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Report For: Descendants of Molly (Hutchinson) Games

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Subject: Molly (Hutchinson) Games

Question: What is the date of death of Molly (Hutchinson) Games, born 2 October 1870 in Madison County, Indiana?

Limitations: This project focuses on proving the date of death of Molly (Hutchinson) Games using a death certificate, obituary, correspondence from the cemetery, and a census.

Resources Used:

- *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/>)
- *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/>)
- *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>)
- Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, Indiana

Spelling Note: The spellings of certain surnames and first names vary in the historical records. For example, Hutchinson and Hutchison, Margaret and Maggie, Molly and Mollie, Omer and Omar have all been observed. These variations are considered in this report.

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## Background Summary

Molly Hutchinson was born on 2 October 1870 in Madison County, Indiana to Francis Hutchinson and Maggie (also known as Margaret) (Bowen) Hutchinson. Molly, age 19, married James Games, age 33, in Boone County, Indiana on 25 December 1889, a first marriage for both.<sup>1</sup> Molly and James were parents to nine children who survived infancy: Omer Grover, Alonzo Harrison, James Arthur, Mary Alice, Charles Floyd, Cora Marie, Chester Edwin, Osa Belle, and Elsie.<sup>2</sup> The family, initially recorded as residing in Gregg, Morgan, Indiana in 1900, moved across various counties within Indiana.<sup>3</sup> Molly (Hutchinson) Games is consistently listed in every applicable census record from 1880 to 1950.

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<sup>1</sup> Boone County, Indiana, "Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," Games-Hutchison, 25 December 1889; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-67Z7-124?i=31&cc=1410397> : 13 July 2023), images 32-34 of 161; Indiana Commission on Public Records, Indianapolis.

<sup>2</sup> 1910 U.S. census, Morgan County, Indiana, population schedule, Gregg Township, enumeration district (ED) 58, sheet 5-A, p. 86 (stamped), dwelling 83, family 85, James Games household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111\\_4328267-00600?pId=137034896](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111_4328267-00600?pId=137034896) : accessed 13 July 2023); citing National Archives microfilm publication T624, roll 372.

<sup>3</sup> 1910 U.S. census, Morgan County, Indiana, pop. sch., ED 58, sheet 5-A, p. 86 (stamped), dwell. 83, fam. 85, James Games.

## Research Notes

### Indiana Death Certificate

Molly May Games, aged 85, died on October 16, 1955, at her residence near Bridgeport, a small village in Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana.<sup>4</sup> The death certificate identifies her as widowed and a housewife, and notably states "none" in the field for a Social Security number. Her father is listed as W. Henry Hutchison, while her mother's maiden name is unknown. The Moore & Kirk Funeral Home arranged her body's transfer to East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson, Indiana. Her son, A. H. Games, who resided at the same address, served as the informant for the death certificate. The primary cause of death was pneumonia, with influenza as the underlying cause. (See [EXHIBIT 1](#).)

*Analysis: Exhibit 1 presents a digital copy of an original death certificate obtained from Ancestry.com. This death certificate offers both primary and secondary information. Details such as the date and location of Molly Games' death, the funeral home, type of release, and cemetery name and location were documented by eyewitnesses. Historical information was provided by Molly's son, A.H. Games. However, since A.H. Games did not possess first-hand knowledge about his mother's birth details or parents, the information he provided is secondary. Consequently, he mistakenly identified the wrong man as Molly's father and did not know her mother's name.*

*Further evidence from the 1880 U.S. Census lists a young girl named Mary, of an age consistent with Molly, living in a household with parents named Francis Hutchinson and Margaret.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, Molly's marriage record, as previously noted, identifies her father as Francis Hutchison. This consistency between the census and the marriage record reinforces the likelihood that Francis is Molly's actual father, casting doubt on the accuracy of the death certificate's informant.*

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<sup>4</sup> "Indiana State Board of Health, Death Certificates, 1900–2017," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232\\_354222-02154?pId=1191910](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232_354222-02154?pId=1191910) : accessed 12 July 2023), 1955, roll no. 10, register no. 32813 (stamped), certificate of death for Molly May Games, died Marion County, 16 October 1955; citing "Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana."

<sup>5</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Boone County, Indiana, population schedule, Perry Township, enumeration district (ED) 123, sheet 198, p. 14, dwelling 119, family 121, Francis Hutchinson household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240575-00058?pId=45578789> : accessed 8 Oct 2023); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 267.

## Obituary

A transcription of Molly Games' obituary found on *Newspapers.com* follows.<sup>6</sup>  
(See [EXHIBIT 2](#).)

### **Molly M. Games**

Molly May Games, 85, will be buried in East Maplewood Cemetery after services at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Moore & Kirk Ben Davis Chapel. She died Sunday in her home near Bridgeport. Born at Fayette, Mrs. Games had lived here 19 years.

Survivors are four daughters, Mary Cline, South Bend; Mary Phillips, Martinsville; Elise Beason, Anderson, and Belle Piel, Indianapolis; four sons, Alonzo H. Games, Bridgeport; Arthur and Chester Games, South Bend, and Charles Games, Laporte; 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

*Analysis: Exhibit 2 features a digital image of Molly Games' obituary, an original source obtained from Newspapers.com, originating from an Indiana newspaper. This obituary includes both primary and secondary information from an unidentified source. Published in The Indianapolis News on Tuesday, 18 October 1955, the obituary places her death on the previous Sunday, consistent with the 16<sup>th</sup> of October death date on the death certificate. It verifies her burial at East Maplewood Cemetery and names Moore & Kirk as the funeral service provider, corroborating the information on the death certificate. The obituary also recognizes a surviving son, Alonzo H. Games of Bridgeport, who corresponds to*

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<sup>6</sup> "Molly M. Games," obituary, *The Indianapolis News* (Indianapolis, Indiana), 18 Oct 1955, p. 15, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* ([https://www.newspapers.com/article/37909340/obituary\\_for\\_molly\\_may\\_games\\_aged\\_85/?xid=637](https://www.newspapers.com/article/37909340/obituary_for_molly_may_games_aged_85/?xid=637) : accessed 11 July 2023).

*the informant, A.H. Games, on the death certificate. The obituary does not provide details on Molly's husband, parents, siblings, or her date of birth.*

### Diagram of Burial Plot and Cemetery Map

The diagram depicting Mollie May Games' burial plot features a marked representation of her grave, circled in red, along with eleven additional plots.<sup>7</sup> Of these, nine are filled and three remain vacant. Handwritten notations within the rectangles provide identification for each interred individual. Mollie's surname appears overwritten with the correct version written above. Next to Mollie's plot is her son Omer's grave; his surname is corrected from an initial erroneous entry of "Garnes." The timespan of burials in this section ranges from as early as 1944 to as recent as 2010. The cemetery map serves as a visual aid providing context for Molly's burial location within the layout of Maplewood Cemetery.<sup>8</sup> ([See EXHIBITS 3 and 4.](#))

*Analysis: Exhibits 3 and 4 include a diagram of Mollie May Games' burial plot and a map of East Maplewood Cemetery (now called Maplewood Cemetery) located at 200 College Drive, Anderson, Indiana. These are original sources, received via email from the cemetery staff. The diagram, undated and with the artist unknown, provides primary information confirming Molly Games' burial at this location on October 19, 1955 (written in handwriting on the diagram of her plot), which is consistent with the death certificate and obituary information. The map shows the layout of the entire cemetery. Mollie Games burial plot is in Section 25 (although missing from the burial diagram, the section number was confirmed by cemetery staff via email), Lot 175, Space 1, alongside her son, "Omar G." Games. This information aligns with the previous sources, reinforcing the accuracy of the reported date of Molly's death. The cemetery records and the diagram, received directly from cemetery staff, confirm Mollie's burial at Maplewood Cemetery. It should be noted that Mollie's grave lacks a gravestone, as confirmed by cemetery staff.*

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<sup>7</sup> Mollie May Games burial plot diagram, undated, artist unknown; image copy supplied by K. Long to Nancy Ives, Maplewood Cemetery, 6 December 2021.

<sup>8</sup> Maplewood Cemetery (<https://maplewoodcemetery.com/map/> : accessed 10 July 2023); cemetery map. Red arrow points to Mollie May Games burial site at Section 25, Lot 175, Space 1.

1950 US. Census

**1950 U.S. Census, Wayne, Marion, Indiana – Alonzo H. Games Household<sup>9</sup>**  
 (See [EXHIBIT 5.](#))

Name	Relationship	Race	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Birth Place
Games, Alonzo H.	Head	W	M	55	mar	Indiana
“ , Esta E.	wife	W	F	53	mar	Indiana
“ , Ernest G.	son	W	M	27	nev	Indiana
“ , Martha K.	daughter	W	F	20	nev	Indiana
“ , Otis F.	son	W	M	18	nev	Indiana
McCreary, Robert Jr.	son-in-law	W	M	18	mar	Indiana
“ , Ruth E.	daughter	W	F	16	mar	Indiana
“ , Linda L.	granddaughter	W	F	April	nev	Indiana
Games, Mollie	mother	W	F	79	wd	unknown

*Analysis: Exhibit 5 features the 1950 U.S. Census, noting the household of Alonzo H. Games in Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana, recorded on 17 April 1950. The document lists Alonzo, age 55, as the head of the household and Mollie Games, age 79, as his mother. Both individuals correspond with the information on Mollie's death certificate and obituary. The census address, 12 W. Washington Street, adjacent to the village of Bridgeport, aligns with the locations indicated on Mollie's death certificate and obituary.<sup>10</sup> (See [EXHIBIT 6.](#))*

Conclusion

Molly (Hutchinson) Games passed away on 16 October 1955 in Marion County, Indiana. This date is corroborated by original records created in the immediate aftermath of her death – the death certificate and the obituary. Further affirmation comes from the cemetery plot diagram indicating her burial on 19

<sup>9</sup> 1950 U.S. census, Marion Co., Ind., pop. sch., Wayne Twp, ED 49-148, sheet 11, dwell. 99, Alonzo H. Games household; digital image, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-Indiana-185121-0012?pId=133477084> : accessed 12 July 2023); citing National Archives microfilm publication T628, roll 5120.

<sup>10</sup> "Bridgeport, Indianapolis," Wikipedia, last modified 3 July 2023, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridgeport,\\_Indianapolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridgeport,_Indianapolis).

October 1955, a date also stated in the death certificate and the obituary. The 1950 U.S. Census reveals she was residing with her son, Alonzo H. Games, who is the informant on her death certificate and named as a surviving son in her obituary. This record also validates Mollie's place of residence. No contradictory records indicating a different death date were found during this research.

### Further Research Suggestions

Additional research to find more records about Molly (Hutchinson) Games' death date could be conducted by looking for the following:

- **Church Records:** If Molly or her family were associated with a specific church in Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana, there may be records of her death, funeral, or burial there. There is a list here for Marion County, Indiana, and links to Bridgeport Church Records: [LDS Genealogy](#).
- **Letters or Personal Documents:** If any family papers, letters, diaries, or other documents have been preserved, these might contain references to Molly's death. Contacting DNA matches on Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, FTDNA, 23andme, and FamilySearch may result in some of these documents being available.
- **Probate Records:** If Molly had a will or there was an estate to be settled, there should be Marion County, Indiana probate records filed when she died. These often include death dates and could provide further verification. Contact the Marion County Records Department & Microfilm Library here to order a court record: [Request records here](#).



Exhibits

EXHIBIT 1 – DEATH CERTIFICATE

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Division of Vital Records  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

Local No. **32813**  
Death No. **32813**

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**  
a. COUNTY **MARION 44-XXX**  
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL) **RURAL**  
c. TOWN **RURAL 44-XXX**  
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION **R.R. 1 BOX 48 BRIDGEPORT**

**2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where decedent lived. If institution, residence before admission)**  
a. STATE **IND.** b. COUNTY **MARION**  
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL) **RURAL**  
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) **R.R. 1 BOX 48 BRIDGEPORT**

**3. NAME OF DECEASED**  
a. (First) **MOLLY** b. (Middle) **MAY** c. (Last) **GAMES**  
d. DATE OF DEATH **10 16 1955**

**5. SEX** **FEM.** **6. COLOR OR RACE** **W.** **7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)** **MARRIED**  
**8. DATE OF BIRTH** **OCT 2-1911** **9. AGE (In years) (If under 1 year, (Month) (Day) (Year) If under 30 use Months | Days | Yrs. | Wks.)** **45 10 5**

**10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if stopped)** **HOUSEWIFE** **10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY** **HOUSEWIFE**  
**11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)** **INDIANA 13** **12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?** **U.S.**  
**13. FATHER'S NAME** **HENRY HUTCHINSON** **14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME** **Hutchinson**

**15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give year or dates of service)** **No** **16. SOCIAL SECURITY No.** **None** **17. INFORMANT (NAME AND ADDRESS)** **G. H. Games (Son) R.R. 1 Box 48**

**18. CAUSE OF DEATH**  
State only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)  
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH\* (a) **Broncho-pneumonia**  
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.) **Influenza**  
III. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS **480X**

**19a. DATE OF OPERATION** **None** **19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION** **None** **19c. AUTOPSY?** Yes  No

**20. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE** (Specify) **None** **21a. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., is or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)** **None** **21b. CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP (COUNTY)** **BRIDGEPORT (MARION)** **21c. STATE** **IND.**

**21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour)** **None** **21e. INJURY OCCURRED** White  Non White  Work  Not Work  **21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?** **None**

**22a. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN** **F. L. Haddad MD** **22b. HEALTH OFFICER** **None**  
I certify that I attended the deceased from **Sept 1955 to Sept 1955** and that death occurred at **10:30 PM** on **Oct 16 1955** at an above date.  
I certify that I investigated cause of death of deceased and find that death occurred at **10:30 PM** from cause stated and on above date.

**23a. Signature of Attending Physician or Health Officer** **F. L. Haddad MD** **23b. ADDRESS** **Bridgeport Ind.** **23c. DATE SIGNED** **9-17-55**

**24a. BURIAL CERTIFICATE, REMOVAL (Specify)** **RURAL** **24b. DATE** **OCT 18 1955** **24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY** **EAST MAPLEWOOD** **24d. LOCATION** **ANDERSON IND.**

**DATE REC'D BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER** **OCT 18 1955** **SIGNATURE OF HEALTH OFFICER** **Henry J. Anton M.D.** **25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR** **MOORE & KIRK** **ADDRESS** **612 W. WASHINGTON**

**WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK - THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD**  
N. B. Every item of information should be carefully checked. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. "Lead Poisoning" for persons dying early from lead should be given in every instance.  
PLACE OF DEATH MEANS WHERE PERSON ACTUALLY DIED, NOT WHERE LIVED

EMERALD'S NAME **G. H. Games**  
LICENSE No. **404**

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## EXHIBIT 2 – OBITUARY

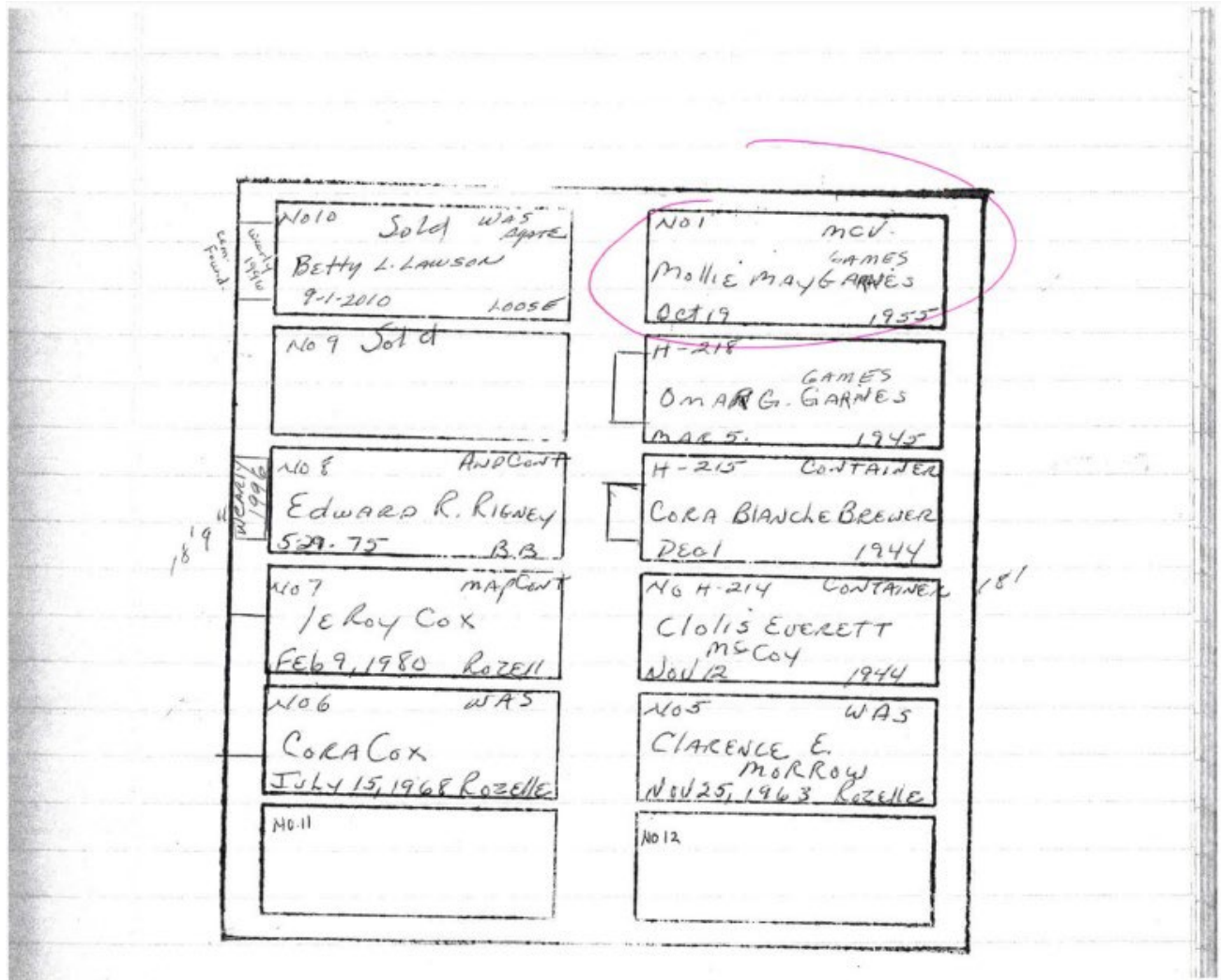
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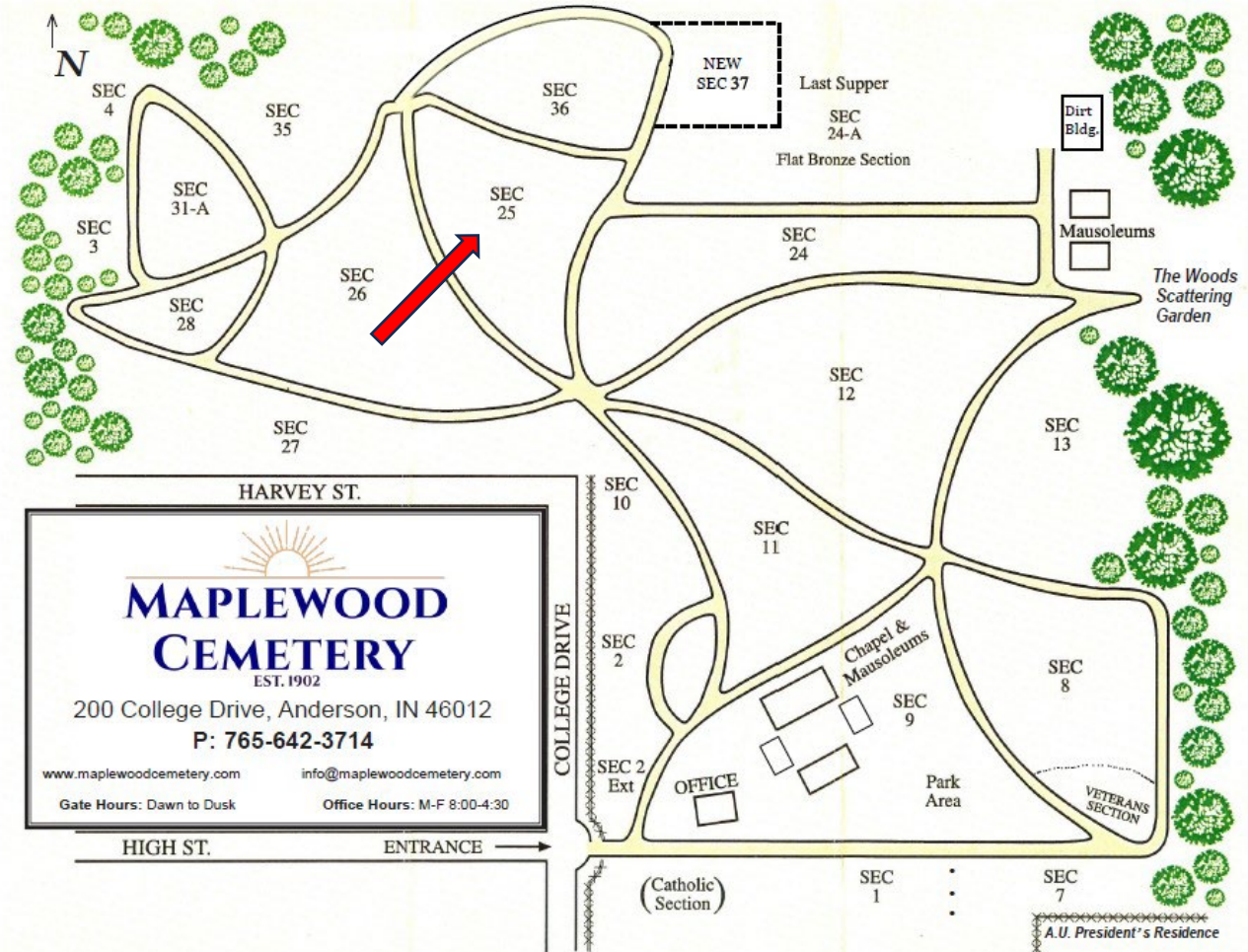
### EXHIBIT 3 – DIAGRAM OF BURIAL PLOT



Section. Lot 175, Space 1

Mollie May Games burial plot diagram, undated, artist unknown; image copy supplied by K. Long to Nancy Ives, Maplewood Cemetery (200 College Drive, Anderson, Indiana), 6 December 2021.

### EXHIBIT 4 – CEMETERY MAP



Maplewood Cemetery (<https://maplewoodcemetery.com/map/> : accessed 10 July 2023); cemetery map. The red arrow points to Mollie May Games burial site at Section 25, Lot 175, Space 1.

### EXHIBIT 5 – 1950 U.S. CENSUS

**1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING**  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 FORM P1

**STATE:** Indiana  
**COUNTY:** Marion  
**TOWNSHIP:** Wayne  
**ED:** 49-148

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**INDEXED BY:** MORGAN

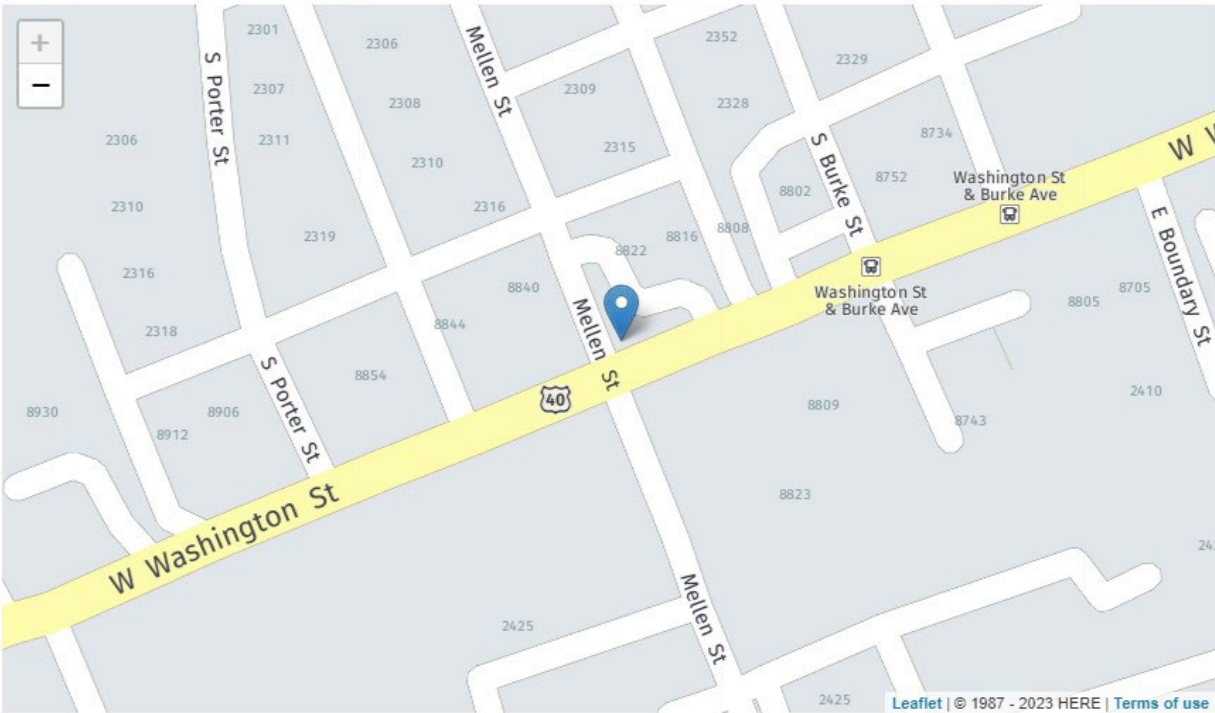
FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD		FOR ALL PERSONS										FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER																								
NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	SEX	AGE	RACE	MARRIAGE STATUS	EDUCATION	RECORD OF SERVICE	U.S. BORN	STATE BORN	COUNTRY BORN	1947-48 POPULATION	1947-48 HOUSING	1947-48 OCCUPATION	1947-48 INDUSTRY	1947-48 LEAVE	[Detailed Occupational Data]																				
Alonzo H. Games	Head	W	98	W	Married	8		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		CASHIER Retail Store P 1948																				
Ella E. Games	Wife	F	97	W	Widowed	8		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		HOMEMAKER																				
James H. Games	Son	M	24	W	Married	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		MACHINE OPERATOR Manufacturing																				
Ernest G. Games	Son	M	21	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		TRUCK DRIVER Contract Driver C																				
Martha K. Games	Daughter	F	16	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		DRESSMAKER Sewing and Dressmaking P																				
Ruth E. Games	Daughter	F	14	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		HOMEMAKER																				
James H. Games Jr.	Son	M	13	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		FARM HAND																				
George Thomas Games	Son	M	9	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		FARM HAND																				
Donald E. Games	Son	M	6	W	Single	11		U.S.	Ind.	U.S.	1948	1948	1948	1948		FARM HAND																				

**RECORDS CONTAINED ON NEXT SHEET:**  
 1. 49-148-99-100 (Mother)

1950 U.S. census, Marion Co., Ind., pop. sch., Wayne Twp, ED 49-148, sheet 11, dwell. 99, Alonzo H. Games household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-Indiana-185121-0012?pId=133477084> : accessed 12 July 2023); citing National Archives microfilm publication T628, roll 5120.

## EXHIBIT 6 – BRIDGEPORT LOCATION

Mapped Location of Bridgeport



"Bridgeport, Marion County, Indiana," HomeTownLocator,  
(<https://indiana.hometownlocator.com/in/marion/bridgeport.cfm> : accessed 12 July 2023.