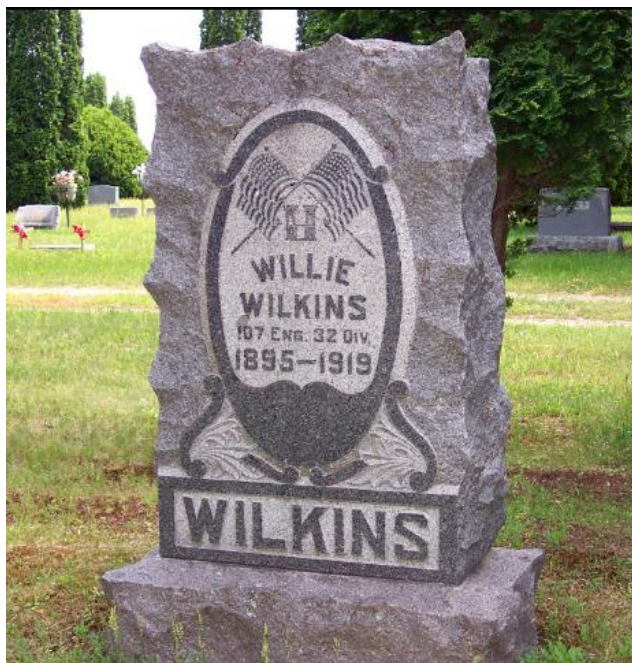


TUSCANIA

Wilkins, William Fay (Willie) 1895 WI – 1919 WI



Willie Fay Wilkins – 84177745

Willie Fay Wilkins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Name	Willie Fay Wilkins
Death Date	11 Nov 1919
Death County	Barron, Wisconsin, USA

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WILKINS WILLIE FAY		X	88 173
Wag 107 Eng Tr 32 Div		K	
34 E Summit Ave Apt #1 St		A	3 823 109 F
Paul Minn			
Su	251 732	Died	11/11/19 T 194 879
Born	11/7/95		R
Enl	7/15/17	Dis	5/27/19 Cl
		I	130 934

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**Veteran of War Is
Accidentally Killed**

Cumberland, Wis., Nov. 18.—William Wilkins, 22, who survived the Tuscania and a year in the trenches in France, killed himself accidentally while hunting rabbits.

“Minneapolis Journal” Tuesday 18 Nov 1919 p 22

Life:

**BADGER SOLDIERS LISTED
ON BOARD LINER TUSCANIA**

Excerpt:

107th Engineering Train, 107th Trains
and Military Police.

PAUL E. MALLOY, private, Milwaukee.

CLAUDE H. FORBES, private, Kenosha.

JOSEPH E. ROBERTS, private, Ridgeway.

CHARLES DECKER, private, Berlin.

CHARLES ILLINGWORTH, corporal, Racine.

PAUL H. BUETTNER, private, Shawnee.

EARL J. GONIA, private, Mellon.

CLARENCE E. KRUEGER, private, Clover.

GEORGE E. PINNEY, private, Spooner.

RAYMOND KNUDSEN, private, Sheboygan.

THADDEUS BLACK, wagoner, Pulaski.

PETER VOYER, private, Shell Lake.

FREDERICK J. TAYLOR, Spooner.

DOMINICO NICOLAZZO, private, Kenosha.

SIGURD H. SIMONSON, private, Chippewa Falls.

HENRY VEUN, private, Independence.

ARTHUR E. STEFFENHAGEN, private, Neenah.

FRANK W. BAYLISS, private, Wauwatosa.

KENNETH A. SIDELL, private, Madison.

WILLIAM F. MICKELSON, private, Racine.

LEE V. LASHUA, private, Northland.

JOSEPH DEVINE, private, Superior.

LAWRENCE W. SCHUMACHER, Milwaukee.

WILLIE F. WILKINS, Cameron.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 7

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS—MAYBE HIS NAME IS HERE!

W

ADAM WISNIEWSKI, Milwaukee, Wis.
 AUGUST WOLF, Detroit, Mich.
 CHARLES P. WARD, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 ELMER S. WILLIAMS, Owen, Wis.
 RALPH WINKEL, Marion, Mich.
 WILLIAM G. WEBER, Bayfield, Wis.
 FRED LOUIS WICHERN, Barron, Wis.
 EARL D. WILDER, Coloma, Wis.
 MARTIN C. W. WINTER, Clintonville, Wis.
 THOMAS WEIR, Linden, Wis.
 ALLEN EDWARD WILLIAMS, Waukesha, Wis.
 ELMER WILLIAMS, Kenosha, Wis.
 RAYMOND K. WILMARTH, Chippewa Falls, Wis.
 THOMAS G. WELSTAD, Mattawan, N. J.
 JOHN THADDEUS WEHLOEFER, Waterloo, Wis.
 EDWIN WILKING, Amsterdam, O.
 RALPH ROGERS WESTCOTT, Shawano, Wis.
 GUY WISEMAN, Sand Creek, Dunn county, Wis.
 WILLIS F. WILKINS, Cameron, Wis.
 WILLIAM J. WIDMAN, Detroit, Mich.

Misidentified as Willis F. Wilkins – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4

Parents:

Registration of Marriage
No. 163 01275

1. Full name of husband..... *Charles Wilkins*
 2. Name of the father of husband..... *Levi Wilkins*
 3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage..... *Martha Barwick*
 4. Occupation of husband..... *Laborer*
 5. Residence of husband..... *Summer Township*
 6. Birthplace of husband..... *Eau Claire Wis*
 7. Full name of wife previous to marriage..... *Ella Argetsinger*
 8. Name of the father of wife..... *Joel Argetsinger*
 9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage..... *Mary Bell Argetsinger*
 10. Birthplace of wife..... *Mount Carmel Mich*
 11. Time when the marriage was contracted..... *1 o'clock P.M.*
 12. The place, town or township and county, where the marriage was contracted..... *Bridges Parents Barron Co*
 13. The color of the parties..... *White*
 14. By what ceremony contracted..... *Justice of Peace*
 15. Name of officiating minister..... *S. C. Hathaway*
 16. Name of person procuring marriage..... *Levi Wilkins*
 17. Residence of person last named..... *Bridges Parents*
 18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage..... *24 day of Dec = 1891*
 19. Date of registration..... *Dec 27th 1891*
 20. Any additional circumstances.....

WI marriage record 24 Dec 1891 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91671231:61484>

Father:

Charles Wilkins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Name	Charles Wilkins
Death Date	7 Apr 1944
Death County	Barron, Wisconsin, USA

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3609136:61483?tid=60789&pid=7009222342&queryId=368f0358bba9fa8a31e77b11499f19ea&_phsrc=hFB67723&_phstart=successSource

Mother:

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING—NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE
 WILL BE RECEIVED
 Write plainly with unfading ink—This is a permanent record.
 Use one blank for each Marriage

Clerk of Courts to fill this blank 146994

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

County Grant Registered No. 253

Record of Marriage

{ Where } Postoffice Milbank, S.D.
 { Solemnized } County Grant

Date of Marriage September 5th, 1931
 (Month) (Day)

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name <u>Henry J. Willy</u>	Name <u>Eleanor Wilkins</u>		
Residence <u>Postoffice</u> <u>Saint Paul, Minn. Ramsey</u> County	Residence <u>Postoffice</u> <u>Saint Paul, Minn. Ramsey</u> County		
Age <u>58</u>	Age <u>54 or 55</u>		
Nationality <u>U.S.A.</u>	Nationality <u>U.S.A.</u>		
Bachelor Widower Divorced	Maiden Widow Divorced		
Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating <u>Rev. Arthur Mayer</u>			
Official Character <u>Methodist Minister</u>			

Marriage of Eleanor Argetsinger Wilkins to Henry J. Willy -5 Sep 1931 Milbank, Grant SD -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8561/images/SDVR_M_24-3166?pld=141396

DEATHS

Joseph Breault, 80, 946 E 6th st.
 Betty Carey, 44, 611 Central av.
 Mary Gosselin, 75, 897 Bayard av.
 Philip Helfman, 71, 689 VanBuren av.
 Anna Landgraf, 88, 1738 Blair av.
 Robert McIntyre, 76, 209 Charles av.
 Matthew Schnelder, 67, 751 Lafond av.
 Jacob Thurnbeck, 79, Forest Lake, Minn.
 Ella Willy, 79, 583 St. Peter st.
 James Bergstrom, 69, 324 Superior st.
 Eugene Bresnahan, 63, 90 Milkin st.

Death note of mother Eleanor (Ella) Argetsinger Wilkins Willy - Ramsey Co. MN deaths -
 "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Tuesday 28 Dec 1954 p 11

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: William Fay / Willie Fay Wilkins

Name variations: William Fay Wilkins on Find A Grave header

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,732

Entered service from: Cameron, Barron WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Willie F. Wilkins

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Charlie Wilkins, RR 1, Cameron WI

Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Willie F. Wilkins

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Charlie Wilkins, Cameron WI (wagoner, 107th Engineer Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Fay Wilkins - b. 7 Nov 1896 Hawthorn WI; res: village of Bloomer, Chippewa WI. Single. Laborer, Bloomer Telephone Co., village of Bloomer WI. Medium height & build. (WI Veterans Museum lists Willie F. Wilkins as entering service from Bloomer WI)

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 27 May 1919

Address: 34 E. Summit Ave. #1, St. Paul MN

Rank/unit: wagoner, 107th Engineer Train, 32nd DivisionBirth & death:

Born: 7 Nov 1895 WI (alt: Nov 1896) Hawthorn, Douglas WI

Died: 11 Nov 1919 Barron Co. WI [story of death is headlined Cumberland, Barron WI] (alive May 1919 when returned from war)

Find A Grave record: 84177745 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Cameron, Barron WI

Cemetery: Pine Grove

Tombstone: tombstone: 107 Eng. 32 Div.

Father: Charles Wilkins, 16 Jan 1862 [according to the "flower" on his father's Find A Grave biography] Summit township, Eau Claire Co. WI - 7 Apr 1944 Barron Co. WI (?). Son of Levi A. Wilkins [1831 VT – 1903 WI, F: 112832005] & Diantha Borril (9 Jan 1838 – 19 Sep 1935)

Barron Co. WI), who married 15 Nov 1855 & were the parents of 11 children. Diantha Borril was the daughter of Daniel Borril & Sallie Tweeten.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Eleanor ("Ella") Argetsinger Wilkins Willy, 14 Aug 1875 MI – 21 Dec 1954 Ramsey Co. MN.

Daughter of John/Joseph James ("Joel") Argetsinger (F: 27592264) & Mary Dell Argetsinger (F: 27592265) (maiden & married surnames the same). Joel was the son of Philip A. Argetsinger & Ann Esseltine. Mary Argetsinger Argetsinger was the daughter of John H. Argetsinger & Emeline Goldsmith.

Married in Milbank, Grant SD on 5 Sep 1931 to Henry J. Willy (1872-1949, F: 16784193). Henry was the son of Balthasar Willy & Anna Katherine Maesuger. He was previously married (wife M. Willy) & had a son Harvey Franklin Willy (1906-1979, F: 3517115).

Ella's stepson Harvey Franklin Willy married Hazel Argetsinger, the daughter of Elmer L. Argetsinger (Ella's brother) & Mabel C. Dorland.

In the 1940 census for St. Paul, Ramsey MN, Henry J. Willy (67 WI, proprietor of a retail grocery store) lived with wife Ella (64 MI) & son Harvey J. Willy, 33 MN, clerk at a retail grocery store, at 80 E. 11th.

Buried with Henry J. Willy in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Maplewood, Ramsey MN.

Find A Grave: 16784198

Parents' marriage: 24 Dec 1891 Barron Co. WI, at the home of the bride's parents.

Divorced by 1905.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Elroy Wilkins, Jul 1893 WI - Cannot trace accurately.

Notes:

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/60789/person/7009221699/facts?_phsrc=hFB67711&_phstart=successSource

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Shot himself accidentally while hunting rabbits.

Censuses:

1870 Spring Brook, Dunn WI – his father Charles

Levi Wilkins, 40 NY, farmer

Diantha, 35 WI, keeps house

Ardella, 13 WI

Rose A., 10 WI

Charles, 7 WI

Lewis, 4 WI

Mary, 2 WI

1900 Sumner, Barron WI

Mary Argetsinger, 40 NY, Jun 1859, married, father b. PA, mother b. NY, married 25 years, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

Ashley Argetsinger, 15 MI, Jun 1884, parents b. NY, laborer [son]

Henry Argetsinger, 10 WI, Feb 1890, parents b. NY, at school [son]

Edna Argetsinger, 6 WI, Sep 1894, at school [daughter]

Fernie Argetsinger, 3 WI, Aug 1896 [daughter]

Chas Wilkins, 24 MI, Aug 1875, parents b. NY, status: married, married for 8 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [daughter] [presumably Ella, Mrs. Charles Wilkins]

Elroy Wilkins, 6 WI, Jul 1893, father b. WI, mother b. MI [grandson]

Willie Wilkins, 4 WI, Nov 1895, father b. WI, mother b. MI [grandson]

1905 WI state census – Stanford, Barron WI

Diantha Wilkins, 65 NY, parents b. NY

L. E., 39 WI, parents b. NY [son]

Nathaniel, 30 WI, parents b. NY, farm laborer [son]

Elroy, 10 WI [grandson]

Willie, 9 WI [grandson]

1910 Stanley, Barron WI

Na WILKENS, 40 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY, farmer, own farm [head of household] [this is likely Nathaniel]

Diansha, 65 NY, parents b. NY, widow [mother]

Charles, 48 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY, laborer, odd jobs, divorced [brother]

Willie, 14 WI, father b. WI, mother b. MI no relation

& 2 boarders:

Hazel Woolver, 24 IN, parents b. IN, widow

Nina Woolver, 7 months WI, father b. WI, mother b. IN

1920 Stanley, Barron WI - father

Diantha Wilkins, 79 WI, parents b. NY, widow, farmer, general farm
Nathan, 48 WI, married, father b. NY, mother b. VT, farmer, general farm [son]
Tena, 36 WI, married, parents b. Norway [daughter-in-law]
Charles, 58 WI, widowed, father b. NY, mother b. VT, farmer, at home [son]
Norma L., 2 WI, parents b. WI [granddaughter]

1930 Stanley, Barron WI – father
Nathaniel Wilkins, 57 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY, guide, summer resort [head of household]
Tena, 43 WI, parents b. Norway [wife]
Norma, 12 WI, parents b. WI [daughter]
Blanche, 9 WI, parents b. WI [daughter]
Perry, 7 WI, parents b. WI [son]
Diantha, 90 NY, parents b. US [mother]
Charles, 72 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY, divorced, guide, summer resort [brother]