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WILLING, JOHN B.

File No. B-1475

John B. Willing, a native son of a pioneer family of Stearns County, Minnesota, was born in Quincy, Illinois, December 28, 1854, a son of John Henry and Elizabeth Willing, who were natives of the old country. The mother, Elizabeth coming from Westphalia, Germany, and the father, John Henry, came from near the Holland line in Germany. The Willing family came to America in the late 1840's and settled in Illinois, where John B. Willing was born and received his early childhood education in the rural schools until the usual age of sixteen. He worked on his father's farm for one year, and then decided to come to St. Cloud, Minnesota, which he did, and was employed by the Great Northern Railroad Company, constructing the tracks and bridge across the Mississippi River. After working for the Great Northern Railway Company for several years, John Willing took care of his father's farm when his father came to Minnesota in 1873 and settled on a farm near St. Joseph, Minnesota.

John B. Willing was married in the Catholic Church of St. Joseph, Minnesota on November 30, 1876 to Mary Thressa Bechtold, a daughter of John George and Thressa (Vogle) Bechtold. John G. Bechtold and family came to Stearns County in 1864 and settled near St. Joseph, Minnesota on a tract of land in section 22 which had previously been owned by John Payne Moses Morrison. John G. Bechtold died in 1901 at the age of seventy-two. His wife, Thressa Bechtold, died in 1911 at the age of seventy-nine.

To John B. and Thressa (Bechtold) Willing were born six children: Juluis and George died in 1906; Ida, Mrs. Steve Schwartz of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Thressa, Mrs. Nicholas Mohs of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Rose Willing of Dent, Minnesota; Charles Willing of Butte, Montana.

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Mrs. John B. Willing died August 30, 1926, and was buried
in Calvary Cemetery , St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: John B. Willing
Date: October 23, 1936

By: Nick P. Kruckten

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN B. WILLING BIOGRAPHY

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2. Mary T. Willing	Dec. 8, 1879	" "	Bernard Willing	
3. Ida E. Willing	Nov. 13, 1881	" "	" "	
4. Julius B. Willing	June 19, 1884	St. Cloud	John Willing	

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3. " "		A	471	26	
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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 436

John B. Willing and Mary T. Betchold

Married at St. Joseph, December 1st, 1876

By: Rev. G. Wimmer

Witnesses: Francis Willing and Rosa Betchold

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DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 219

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Daughter of Karl Voegele, mother unknown

Died December 31, 1910

Age 83 years.

DEATH RECORD BOOK S. PAGE 7 LINE 153

Thresia Mary Willing, Born in Minnesota, July 15, 1856

Daughter of John Betchold and Theresia Voegle

Died August 30, 1926

Age 70 years 1 month and 15 days

WILLING, JOHN

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Date: December 6, 1937
By: Dean Nelson

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John B. Willing was born in 1854 in Quincy, Illinois, son of John H. and Elizabeth (Meier) Willing, native Illinois farmers. John received his education in the public school of Quincy and came to Minnesota sometime in 1871, first settling in St. Cloud. John immediately got work driving team on the construction of the Great Northern Railroad. He helped with the grading as far as Melrose, Minnesota. His father purchased a farm near St. Joseph and John was forced to run it for his father as John H. was still living in Quincy, Illinois.

It was while farming that he met and married Miss Theresia Bechtold. Theresia was born July 15, 1856 on a farm near St. Joseph, daughter of John George and Theresia (Vogel) Bechtold. The young couple made their home in St. Cloud where John B. Willing worked as painter, drayman, and several other jobs.

To John B. Theresia (Bechtold) Willing were born six children: Rose, born October 25, 1876 is Mrs. Nick Pasteret; Theresa born Dec. 8, 1879 is Mrs. Nicholas Mohs; Eda E. born November 13, 1881, is Mrs. Stephan J. Schwartz; Charles born March 20, 1887; Julius born June 19, 1884, died in 1890; George born April 23, 1889, died in 1891.

John and Theresia (Bechtold) Willing have nineteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Mrs. Theresia (Bechtold) Willing died August 30, 1926. John B. is now living at 25-14th avenue north.

Interviewed: John B. Willing
Date: October 1, 1936
By: Virgil Chirhart

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