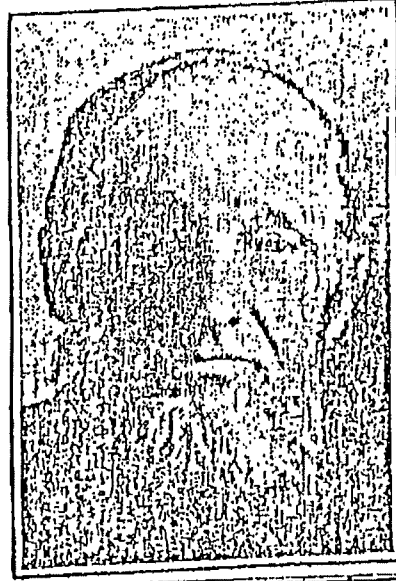


November 1, 1914

## Dies After His Attempt to Stop Runaway Horses

NICHOLAS KILLIAN, venerable Winona county farmer, who received fatal injuries in a runaway accident here yesterday.



## Mishap Fatal to Pioneer

Nicholas Killian Endeavors to Stop Frightened Team, Is Run Down and Dies In Hospital.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT AS OLIMAX OF TEAM'S DASH

Boys Said to Have Scared Horses Which Bear Down Venerable Resident At Crossing.

Returning from church late yesterday afternoon, Nicholas Killian, seventy-three-year-old pioneer of Winona county, was fatally injured when he attempted to stop a runaway team at the corner of Broadway and Lafayette streets. He was knocked down by a blow in the face and sustained injuries from which he died at the Winona general hospital at 9:20 just night.

Witnesses say Mr. Killian was in the act of crossing the street when the team rounded the corner. Instead of making an attempt to reach a point of safety, it is declared, he

raised his hands in an effort to bring the team to a stop. The next instant he was lying unconscious in the street after the horses had passed. Relatives are inclined to believe, however, that the aged man, whose hearing was defective, did not realize his predicament until too late and then, raising his hands, thought to ward off the danger.

Mr. Killian was taken to the hospital in an automobile. The shock, it was realized, had been too severe and at the outset there was little hope for recovery. His face was badly bruised, probably when a portion of the rigging on the runaway horses struck him. The victim failed to recover consciousness.

### Boys Frighten Team.

The fatal accident is traced to mischievous boys who frightened the team by throwing stones at them. The horses, belonging to Edward Oertli, residing across the river, were standing near the corner of Broadway and Liberty streets when they broke into a run. They traveled a short distance west on Broadway before the wagon was torn from them as a result of contact with a tree. With only a portion of the harness and rigging, they continued, rounding the corner of Lafayette where the aged man was struck. North on Lafayette they ran to Third street, where one of them fell and they were caught.

The runaway created considerable excitement in the business district, although few were aware of the tragic accident on Broadway.

### Early Life in Germany.

Mr. Killian was born on a farm in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, July 28, 1841. In the spring of 1868 he and his family left their old familiar haunts, sailing for the United States. They landed in New York City and settled in Onondaga county, about twenty-five miles west of Utica, on a sixty-five acre tract which Mr. Killian purchased.

On this rich 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 parents for thirteen years, when in the spring of 1860, interested in the west through communications from his brother, Adam, who was in business here, Nicholas heeded his desire for venture and pioneer life, and started for Winona. He came the entire distance by rail.

He entered the employment of his brother, who at that time conducted a large carriage works opposite the present postoffice. On March 5, 1869, he married Miss Anna Hammerling of Winona. Mr. Killian and his brother-in-law, Michael Lambert, had just purchased a 250-acre tract of wild timber land two miles from Wilson. They divided the land equally, each taking 125 acres, and began clearing it, the first step toward the making of a rich and productive farm.

Following the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Killian enjoyed a short honeymoon trip to their farm at Wilson in a little crude but, formerly used as a granary, began a long and successful career as farmers. This land was thickly covered in places with heavy timber which had to be

Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

Born:  
City, State:

Died:  
Buried:

Nicholas Kilian

July 28, 1841  
Hessen-Darnstadt,  
Germany

1914  
Wilson, Minnesota

Married: April 5, 1869  
Winona County  
Minnesota

nee: Maria Anna  
Hammerning

November 11, 1851  
St. Louis, Missouri

March 18, 1927  
Wilson, Minnesota

Children

Michael N. Kilian

February 10, 1870  
Wilson, Minnesota

November 15, 1955  
Melrose, Wisconsin

Married:

Emma Johns

About 1876

Phillip Francis  
Kilian

December 13, 1871  
Wilson, Minnesota

July 7, 1961

Married: August 16, 1899  
Winona County,  
Minnesota

nee: Frances Young

Children

Frank Anthony Kilian

July 10, 1875  
Wilson, Minnesota

January 14, 1962  
Melrose, Minnesota

Married: 1900  
Donnybrook  
North Dakota

nee: Edith McKay

September 1880  
Mapleton,  
Dakota Territory

June 28, 1905  
Melrose, Minnesota

Children

Maude Anna Kilian

June 30, 1903  
Donnybrook, North  
Dakota

Raymond Frank Kilian

1905  
North Dakota or  
Winona, Minnesota

1959  
Fallon, Nevada

Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

Born:  
City, State:

Died:  
Buried:

Married (2):

nee: Anna Bock	October 13, 1886 Roscoe, Minnesota	September 23, 1976 Melrose, Minnesota
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Children

Anthony J. Kilian  
Agnes Ann Kilian

1912  
1915  
Roscoe, Minnesota

1973

Alfred J. Kilian  
Frank Kilian, Jr  
Rudolph Kilian  
Joseph Nicholas Kilian

March 19, 1922  
Melrose, Minnesota  
August 6, 1924  
Melrose, Minnesota.  
April 26, 1876  
Wilson, Minnesota

November 21, 1971  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Edith Marie Kilian

Joseph A. Kilian

January 9, 1960  
Brechenridge, Minnesota

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

Anna B. Kilian

January 24, 1878  
Wilson, Minnesota  
January 1, 1880  
Wilson, Minnesota

March 19, 1926  
Melrose, Minnesota  
November 2, 1964  
St. Michael, Minnesota

Nicholas Leo Kilian

Married: June 27  
St. Michael,  
Minnesota

nee: Appolonia Susan  
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February 25, 1885  
St. Michael,  
Minnesota

July 19, 1969  
St. Michael, Minnesota

Children

Leon Hyacinth Kilian  
Stella Beatrice Kilian

June 18, 1906  
Rosco, Minnesota  
December 10, 1907  
Rosco, Minnesota  
December 23, 1910  
St. Michael, Minnesota  
May 21, 1912  
St. Michael, Minnesota  
March 14, 1915  
St. Michael, Minnesota

Irma Marie Kilian

Jerome Joseph Kilian

Carol Cuthbert Kilian

Bernadette Appolonia  
Kilian

Marcellus Nicholas Kilian

January 23, 1916  
St. Michael, Minnesota  
March 23, 1921  
St. Michael, Minnesota

Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

	Born: City, State:	Died: Buried:
Sophia Kilian	September 11, 1881 Wilson, Minnesota	June 11, 1933 Winona, Minnesota
<u>Married:</u> April 9, 1902 Wilson, Minnesota		
August Jilk	April 27, 1875 Chicago, Illinois	March 31, 1961 Winona, Minnesota
<u>Children</u>		
Gerald Jilk	November 1, 1903 Winona County, Minnesota	February 2, 1943 Winona, Minnesota
Francis Jilk	May 15, 1905 Winona County, Minnesota	November 1924 Winona, Minnesota
Anna Jilk (Sr. Grace)	September 5, 1906 Winona County, Minnesota	
Anthony Kilian Jilk	October 27, 1907 Winona County, Minnesota	
Leo Vincent Jilk	November 16, 1908 Winona County, Minnesota	May 25, 1973 Winona, Minnesota
Norbert Jilk	June 2, 1910 Winona County, Minnesota	
Sophia Sidonia Jilk	October 8, 1911 Winona County, Minnesota	
Agnes Hildegard Jilk	June 19, 1913 Winona County, Minnesota	
August Nicholas Jilk, Jr.	May 19, 1915 Winona County, Minnesota	
Joseph John Jilk	March 4, 1917 Winona County, Minnesota	
Albert John Jilk	May 15, 1919 Winona County, Minnesota	
Margaret Mary Jilk (Sr. Marie Louise)	March 1, 1921 Winona County, Minnesota	
Mary Catherine Jilk	June 10, 1923 Winona County, Minnesota	
Sylvester Aloysius Jilk	May 5, 1925 Winona County, Minnesota	

Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

Born:  
City, State:

Died:  
Buried:

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Mary Genevieve Kilian      July 24, 1883  
  Wilson, Minnesota

Married:    October 6, 1911  
  Roscoe, Minnesota

Joseph Ferdinand  
Zaczkowski

Children

Thrasilla Zaczkowski:  
    (adopted)

Antoinette Marie  
Zaczkowski

August 19, 1912  
Roscoe, Minnesota

Edith Zaczkowski

January 8, 1914  
Roscoe, Minnesota

October 7, 1971  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Emeron Zaczkowski

September 25, 1915  
Roscoe, Minnesota

Joseph Michael  
(Zaczkowaki) Kilian

August 29, 1917  
Roscoe, Minnesota

Marion Elizabeth  
Zaczkowski

May 2, 1919  
Melrose, Minnesota

Genevieve Zaczkowski

September 3, 1921  
Melrose, Minnesota

Grace Ann Zaczkowaki

March 8, 1923  
Melrose, Minnesota

August 28, 1980  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Nicholas Kilian  
Zaczkowski

April 23, 1925  
Melrose, Minnesota

Phyllis Zaczkowski

February 21, 1927  
Melrose, Minnesota

Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

(Johns)

Born:  
City, State:

Died:  
Buried:

Elizabeth Cecilia Kilian	April 21, 1885 Wilson, Minnesota	December 22, 1975 Long Beach, California
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Married: May 25, 1909

nee: Jacob Johns III	July 16, 1880 Winona, Minnesota	October 28, 1965 Winona, Minnesota
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Children

Magdalen Anna Johns	March 2, 1910 Wilson, Minnesota
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Genevieve Theresa Johns	June 14, 1911 Wilson, Minnesota	April 28, 1982 Long Beach, California
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Elizabeth Emma Johns	April 19, 1913 Wilson, Minnesota
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Leonard August Johns	October 5, 1914 Wilson, Minnesota
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Marcellus Francis Johns	April 9, 1916 Wilson, Minnesota
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Mariette Josephine Ann Johns	January 3, 1918 Wilson, Minnesota
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Jacob Joseph Johns IV	October 18, 1919 Wilson, Minnesota
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Deloras Anna Johns	July 31, 1923 Wilson, Minnesota	April 24, 1925 Wilson, Minnesota
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Milton Anthony Johns	January 15, 1926 Wilson, Minnesota
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William Isidore Johns	October 4, 1921
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Laura Aleen Johns	April 21, 1928
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Kilian Family Tree  
Third Through Fifth Generation

Born:  
City, State:

Died:  
Buried:

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Anthony Leo Kilian	March 2, 1887 Wilson, Minnesota	February 23, 1906 Wilson, Minnesota
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Louis A. Kilian	August 22, 1888 Wilson, Minnesota	May 23, 1972 Wilson, Minnesota
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John Charles Kilian	August 3, 1892 Wilson, Minnesota	
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Married: September 9, 1924  
New Munich, Minnesota

nee: Ida Elizabeth Thielen	April 11, 1898 Grove Township, Minnesota	April 23, 1958 New Munich, Minnesota
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Children

Gerald Louis Kilian	June 26, 1925 Tacoma, Washington	
Gladys Ann Kilian	September 17, 1926 Tacoma, Washington	
Alcuin Francis Kilian	January 7, 1930 Melrose, Minnesota	
Bernice Katherine Kilian	July 24, 1931 Melrose, Minnesota	
Robert Leo Kilian	January 22, 1933 Melrose, Minnesota	
Mary Hildegard Kilian	June 4, 1935 St. Rosa, Minnesota	
John Raymond Kilian	January 29, 1937 Melrose, Minnesota	
Charlotte Rose Kilian	February 19, 1942 Melrose, Minnesota	

Kilian Family Tree  
 Third Through Fifth Generation

	Born: City, State:	Died: Buried:
Hildegard Clara Kilian	October 27, 1894 Wilson, Minnesota	
<u>Married:</u> August 10, 1915 Melrose, Minnesota		
nee: Rudolph Dominic Spieker	December 9, 1891 Browerville, Minnesota	January 18, 1978 Waite Park, Minnesota
<u>Children</u>		
Hildegard Mary Spieker	August 26, 1916 Melrose, Minnesota	February 5, 1953 San Pablo, California
William John Spieker	March 25, 1918 Melrose, Minnesota	
Marion Anna Spieker		April 6, 1920
Kilian R. Spieker	Melrose, Minnesota January 11, 1922 Melrose, Minnesota	
June Grace Sophia Spieker	June 15, 1924 Melrose, Minnesota	
Lila Blanche Spieker	November 22, 1926 Waite Park, Minnesota	
Rudolph Nicholas Spieker	Waite Park, Minnesota	June 3, 1931
John Henry Spieker	Waite Park, Minnesota	October 19, 1932
Leo Kilian	1897 Wilson, Minnesota	1897
Anna Kilian	Wilson, Minnesota	Died at Birth