

# The Simple Truth about the Bridge Prophecy

William Branham prophesied that 16 men would fall off the Louisville Municipal Bridge and drown during its construction.

*"I looked down at the river, and there went a bridge. A big, great big bridge going across the river. And I counted sixteen men that fell off of that bridge and drowned. And I went and told mother. ...And twenty-two years from that time, on the same ground went the Municipal Bridge across, and sixteen men lost their lives on it." William Branham, March 3, 1948*

Only **two people died** during the construction of the Louisville Memorial Bridge, **and neither drowned**. Here are the newspaper clippings reporting the deaths of **Richard Pilton** on June 18, 1929 **and Lloyd McEwan** on September 9, 1929 during the construction of the Louisville Municipal Bridge.

## Jeffersonville Evening News

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### First Life Lost In Erection Of Traffic Bridge

The first life was spent in the erection of the new Jeffersonville, Louisville traffic bridge shortly after 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when Richard Pilton, 26 years old, Jeffersonville, was struck on the right temple by an iron crank he was using to tighten a wire rope near Pier No. 5 of the bridge. The blow knocked the workman off a barge at the side of the pier and his body landed in the river. It was recovered by United States Coast Guardsmen within five minutes after the accident.

Deputy Coroner Joseph Beck of Louisville said Pilton's death was due to a fractured skull. The man had been employed two months by the American Bridge Company, which has the contract for the steel work on the municipal bridge. Four other workmen were nearby when Pilton was knocked into the river. Edward Gibbs, Frank Pezzullo, Edward Connelly, Alfred Sult and William Seibert were the Coast Guardsmen who recovered the body.

For more than a year, workmen have been engaged in the erection of the traffic bridge across the Ohio river from Jeffersonville to Louisville. A safety program inaugurated by all companies and contractors who have placed men in the service of this erection has been recognized as efficient in that this is the first fatal and serious accident that has occurred

September 10, 1929

### Workman Killed In 85-Foot Fall From Traffic Bridge

Lloyd McEwen, 25 years old, Bruce, Wis., riveter employed by the American Bridge Company, contractor for the erection of the steel super-structure of the new traffic bridge from Jeffersonville to Louisville was killed at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning when he fell from the floor of the bridge, eighty-five feet below to a barge containing steel and anchored in the river.

McEwen's death was due to a broken neck, Coroner Asa D. Combs, reported Wednesday. The man also sustained a broken back, broken left arm and lacerations on his head.

Workmen who saw the man plunge to his death reported that he was working on the floor of the bridge and apparently made a misstep, losing his balance.

McEwen's death marks the second to occur since the beginning of the bridge more than a year ago.