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HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING BOY FLUNG FROM CAR AND RUN OVER

RUN OVER BY MOTOR CAR IN SIGHT OF PARENTS

A motoring accident, resulting in the instantaneous death of a six-year-old boy, occurred yesterday afternoon about half-a-mile south of the famous Scotch Corner cross-roads on the Great North Road south of Darlington.

The child's parents, who were present in the car at the time of the mishap, were Mr and Mrs Horace Kay, of 28 Sunderland Street, Houghton-le-Spring.

Mr Kay was driving his wife and three youngsters to Manor Cottage, Hudswell Lane, Richmond, where they were going to visit Mrs Kaye's sister. They were driving in the Catterick direction, and were just outside the gates of the Morris Grange Sanatorium, when they encountered a car driven in the opposite direction by Mr Thomas Hartley, of Bracken Ley House, Skipton.

According to an eye-witness, both cars were on their correct side of the road, but for some reason Mr Kaye's car ran on to the bank, its left wheel falling in a gully and then jerking over two heaps of stone.

The boy appears to have been leaning over the offside of the car, and was precipitated into the roadway, with the result that he was run over by the

oncoming car and instantly killed. The body was conveyed to the mortuary at the Hospital of St John at Scorton. Mr Hartley was accompanied by Mr William Ackroyd of Baildon.

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A studio portrait of Stanley Horace Kay, 6 year old son of Horace Kay, a master cobbler of 28 Sunderland Street, circa 1924.

The young lad, Stanley Horace Kay, was buried at Houghton Cemetery, Durham Road. The grave is in Section G, and the land behind the two trees in the 1956 photograph later became Warwick Drive, as seen in the 2011 view.

Grateful thanks are extended to Val Lanceley of London for sharing the information about her father's brother, Stanley Horace Kay.



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