighten, and in sweet triumph of that faith after a long, useful, and well-spent life, she fell gently asleep. With her passing we feel the loss of a dear, kind mother, a genial companion, a friendly neighbor and a noble woman. Of such mothers, the wise