

# Property History Report

## 2343 South Garfield Drive

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### I. Introduction

Tucked near the bottom of page 11 in the April 4, 1929, issue of *The Indianapolis Times*, a brief two-line notice informed readers that a man named H. Hilgemeier had filed a building permit for a house and garage at 2343 Garfield Drive. The estimated cost of the project was \$5,250.<sup>1</sup> That same year, the house—a charming brick bungalow with distinctive curved walls—was completed. It sat on a slight terrace, overlooking Garfield Park to the west.<sup>2</sup>

Surrounded by a neighborhood of middle-class homes built in the 1910s and 1920s, the bungalow blends easily into its surroundings. At first glance, it seems like just one of hundreds of similar houses scattered across Indianapolis. But a closer look at its history highlights notable stories about the development of the city’s south side, the influence of its German-American community, and the rise of a once-thriving meatpacking industry.

### II. Hilgemeier Family and Garfield Park Origins

The “H. Hilgemeier” listed on the 1929 building permit for 2343 Garfield Drive refers to Harry Charles Hilgemeier, born on October 18, 1879, in Indianapolis.<sup>3</sup> He was the youngest of seven children born to Ferdinand Christian Hilgemeier and Anna Maria Sudbrock, German immigrants who had arrived in the United States prior to the Civil War.<sup>4</sup> Harry’s older siblings included two sisters, Mary and Matilda, and four brothers: George, William, Christian, and Frank.<sup>5</sup>

In the years before Harry’s birth, the Hilgemeier family lived on the city’s immediate south side, settling in the 1870s on Wyoming Street—now the site of the Lilly Corporate Center.<sup>6</sup> It was while the family was living here that the city of Indianapolis purchased a short-lived horse

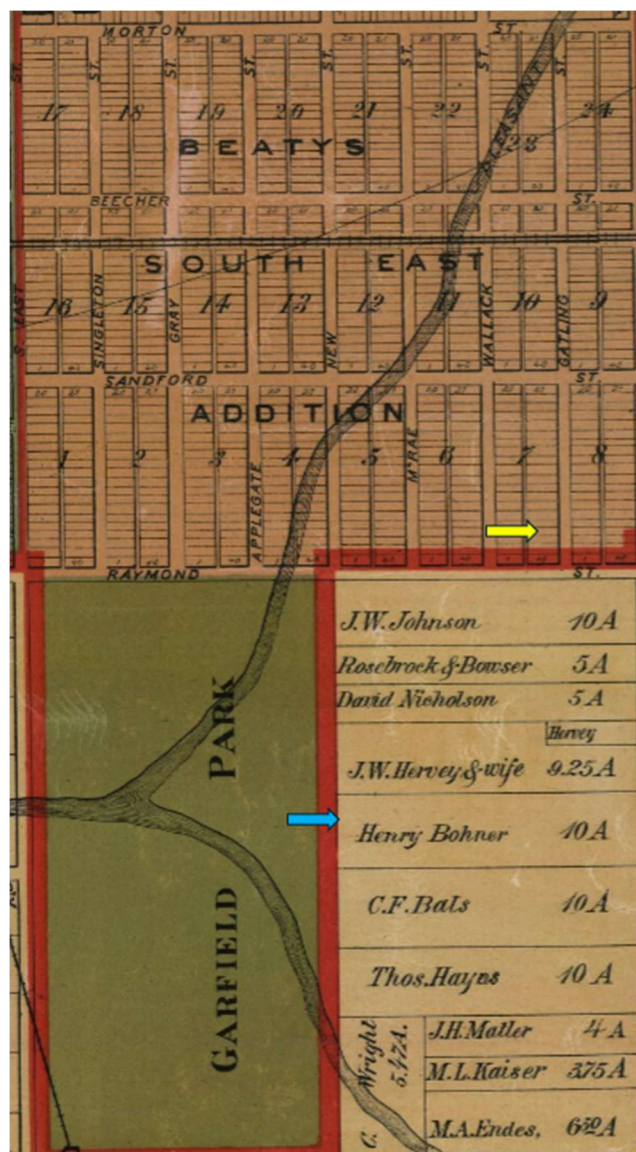
racing track in 1874 for the purpose of developing a public park.<sup>7</sup> In its earliest years, the park was known as Southern Park or South Park, but was renamed Garfield Park in 1881 in honor of President James Garfield, following his assassination.<sup>8</sup>

By the 1880s, the Hilgemeier family had moved farther south to Prospect Street.<sup>9</sup> Then, in 1888, when Harry was nine years old, the family relocated again, this time to a home within walking distance of Garfield Park.<sup>10</sup> Their new residence was on Gatling Street (today Barth Avenue) in Beaty's Addition, one of the earliest residential subdivisions on the south side.<sup>11</sup> City directories from 1888 place the family in the second house north of Raymond Street, and land transfers from 1889–1900 identify the property as Lot 34, Block 7.<sup>12</sup> Today the address is 2154 Barth Avenue, roughly a ten-minute walk from 2343 South Garfield Drive.

Garfield Park was severely underutilized in the 1880s and had not seen much improvement. When the Hilgemeiers moved to the northern edge of the park in 1888, it was still being used as a cattle pasture.<sup>13</sup> Interestingly, their move corresponded with the first real push to develop the park. A group of south side residents rallied the city to allocate funds for improvements in 1888.<sup>14</sup> That same year, the City Council authorized an ordinance to improve the park, setting aside \$10,000 to fund the effort.<sup>15</sup> Additional appropriations of \$7,000 followed in 1892 and 1893.<sup>16</sup>

### III. Hilgemeier Subdivision and Family Business

While improvements to Garfield Park were being made, the Hilgemeier family also played a role in shaping the development of the surrounding neighborhood. In 1887, they acquired fifteen lots along the north side of Raymond Street—an area bounded today by Pleasant Run to the



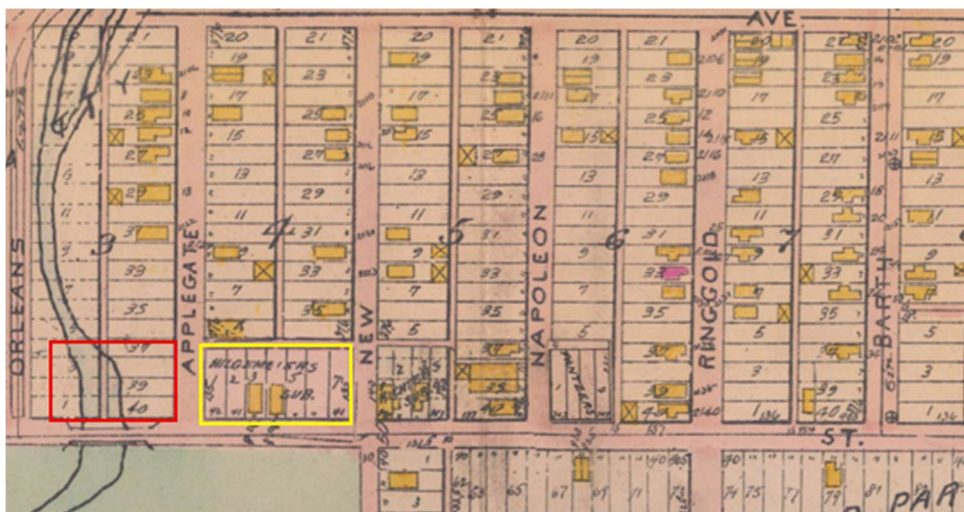
This 1889 map shows the area surrounding Garfield Park at the time the Hilgemeier family moved there. The yellow arrow (placed by the author) indicates the location of the original Hilgemeier home, while the blue arrow indicates the future home of Harry Hilgemeier at 2343 South Garfield Drive. Note that Garfield Park had not yet expanded, and the land to its east consisted of rural farm parcels. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis, University Library, Historic Indiana Maps Collection.

west and South Garfield Drive to the east.<sup>17</sup> Sometime between 1887 and 1908, a portion of these lots was redeveloped as the Hilgemeier Subdivision.<sup>18</sup>

The subdivision was likely tied to the family's growing presence in the local meat industry. Christian Hilgemeier, the family patriarch, was working in the city's meat market as early as 1873 and remained active in the trade through the late 1880s.<sup>19</sup> His eldest son, Frank, followed him into the business by 1889, with his second son, Christian Jr., joining a year later.<sup>20</sup> When Christian Sr. died of heart failure in 1893 at the age of 62, the family's business ventures did not decline.<sup>21</sup> Instead, his third son, George, entered the trade in 1895—the same year the firm name *Hilgemeier Bros.* first appeared in the city directory.<sup>22</sup>

The exact location of the Hilgemeier family's early business operations does not appear on surviving maps of the period, but various historical sources offer compelling clues. In 1894, Christian Jr. was operating as a wholesale meat dealer at the northeast corner of Gray and Raymond Streets—a site that corresponds to the fifteen lots the family had purchased in 1887 and later redeveloped into the Hilgemeier Subdivision.<sup>23</sup> Just two years later, *The Indianapolis News* reported growing neighborhood concerns:

Property owners near Garfield Park are complaining of the fertilizing establishment of Rauh & Co. and the slaughterhouse of Higemier [sic] Bros. The water from these establishments is drained into Pleasant Run, and flows into the lake in Garfield Park.<sup>24</sup>



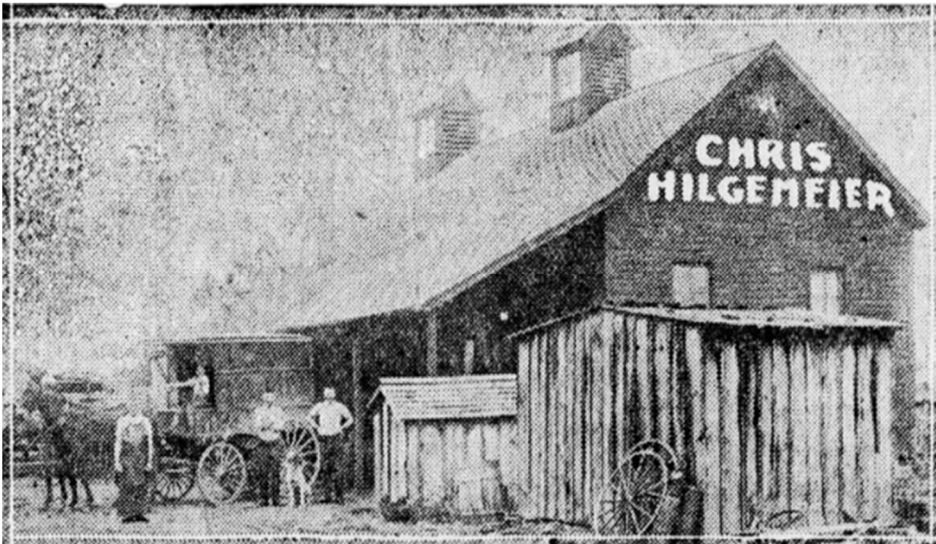
This 1908 map shows the Hilgemeier Subdivision (outlined in yellow, added by the author) and the likely location of the Hilgemeier business (outlined in red). Today, New Street is known as South Garfield Drive, and Applegate is now East Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis, University Library, Sanborn Map and Baist Atlas Collection.

Between 1896 and 1900, city directories listed the Hilgemeier Bros. business at the northeast corner of Raymond and Applegate Streets—again placing the operation squarely within the footprint of the Hilgemeier Subdivision.<sup>25</sup> Further confirmation comes from George Hilgemeier's 1948 obituary, which recalled the firm's founding by their father Christian "in a

small plant near Garfield Park."<sup>26</sup> Taken together, these scattered pieces of evidence suggest that the family's early business was not only tied to their residential holdings, but also

physically embedded within the subdivision they helped shape along the north side of Raymond Street, near Pleasant Run.

In 1899, 20-year-old Harry Hilgemeier first appeared in the city directory under his own name, listed as a butcher boarding at his mother's house at 2124 Barth Avenue (the same house mentioned earlier, when Barth Avenue was known as Gatling Street).<sup>27</sup> 1899 was also the first year that the family's company was enumerated in the city directory specifically as a pork



This late 19<sup>th</sup>-century photograph of the Hilgemeier business was included in a full-page newspaper advertisement in 1924. This is likely the structure that stood on Pleasant Run near the family's subdivision. The individuals are unidentified but probably include members of the Hilgemeier family.

packing operation, under the ownership of Harry's older brothers, Frank and George, under the name *Frank F. Hilgemeier & Bro.*<sup>28</sup>

A full-page ad the company placed on New Year's Eve 1924 stated that it was founded in 1885, only a few years before the family moved to the vicinity of Garfield Park.<sup>29</sup> It included "then and now" photographs that reveal what its early operations looked like.

#### IV. Harry and Minnie Hilgemeier and Early Life by Garfield Park

While the Hilgemeiers established their business on the edge of Garfield Park, the arrival of electric streetcar lines in 1896 and again in 1901 proved a boon to the area's development, offering quick and reliable access from the city center.<sup>30</sup> The promise of such improvements was already being recognized in 1895, when a member of the city's Board of Works, after visiting the park, predicted it would one day anchor a thriving residential district:

I predict that within ten years' time the ground around Garfield Park will be covered with homes and be a desirable residence portion of the city. When we get some improvements made down this way it will be a wonderful thing for this part of the town.<sup>31</sup>

In the summer of 1904, Harry Hilgemeier married Minnie Roembke.<sup>32</sup> The two likely met through their shared roots in the southside German community, as well as their proximity as neighbors. The 1900 census lists Minnie, her younger sister Marie, and their parents, Conrad and Sophie, at 1815 Ringold Street—about half a mile north of the Hilgemeier home on Barth



Avenue.<sup>33</sup> Like the Hilgemeiers, the Roembkes were of German descent, though they had arrived more recently, in 1897.<sup>34</sup> Harry was a first-generation German American, while Minnie had been born in Germany.<sup>35</sup> Their first child, Harry Jr., was born in 1905, while they lived in their first home together at 808 East Raymond Street (now 814), on Lot 4 of the Hilgemeier subdivision.<sup>36</sup> Their daughter, Esther, followed in 1908.<sup>37</sup>

In the year Esther was born, Harry and Minnie's home at 808 (now 814) Raymond Street stood near what was then the true southern edge of Indianapolis—a landscape in transition from rural to urban. This environment was familiar to Harry, who had grown up on the city's south side, where open fields and small farms coexisted with early subdivisions and scattered homes.<sup>38</sup> That same blend of countryside and city still defined the area in 1908. From their front



Harry Hilgemeier (c. 1933, photograph taken from his obituary) and Minnie Hilgemeier (1922, photograph taken from her passport application; the quality is poor).

porch, looking southeast across the road, Harry and Minnie would have seen rural land slowly giving way to development—fields transforming into residential streets. It was in that emerging neighborhood, just east of Garfield Park, that they would eventually build their second home.

The 1895 prediction made by the member of the city's Board of Works came true rather quickly. Fueled by electric streetcar lines and the broader expansion of Indianapolis around the turn of the century, the area surrounding Garfield Park began to transform rapidly. Between 1898 and 1901, the city developed a new eastern entrance to the park from Shelby Street.<sup>39</sup> This improvement was followed by a wave of residential development between 1903 and 1913, including the Holliday Addition to the southeast and the Park Crest Addition to the south.<sup>40</sup> To

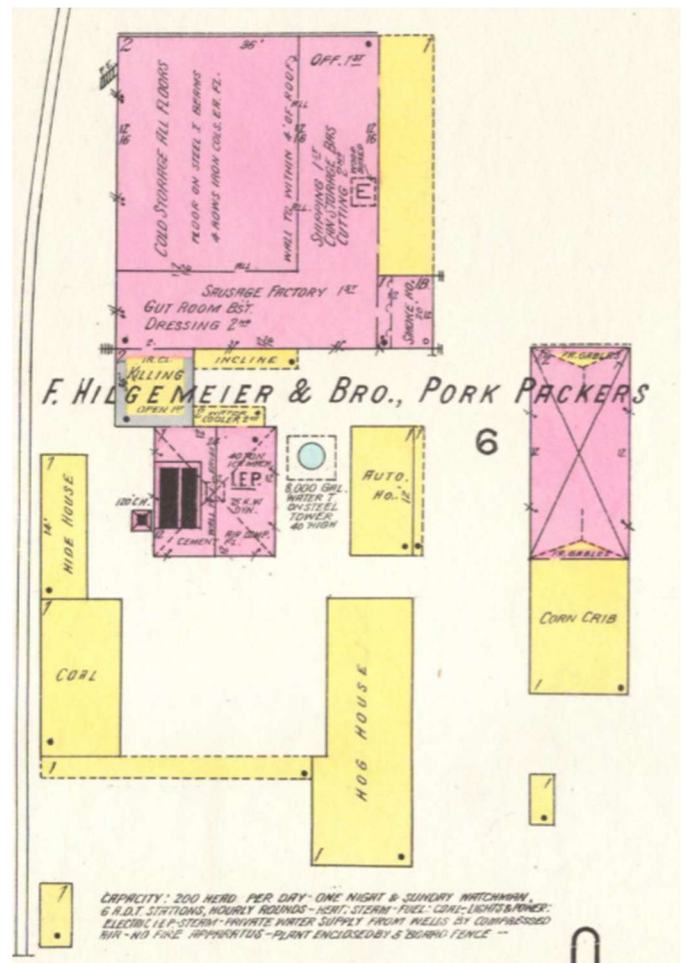
the north of the new entrance, across the street from the Hilgemeier residence at 814 Raymond Street, six smaller additions forming a cohesive neighborhood were platted in quick succession. A stretch of land between the new Shelby Street entrance and Southern Avenue remained undeveloped until it was purchased by the city in 1914—an expansion that established Garfield Park’s present-day boundaries.<sup>41</sup>

## V. New Packing Plant & Family Prosperity

Meanwhile, the family’s livelihood came from the Hilgemeier meat-packing company. Harry remained employed there while Minnie raised their children. The business grew steadily, and in 1912, a new \$20,000 plant was built at the corner of Raymond and West Streets.<sup>42</sup>

An impressive operation, the main brick building housed cold storage, a sausage factory, gut room, dressing floors, and offices. Hogs were slaughtered in a nearby open-roofed killing room with a scalding vat and hair drum, then transported via an incline to the main building. A boiler and engine house powered the plant’s refrigeration and machinery, using coal as fuel. Live hogs were kept in a large frame hog house, and hides were stored separately. Other structures included a corn crib, auto house, water tower, and coal storage. The plant could process 200 hogs per day—an operation that, by 1918, positioned the Hilgemeier family for success in what was then Indianapolis’s principal industry.<sup>43</sup>

By 1920, the family was still living at 814 Raymond Street, and Minnie’s father, Conrad, had moved in with them.<sup>44</sup> In 1923, the Hilgemeiers completed several repairs and renovations to the home, and by 1924, they had listed it for sale.<sup>45</sup> They then relocated to a house on South Meridian Street, a property that had been in the family since at least 1902.<sup>46</sup> Both children completed their schooling in 1926—Harry Jr. graduated from Culver Military Academy, and Esther from Manual Training High School.<sup>47</sup> Around the same time, the Hilgemeier meat-packing business was thriving. In 1928 and 1929, two major expansions to the Raymond Street plant totaled \$110,000.<sup>48</sup>



1915 Sanborn insurance map of the Hilgemeier packing plant at Raymond and West Streets. Pink buildings indicate brick construction, yellow indicate frame construction. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis, University Library, Indianapolis Sanborn Map and Baist Atlas Collection.



Esther Hilgemeier, left, and Harry Hilgemeier Jr., right, pictured in their school yearbooks.

## VI. Return to Garfield Park

The Hilgemeiers remained at the South Meridian residence for only four years before deciding to return to the Garfield Park area. By 1927, only a handful of vacant lots remained along the park's northeastern edge. Development had progressed rapidly, transforming the semi-rural landscape Harry and Minnie had once known into a much denser, more urbanized neighborhood. In 1929, the couple built their new home overlooking Garfield Park on Lot 5 of Niermeyer's Addition, one of the few vacant lots left in the area.<sup>49</sup> That same year, *The Indianapolis Star* ran a pair of articles in its regular "Our Street" feature, highlighting the appeal of Garfield Drive:

All the advantages of a country estate—without the cost.

This might well be the slogan of residents of Garfield drive, west of Shelby street, for they have just across the street the spacious grounds, the fountains, the sunken garden of Garfield park, truly an estate that would satisfy a plutocrat.

The well-planned appearance of the drive is distinctive. Houses are of the same general type, bungalows, some with small second stories, and of brick or brick-and-frame construction. The lawns are terraced, giving residents the advantages of privacy and

better view over the park. Down the grass plot that divides sidewalk from boulevard is a row of maple trees.<sup>50</sup>

Residents of Garfield Drive north of Raymond Street had glowing reviews of the neighborhood:

Mrs. Madalene Shumaker, 2137 East Garfield drive, who has lived there sixteen years, declared that the street is the “prettiest in the city.” “This street is so quiet and peaceful. It is away from the factory district and all of the smoke and soot. We also are four blocks from the rumbling, clanging street cars,” she said.

“A splendid place to rear children,” Mrs. John Baumann, 2129 East Garfield drive, asserted. She said she likes the street because every one is financially able to afford a pretty neat home, an automobile if they want one, and because the yards are kept in such perfect condition. The neighbors, she added, are fine.<sup>51</sup>

By 1930, Harry and Minnie’s new home was complete, and they were living there with Esther and Minnie’s father.<sup>52</sup> Harry Jr. never settled into his parents’ new home. In 1929, he and his wife built their own house across from Garfield Park at 2701 Allen Avenue.<sup>53</sup> Esther stayed at the Garfield Drive home only briefly—just a few months—before marrying at the end of 1930 and moving to Evansville with her husband.<sup>54</sup>

The house witnessed loss in its earliest years: Minnie’s father, Conrad, passed away there in December 1932, and his funeral was held in the home.<sup>55</sup> Harry Sr. lived in the home for only three years before his death in February 1933, just two months after Conrad; his funeral was also held there.<sup>56</sup> At that time, he was the superintendent of the truck drivers at the Hilgemeier packing company, a role that kept him connected to the family business. The company’s fleet, often featured in local newspapers, bore his mark—clearly a point of pride for him.<sup>57</sup>

After Harry Sr.’s death in 1933, Esther returned home, likely to support her mother through the loss.<sup>58</sup> That same year, she filed for divorce and settled back into the Garfield Drive house with her young daughter, Lela.<sup>59</sup> For much of the 1930s, three generations of Hilgemeier women—Minnie, Esther, and Lela—shared the home, making a life together while Esther worked for the Board of School Commissioners.<sup>60</sup>

In 1941, Esther remarried.<sup>61</sup> Her new husband, Karl Braun, moved into the house, and two years later they welcomed a daughter, Sherrill.<sup>62</sup> By 1950, the household had grown into a family of five.<sup>63</sup> That year marked the last time the home was occupied by the Hilgemeier family. Sale advertisements for the house appeared in August 1950, and by 1951 it was occupied by the Sappenfield family.<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “Building Permits,” *The Indianapolis Times*, 4 April 1929, page 11, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025). South Garfield Drive has had numerous names in the past, including New Street (its original name), East Garfield Drive, and simply just Garfield Drive.

<sup>2</sup> Baist, G. Wm. *Baist’s Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Indianapolis, Indiana*. Philadelphia: G. Wm. Baist, 1929. Plate 27. Indiana University Indianapolis Sanborn Map and Baist Atlas Collection.



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(<https://library.indianapolis.iu.edu/digitalcollections/sanbornjp2>: accessed 22 June 2025). The home at 2343 South Garfield Drive does not appear in the 1927 Baist Real Estate Atlas, but does appear in the 1929 issue, confirming that it was finished the same year the building permit was posted in the newspaper.

<sup>3</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card for Harry Charles Hilgemeier, 12 September 1918, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana Draft Board 9; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918; Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 163; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/>: accessed 22 June 2025); 1900 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Center Township, Indianapolis, Ward 14, ED 174, sheet B9, dwelling 178 family 189, Mary A. Hilgemeier household; digital image, FamilySearch ([https://www.familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/): accessed 22 June 2025); citing NARA microfilm publication T623; “Harry C. Hilgemeier, Packer, Dies Suddenly,” *The Indianapolis Star*, 8 February 1933, page 11, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025). Born before birth records were required by law in Indiana, Harry listed his birthday as October 18, 1879, on his WWI draft card. The 1900 U.S. census lists his birth month as October, but birth year as 1878. His obituary, published in February 1933, stated he was 53 years old, aligning with a birth year of 1879 if he was to turn 54 in October 1933.

<sup>4</sup> 1900 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Center Township, Indianapolis, Ward 14, ED 174, sheet B9, dwelling 178 family 189, Mary A. Hilgemeier household; digital image, FamilySearch ([https://www.familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/): accessed 22 June 2025); citing National Archives microfilm publication T623; 1910 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Indianapolis, Ward 13, ED 229, sheet 5A, family 109, dwelling 110, Mary Hilgemeir [sic] household; digital image, FamilySearch ([https://www.familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/): accessed 22 June 2025); citing NARA microfilm publication T624. In both the 1900 and 1910 censuses, Harry’s mother listed her immigration date as 1858; she and Harry’s father were married in Indianapolis in 1860. German immigration to Indianapolis increased significantly in the mid-19th century, especially after the failed 1848 revolutions in the German states. Drawn by political freedom, economic opportunity, and religious tolerance, Germans quickly became a major presence in the city, comprising nearly 13% of the population by 1850. They were a culturally diverse group, organizing around both churches and secular clubs to preserve their language and customs. German immigrants helped shape Indianapolis’s civic, cultural, and architectural landscape, founding businesses, schools, and hospitals, and designing key public buildings.

<sup>5</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Ward 7, Indianapolis, page 13, dwelling 79, family 97, Christ. Hildemeier [sic] household; digital image, FamilySearch ([https://www.familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/): accessed 22 June 2025); citing National Archives microfilm publication M593; 1880 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Ward 21, Indianapolis, ED 127, page 31, dwelling 338, family 347, Chris Hilgemeier household; digital image, ([https://www.familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/): accessed 22 June 2025); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9. One of Harry’s brothers, William, was killed in 1876 at the age of 4 after falling under a roller used for milling corn; *The Indianapolis News*, 24 April 1876, page 3, column 2; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025).

<sup>6</sup> *Hutchinson’s Indianapolis City Directory* (Indianapolis: Sentinel Steam Printing Establishment, 1870), 96, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>; *Swartz & Tedrowe’s Indianapolis City Directory, 1875* (Indianapolis: Sentinel Company, 1875), 198, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. The portion of Wyoming Street where the Hilgemeiers lived in the 1870s, once situated between Delaware and East Street, no longer exists.

<sup>7</sup> “City Council,” *The Indianapolis News*, 13 January 1874, page 2, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025).

<sup>8</sup> “Last Night’s Meeting of Council,” *The Indianapolis News*, 8 October 1881, page 3, column 2; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025).

<sup>9</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co’s Indianapolis Directory for 1880* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1880), 275, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>; *Indianapolis Directory, 1885*, 305, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis; *Indianapolis Directory, 1887*, 402, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis. Note that the 1880 city directory lists the family on Coburn Street, while 1885 and 1887 list them on prospect street. These are the same street; Coburn became Prospect.

<sup>10</sup> *Indianapolis Directory, 1888*, 416, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis.

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<sup>11</sup> *The Indianapolis News*, 7 February 1874, page 4, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025); “Beaty’s Addition to Indianapolis For Sale,” *The Indianapolis News*, 14 February 1874, page 4, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025). Today, Beaty’s addition is bounded by East Street to the west, Shelby to the east, Raymond to the south, and Minnesota to the north. Note the year it was platted, 1874, was the same year Garfield Park was established.

<sup>12</sup> “Real Estate Transfers, William B. West to Maria Hilgemeier,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 20 August 1889, page 5, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 15 July 2025); “Real Estate Transfers, Maria Hilgemeier to C. Hilgemeier,” *The Indianapolis News*, 3 February 1894, page 6, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 15 July 2025); “Real Estate Transfers, Christian Hilgemeier to Frank Hilgemeier,” *The Indianapolis News*, 28 January 1898, page 7, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 15 July 2025); “Sales of Real Estate, Frank Hilgemeier to C. F. Behrmann,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 21 June 1900, page 8, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 15 July 2025). The house transferred from Maria Hilgemeier to Christian Hilgemeier Jr. and then to Frank Hilgemeier before it left the family in 1900. The house standing today, based on its architecture and form, is likely the original Hilgemeier home.

<sup>13</sup> “Improving Garfield Park,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 13 April 1888, page 8, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 7 July 2025).

<sup>14</sup> “Garfield Park Improvements,” *The Indianapolis News*, 5 April 1888, page 4, column 2; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 7 July 2025).

<sup>15</sup> “Garfield Park Improvement,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 17 April 1888, page 8, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 7 July 2025).

<sup>16</sup> “City’s Southside Park,” *The Indianapolis News*, 10 November 1893, page 6, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025).

<sup>17</sup> Real Estate Transfers, D.M. Bradbury to Maria Hilgemeier,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 14 July 1887, page 6, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 14 July 2025).

<sup>18</sup> The exact year the subdivision was platted is unclear, as the original plat does not list a date. A 1908 map shows it, so it was platted before then. Today the subdivision is made up of the addresses 802 – 828 East Raymond Street.

<sup>19</sup> *Indianapolis City Directory, 1873* (Indianapolis: Sentinel Company, 1873), 168, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>; *Swartz & Tedrowe’s Indianapolis City Directory, 1875* (Indianapolis: Sentinel Company, 1875), 198, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>; *Indianapolis City Directory, 1880*, 275, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis; *Indianapolis Directory, 1885*, 305, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis; *Indianapolis Directory, 1887*, 402, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, Indiana University Indianapolis.

<sup>20</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co’s Indianapolis Directory for 1889* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1889), 398, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>; *R. L. Polk & Co’s Indianapolis Directory for 1890* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1890), 409, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>.

<sup>21</sup> “Death Returns,” *The Indianapolis News*, 1 March 1893, page 6, column 7; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025).

<sup>22</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co’s Indianapolis Directory for 1895* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1895), 422, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. It is likely that the Hilgemeier sons joined the family business well before they appeared in the city directory. For example, Harry’s obituary states he joined the business when he was 14.

<sup>23</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co’s Indianapolis Directory for 1894* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1894), 422, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. Gray Street became Orleans Street which ultimately became Pleasant Run Parkway North. The northeast corner of Gray and Raymond Street technically corresponds to an area just outside of the Hilgemeier subdivision, but the city directory may not be precise. In all likelihood, at least part of the

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Hilgemeier business existed in the greenspace that is now situation between Pleasant Run Parkway North and Pleasant Run Parkway South just north of Raymond Street, where the Pleasant Run Trail runs.

<sup>24</sup> "The Parks, Complaints to the Commissioners," *The Indianapolis News*, 9 July 1896, page 2, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 21 July 2025).

<sup>25</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co's Indianapolis Directory for 1897* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1897), 455, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. Applegate Street today is known as Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive.

<sup>26</sup> "Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Hilgemeier," *The Indianapolis Star*, 26 May 1948, page 1, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 25 June 2025).

<sup>27</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co's Indianapolis Directory for 1899* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1899), 480, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. Frank was living with Harry and their mother, while George owned another home just several houses north on Barth, and Christian lived at the intersection of Shelby and Raymond Streets.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> *The Indianapolis Star*, 31 December 1924, page 23; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 25 June 2025).

<sup>30</sup> "A Park Gaining Beauty," *The Indianapolis Journal*, 26 July 1896, page 16, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025); "The Parks," *The Indianapolis News*, 9 July 1896, page 2, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025); "Shelby Street Extension," *The Indianapolis News*, 23 May 1901, page 2, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 9 July 2025).

<sup>31</sup> "It Is Not Unsightly," *The Indianapolis Journal*, 25 April 1895, page 8, column 2; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025).

<sup>32</sup> "One Day's Statistics," *The Indianapolis Star*, 1 July 1904, page 11, column 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 8 July 2025).

<sup>33</sup> 1900 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Center Township, Indianapolis, Ward 14, ED 174, sheet B4, dwelling 73 family 76, Conrad Rombke household; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 June 2025); citing National Archives microfilm publication T623. The Roembke house no longer stands. It was likely either demolished or moved when Ringold was developed into East Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive from 1910-1911. The location where the house once stood is roughly around 921 East Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive.

<sup>34</sup> Ibid. The Roembke family reported their immigration year to census enumerators as 1897.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.; U.S. Passport Application for Minnie Hilgemeier, March 22, 1922; U.S. Department of State; *Passport Applications, January 2, 1906 - March 31, 1925*; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 June 2025); citing NARA microfilm publication M1490. There is a nine-year discrepancy in Minnie's reported birth year between the 1900 census and her 1922 passport application. The passport lists 1882, which is likely correct. The difference may stem from the 1900 census, where the enumerator could have struggled to communicate with the family due to a language barrier.

<sup>36</sup> "Draft Registration Cards for Indiana, 1940-1947," draft registration card for Harry Conrad Hilgemeier, Marion County, Indiana; NARA microfilm publication M1986, Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed July 8, 2025); "Birth Returns," *The Indianapolis News*, 26 April 1905, page 4, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 29 July 2025). Their house at 814 East Raymond still stands today. Harry's mother, Mary, lived next door at 806 East Raymond (today 810 East Raymond) in a house she built that same year.

<sup>37</sup> "One Day's Statistics-Births," *The Indianapolis Star*, 25 December 1908, page 10, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 29 July 2025).

<sup>38</sup> Baist, G. Wm. Baist's Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Indianapolis, Indiana. Philadelphia: G. Wm. Baist, 1908. Plate 27. Indiana University Indianapolis Sanborn Map and Baist Atlas Collection. (<https://library.indianapolis.iu.edu/digitalcollections/sanbornjp2>: accessed 22 June 2025). In 1908, Southern Avenue was the southern boundary of the city limits. Only a total of 15 homes stood in the neighborhood where 2343 Garfield Drive stands today. For evidence of the rural nature of the immediate area, see notice for the 1908 auction at the Thomas Hayes homestead, at what is now the location of the Garfield Park sunken gardens. *The*

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*Indianapolis Star*, 13 August 1905, page 20, column 7; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 1 August 2025).

<sup>39</sup> “For Garfield Park,” *The Indianapolis Journal*, 28 July 1898, page 3, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 9 July 2025); “Shelby Street Extension,” *The Indianapolis News*, 23 May 1901, page 2, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 9 July 2025).

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<sup>41</sup> “Many Transfers Recorded,” *The Indianapolis Star*, 9 July 1914, page 10, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 10 July 2025).

<sup>42</sup> “To Erect \$20,000 Plant,” *The Indianapolis Star*, 19 April 1912, page 12, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 25 June 2025).

<sup>43</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co.’s Indianapolis City Directory* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1919), 20, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. The 1919 Indianapolis city directory listed meat packing as the city’s principal industry according to the value of product. In 1918, over 1,300,000 hogs, 268,000 cattle, and 15,000 sheep were slaughtered and processed. The Hilgemeiers were one of at least eight meat packing operations active in the city. Compared to behemoths such as Kingan & Co., once located on the site of White River State Park, the Hilgemeier operation was on the smaller end.

<sup>44</sup> 1920 U.S. census, Indiana, Marion County, Indianapolis, Ward 13, ED 230, sheet 6A, family 115, dwelling 115, Mary Hilgemeier household; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 June 2025); citing NARA microfilm publication T625. At this point in time, Minnie’s father was the last of their four parents still living. Harry’s mother had died in 1916; Minnie’s mother in 1919.

<sup>45</sup> “Building Permits,” *The Indianapolis Star*, 20 January 1923, page 13, column 6; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 3 August 2025); “Building Permits,” *The Indianapolis Star*, 26 May 1923, page 4, column 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 3 August 2025); *The Indianapolis Star*, 13 April 1924, page 31, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 3 August 2025). 814 Raymond Street was purchased by Ralph and Marie Moore. Marie was Harry’s brother Christian’s sister-in-law.

<sup>46</sup> *R. L. Polk & Co.’s Indianapolis City Directory* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1926), 891, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>. Harry’s brother George is first listed as living at the South Meridian property in 1902. By the time Harry and his family were living there, the address was 3559 South Meridian. It is unclear if the house is still standing, though it was likely close to the intersection of Meridian and Sumner Avenue. In all likelihood, the property had some sort of ties to the Stumpf family, whose hog grand 1872 Italianate house still stands today at 3225 South Meridian. Harry’s oldest sister, Maria, married into the Stumpf family and lived at the house.

<sup>47</sup> *The Senior Booster* (Indianapolis: Emmerich Manual Training High School, 1926), 2, Emmerich Manual High School Digital Collection, Indianapolis Public Library Digital Collections, <https://www.digitalindy.org>; *Culver Military Academy Roll Call* (Culver, IN: Culver Military Academy, 1926), 131, digital image, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com>: accessed August 1, 2025).

<sup>48</sup> “Building Permits,” *The Indianapolis News*, 28 August 1928, page 25, column 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 3 August 2025); “City Construction Permits Total \$228,175 for Week,” *The Indianapolis News*, 27 April 1929, page 5, column 2; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 3 August 2025). The success of the Hilgemeier packing plant in the 1920s is also evident in the Italian Renaissance style house that Harry’s brother George (the company’s president) built in 1923 at 4266 North Pennsylvania Street. The house still stands today.

<sup>49</sup> Harry and Minnie likely owned Lot 5 in Niermeyer’s Addition well before they built their house there. Marion County deed records prior to 1964 can only be accessed in person at the Recorder’s Office by manually searching microfilmed indexes—a time-intensive process. For this report, four hours were spent searching the indexes, starting with 1929 and working backward to 1926, with no results. This suggests they purchased the lot sometime between about 1913, when Niermeyer’s Addition was platted, and 1925, the last year examined in the search.



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<sup>50</sup> "Our Street," *The Indianapolis Star*, 26 September 1929, page 10, column 3; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025).

<sup>51</sup> "Our Street," *The Indianapolis Star*, 24 June 1929, page 3, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025). Note that South Garfield Drive today was once known as East Garfield Drive, not to be confused with the East Garfield Drive that still exists today, running west to east on the edge of the park.

<sup>52</sup> 1930 U.S. census, population schedule, Center Township, Marion County, Indiana, enumeration district 49-420, sheet 21A, dwelling 146, family 150, Harry C. Hilgemeier household; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed August 1, 2025); citing NARA microfilm publication T626. According to the Indianapolis city directory, Harry, Minnie, and their children were living at 2305 South Garfield Drive in 1929 while their new home was being built a couple of lots to the south. See *Polk's Indianapolis City Directory* (Indianapolis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1929), 788, Indianapolis City Directory Collection, University Library, Indiana University Indianapolis, accessed 22 June 2025, <https://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/ICD>.

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<sup>57</sup> "Fleet of Ton Stewart Trucks," *The Indianapolis Star*, 5 October 1924, page 72, digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 25 June 2025); "15 Stewarts in Hilgemeier Fleet," *The Indianapolis Star*, 30 March 1930, page 26, digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025); "Hilgemeier & Bro. Delivery Fleet," *The Indianapolis Times*, 12 November 1932, page 9, digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 22 June 2025).

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<sup>59</sup> "Suits filed in the county courts," *The Indianapolis Star*, 23 November 1933, page 19, column 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (<https://newspapers.com>: accessed 4 August 2025).

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City directories functioned much like phone books before telephones were common, listing heads of household, occupations, and addresses. They allow us to track when individuals or businesses occupied a specific property year by year. Directories are particularly valuable for filling in gaps between census years and documenting the presence of renters, business owners, or changing street names and numbers.

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## **Historic Newspapers**

Newspapers provide rich details about community life, from real estate transactions and building permits to obituaries and social news. Articles and advertisements can document when a property was built, who lived there, or significant events that occurred at the site. Because newspapers captured both everyday life and major events, they add important color and context to the story of a house.

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Fire insurance maps, such as those produced by Sanborn and Baist, show detailed building footprints, construction materials, and neighborhood layouts. These maps reveal how a house or neighborhood changed over time, including additions, demolitions, or shifts in land use. They are especially valuable for understanding the physical evolution of a property within its broader urban context.

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### **Draft Registration Cards & Passport Applications**

Draft registration cards, collected during World Wars I and II, recorded personal information such as age, address, occupation, employer, and sometimes physical description. These records often confirm where a person was living at a specific moment in time, tying individuals to a property. They are especially useful for placing residents in their social and economic context during the early 20th century.

Passport applications contain detailed personal data, including birthplaces, family information, occupations, and sometimes photographs. For property history, they can confirm identities and enrich biographical detail about residents.

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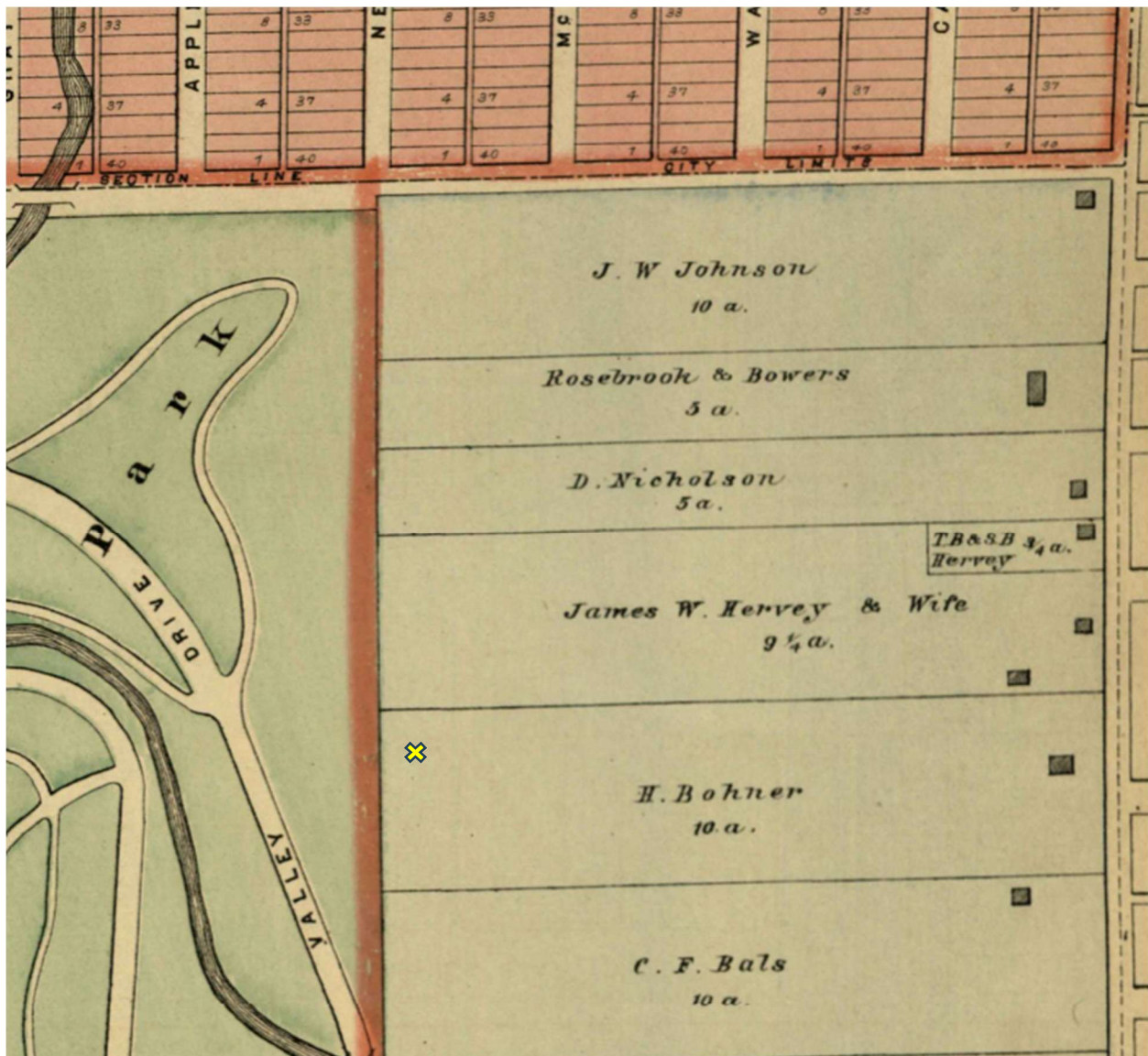
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## Appendix I: Map Chronology

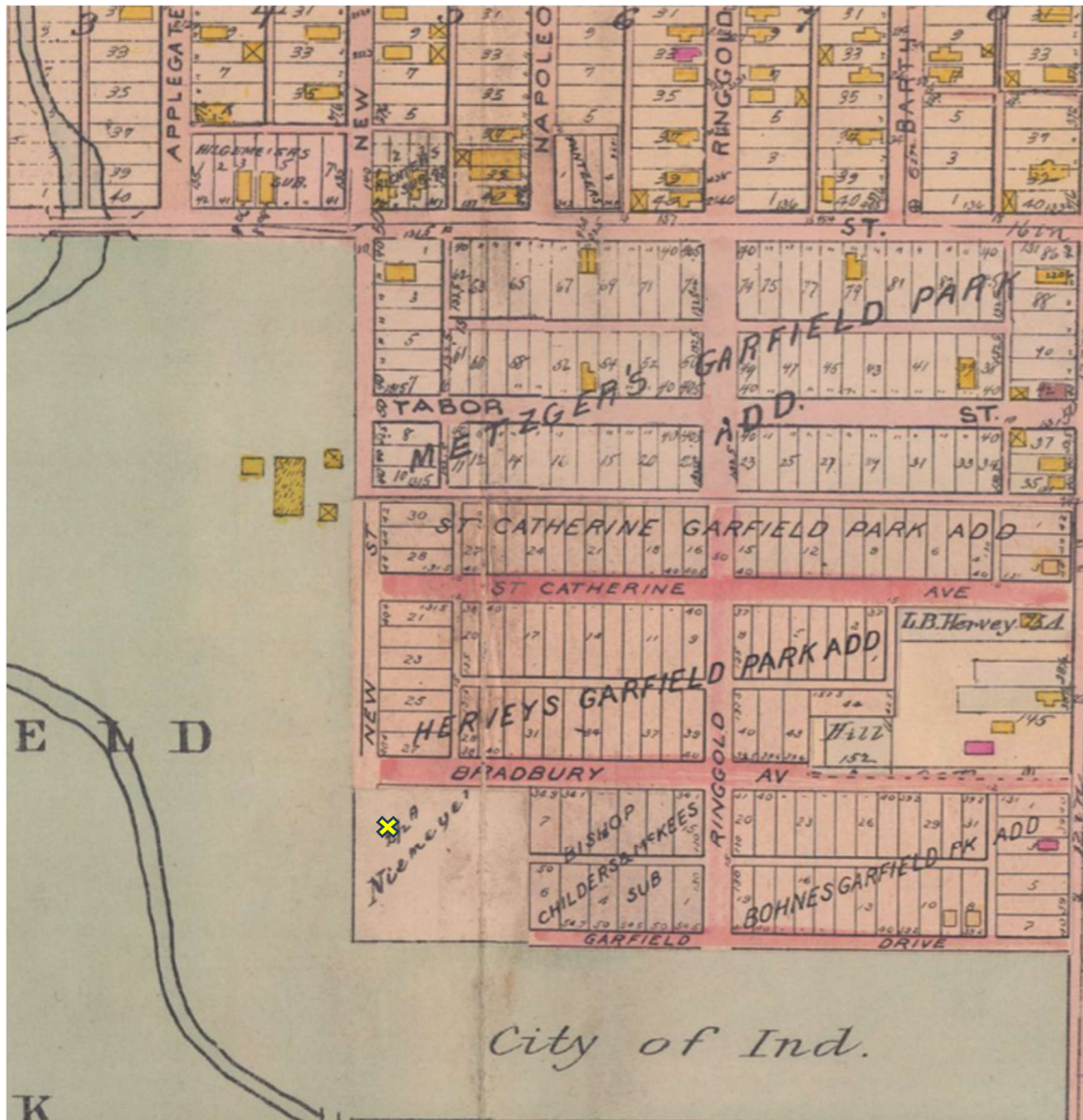
The following is a series of snippets from historic maps that show the development of the area immediately surrounding 2343 South Garfield Drive. The yellow X represents the location of the home today.

**Atlas of Marion County, Indiana, 1889. Courtesy of the Indiana Historical Society.**





**Baist Real Estate Atlas of Indianapolis, 1908. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis University Library.**

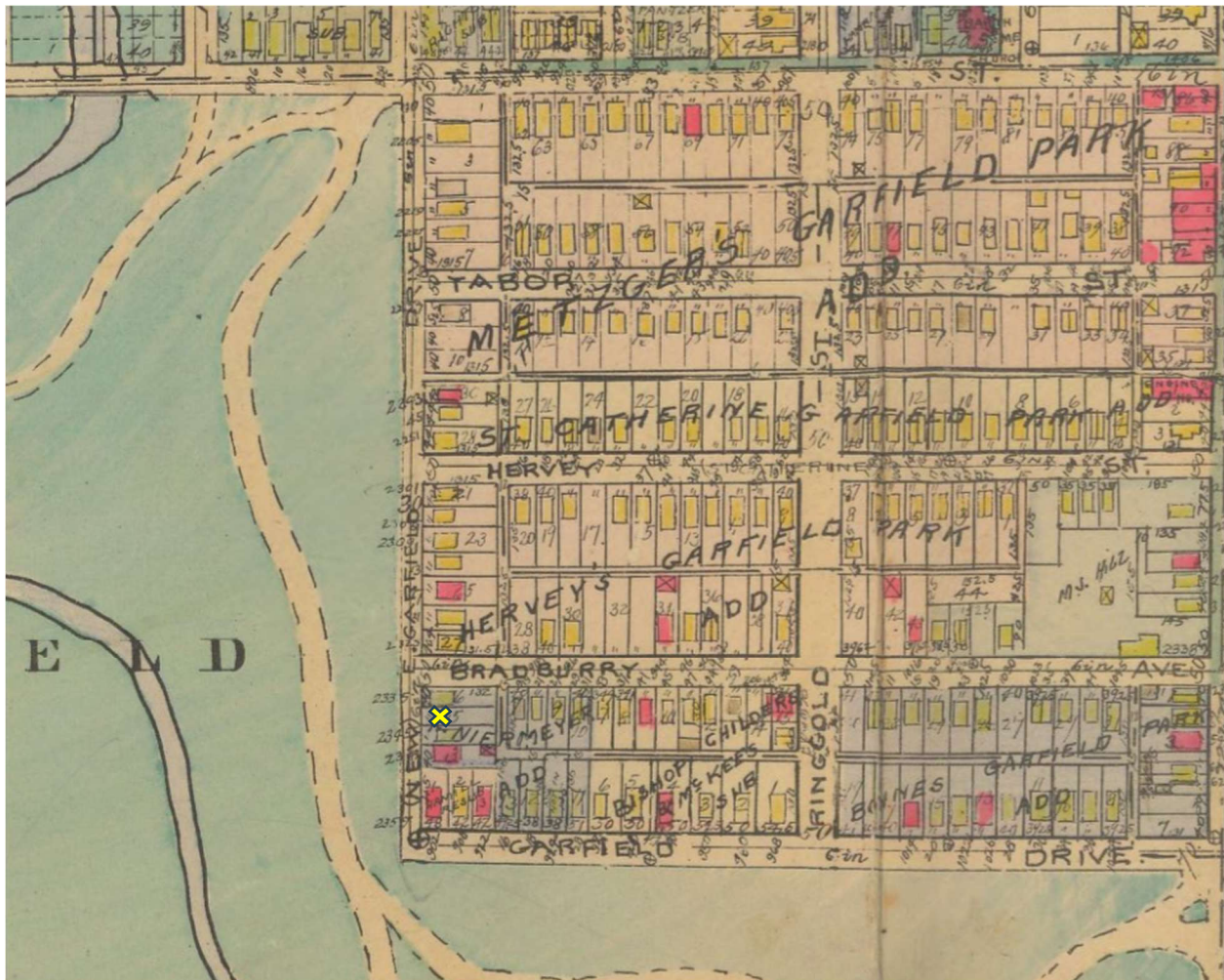


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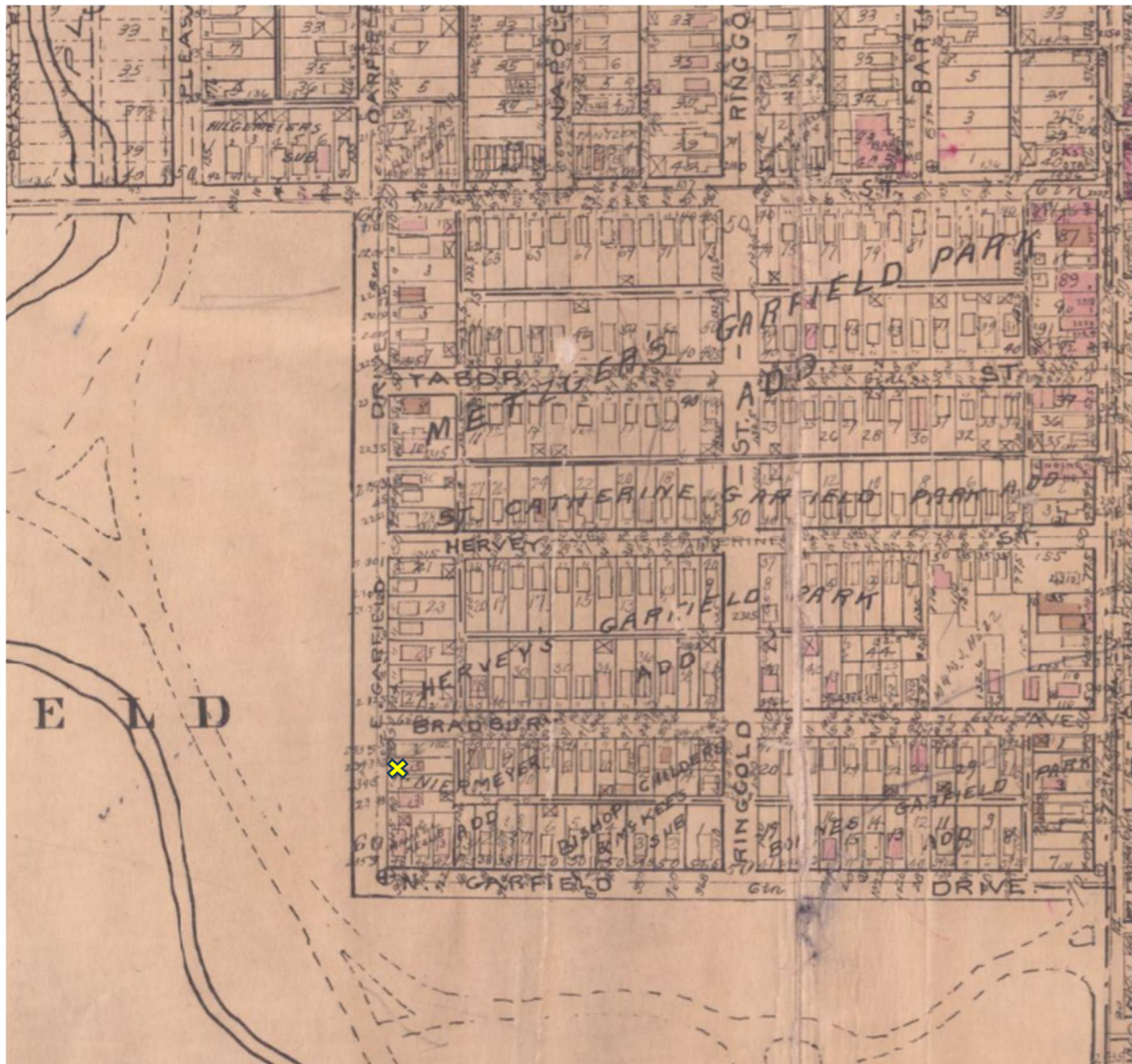




Baist Real Estate Atlas of Indianapolis, 1926. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis University Library.



**Baist Real Estate Atlas of Indianapolis, 1929. Courtesy of Indiana University Indianapolis University Library.**



## **Appendix II: Houses Related to 2343 South Garfield**

The following addresses are other Hilgemeier houses located around Indianapolis:

**2154 Barth Avenue** – the Hilgemeier family’s original house when they first moved to the Garfield Park area.

**814 East Raymond Street** – Harry and Minnie Hilgemeier’s home prior to building 2343 South Garfield Drive. Their children, Esther and Harry Jr., were raised here.

**810 East Raymond Street** – home of Harry’s mother, Maria Hilgemeier.

**713 East Pleasant Run Parkway South** – home of Harry’s brother Christian Hilgemeier and his wife Lilly Ruth Hilgemeier.

**4266 North Pennsylvania Avenue** – home of Harry’s brother George Hilgemeier and his wife Anna Backmeyer Hilgemeier.

**3225 South Meridian Street** – home of Harry’s oldest sister Mary Hilgemeier Stumpf and her husband George Stumpf Jr.

**2701 Allen Avenue** – home of Harry Hilgemeier Jr. and his wife Elsa Behrmann Hilgemeier.

### **Appendix III: F. Hilgemeier & Bro. Meatpacking Plant**

The Hilgemeier plant at the corner of Raymond and West Street operated until 1942, when it was forced to close due to the wartime economy. See “Hilgemeier Firm Quits Business,” *The Indianapolis News*, 15 July 1942, pages 1 & 4 for more information (in the primary document appendix to this report).

Most of the original plant stood until at least 2007. Now, only one building remains on the premises. Aerial views of the packing plan from 1951 can be seen at the following links:

<https://images.indianahistory.org/digital/collection/dc012/id/2618/rec/1>

<https://images.indianahistory.org/digital/collection/dc012/id/3100/rec/2>

<https://images.indianahistory.org/digital/collection/dc012/id/3552/rec/3>



## **Appendix IV: Copies of Select Primary Sources**

Copies of select newspaper articles and census records used in the research of the report are attached on the following pages. Because city directory entries are brief and repetitive, individual pages from Indianapolis city directories are not included. Digital copies of these can be obtained at <https://library.indianapolis.iu.edu/digitalcollections/icd>

Records are in chronological order; censuses begin with 1870 and end with 1950. The 1890 census, destroyed by fire, is not included.

### City Council.

The proceedings of the Council session last evening, not commented upon elsewhere under special headings is abstracted as follows: The Street Commissioner showed his disbursements for the past month, \$3,863 26; the Finance Committee reported a sum total of \$70,000 sold by Smith & Hannaman; ordinances were introduced to improve sidewalk on Arsenal avenue from Washington to Michigan, also on Fort Wayne avenue from Pennsylvania to New Jersey; also improve St. Charles street and sidewalks; the report of the committee favoring the purchase of the Pogue's Run gravel road for \$1,500, as petitioned for by Woodruff et al., was concurred in; \$100 taxes was ordered refunded to Andrew Wallace, it was concluded not to pay Wallace & Steinmetz for damages from the overflow of Pogue's Run; the N. W. C. University officers were ordered to open Irwin street through the College Campus; the Street Commissioner was ordered to employ sufficient men to deepen and widen the State ditch, in compliance with report of Civil Engineer; the Commissioner was ordered to continue the cement pipe sewer west on Market, so as to connect with the sewer at the old donation line; initiatory steps looking to part purchase of the Cumberland Gravel Road were taken; J. O. Woodruff remonstrated against the annexation of Woodruff Place to the city; the Coal Inspector was directed to report upon the workings of the new ordinance; suit was ordered to recover portions of certain streets and alleys in Drake's addition; it was ordered to ascertain at what cost the right to a water works site on Crown Hill could be obtained from the Cemetery Company; the ordinance for the purchase of the Southern Trotting Park for a public park, amount of purchase \$100,500, was engrossed. Adjourned.

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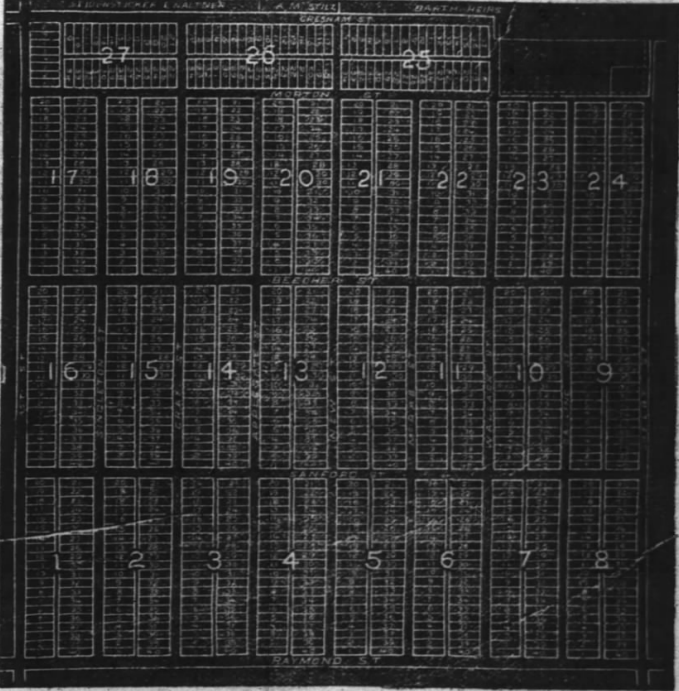
**BEATY'S ADDITION**

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**INDIANAPOLIS**

**FOR SALE,**

On terms of ONE-FIFTH CASH, and the balance in four equal Annual Payments, with 6 per cent. interest, payable annually.



This addition lays between the city and the new "South Park," and between East and Shelby streets. For beauty of location and prospective enhancement in value this property has no equal in the market. The Shaw Carriage Works are constructing immense shops upon the ground, to which they will move the coming Summer. The lots on Shelby Street are selling at \$600 per lot, the balance at \$500 per lot, thirty lots having been sold in the past ten days to parties who are intending to build at once.

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**E. B. Martindale,  
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Commissioners appointed by the Court.

Willie, aged four, son of Chris Hilgemeier, four miles south of the city, was killed Saturday by falling under a roller which was being used in rolling corn ground.

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## Last Night's Meeting of Council.

At the meeting of council last evening, Mr. Dowling moved that the action of council in passing a motion compelling the street car company to lay flat rails on the line of the stockvards extension be reconsidered. The motion prevailed. Mr. Morrison offered a resolution ordering the city marshal to notify the waterworks company to furnish the city a new schedule and a reduction of prices on all hydrants and fire plugs. Referred to the water committee. The name of Southern park was, on motion of Mr. Morrison, changed to Garfield park.

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# THE WISH OF THE SOUTH SIDE.

## Citizens Urge an Immediate and Extensive Improvement of Garfield Park.

A hundred or more citizens of the South Side met at the engine-house on the corner of Madison avenue and Morris street last night for the purpose of advancing the improvement of Garfield Park, which has, during the last two or three years, been used as a cattle pasture. Edward Dean presided. Quite a number of citizens spoke, and all urged that some measures be taken for improving the ground. Gen. John Coburn thought the Council should appropriate some money to be expended in planting trees, making walks and building a bridge across the stream passing through the park. He believed some arrangement could be made by which the prisoners at the work-house could be employed in such work. If this could be done the park, with a small amount of money, could be made the most inviting place in the city. He urged citizens of the South Side to plant trees this spring along all the driveways, and the work could be easily carried out if one hundred persons would volunteer to plant ten trees each. Council had been amiss in allowing the park to go down. The 40,000 or 50,000 people on the South Side were entitled to have some money expended, and they must come to the front and demand to be recognized.

Councilman Kelly thought Council deserved some criticism for the course it had pursued. The councilmen from the south side of Washington street had to beg for all they got. Even the News, he said, after advising the purchase of the ground, complained that the city was about to be bankrupted because a South-side councilman had asked for a bridge on a street leading to the park. The street-cars should be run to the grounds, but it had to be admitted that at present there was no street leading there that was available for a car line. He was going to make an effort to have Shelby street extended, and then he believed a street-car track would be built. He favored the formation of a Garfield-park Association on the South side.

Councilman Cummings, although not a resident of that section of the city, was called on to give his views, and he said that the grounds were the only available place for a park in Indianapolis. When the city saw its way clear, financially, it should appropriate not less than \$1,000 annually for improving the grounds, and in the meantime the city engineer should be required to make a plat of the park, fixing the location of walks, driveways, trees and fountains.

August Kuhn believed the South Side had always suffered from the fact that there was a division line between it and the north part of the city; but the dividing line was disappearing. There was too much of a selfish spirit pervading the Council, and he was afraid the South Side would never have any relief until a few more wards were made south of Washington street. Garfield Park was the only one Indianapolis could ever have, and the North Side should be interested. It should not be improved by 10-cent subscriptions, but by a tax levied on all the citizens alike.

Wm. H. Tucker believed now was the time to begin improving the grounds. Indianapolis lacked a park, and while the city was taking on new life it would be a good time to complete the work begun by the purchase of the ground. Nothing so fascinated strangers in a city as a beautiful park. Indianapolis could not now present any attractions in that line. If a traveling man desired to spend Sunday in the city there were but two places where he could go and be interested. One was the stockyards and the other Crown Hill Cemetery.

Aldermen Reinecke, Lea Fulmer, Judge Denny and other gentlemen addressed the meeting, after which a committee, composed of Gen. Coburn, A. M. Kuhn, John Egger, Ernst I. Knodel and Edward Dean, was appointed to draft resolutions embracing the sense of the meeting for presentation to the Council at its next meeting.

## IMPROVING GARFIELD PARK

Another Enthusiastic Meeting in the Interest of an Appropriation.

Mayor Denny and Several Councilmen Favored the Movement—The Matter to Come Before the Council Next Monday Night.

There was another enthusiastic meeting of citizens at the Virginia-avenue engine-house last night for the purpose of agitating the immediate improvement of Garfield Park. The meeting was held under the auspices of the executive committee of nine appointed at the meeting held a week ago, but all citizens, with the city officers, were invited. A. W. Wishard, chairman of the executive committee, said that he and others of the committee had seen quite a number of councilmen, and the indications were that some definite action would be taken at the meeting of the Council on Monday night.

General Coburn, for the less fit of the city officers, said that it was imperative something should be done immediately toward the improving of the park. He had visited the grounds since the last meeting, and found them in a very dilapidated condition. The fences were down, the buildings were in a half ruined condition and the old seats were falling into ruin. Boys had been tapping the sugar trees, and many of the finest in the grove were so badly injured that they would die. It was simply a question of whether or not the city should take an advance step. In reference to Arbor day designated by the Mayor he hoped it would be observed, but it could not be, so far as Garfield Park was concerned. There were fifty or sixty cows and sheep running at large in the park, and to plant trees for them to destroy would be throwing money away. But the day could be observed by citizens planting trees in Military Park. He hoped the work, when once begun, would never end. If the custom was regularly observed, in a few years Indianapolis would have the finest parks in the West, if not in the world.

Mayor Denny said it had become a chestnut for councilmen to say, "We would like to improve Garfield Park if we had the money." In his message to the new Council he stated that when the bonds given sixteen years ago for the purchase of the park grounds were sold, the grounds alone would have cost the city \$270,000. The intrinsic value of the ground could perhaps not be estimated, but if put on the market it certainly would not bring over \$25,000. It was no time now, however, to consider what the park had cost the city; the question was, what should be done with it. There was no question but what it could be made a beautiful park. There was enough ground—between eighty and one hundred acres—and the city would have to pay for it. The best thing to do was to make an appropriation, but he did not think the city could spare \$10,000 at this time. A cut could be made in the salaries of some of the department, and an appropriation of \$5,000 or \$7,000 passed, but not more than \$5,000, he thought, could be expended advantageously this year. It was a mistaken idea that there was a disposition on the part of any of the members of the Council from the northern part of the city to obstruct any movement looking to the benefit of the people of the South Side. While the city was perhaps not financially able to spend any great amount of money, a start should be made now, and he had hopes that the next General Assembly of the State would give the city some relief. He believed an additional tax could be secured without requiring the real estate owners to pay it, and he thought some such bill would pass the Legislature. In reference to Arbor day, he hoped the idea would not be abandoned entirely. He felt at the time of issuing his proclamation that perhaps it would not be wise to plant any trees in Garfield Park this year, but some could be planted in Military Park. Arrangements had been made to have trees on sale in rear of Dr. Perry's drug store, on the corner of Washington and Alabama streets, and citizens who felt inclined to go something toward beautifying Military Park would observe today. Returning to the proposed improvement of Garfield Park, he said it would be advisable to convert about ten acres of the low ground into a lake, by building a dam across Pleasant run. It would cost much less to make a lake on the ground than to improve it, and nothing would add more to the beauty of the park than a sheet of water.

Wm. H. Tucker thought the people of the South Side were not alone interested in the improvement of the park. It was a matter in which the whole city should take part. Council and Board of Aldermen, he believed, would appropriate the money, because the people wanted it done. They had obeyed the people's request on the street-car and gas questions, and they would do so in this matter. He was glad to see Indianapolis waking up. Other great cities had spent thousands of dollars on parks. Detroit had recently expended \$100,000 in beautifying a park three miles on the river from the city, and other cities had spent like sums. As a member of the executive committee he had visited the officials of the J. M. & I. railroad, and found them willing to have the park improved. If the improvements contemplated were made the railroad would build a depot and a switch there.

Councilman Truesler favored a \$10,000 appropriation. His experience was that a debt made for the purpose of improvement was a good investment. The people of the South Side had no reason to complain of their treatment. If they had not received their share of the public money it was because they did not ask for it. Whenever they called upon the public press for help they always got it.

Alderman Lunt and Councilmen Markley, Johnson, Smith, Kelly, Stockmeyer and Cummings expressed their willingness to vote for an appropriation of \$10,000. Mr. Cummings said his idea was to create a permanent park fund, by setting aside one-third of the saloon tax for that purpose. That would give about \$12,000 annually, and that amount should be expended until the grounds were put in first-class condition.

At the conclusion of the speech-making Mr. Tucker offered a resolution to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting that the Council should appropriate the \$10,000 asked for, and such sums annually hereafter as might be needed to complete the work. In seconding the resolution Edward Dean called attention to the fact that Indianapolis, as a city, had nothing of her own. The county had built a new district court-house; the Union Railway Company was erecting one of the finest depots in the world; the State had erected a grand State-house, and was preparing to build a soldiers' monument to cost \$200,000. The city was strutting in ornaments that had been given her, and it was time to provide something she could call her own. The business of the meeting ended by the appointment of Councilman Markley to draft an appropriation ordinance for \$10,000, to be presented to the Council Monday night.

and Markey.

### Garfield Park Improvement.

Mr. Markey, by a special privilege, introduced the ordinance appropriating \$10,000 out of the general fund to be used in improving Garfield Park. The ordinance provides that the money shall be spent by a special committee, under the direction of the Council, in improving the ground according to plans and specifications to be drawn up by the city engineer. Mr. Markey, on behalf of two hundred South-side citizens, who were present, moved to have the rules suspended and the ordinance put upon its passage.

Mr. Swain said he favored the appropriation, but he did not believe the amount asked should be pledged without the matter first going to the finance committee. It was an unusual thing for the Council to act so hastily, and he was not in favor of drawing upon the treasury without first allowing the finance committee to state where the money was to come from.

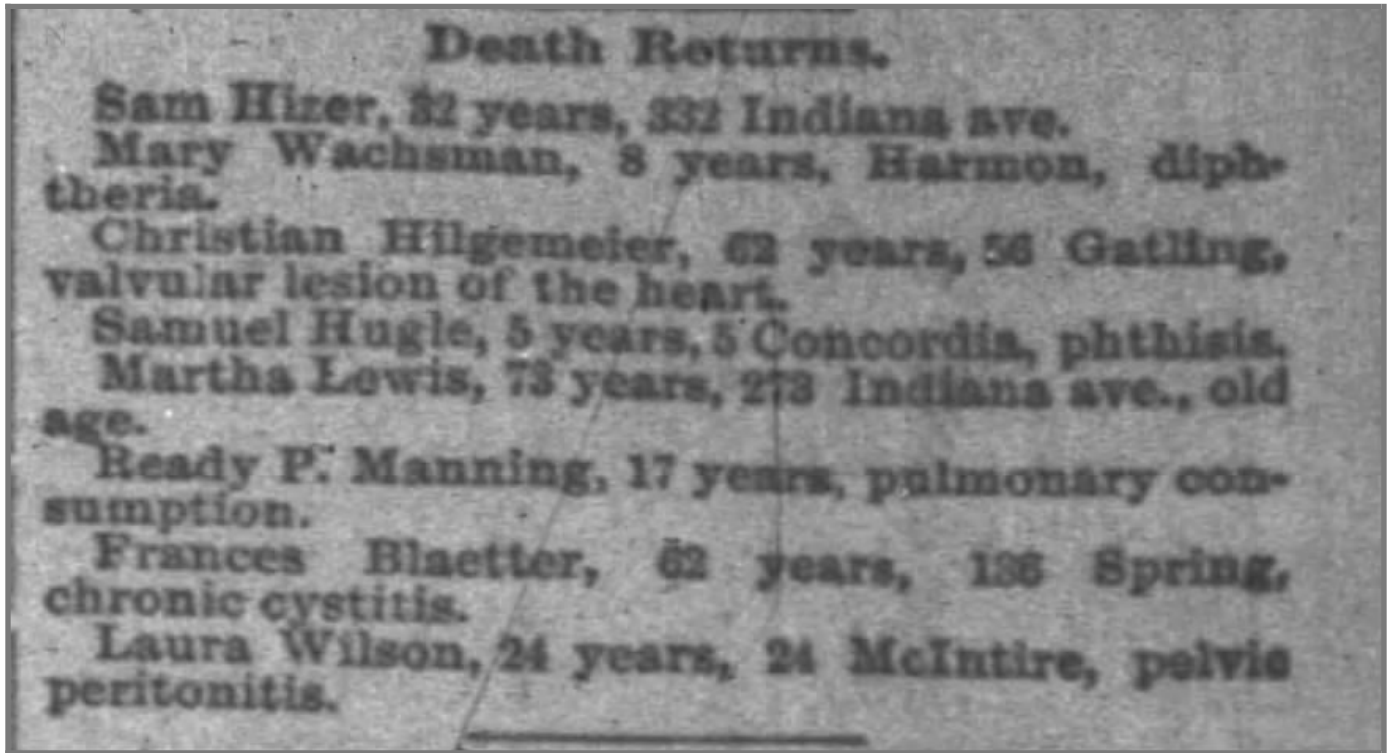
Messrs. Hicklin and Trusler supported the ordinance. They said the improvement was not in the interest of the South Side alone; it was for the whole city. The public demanded that the park be improved, and they thought there was no necessity for delay.

Mr. Thalman, chairman of the finance committee, did not think the city was able to appropriate more than \$5,000 at this time, but when the vote was called on the motion to suspend the rules it prevailed, Messrs. Dunn, McClelland, Swain and Thalman being the only ones who voted in the negative.

Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to the ordinance, providing that 25 per cent. of the sum realized yearly from the saloon license be set apart for the improvement of the park, but it met with no encouragement, and was withdrawn. The ordinance was then passed. Messrs. Dunn, Thalman and Swain voted against it, on the ground that the city could not afford to appropriate such a large sum at this time.

The Natural Gas Ordinance





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CITY'S SOUTHSIDE PARK

GARFIELD PARK'S COST AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

The Natural Beauties and Advantages of This Tract of Land—Views in Regard to What May Be Accomplished.

On January 26, 1874, the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis bought the Southern Park, afterward named Garfield Park. It comprises about eighty-four acres, and the purchase price was \$109,000. Payment was made in bonds to run twenty years, and bearing interest at the rate of 7 1/2% per cent, per annum. Payment of these bonds is due next January.

The tract was bought, it was set forth, in the special interest of the people of the South Side, who had no breathing place, while their North Side neighbors had the Military, University and Blind Institute Parks, and offers of ground on Fall creek and Pughes Run for park purposes. Garfield Park is beautifully located for the purpose for which it was supposed to be intended, yet it has been neglected for so many years that South Siders appear to have lost all interest in it, and when they go forth, eating leave it severely alone. The city has grown up to within a stone's throw of it, and its green grass, waving trees and trickling waters are no attraction to its neighbors.

**FIRST IMPROVEMENTS.**

In 1880 \$10,000, voted by the Council for its improvement, was expended upon the place. There is something to show for this—an iron bridge over Pleasant run and good roadways. In October, 1892, an appropriation of \$7,000 was made to be expended in improving the park, and September 1, 1893, an additional \$7,000. In June, July, August and September preceding the city election, this fund was used up rapidly, \$5,345.29 being expended, this for

the most part for labor. It seems, however, difficult to find anything in the way of improvement commensurate with this outlay.

**DESTRUCTION OF PARK TREES.**

Spacious trees that it took two hundred years to grow have been cut down and sold for saw-logs. Hundreds of small trees have been allowed to die for lack of care. No effort has been made to save trees by mulching and watering, though two sprinkled creeks that never go dry meet in the park. Three years ago John Coburn, through the aid of Senator Turpie, procured one hundred fine trees and shrubs from the Congressional gardens at Washington. They were taken to the park, but it is said that none of them was ever planted. This happened under the cautious proceeding the present official, but it is said of the one now in charge that he has refused to plant a young tree, and has said that if the work is to be done the Board of Public Works ought to attend to it.

**KNOWING DOWN NATURE'S BUILDING.**

Until recently there has been near the center of the park a mound of considerable extent, fifteen feet high, and covered with a rich carpet of grass. This was looked upon as a charming site for a kitchen, or summer house, in which a flight of steps could lead and afford a wide and beautiful view of the surrounding country. Orders have been given to remove this mound, and half of it has been cut away since Mr. Doney was elected mayor.

About four years ago 2,800 trees and shrubs were given to the park by a citizens' committee. This would have been enough to supply the place, but of those that were set out many were allowed to die. There are no evergreens now to be seen about the place, though a large number has been sent there.

It has been explained that the earth of the mound spoken of has been used to fill a low meadowland left by nature in forming the ground.

Some time ago a man of this city bought a place north of White river. A farmer near by expressed his astonishment that the city man should have bought a place in which there were so many ravines and chutes when he could have got a smooth piece of ground for less money. He could not understand it at all, then the city man told him that he had bought the place because it had those very ravines and gullies.

**POTENTIALITIES OF THE PLACE.**

Superintendent Chislett, of Crown Hill Cemetery, who well knows the lay of the land at Garfield Park, says:

"It is a place of great natural beauty and could be made a most delightful park as comparatively small expense if the money is judiciously laid out. Nature needs little assistance, as the natural advantages are great. The two streams of water that come together near the northwest corner of the park have wide beds and moderately high banks. At a comparatively small expense a lake, extending from five to seven acres, could be made, and the slack water would not interfere with any one, as the bed of Pleasant run, and of the other little creek, both confine broad and wide for some distance. The ground about the park is a mistake. There is no need for flowers in a public park of that character—grass and trees, water and good driveways are the things needed. People are getting tired of beds of flowers in such places, so they must have that they come to unless there is a large amount of money to expend so that the best may be fine. At any rate flowers last only a short season, while the grass is beautiful nearly all the year through. I would advise that the general outline of the ground at Garfield Park be disturbed as little as possible." South Side people cannot that the Chicago Street Railway Company has chosen to divert travel to parks on the South Side. The line crosses at Garfield Park (Shiloh street) stops at a point 1,200 yards or over five-twentieths of a mile from the northeast gate.

The only plantings done by those in charge of the park for two or three years was a few oaks, within a year past, and a large percentage of these were allowed to perish from drought, and a running stream within less than a hundred yards of them. As this work now represents an investment of over \$100,000, including original cost, interest and appreciation, a number of South Siders are beginning to think there should be something better than the park, as it is, to show for the money.

## IT IS NOT UNSIGHTLY

### NEW COMMISSIONERS MAKE A TRIP TO GARFIELD PARK.

#### A Wooden Dam Will Probably Be the First Improvement—Opening of Streets.

The park commissioners, accompanied by Mayor Denny, Mr. Atkinson, of the Board of Works, and City Engineer Brown, visited Garfield Park yesterday afternoon. The commissioners were surprised to find the park in such a good condition, as some of them had been led to believe the grass was all dead, the trees were dying, and the place resembled a wilderness. They found the contrary true, for Garfield Park at present is beautiful. One member of the board said it ought to be a pretty place, for it has cost the city enough to make it so. The ground was purchased in 1874 for \$109,000, a very liberal sum. For twenty years the city paid 73-10 per cent. interest on the \$109,500 worth of bonds. Last year Controller Trusler refunded the bonds at 4 per cent. The books at the controller's office show that Garfield Park has cost the city about \$600,000. An illustration of past mismanagement was noted by the commissioners yesterday. In the center of the park an old park committee built a mound, which it is said cost \$900. The mound was sodded and became an attraction. During the Sullivan regime this mound was partially destroyed and about \$250 was spent in hauling the dirt away. Mayor Denny, after he was elected, heard of the destruction of the mound and ordered it stopped. The present commissioners will have the mound rounded off and placed in the best condition that is possible with the dirt remaining.

When the party visited the park yesterday afternoon some school children were having a picnic in the grove. There were a number of people walking about the place or sitting on the benches. On the bank of Pleasant run a number of boys lay in the sun, fishing for "shiners." A number of women were going about hunting for "greens." The songs of many birds were heard, and the commissioners decided that Garfield Park was not such a neglected place after all, so they immediately began to discuss plans whereby it might be bettered and made more accessible to persons living in the city. It was the opinion of all that Raymond street, which runs along the north side of the park, should be widened and made into a boulevard. The commissioners thought there should be some street or streets opened through Egypt. It was said that the street opened should be improved and made desirable for driving. Mr. Atkinson said if the commissioners would decide upon the street or streets they desire opened or improved, the board will take the necessary action, provided the improvement would not be a hardship on property owners. The commissioners want to see Raymond street improved from Shelby street to the Madison road, which, with the opening of another street, would give citizens three entrances to the park.

The commissioners looked at the west side of the park, from which the Pennsylvania railroad wants to purchase a strip of ground. The commissioners all objected to the sale if the company intends to establish a switch on the ground purchased and have box cars standing on it. The company will probably be asked for a statement of its intentions.

The discussion over the proposed lake in the park consumed a great deal of the time of the party. Mr. Brown said he thought it practicable to build a dam near the railroad bridge on the west side and construct a small lake. Part of the necessary excavating was made two winters ago by the unemployed. Mr. Denny said a wooden dam could be constructed for \$1,500 which would answer the purpose, and it was unnecessary to build a stone dam costing \$5,000. It was agreed that the first thing for the board to do would be to order the bed of Pleasant run cleaned. The grounds are already in a first-class condition, being wonderfully clean and well cared for. The commissioners will at their next meeting review their cash account and see how much they can expend toward making the park more desirable. The most important work to be attended to immediately, however, will be the opening of streets through Egypt. Commissioner Allen, after the party had prepared to start for the city, remarked: "I predict that within ten years' time the ground around Garfield Park will be covered with homes and be a desirable residence portion of the city. When we get some improvements made down this way it will be a wonderful thing for this part of the town."



Mooreville.

## THE PARKS.

### Complaints To the Commissioners— Garfield Park Street Car Line.

Complaints have been lodged with the park superintendent against the free silver, Populistic and other statesmen monopolizing the space about the fountain in University Square for a debating school, and against the playing of base-ball in St. Clair Square. Both will be stopped.

The Garfield Park electric line will be completed this week and cars will carry passengers there next Sunday.

Property owners near Garfield Park are complaining of the fertilizing establishment of Rauh & Co. and the slaughterhouse of Higemier Bros. The water from these establishments is drained into Pleasant run, and flows into the lake in Garfield Park. The park commissioners will be asked to take some action.

The Board of Health began proceedings against Rauh & Co. some time ago, but it could not be established that the odor from their establishment was unhealthful, and the matter was allowed to drop on the promise of the owners that they would put in improved machinery to prevent the odor, but this has not been done.

## A PARK GAINING BEAUTY

CHANGES AT GARFIELD IN FLOWERS, SHRUBBERY AND TREES.

The New Stone Bridge—Hunting to Be Established on the Lake—Place Becoming Popular.

John Inglish has said that nature, before it has been touched by man, is almost always beautiful, strong and cheerful in man's eye, but nature, when he has once given it his culture and then forsaken it, has usually an air of sadness and helplessness. He has made it live the more by making his hand upon it and touching it with his life.

Garfield Park is for the first time feeling the stimulus of man's presence. It is just now reaching the point where nature, aided by the skill of man's intellect and hand, is able to present herself in a color that is both pleasing and beautiful. Few people of Indianapolis are aware of the beautiful place that old Southern Park has become in becoming. Under the skillful hand of the landscape gardener all the beauties of the place are being brought out to their best effect, and here and there art is stepping in to supply a deficiency in nature or to bring out and emphasize what nature has already partly accomplished.

"The park is located at the extreme southern end of the city. In fact, the corporation was at one time extended so as to embrace this park in the city limits. It is now bounded by river-ear, the Alabama and Madison streets line having been extended east from Madison street on Lincoln lane and south on East street for the purpose. It contains thirty-seven acres of land, about thirty of which are in the actual park. A small strip of land west of the J. M. & I. track belongs to the city, but being cut off by the railroad is practically not to be counted as a part of the park. The city purchased the place in 1891 at a cost of \$10,000, for the payment of which bonds were issued. The bonds have since been redeemed, but not until the interest on them had brought the total cost of the park up to a much greater figure. The ground was originally purchased and converted into a fair ground by the Indianapolis Fair Association, in 1871. It was the intention of the company to rival the State fair, and one fair was given, but it was found to be a losing venture, and the company was glad to dispose of the ground to Col. N. B. Runkle, and Mr. Runkle was especially glad to get the city take off his hands what was then considered a "white elephant."

The city called the place the Southern Park and leased it for a time to the Indiana Tracing Association, which had hopes of making it one of the greatest racing courses in the land. A new track had already been constructed. It would around the hills, almost describing a figure 8, and was really a good track in its time. Speed was not the great requisite of a track in these days, when records were not so much sought for as when it was in its little what the time was, so that the course was good. The fair association held two or three meetings. The memorable one among them was that of the summer of 1874, when such celebrated horses as Odolet, Maud, Great Eastern, Red Cloud, Heron and Judge Fullerton, contested for the prize.

After the association of President Garfield the park was given its present name, but nothing was done toward its improvement. For a number of years after the Indiana Fair Association had given it up the park was the resort for cowboys. Sunday games were held there and beer and dancing were the chief attractions. There was a big pavilion which had been erected for the display of exhibitions by the fair association. This was turned into a dancing pavilion and beer garden. The organ was usually carried on until late in the night. Fairs were of frequent occurrence and there were several affairs of various consequence. Nearly ten years ago, some of the friends of the park, who were disappointed, and, since that time, gradually the police have assumed control of the place. For the last few years the park has been under the direct care of the city and has now come to be quite a different place.

### RECENT AT THE PARK

Now the park is the resort for all classes of people of the city who wish to get a breath of fresh air and enjoy a day away from the cares of the home. It is a place of a considerable and has enthusiasts who are not only engaged in the care and improvement of the park, but whose duty it is to serve as officers of the law and protect those who enter the grounds. The first sight which attracts the attention of the visitor upon entering from the East street gate is the lake. Through the park from east to west, run two streams. Pleasant run and Bean creek. They unite near the northwest corner of the grounds, and just below the fork there is a substantial iron bridge and driveway. Above the bridge is a stone dam eight feet above the bed of the stream. This has caused the water to spread over about five acres of land and to back up in the two creeks, forming a beautiful sheet of water, which may soon be available for boating and bathing purposes.

The Board of Park Commissioners is now engaged in the erection of a bridge over the Bean creek, just above the lake. It is a stone arch, of Indian limestone and masonry, a structure which will cost the city something over \$100,000. It is the intention to erect a similar bridge over Pleasant run, above the lake. These two bridges will become the favorite places for visitors to enjoy the pleasure of fishing the fish, with which the lake is to be stocked. The board will soon let a contract for the boating privileges. It is the intention to place about twelve light row boats at the service of those who are willing to pay a nominal fee for their use.

Paths and driveways have been made through the park extending from the east and west entrance around the footings of the stream and among the hills. Benches have been placed at frequent intervals under the shade of the forest trees. Every where are seen flower beds and fancy shrubs and domestic trees.

The southern portion of the park is covered with the natural forest trees. Here now is the most pleasant part of the place. It was of such trees as grow here that Henry Ward Beecher must have spoken when he said, "Woe is it that build houses and create lakes or artificial rivers; but no wealth can buy or build dim trees—the forest glory of New England. Time is the only architect of such structures." This part of the park is open as a reservation, as compared with the basin formed by the beds of the two streams and the bottom land at their fork. The approach to the grove is by several winding and one direct drive. The direct winding with natural blue grass, but upon which are growing hundreds of young trees which may some day supplant the natural forest forest. But today the grand old trees stand out in all their glory, with the more conspicuous and the more aristocratic because of the open space through which one must pass before reaching them. There the weary visitor will find a refreshment stand, as well as a deep well, which gives forth a clear sparkling water. Besides, there are many rustic benches, but best of all is the comforting shade of the huge oaks, ash, hickories and beeches.

### TREES RECENTLY PLANTED.

The park is in charge of E. A. McKeand and eight assistants, two of whom besides Mr. McKeand are practical florists. Mr.

McKeand has been the custodian for two years. He has carried out the ideas of the park commissioners and has shown some originality in landscape gardening and decorating. During this season there have been planted about 20 tree-plant oaks, American lindens, Lombardy poplars, maples and Oriental planes. There have been planted numerous shrubs, embracing among the varieties the holly, hydrangea, several varieties of the yucca, the magnolia, pyracantha, the dogwood and the cypripedium. Scattered indifferently about are to be seen hundreds of ornamental trees which have been planted this year. They embrace the Japanese fern tree, the white leaved holly and several more common varieties.

It is about the lake that the custodian expects to exert his energy during the fall planting season. On the water's edge, for the protection of the bank and the purification of the water as well as for ornamental purposes, will be seen four varieties of the calla, a water grass. Upon the bank encircling the entire expanse of water will be planted thousands of drooping trees and shrubs, among them the weeping willow, the weeping cherry, the weeping birch and the Japanese maple. Hundreds of rustic benches will be placed at convenient intervals.

It has been said that "who leaves a garden has a greenhouse too." In the case of Garfield Park the greenhouse is a practical necessity, and so it is due much of the beauty of the place. This part of the work has received a great deal of Mr. McKeand's attention. During the present season he has furnished three places, of which about 5000 sq. ft. beautify the park of which he is custodian. The others have been supplied to the landscape gardener, Mr. McKeand has furnished an endless variety of flowers, though there are few of very expensive or rare plants. The appropriations for the place have not amounted to any outlay of money in the line, and the custodian has counted himself with realizing the stock on hand. At this season of the year, the stock of flowers in nearly all displays and the summer beds upon the lawn.

## STORIES OF THE TOWN.

In one of the pretty homes not over a mile from the monument there is a little daughter in the family, and one keeps things lively for the neighborhood. She knows everyone, and is likewise the acquaintance of many. There is an 18-year-old domestic in that house, and the father and mother take their little daughter out to her meals. The mother delights in putting to bed and Jean, and one very hot day not long ago she assumed her place in the kitchen. As a result she sat out very hot and very tired herself, she gave a journal to her father to go to bed, and decided to straighten the house and herself when she returned. Her first act after dinner was to dress the little daughter. When the child's hair was neatly braided in two little braids and tied with pink ribbons, the clean pink dress put on and the feet encased in pink shoes and slippers, the girl was dainty and sweet to a degree. Just as the little daughter's toilet was completed, the door bell rang. The mother could not call from the bath-room window and she knew she could not appear before them. The door was open and only the screen door opened. When the bell rang the second time the mother called the little daughter to her and asked her if she would "go to the door for mamma." The child sweetly replied "Yes," and the mother instructed her to say, "Please excuse my mamma, she is just ready for her bath." The daughter repeated the words and was then sent to the front door. The mother's heart swelled with pride at the nice appearance of her daughter, and she thought the father would think she had a darling one and would carry her the possession. What was her horror, just at that moment when the little daughter screamed, when about half way down stairs, "The mother came here this house; my mamma is going to wash herself!"

One day last week a number of boys were near one of the building fire engines and were intently watching the fate of a long, slender bundle wrapped in the paper of the store and lying on the sidewalk. It was picked up several times and then dropped. When the paper was unwrapped what was in it, but did not have the courage to pick it up and see, finally a boy stepped in and found some advertisement papers. A young girl, who stood near by during the performance, said it reminded her of an incident of a week before. She came early in the morning to take a wheel ride with a friend who lived a square away. As she went there she saw a horse of color on the sidewalk. She did not touch it, and as she waited for her friend she saw several persons pass the postcard, but not one stopped to pick it up. As she went home she made up her mind she would see if it was a lost article or an old one thrown away. She was rewarded for her curiosity by finding a quarter.

A young man called on a friend one evening last week and found the young man's mother sitting on the porch. He asked for his friend and the mother said, "He and Frank have gone out riding on their trotters. I think it may be they have gone in the saddle, but I rather think they have gone on the trotters. For I heard them talking about it last night." And she calmly looked in her chair and was satisfied with herself.

A number of young people in Irvington afforded themselves and others a good deal of amusement the other evening. For some time there had been living in the suburb a married couple of some ten years' experience, who had become as proud and staid as so many years together would naturally make them. After much planning, they decided to take a summer outing. The fact became generally known among the young people and offered to some enterprising mind a chance for a practical joke. The couple had many friends and was not surprised to find congregated at the station, upon the evening of departure, a large crowd of young people. As the train pulled in, to the amusement of the departing pair, everybody began lighting various kinds of fireworks. The train slowed up amidst a stupor of crackers and blare of whistles. The couple turned to bid their friends a last good-bye. They were greeted with a shower of fire and old shoes, while everyone began to shout, "Make way for the bride and groom!" The bride of ten years blushed and made no reply. The groom looked decidedly bored. They were followed into their seats by a volley of fire. The passengers laughed and stared. Some drummer made very pointed remarks. The groom thought he had had enough. He stood up and glared at the crowd. He said: "Now look here, this is a good job, but it is some too far. I'll just tell you people that this is a put-up job. Why, gentlemen, I have been married for ten years." The passengers took it for a "hoax" and perked and looked.

"Uncle Henry" Jackson, so he is affectionately called by many who know him, lives to recall incidents of the early days when police cars were still an invention of the future. Recently he related one and laughed heartily at the remembrance of it. He was in a coal-bait day, owing to an accident the passengers of two boats were crowded into one part of the way, and every available foot of room was crowded with improved beds. In addition to the second class of baggage



# FOR GARFIELD PARK

## BOARD OF WORKS ASKS AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE TEN ACRES.

### To Be Used as an Entrance to Gar- field Park—Special Meeting of Council.

At the special meeting of the Council last night a communication was received from the Board of Works asking for authority to purchase ten acres of ground for an entrance to Garfield Park from C. F. Bals at \$7,000. It is proposed to build a broad driveway from Shelby street into the east side of the park. It is understood if this is done the street car company will continue the Shelby-street line down to that point. Councilman Knight has been active in urging this proposition and recently headed a large delegation of petitioners that called on the board to urge that the ground for an entrance be purchased.

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## Shelby Street Extension.

The street railway company has completed its extension of the Shelby street line from Beecher street at the Belt railroad to Southern avenue, the city limits, and cars are now running over the new tracks. The line now passes the south entrance of Garfield Park. Residents of that neighborhood are complaining because this entrance has not been finished.

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## PLATS APPROVED.

Holliday's Garfield Park addition, being a subdivision of a tract of land situate and being in Marion county, Indiana, all of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 15 north, Range 4 east, except forty-five acres off the south end of the said west half of said quarter, containing 35.89 acres, more or less; 655 lots.

Bakemeyer's South Meridian-street addition, being a resubdivision of lots numbered from 21 to 35, inclusive, in Marion county, Indiana.

Fifth Section West Park, being a subdivision of part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 15 north, Range 3 east, in Marion county, Indiana; 24 lots.

BOND APPROVED.

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street.

## TO ERECT \$20,000 PLANT.

A building permit was issued to Frank Hilgemeier & Bros., meat packers, Shelby street and the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, for the erection of a two-story brick building at Daisy and Raymond streets, to be used as a packing plant. The structure is to cost \$20,000.

A total of twenty-five building permits

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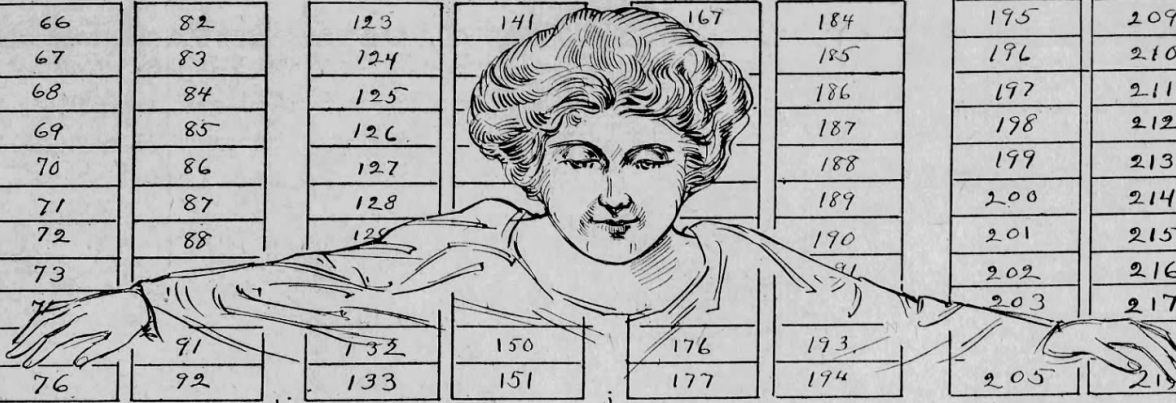


**"A LOOK  
MEANS A  
LOT" IN**

# PARK CREST

Overlooking  
Beautiful  
Garfield Park

66	82	123	141	167	184	195	209
67	83	124			185	196	210
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MANKER AVE.


NAPOLEON ST.

ALLEN AVE.

APPLGATE ST.

SOUTHERN AVE. TO GARFIELD BOUNDARY ON NORTH

SIDE OF THIS ADDITION



**GARFIELD PARK**

Take Shelby Street Car to South Entrance of Garfield Park

**Forty-Seven Lots Sold Since Sale Started May 11. Make Your Selection at Once. Every Lot Will Be Sold Within Thirty Days.**

**COME OUT TODAY**

Lots \$5 and \$10 Cash--\$5  
and \$10 Per Month.

**COME OUT TODAY**

This is absolutely your last chance to purchase a lot in a new addition which is sure to be built up with elegant homes bordering on or in immediate vicinity of beautiful Garfield Park.

**All Lots High and Dry** Cement sidewalks and graded streets are to be made and fully paid for without expense to you. Gas, electric lights, city street cars. 12 minutes from the Monument.

**Grasp this Opportunity Now** The demand for lots in the southern part of the city has more than doubled within the last six months. Come early and select your lot for your home or investment, as these lots are sure to double in value. Salesmen on ground all day Sunday and during the week.

Remember it only takes \$5.00 or \$10.00 cash. You won't miss the money, and before lots are paid for you will realize a handsome profit.

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FOR SALE--Beautiful home of ten rooms.



## MANY TRANSFERS RECORDED

### City Closes \$27,918.18 Deal, Adding Considerable Acreage to Garfield Park Addition—Permits Also Numerous.

In contrast to last week, the activity in real estate and building permits started off with a rush yesterday. Thirty-seven building permits were issued, involving \$47,823, nearly one-half of the transactions last week. There were forty-nine real estate transfers, representing a total consideration of \$94,518.18, almost twice as much as the Monday preceding.

The real estate transfer totals were strengthened by the closing of a deal with Mary L. Kaiser, Julia M. Ettling and Frances M. Stratman by the city of Indianapolis whereby considerable acreage was added to the Garfield Park addition. The consideration was \$27,918.18, of which amount Mary Kaiser received \$8,000; Julia M. Ettling, \$10,870.18, and Frances M. Stratman, \$9,048.

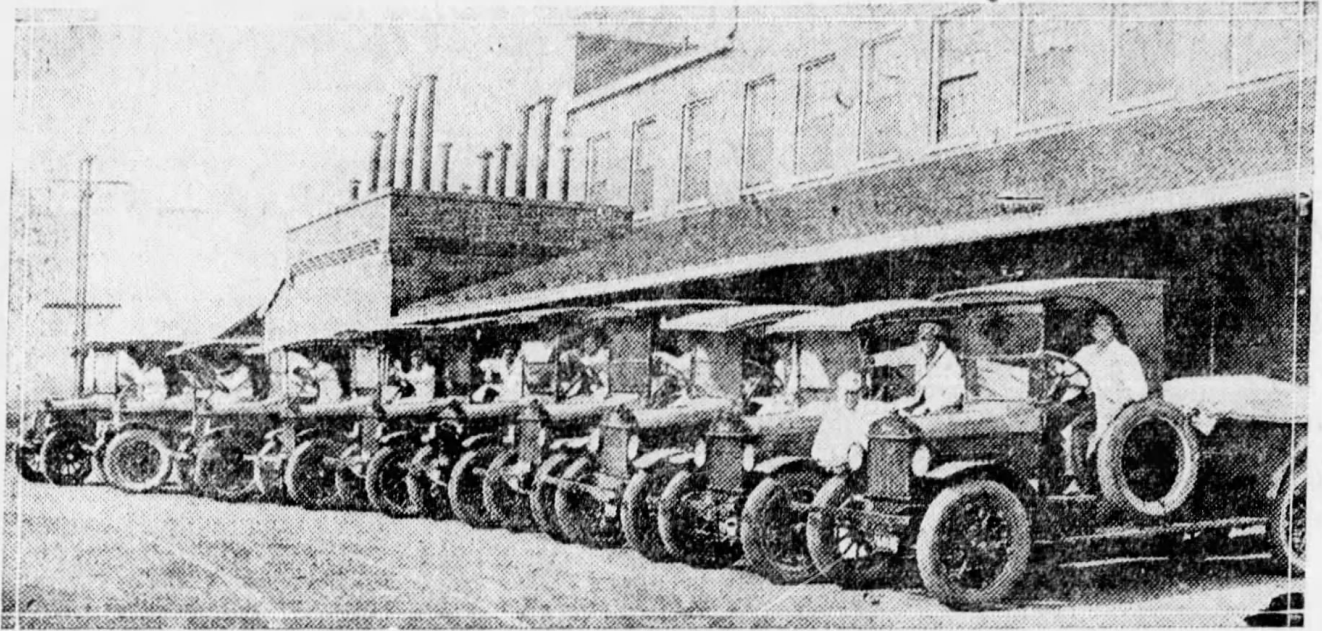
Dr. Henry Jameson, chairman of the board of park commissioners, said last night that the Garfield Park addition of thirty-three acres was completed with the exception of one lot and house. The three properties transferred yesterday are on the east side of Garfield Park between Garfield and Shelby streets.

The realty market was featured by the transfer of many residences for nominal considerations, none being for any large amount. Clyde J. Roach sold to Herbert H. Woodsmall a part of a quarter section in Center Township for the sum of \$9,000.

**BEAUTIFUL** thoroughly modern home overlooking Garfield park; open for inspection Sunday from 2 to 5. 814 E. Raymond st.; large living room, dining room, bedroom, kitchen, lavatory and toilet down; three bedrooms and complete bath up; hardwood floors, full basement, hot water heat; three-car garage; entire property in the very best of condition. Price \$7,500. Can arrange reasonable terms. Frank E. Gates & Son, Realtors, 607 Fletcher Trust bldg. MAin 1409.

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## FLEET OF TON STEWART TRUCKS.



THIS GROUP OF STEWART TRUCKS IS USED BY HILGEMEIER & BRO., MEAT PACKERS, AND WAS SOLD BY THE MARTIN TRUCK COMPANY, 921 NORTH CAPITOL AVENUE.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1924.

# SERVICE!

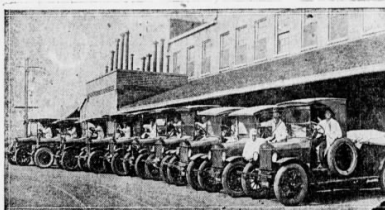
¶ A business institution is measured today by the service it renders to the public. The picture below will give you some idea of the improved service we have planned for the consumers of our products. Constantly endeavoring to improve and perfect our service, we have consistently grown until those who use Hilgemeier products are numbered by the thousands.

¶ Naturally, this service includes the quality of the products we produce and distribute and Hilgemeier meats wherever used are known for their high and uniform quality.

¶ The delicious ham and bacon that grace the breakfast table and the choice pork cuts that serve for noon and evening meals are the finest that it is possible to produce in this modern, sanitary plant, always under the personal supervision of Frank and George Hilgemeier.

## LOOKING FORWARD

1885



1924

This Group of Stewart Trucks Is Used for Delivery Purposes

## A STORY OF PROGRESS



Then—  
and  
Now



### A Happy and Prosperous New Year

To our many friends and patrons we extend greetings of the season. May the New Year bring to you and yours many blessings and may good health and happiness be your portion.

# F. Hilgemeier & Bro.

INCORPORATED

PORK PACKERS

Ham ❖ Bacon ❖ Sausage  
PURE LARD A SPECIALTY

## Building Permits

F. Duepre, repairs, 855 Colton, \$400.  
 G. Leppert, addition, 249 North Mount, \$500.  
 V. Skaggs, garage, 2737 School, \$300.  
 J. W. Leonard, dwelling and garage, 4822 Carrollton, \$7,250.  
 J. F. Boehne, dwelling and garage, 2605 East Thirtieth, \$2,750.  
 M. E. McGuff, dwelling and garage, 4916 Young, \$4,200.  
 J. C. Shea, remodel, 1928 North Delaware, \$450.  
 C. Susennickel, addition, 607 Orange, \$415.  
 J. Zimmerman, porch, 1738 South Talbott, \$250.  
 Hoosier Petroleum Company, building, 2037 East Washington, \$1,000.  
 C. R. Yoke, reroof, 2916 Shelby, \$300.  
 V. E. Shake, addition, 1018 North Rural, \$1,000.  
 E. M. Ruch, reroof, 3515 North Illinois, \$200.  
 W. G. Harris, reroof, 25 North Riley, \$235.  
 C. G. Walsh, dwelling and garage, 5745 Broadway Terrace, \$6,800.  
 I. S. Wilson, dwelling and garage, 113 South Elder, \$5,700.  
 H. Friedman, furnace, 1935 Park, \$270.  
 H. Hilgemeier, dwelling and garage, 2343 Garfield drive, \$5,250.  
 R. Lagenan, building, Michigan and Noble, \$12,000.



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## City Construction Permits Total \$228,175 for Week

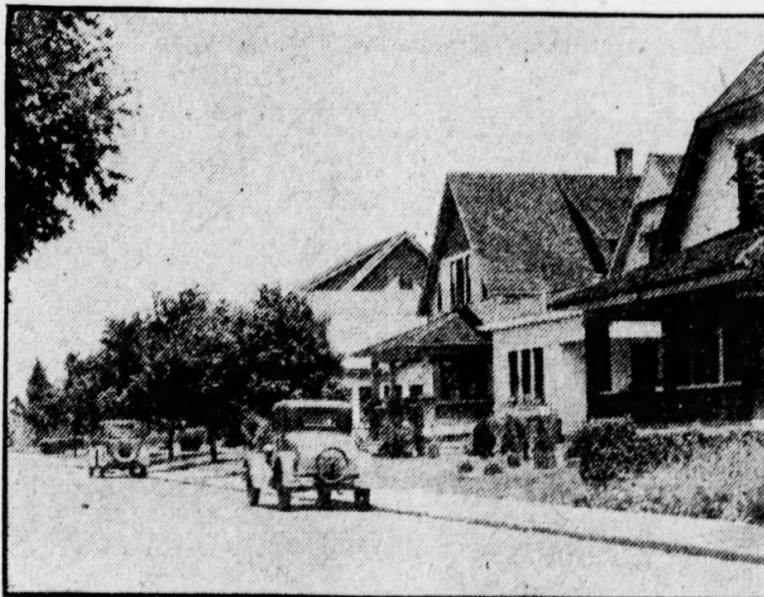
With thirty-six new residences, one small apartment and several other buildings started, new construction showed a fair total this week, according to a compilation of city building permits by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board. The residential projects amounted to \$160,175. A \$30,000 apartment at 5617 Julian avenue; a \$12,000 addition to the plant of F. Hilgemeier & Bros., 519 West Raymond street; a \$21,000 building in South Alabama street, a new city fire tower at New Jersey and South streets, and a filling station at Morris and Hiatt streets, brought the total for the week to \$228,175.

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# OUR STREET

THIS AND THAT ABOUT SOME OF THE  
NEIGHBORHOODS THAT MAKE INDIANAPOLIS  
A PLEASANT CITY OF HOMES.

(Photo by Star Staff Photographer.)



VIEW OF 2100 BLOCK, EAST GARFIELD DRIVE.

The 2100 block of East Garfield drive is one of the most beautiful sections of Indianapolis, its residents declare.

They offer as a clincher for their assertion the fact that the street was so beautiful when it was called "New street" about ten years ago the city decided to include it in the boulevard system.

As a result the 2100 block of "New street" was clipped off and made a part of the Garfield park boulevard system and the name was changed to East Garfield drive.

"The city wants only beauty in its boulevard system," Mrs. H. L. Watson, 2149 East Garfield drive, declared, "so they took this part of New street."

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their family have lived on East Garfield drive seven years. She asserted they like it because of its beauty, cleanliness and desirable location near

Garfield park, which is just across Raymond street.

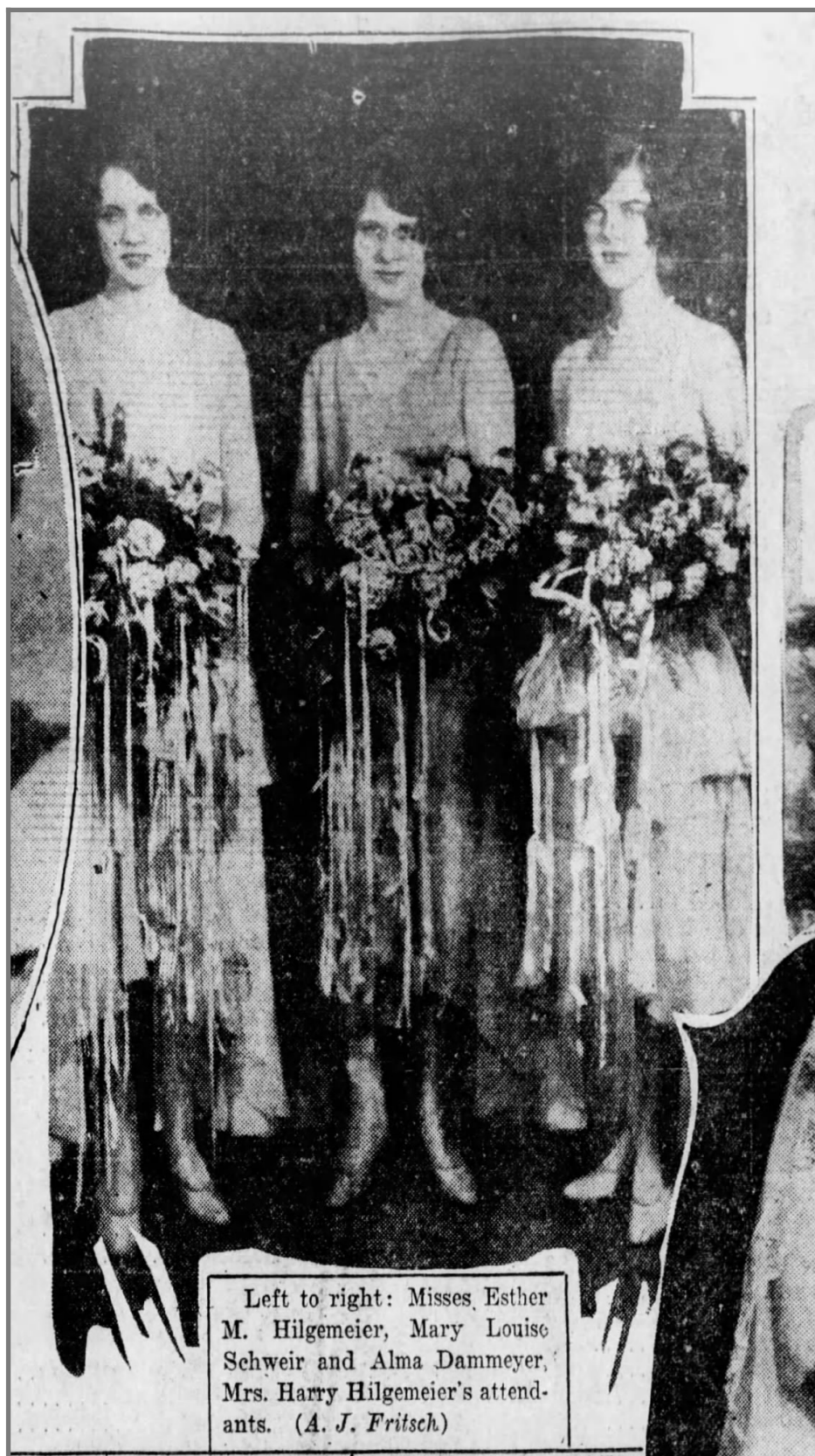
Other residents in the block expressed views similar to Mrs. Watson's concerning the street.

"I like the street because nearly every one owns his own home and the neighbors and surroundings are so pleasant," Mrs. Jess Haynes, 2145 East Garfield drive, said. She has lived in the neighborhood six years.

Mrs. Madalene Shumaker, 2137 East Garfield drive, who has lived there sixteen years, declared that the street is the "prettiest in the city." "This street is so quiet and peaceful. It is away from the factory district and all of the smoke and soot. We also are four blocks from the rumbling, clanging street cars," she said.

"A splendid place to rear children," Mrs. John Baumann, 2129 East Garfield drive, asserted. She said she likes the street because every one is financially able to afford a pretty neat home, an automobile if they want one, and because the yards are kept in such perfect condition. The neighbors, she added, are ideal





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# OUR STREET

THIS AND THAT ABOUT SOME OF THE  
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A PLEASANT CITY OF HOMES.

(Photo by Star Staff Photographer.)



## GARFIELD DRIVE, WEST OF SHELBY STREET..

All the advantages of a country estate—without the cost."

This might well be the slogan of residents of Garfield drive, west of Shelby street, for they have just across the street the spacious grounds, the fountains, the sunken garden of Garfield park, truly an estate that would satisfy a plutocrat.

The well-planned appearance of the drive is distinctive. Houses are of the same general type, bungalows, some with small second stories, and of brick or brick-and-frame construction. The lawns are terraced, giving residents the advantages of privacy and better view over the park. Down the grass plot that divides sidewalk from boulevard is a row of maple trees.

### Pioneer Residents.

Pioneer residents of the drive are Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Bishop, 968 Garfield drive, who live in a home of brick construction, beautified by

flowers and shrubbery, at the corner of Ringgold street and Garfield drive. Mr. Bishop is head of a firm of jewelers at 948 Virginia avenue.

The neighborhood is approximately fifteen years old. There is but one vacant lot permitting further construction. It was practically all built up when Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Dynes, who have a pleasant home at 1044, near the Shelby street corner, moved in eight years ago.

### Attractive Homes.

Attractive homes are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Simon, in an all-brick house at 1014, and the Rev. William H. Knierim, in a freshly painted white frame house at 1020 Garfield drive.

Just around the corner from the neighborhood is the Shelby branch library at the intersection of Shelby street and Bradbury avenue, and conveniently close are the store and offices that line Shelby street.





# Miss Esther Marie Hilgemeier to Marry J. Woolford Collins

The marriage of Miss Esther Marie Hilgemeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hilgemeier, 2343 Garfield avenue, and J. Woolford Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins, Robinson, Ill., will take place at 8:30 tonight at Emmaus Lutheran church.

The Rev. W. C. Meinzen will perform the ceremony.

The church will be lighted by cathedral candles tied with bows of silver, and the altar, in a banking of palms, will be decorated with a basket of white roses and chrysanthemums.

Miss Frances Olsen, soloist, accompanied by G. W. Kastrup, organist, will sing.

Miss Garnet Roempke will be maid of honor. She will wear a gown of white satin and tulle. The bridesmaids will be Mrs. H. C. Hilgemeier Jr., and Miss Virginia Holmes. Mrs. Hilgemeier will wear white moire and Miss Holmes white crepe.

The gowns all will be made with princess lines. The attendants will

wear long white gloves, silver turbans, silver slippers and carry white chrysanthemums tied with silver ribbon. They will wear markasite necklaces, the gifts of the bride.

The bride, whose father will give her in marriage, will wear ivory satin dress, princess style and floor length. Her veil is made with a cap and caught with rhinestones and orange blossoms. She will wear a markasite necklace in the shape of a rose, the gift of the bridegroom, and carry a bouquet of white orchids, gardenias and lilies of the valley.

A reception and a candlelight supper at the home will follow the ceremony.

The couple will go immediately to Evansville, where they will make their home, the bride traveling in a black and white crepe outfit.

Among the out-of-town guests who will attend the wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Chris Oefflinger and Mary Louise Oefflinger, New Albany; Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Louisville, and Mrs. G. L. Smith, Robinson, Ill.



# Collins-Hilgemeier Wedding Is Pretty Holiday Season Event

A pretty wedding of the Christmas season took place at 8:30 o'clock last night at the Emmaus Lutheran Church when Miss Esther Hilgemeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hilgemeier Sr., 2343 Garfield drive, became the bride of J. W. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins of Robinson, Ill.

The church was decorated with palms and ferns. There was a large decorated Christmas tree at one side of the front of the church and the greenery at the altar was interspersed with white chrysanthemums in vases tied with silver ribbon.

The ceremony was read by the Rev. W. C. Meinzen.

Preceding the ceremony G. W. Kastrup, organist, played a program of bridal music and Miss Frances Olsen sang "Beloved, It Is Morn" and "O Perfect Love."

Miss Garnet Roempke was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Mrs. H. C. Hilgemeier Jr. and Miss Virginia Holmes.

## Attendants' Gowns.

The attendants all wore gowns of white fashioned Princess style with skirts to the floor. They wore silver turbans and slippers and long white kid gloves and carried arm bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Miss Roempke's gown was of satin, Mrs. Hilgemeier Jr.'s moire, and Miss Holmes's crepe.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of white satin with skirt to the floor. Her veil was caught with rhinestones and orange blossoms. She carried a shower arm bouquet of

white orchids, gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Gayle Collins of Robinson, Ill., was his brother's best man and the ushers were H. C. Hilgemeier Jr. and V. L. Smith.

Mrs. Hilgemeier, mother of the bride, wore a gown of brown chiffon with a shoulder bouquet and Mrs. Collins, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black lace gown with shoulder bouquet.

## Reception Follows.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bridal table was arranged with a three-tiered wedding cake and was lighted with white tapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins have gone to Evansville where they will live.

Among the out-of-town guests were Messrs and Mesdames R. L. Collins and V. L. Smith of Robinson, Chris Oeffinger and daughter of New Albany and William Taylor of Louisville, Ky.





## Hilgemeier & Bro. Delivery Fleet



### TRACKLESS CAR IS ON DISPLAY

New Type of Trolley Is  
Shown to Public.

First of the city's new trackless trolley cars, the latest development in city transportation, are on display.

The above pictured fleet of Stewart trucks owned by F. Hilgemeier & Brother always attracts favorable attention, due to their neat and well-kept appearance.

This concern, one of the largest exclusive pork packers in this locality, long has been noted for the superior quality of its products. The same painstaking exactness used in the preparation of its goods for the market is carried out in maintenance of its truck fleet.

After exhaustive tests, the com-

pany has standardized on Federal Tire and Tubes, as these tests prove a longer tire life, resulting in a lower per mile cost of operation and also freedom from tire troubles.

F. Hilgemeier & Bro. have been using Federal Tires, Tubes and Federal Batteries for the last ten years, and at various times have commented on the unvarying high quality of Federal products.

The Federal Auto Supply Company, 515 North Capitol avenue, is local distributor of Federal products.

### CONRAD ROEMBKE SR.

Conrade Roembke Sr., 84 years old, a native of Germany, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Hilgemeier Sr., 2343 East Garfield drive, after an illness of two years.

Mr. Roembke came to the United States when he was 50 years old. While a citizen of Germany, he fought in the German army against France in 1870-71. He learned the cabinetmaking trade in Germany and followed that trade in the United States until he retired.

Mr. Roembke was a member of the Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Hilgemeier, Mrs. Louise Klier and Mrs. Jess Haynes, all of Indianapolis, and Mrs. William Struebe of Westfalen, Germany; two sons, Conrad Roembke Jr. and Henry Roembke of Indianapolis; three

brothers, Frederick and William Roembke of Indianapolis, and Ernest Roembke of Westfalen, Germany, and a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Bisching of Westfalen, Germany.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the home of Mrs. Hilgemeier and in the Emmaus church at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Concordia cemetery.

### GRANT JACOBS.

Sherman Jacobs, Statehouse policeman, has received word of the death of his twin brother, Grant Jacobs, in Ventura, Cal., Mr. Jacobs died Friday of heart disease. Funeral services were held in Ventura yesterday. Mr. Jacobs was born Feb. 16, 1865, in Cicero, the son of Asa and Ellen Jacobs. He had spent the last twenty-five years in California.



## Harry C. Hilgemeier, Packer, Dies Suddenly

(A. J. Fritsch Photo.)



**HARRY C. HILGEMEIER.**

Harry C. Hilgemeier, 53 years old, active in the packing industry in Indianapolis many years, died in his home, 2343 East Garfield drive, at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Hilgemeier had gone to his work at the F. Hilgemeier & Bro. plant at 519 West Raymond street, but returned home about 7:30 o'clock, when he became ill. Death was caused by heart disease.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the home and at 2:30 o'clock in the Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. W. C. Meinzen, pastor, will conduct the services. Burial will be in Concordia cemetery.

Mr. Hilgemeier was born in Indianapolis, a son of Chris Hilgemeier, founder of the packing company. He attended the St. Paul German Lutheran school and entered the business when he was 14 years old. He held many positions with the company and at the time of his death was superintendent of the stock department and of the truck drivers. His two brothers, Frank Hilgemeier and George Hilgemeier, are members of the firm.

Mr. Hilgemeier was a member of the Emmaus Church and was elected a trustee of the church this year. He was a supervisor of Concordia cemetery. Survivors besides the two brothers are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Hilgemeier; a daughter, Mrs. J. Woodford Collins; a son, Harry C. Hilgemeier Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Louis Schreiber of Julietta, and two grandchildren.

MRS. J. W. COLLINS, 2343 Garfield drive, entertained last night with a bridal shower for Miss Virginia Holmes, whose engagement has been announced to Ernest B. Smith. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Harry Hilgemeier Sr.

Guests with the bride-elect were her mother, Mrs. Frank Holmes, and the Mesdames Donald Newman, Robert Schreiber, Rueben Behlmer, Emily Stout, Francis Zaring and H. B. Hilgemeier Jr., and the Misses Alma Danmeyer, Helen Dongus, Margaret Holtman, Louise Hayes, Louise Schwier, Lenore Mueller, Millie Tamblyn, Irene Russell, Mary Louise Schwier, Garnett Roembke and Charlotte Byrne.

# HILGEMEIER FIRM QUITS BUSINESS

Pork Packing Company Is  
First Major Victim Here  
of Wartime Economy

Wartime economy claimed its first major business victim in Indianapolis today with an announcement that F. Hilgemeier & Co., Inc., is discontinuing for an indefinite period the pork packing business that is more than fifty years old.

Facilities of the sizeable plant at 519 West Raymond street are being converted rapidly as possible into a cold storage plant for the preservation of lease-lend foodstuffs and privately-owned stocks.

Killing of hogs at the plant ceased three weeks ago, according to the announcement of George Hilgemeier, Jr., vice-president of the Hilgemeier corporation and head of the South Side Cold Storage Company partnership under which the firm will henceforth operate. George Hilgemeier, Sr., is president of the packing corporation and Walter Gerdtz is secretary-treasurer.

Since slaughtering operations ceased the company has been engaged in liquidating its stocks preparatory to devoting all facilities to cold storage. Large stocks, including twenty-five cars of cheese, already are in storage. Storage capacity, at its peak this fall, will be from 225 to 250 cars of foodstuffs.

Hilgemeier said the necessity to discontinue the packing business became apparent several months ago when the office of price administration fixed a ceiling on wholesale pork sales based on a hog market of about \$13 a 100 pounds. No ceiling was placed on the live hog market, which since has reached \$15 a 100 pounds. Thus the company

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## HILGEMEIER FIRM QUITS BUSINESS

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was unable to operate without a loss, Hilgemeier said.

Other larger packing houses are able to operate, Hilgemeier said, because of a \$1.50 a 100-pound premium price paid by the federal surplus commodities corporation for lease-lend foodstuffs. Hilgemeier's never has been a federally inspected plant, he said, and application for such inspection was not made because company officials believed they could be of more service to the nation by providing much-needed cold storage space than by contributing a relatively small amount of pork products to lease-lend supplies.

"These supplies, we believe, can be more efficiently handled by the larger packers than by our business, which has been built almost entirely on a local trade," Hilgemeier said.

### Parleys With OPA.

"We discovered, soon after the ceiling was put on our prices, that we could not get as much money from a dressed hog as it cost us on foot, even before we charged against it the necessary overhead, such as taxes and the salaries of approximately 145 employees. Under such circumstances, of course, we could not continue to operate. The companies handling government business are able to make additional savings because there is no delivery cost to them such as there was to us in serving local trade."

Hilgemeier said he attended numerous meetings with OPA officials at Washington and several meetings at which pork packers sought to work out proposals to submit to OPA officials. No satisfactory solution was worked out, he said, leaving his company no alternative.

The Hilgemeier concern has killed from 50,000 to 60,000 hogs a year, exceeded in Indianapolis only by the Kingan & Co. and Armour & Co. plants.

The Hilgemeier business first was established by Christian Hilgemeier in a small plant near Garfield park. At his death fifty years ago, George, Sr., and Frank Hilgemeier took over the business, moving to larger quarters along the Pennsylvania railroad south of the city. The present site was occupied in 1912.

In addition to other factors contributing to the closing is the prospective war service of the younger Hilgemeier. He originally was classified in Class 1-A, but received a ninety-day reclassification in Class 3-A to wind up the business and place on its expanded program the cold storage concern, of which he has been the head for seven years. Recently, he has conferred with the quartermaster corps officials of the 5th corps area, believing his wide experience in the packing and cold storage business might be valuable to that phase of the war effort. He expects to have other such conferences within the next few days.



# Heart Attack Proves Fatal To Hilgemeier

**Ex-Packing Company  
President Had Been  
In Ill Health 2 Years**

George August Hilgemeier Sr., Indianapolis industrialist, died of a heart attack last night in his office at the F. Hilgemeier & Brothers packing house.

Mr. Hilgemeier, 72 years old, 4266 North Pennsylvania Street, was president of the firm a number of years.

He also served as president of Hilgemeier Frosted Foods, Inc., Dunn Beverage Co., Inc., and Dixon-Block Coal Co., Inc.

**NATIVE OF** Indianapolis, he was an associate of the Madison Avenue State Bank of which he was a founder and past-president.

In declining health two years, he had devoted considerably less time than usual to business matters recently, members of his family said.

The meat packing plant, one of the oldest concerns in the city, closed in 1942 and was leased recently to Stark and Wetzel Inc. for pork packing operations.

It was founded by his father, Christian Hilgemeier, in a small plant near Garfield Park. At his death 50 years ago, two sons, George Sr. and Frank, took over directorship and the plant sub-

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# Hilgemeier Dies

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sequently moved to its present site, 519 West Raymond Street.

**MORE THAN** 60,000 hogs were slaughtered there annually at the peak of operations.

Mr. Hilgemeier was a member of Pentalpha Masonic Lodge No. 564, the Scottish Rite, Shrine and Royal Order of Jesters. He belonged to the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Anna M. Hilgemeier; a daughter, Mrs. Marie H. Huckaby, and two sons, George Jr. and Edward H. Hilgemeier.

Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be held in Crown Hill Mausoleum.

**60 Houses for Sale South**

**2343 E. GARFIELD DR.:** 4-bdrm.  
brick, oil ht., firepl., 2-car gar.  
**P. L. Killip, BR. 5753, GL. 2330**

**SALE MAN**

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SCHEDULE Y.—Inhabitants in Sub Div. 7th Ward Indianapolis, in the County of Marion, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 5th day of February, 1878.

Post Office: Indianapolis Ind Jesse DeHaine, Ass't Marshal.

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Dwellings, numbered in the order of visitation.		Families numbered in the order of visitation.		DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and up-wards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and up-wards, who are deaf, blind, insane, or idiotic, or who are otherwise disqualified from voting.	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9		10	11									
		James	9 Mth	at School						Germany	/	/									
		John	5 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
		Katie	3 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
		Richard	1 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
79	97	Hildensie-Christ	36 Mth	Procr.			4000	700		Prussia	/	/									
		Mary	29 Mth	Kept House						Prussia	/	/									
		Mary	9 Mth	at School						Indiana	/	/									
		Matilda	6 Mth	at Home						Indiana	/	/									
		Frank	14 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
		Christiana	1 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
80	98	Judge James	56 Mth	Laborer			1000	400		Ireland	/	/									
		Catherine	49 Mth	Kept House						Ireland	/	/									
		Judge James	56 Mth	Laborer						Ireland	/	/									
99		Campbell Hugh	40 Mth	Carpenter				100		North Carolina											
		Mary	33 Mth	Kept House						Ireland	/	/									
		Edward	12 Mth	at School						Indiana	/	/									
		James	6 Mth	at Home						Indiana	/	/									
		Charles	1 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
100		Letty John	60 Mth	Laborer			900			Ireland	/	/									
		Alice	45 Mth	Kept House						Ireland	/	/									
		Katie	17 Mth	at Home						Indiana	/	/									
		Mary	13 Mth	at School						Indiana	/	/									
		John	6 Mth	at Home						Indiana	/	/									
		James	14 Mth	Laborer						Indiana	/	/									
		John	7 Mth	at Home						Indiana	/	/									
81	101	McCarthy Timothy	50 Mth	Laborer			1000	100		Ireland	/	/									
		Honora	40 Mth	Kept House						Ireland	/	/									
		Mary	16 Mth	at School						Indiana	/	/									
		Honora	12 Mth	at School						Indiana	/	/									
82	102	Cosin Michael	40 Mth	Laborer			1400			Ireland	/	/									
		Isabella	35 Mth	Kept House						Ireland	/	/									
103		Holmest Gattlin	38 Mth	Blacksmith						Wilmington	/	/									
		Catherine	27 Mth	Kept House						Prussia	/	/									
		Albert	4 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
		Emma	3 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
		Louisa	2 Mth							Indiana	/	/									
104		Jacobi August	25 Mth	Butcher			200			Saxony	/	/									
		Nicholas	48 Mth	Butcher						Saxony	/	/									
105		Schneider Conrad	50 Mth	Salem Keeper			4000			Hessdamm	/	/									
		Mary	33 Mth	Kept House						Hawron	/	/									
9		No. of dwellings,	No. of white females,		No. of males, foreign born,		12		1500		No. of insane,		30		62		11				
		" families,	" colored males,		" females, "						"		3								
		" white males,	" " females,		" blind,						"										

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 3

Enumeration Dist. No. 127

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in 21<sup>st</sup> Ward Indianapolis, in the County of Marian, State of Indiana  
 enumerated by me on the Tenth day of June, 1880.

John R. Hicks.

Enumerator.

In Office	Name of Person	Sex	Age	Color	Personal Description	Relationship of each person to the head of the family (12—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other)	Civil Condition	Occupation	Health	Education	Native	Place of Birth of the person	Place of Birth of the father of this person	Place of Birth of the mother of this person
1	Traver	M	30	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Mo	(Mo)	(Mo)
2	Callow	M	6	W	Daughter	1						Ky	Ky	Mo
3	Levi	M	3	W	Son	1						Ky	Ky	Mo
4	Hellie	M	1	W	Daughter	1						Ky	Ky	Mo
5	Williams, Edgorth	M	41	W	Wife	1	Traveller for Trade					Ind	Ky	Ky
6	Calverton, H.	M	35	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Ind	Ky	Ky
7	Kate	M	9	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
8	Ralph, W.	M	6	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
9	Ruby, B. M.	M	4	W	Son	1						Ind	Ind	Ind
10	Clifford	M	12	W	Son	1						Ind	Ind	Ind
11	Clifford, E.	M	30	W	Brother	1	Physician	Brain Disease				Ind	Ky	Ky
12	Childers, J. R.	M	22	W	Wife	1	Traveller for Trade					Ind	Ky	Ky
13	Ellen	M	33	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Ind	Ky	Ky
14	William, H.	M	14	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
15	Edward	M	10	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
16	Ellen, M.	M	8	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
17	Frank, R.	M	6	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Ind	Ind
18	Agnes, E.	M	3	W	Daughter	1						Ind	Ind	Ind
19	Sanders, Melrick	M	48	W	Wife	1	Brick Maker					Hanover	Hanover	Hanover
20	Ellen	M	46	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Prussia	Prussia	Prussia
21	Charles	M	21	W	Son	1	Chemist					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
22	John	M	16	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
23	Harriet	M	11	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
24	Nannie	M	9	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
25	Bertha	M	7	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
26	Fredrick	M	5	W	Son	1	at Home					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
27	Wilhelm, Friedrich	M	26	W	Son in Law	1	Stock Dealer					Ind	Hanover	Hanover
28	Ellen	M	24	W	Daughter	1	at Home					Ind	Hanover	Prussia
29	Hilpemin, Chris	M	46	W	Wife	1	Laborer					Prussia	Prussia	Prussia
30	Mary	M	38	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Hanover	Hanover	Hanover
31	Mary	M	18	W	Daughter	1	Work in Pharmacy					Ind	Prussia	Hanover
32	Matilda	M	16	W	Daughter	1	Work in Pharmacy					Ind	Prussia	Hanover
33	Frank	M	13	W	Son	1	at Home					Ind	Prussia	Hanover
34	Christina	M	10	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Prussia	Hanover
35	George	M	4	W	Son	1						Ind	Prussia	Hanover
36	Harry	M	2	W	Son	1						Ind	Prussia	Hanover
37	Ramsay, Thomas	M	47	W	Wife	1	Brick Mason					Va	Va	Va
38	Matilda	M	44	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Ind	Ind	Ky
39	Albert, B.	M	22	W	Son	1	Brick Layer					Ind	Va	Ind
40	William	M	20	W	Son	1	Laborer					Ind	Va	Ind
41	Thomas	M	15	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Va	Ind
42	Stine, Frederick	M	45	W	Wife	1	Laborer					Baden	Baden	Baden
43	Leno	M	36	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Ohio	Germany	Germany
44	Carrie	M	11	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Baden (Germany)	
45	Kate	M	9	W	Daughter	1	at School					Ind	Baden (Germany)	
46	Frederick	M	9	W	Step Son	1	at School					Ind	Germany	Ohio
47	Louise	M	7	W	Step Son	1	at Home					Ind	Germany	Ohio
48	Prinzel, Louis	M	24	W	Wife	1	Student					Prussia	Prussia	Prussia
49	Louise	M	32	W	Wife	1	Keeping House					Baden	Baden	Baden
50	Carl	M	9	W	Son	1	at School					Ind	Prussia	Baden

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.

NOTE E.—Question No. 13 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a girl's occupation has been reported in column 13.

NOTE G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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State Indiana  
County Marion

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 70 Sheet No. 9  
Enumeration District No. 174

Township or other division of county Center township Name of Institution, \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, City of Indianapolis Ward of city, 14  
Enumerated by me on the 8th day of June, 1900, Mattie Pickard Enumerator.

LOCATION.			NAME		RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.		OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION.		EDUCATION.					OWNERSHIP OF HOME.																																																																																																																																																																								
IN CITIES.			of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.			Relationship of each person to the head of the family.							Place of birth of this person.			Place of birth of father of this person.			Occupation.		Years of schooling.					Owned free or mortgaged.																																																																																																																																																																							
Street.	House Number.	Number of dwelling units in this building.	Number of family in this family.	Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.	Enter every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	Color of race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether deaf, dumb, insane, idiot, or blind.	Number of years married.	Number of years married.	Number of years married.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Years of citizenship in the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	Occupation.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	Years of schooling in the United States.	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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

CO { SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 7th Indiana SHEET NO. 5  
{ ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 129 } A

LOCALITY.		NAME.		RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.		SATIETY.			ETHNICITY.	OCCUPATION.		EDUCATION.		PRESENCE OF BORN.		
Street.	House number.	Given name.	Surname.	Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	Color of skin.	Height in inches.	Weight in pounds.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Whether able to speak English, or not, give language spoken.	Taste or prejudice, if any, in relation to this person, work, or other matters, give the reason, if any.	General nature of industry, occupation, or profession, in which this person works, or other matters, give the reason, if any.	Whether employed in any of the above occupations, or professions, or other matters, give the reason, if any.	Whether employed in any of the above occupations, or professions, or other matters, give the reason, if any.	Whether employed in any of the above occupations, or professions, or other matters, give the reason, if any.	
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2162 99 106	Wilson	Albert	Heard	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	Swimmer	Garage Factory	W	No	C	10
	Wilson	Arthur	Wife	F	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
	Wilson	Thomas	Son	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
	Wilson	Thomas	Son	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
	Wilson	Thomas	Son	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
728 100 101	Wilson	Frank R.	Heard	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
	Wilson	Frank R.	Heard	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
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2112 101 102	Hoffman	Henry	Heard	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
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	Kentley	Frank A.	Heard	M	12	33	110	Indians	Indians	Indians	English	None	None	W	No	C	10
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COUNTY Marion

ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 230

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NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Indianapolis  
Always give name and, also, name of clan, as city, village, town, or borough. See instructions

WARD OF CITY 13

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DAY OF January

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## 4. ENUMERATION

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State Indiana Incorporated place Indianapolis City  
County Morgan Ward of city 13th Block No. 184

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930  
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Enumeration District No. 42-430 Sheet No. 22  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

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