

My Great Grandparents:

Nicholas Kilian & Anna C. Hammerning

Nicholas Kilian, Nick, was born on July 28, 1841, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. Germany was basically a Protestant country. Hessen was a combination of three states: Hessen-Kassel, Hessen-Nassau and Hessen-Darmstadt, as well as Frankfurt. In Hessen-Darmstadt, he spent his boyhood years roaming about in the woods and fields. He attended the country schools until he was 11. At that time, his father decided to take his family to America.

In the spring of 1853, Nicholas and his family, bag and baggage, left their old familiar haunts, sailing for the United States. They landed in New York City and settled in Onieda County in New York, about twenty-five miles west of Utica, on a sixty-five acre tract which his father purchased. On this farm, young Nicholas was reared to manhood, attending the district school for a short period and working on the farm with his father. He lived with his parents for thirteen years. In the spring of 1866, interested in the west through communications with his brother, Adam, Nicholas heeded his desire for the venture and pioneer life and started for Winona. Adam had a carriage works business in Winona. Nicholas went the entire distance by rail and arrived in the early spring. He entered the employment of his brother. The large carriage works was located opposite the post office- 1981.

On ^{April} March 5, 1869, Nicholas married Anna Hammerning of Winona. Anna was born on November 11, 1851, in St. Louis, Missouri. At a very early age, she went to Winona with her parents.

Just before they were married, Nicholas and his brother-in-law had purchased a 240-acre tract of wild timber land just two miles from Wilson. They divided the land equally, each taking 120 acres and began clearing it. That was the first step toward the making of a rich and productive farm. The land had been purchased 10 to 12 years previous to their buying the land. The pioneer work was there when Nicholas purchased the land.

Following the marriage, Nicholas and Anna Enjoyed a short honeymoon trip to their farm at Wilson, in a little crude hut, formerly used as a granary. They began a long and successful career as farmers. This land was thickly covered in places with heavy timber which had to be removed before the soil could be used to produce ordinary farm crops. Nicholas set about this task at once and each year added to his tract of farm soil until the farm was ideal, with just enough timber reserved to supply fuel.

While on this farm, Nicholas and his family had many very interesting experinces. There were years when fifty bushels of barley were threshed per acre and when only twenty cents and sometimes less could be received for it. It entailed endless handling, owing to the large amount of grain, but frequently did not bring profitable returns. There were also times when good yields were produced and the prices were sufficiently high to warrant the extra work. Nicholas and Anna remained on the farm for forty consecutive years.

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My great grandparents were very religious. They sang in the church choir. Nicholas was 5'6" tall and firm. He drank very little. He enjoyed wine. He was quite conservative. He loved to sing. Anna had a hot temper. She made their clothes, including socks. The neighbors would come to their house and she taught religion to them.

Christmas was a big day. The tree was put up shortly afternoon. The tree was decorated with candles. Then Santa Claus came. The family received oranges, candy and a small gift made by Anna.

On October 30, 1914, Nicholas noticed a team of runaway horses and he ran out to stop them. He was trampled. He was ill for two weeks and died.

Anna died on March 18, 1927, in Melrose, Minnesota. She was 75. Her death occurred suddenly. Since 1914, she made her home with her son, Rev. Joseph A. Kilian, doing housework. During the twelve years with her son, she made many friends in the community. She was also doing mission work. She died at 7:00 a.m. after returning from church. Her death was due to heart trouble. She had been troubled with this ailment for sometime. However, to all appearances, she had been improving remarkably since her serious illness at Christmas time when all the children were called home. Her cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis, which she suffered with for two years and four months, along with the flu and menopause change, which had lasted for one month.

Both of my great grandparents are buried at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church cemetery in Wilson, Minnesota. The church is the only building left from the town. The church was rebuilt after a fire destroyed the original structure in 1935. The church is 5/10 of a mile off Interstate 90 on Highway 43. A family gravestone marked "Kilian" lies in the cemetery next to the church. Two flat stones lay in front of the marker, marked "Mother" and "Father". To the left of their gravestones are their son, Anthony, and their daughter-in-law, Edith, Frank's first wife.

Nicholas and Anna had 15 children, six daughters and nine sons. The two youngest children died in infancy.

Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacob Johns III, remained on the farm in Wilson. She lived there until 1954 when she arranged the selling of the farm to Eugene Sobeck. Elizabeth took care of all the legal work. Elizabeth moved to Rochester then later moved to California. The Sobecks live on the farm in 1983.

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This information I located at the St. Paul Historical Society on Monday,
October 24, 1983:

The 1870 Winona County Census microfilm also contained the schedule of
"Procedure of Agriculture"; Roll 13:

Kilian, Nicholas

Age: 46

Cash value of farm: \$3500.00

Total amount of wages paid during the year, including value of board: \$7500.00

Livestock:

2 horses

2 milch cows

3 other cattle

4 swine

Value of all livestock: \$500.00

Agriculture:

Wheat (spring): 400 bushels

Indian corn: 150 bushels

Oats: 225 bushels

Barley: 120 bushels

Irish potatoes: 160 bushels

Butter: 250 pounds

Value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter: \$50.00

Estimated value of all farm production, including betterments and additions
to stock: \$840.00

My Great Great Grandparents:

Michael Kilian & Anna Maria Helfert

Michael Kilian was probably born in 1805.

Michael married Anna Maria Helfert of Oppenheim. She was born on March 21, 1810.

They had six children: three daughters and three sons.

Michael was a farmer.

In the spring of 1853, Michael and his family, bag and baggage, left their old familiar haunts, sailing for the United States. They landed in New York city and settled in Onieda County, New York, located about twenty-five miles west of Utica. Here, Michael purchased a sixty-five acre tract of land.

It is believed they settled in Wilson, Minnesota.

Anna Maria died ^{ON JAN. 8,} ~~in~~ 1878. She is buried at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church cemetary in Wilson, Minnesota.

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Born:
City, State:

Died:
Buried:

My Great Great Grandparents:

Michael Kilian 1802 / 1805

Married:

Anna Maria Helfert / Helfart March 21, 1810

1878 JANUARY 8,
Wilson, MN

Children:

Elisabeth Kilian June 22, 1833
Seehof, Lorsch,
Hessen Darmstadt,
Germany

Married:

Lambert

Children:

Adam Kilian February 13, 1835
Seehof, Lorsch,
Hessen Darmstadt,
Germany

Married: April 22, 1860
Winona County, MN

Eva Knappe December , 1833
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Children:

Anna Kilian 1862
MN

Willie Kilian 1863
MN

Frank Kilian 1865
MN

John Kilian 1868
MN

Lizzie Kilian Died 10 months
w/son. MN

Anna Margaretha Kilian March 18, 1837
Seehof, Lorsch,
Hessen Darmstadt,
Germany

	<u>Born:</u>	<u>Died:</u>
	<u>City, State:</u>	<u>Buried:</u>
Philip Kilian (Philip O.S.B. - monk)	July 29, 1838 Seehof, Lorsch, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany	September 24, 1906 St. John's cemetary,
Anna Marie Kilian	March 13, 1840 Seehof, Lorsch, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany	
Nicholaus Kilian	July 28, 1841 Seehof, Lorsch, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany	, 1914 Wilson, MN
Married: ^{APRIL} March 5, 1869 Winona County, MN		
Anna C. Hammerning	November 11, 1851 St. Louis, MO	March 18, 1927 Wilson, MN
Children:		
Michael N Kilian	February 10, 1870 Wilson, MN	November 15, 1955
Phillip Francis Kilian	December 13, 1871 Wilson, MN	July 7, 1961
Frank Anthony Kilian	July 10, 1875 Wilson, MN	January 14, 1962 Melrose, MN
Joseph A Kilian (Rev. Joseph A. Kilian)	April 26, 1876 Wilson, MN	January 9, 1960 St. John's Abbey, Breckenridge, MN
Anna B Kilian	January 24, 1878 Wilson, MN	March 19, 1926 Melrose, MN
Nicholas Leo Kilian	January 1, 1880 Wilson, MN	November 2, 1964 St. Michael, MN
Sophia Kilian	September 11, 1881 Wilson, MN	June 11, 1933 Winona, MN
Mary Genevieve Kilian	July 24, 1883 Wilson, MN	
<i>Your Grandmother</i> Elizabeth Cecelia Kilian	April 21, 1885 Wilson, MN	December 22, 1975 Long Beach, CA
Anthony Leo Kilian	March 2, 1887 Wilson, MN	February 23, 1906 Wilson, MN
Louis A Kilian	August 22, 1888 Wilson, MN	May 23, 1972 Tacoma, WA
John Charles Kilian	August 3, 1892 Wilson, MN	
Hildegard Clara Kilian	October 27, 1894 Wilson, MN	
Leo Kilian	, 1897	, 1897
Anna Kilian	Wilson, MN	Died at birth
	Wilson, MN	

Born:
City, State:

Died:
Buried:

My Great Grandparents:

Nicholas Kilian

July 28, 1841
Hessen Darmstadt,
Germany

Wilson, MN

1914

Married: April 5, 1869
Winona County, MN
Maria Anna Hammerning

November 11, 1851
St. Louis, MO

March 18, 1927
Wilson, MN

Children:

Michael N. Kilian

February 10, 1870
Wilson, MN

November 15, 1955
Melrose, WI

Married:

Emma Johns

About 1876

Melrose, WI
July 7, 1961

Phillip Francis Kilian

December 13, 1871
Wilson, MN

Married: August 16, 1899
Winona County, MN

Frances Young

Children:

Frank Anthony Kilian

July 10, 1875
Wilson, MN

January 14, 1962
Melrose, MN

Married: 1900
Donnybrook, ND

Edith McKay

September , 1880
Mapleton,
Dakota Territory

June 28, 1905
Wilson, MN

Children:

Maude Anna Kilian

June 30, 1903
Donnybrook, ND

Raymond Frank Kilian

1905
ND or Winona, MN

Fallon, NV

1959

Born:
City, State:

Died:
Buried:

Married: (2)

Anna Bock

October 13, 1886
Roscoe, MN

September 23, 1976
Melrose, MN

Children:

Anthony T Kilian

1912

1973

Agnes Ann Kilian

1915
Roscoe, MN

Alfred J Kilian

Frank Kilian Jr.

Rudolph Kilian

Joseph Nicholas Kilian

March 19, 1922
Melrose, MN

November 21, 1971
Minneapolis, MN

Edith Marie Kilian

August 6, 1924
Melrose, MN

Joseph A Kilian

April 26, 1876
Wilson, MN

January 9, 1960
Breckenridge, MN

Rev. Joseph A. Kilian
Ordained January 1, 1913
St. John's Abbey

Anna B Kilian

January 24, 1878
Wilson, MN

March 19, 1926
Melrose, MN

Nicholas Leo Kilian

January 1, 1880
Wilson, MN

November 2, 1964
St. Michael, MN

Married: June 27,
St. Michael, MN

Appolonia Susan Schumm

February 25, 1885
St. Michael, MN

July 19, 1969
St. Michael, MN

Children:

Leon Hyacinth Kilian

June 18, 1906
Rosco, MN

Stella Beatrice Kilian

December 10, 1907
Rosco, MN

Irma Marie Kilian

December 23, 1910
St. Michael, MN

Jerome Joseph Kilian

May 21, 1912
St. Michael, MN

Carrol Cuthbert Kilian

March 14, 1915
St. Michael, MN

Bernadette Appolonia Kilian

January 23, 1916
St. Michael, MN

Marcellus Nicholas Kilian

March 23, 1921
St. Michael, MN

Sophia Kilian

Married: April 9, 1902
Wilson, MN

August Jilk

Children:

Gerald Jilk

Francis Jilk

Anna Jilk
(Sr. Grace)

Anthony Kilian Jilk

Leo Vincent Jilk

Norbert Jilk

Sophia Sidonia Jilk

Agnes Hildegard Jilk

August Nicholas Jilk Jr.

Joseph John Jilk

Albert John Jilk

Margaret Mary Jilk
(Sr. Marie Louise)

Mary Catherine Jilk

Sylvester Aloysius Jilk

Mary Genevieve Kilian

Married: October 6, 1911
Roscoe, MN

Joseph Ferdinand Zaczkowski

Children:

Thrasilla Zaczkowski
(adopted)

Antoinette Marie Zaczkowski

Edith Zaczkowski

Born:
City, State:

September 11, 1881
Wilson, MN

April 27, 1875
Chicago, IL

November 1, 1903
Winona County, MN

May 15, 1905
Winona County, MN

September 5, 1906
Winona County, MN

October 27, 1907
Winona County, MN

November 16, 1908
Winona County, MN

June 2, 1910
Winona County, MN

October 8, 1911
Winona County, MN

June 19, 1913
Winona County, MN

May 19, 1915
Winona County, MN

March 4, 1917
Winona County, MN

May 15, 1919
Winona County, MN

March 31, 1921
Winona County, MN

June 10, 1923
Winona County, MN

May 5, 1925
Winona County, MN

July 24, 1883
Wilson, MN

Died:
Buried:

June 11, 1933
Winona, MN

March 31, 1961
Winona, MN

February 2, 1943
Winona, MN

November , 1924
Winona, MN

May 25, 1973
Winona, MN

August 19, 1912
Roscoe, MN

January 8, 1914
Roscoe, MN

October 7, 1971
St. Cloud, MN

Born:
City, State:

Died:
Buried:

Emeron Zackoski	September 25, 1915 Roscoe, MN	
Joseph Michael (Zaczkowski) Kilian	August 29, 1917 Roscoe, MN	
Marion Elizabeth Zaczkowski	May 2, 1919 Melrose, MN	
Genevieve Zaczkowski	September 3, 1921 Melrose, MN	
Grace Ann Zaczkowski	March 8, 1923 Melrose, MN	August 28, 1980 Minneapolis, MN
Nicholas Kilian Zaczkowski	April 23, 1925 Melrose, MN	
Phyllis Zaczkowski	February 21, 1927 Melrose, MN	
<u>Elizabeth Cecelia Kilian</u>	April 21, 1885 Wilson, MN	December 22, 1975 Long Beach, CA
Married: May 25, 1909		
Jacob Johns III	July 16, 1880 Winona, MN	October 28, 1965 Winona, MN
Children:		
Magdalen Anna Johns	March 2, 1910 Wilson, MN	
Genevieve Theresa Johns	June 14, 1911 Wilson, MN	April 28, 1982 Long Beach, CA
Elizabeth Emma Johns	April 19, 1913 Wilson, MN	
Leonard August Johns	October 5, 1914 Wilson, MN	
Marcellus Francis Johns	April 19, 1916 Wilson, MN	
Mariette Josephine Ann Johns	January 3, 1918 Wilson, MN	
Jacob Joseph Johns	October 18, 1919 Wilson, MN	
William Isidore Johns	October 4, 1921 Wilson, MN	
Deloras Anna Johns	July 31, 1923 Wilson, MN	April 24, 1925 Wilson, MN
Milton Anthony Johns	January 15, 1926 Wilson, MN	
Laura Aleen Johns	April 21, 1928 Wilson, MN	
<u>Anthony Leo Kilian</u>	March 2, 1887 Wilson, MN	February 23, 1906 Wilson, MN
<u>Louis A Kilian</u>	August 22, 1888 Wilson, MN	May 23, 1972 Tacoma, WA

Married:

Ella

Born:
City, State:

Died:
Buried:

John Charles Kilian

August 3, 1892
Wilson, MN

Married: September 9, 1924
New Munich, MN

Ida Elizabeth Thielen

April 11, 1898
Grove Township, MN

April 23, 1958
New Munich, MN

Children:

Gerald Louis Kilian

June 26, 1925
Tacoma, WA

Gladys Ann Kilian

September 17, 1926
Tacoma, WA

Alcuin Francis Kilian

January 7, 1930
Melrose, MN

Bernice Katherine Kilian

July 24, 1931
Melrose, MN

Robert Leo Kilian

January 22, 1933
Melrose, MN

Mary Hildegard Kilian

June 4, 1935
St. Rosa, MN

John Raymond Kilian

January 29, 1937
Melrose, MN

Charlotte Rose Kilian

February 19, 1942
Melrose, MN

Hildegard Clara Kilian

October 27, 1894
Wilson, MN

Married: August 10, 1915
Melrose, MN

Rudolph Dominic Spieker

December 9, 1891
Browerville, MN

January 18, 1978
Waite Park, MN

Children:

Hildegard Mary Spieker

August 26, 1916
Melrose, MN

February 5, 1953
San Pablo, CA

William John Spieker

March 25, 1918
Melrose, MN

Marion Anna Spieker

April 6, 1920
Melrose, MN

Kilian R Spieker

January 11, 1922
Melrose, MN

June Grace Sophia Spieker

June 15, 1924
Melrose, MN

Lila Blanche Spieker

November 22, 1926
Waite Park, MN

Rudolph Nicholas Spieker

June 3, 1931
Waite Park, MN

John Henry Spieker

October 19, 1932
Waite Park, MN

Leo Kilian

, 1897
Wilson, MN

, 1897

Anna Kilian

Wilson, MN

Died at birth