Marker Text

Mother of President Richard M. Nixon was born on a farm four and a half miles southeast to which her grandparents came in 1854. Hannah's parents moved to California in 1897 when she was twelve years old.

Report

Current IHB guidelines require primary source documentation to support all information on a marker. This marker had no sources on file and was flagged for review. Vital records do support most of the text of this marker. According to the Family Data Collection database, a compilation of genealogical data gathered for use in scientific research, Hannah Milhous was born to Franklin and Almira Milhous on March 7, 1885 in Butlerville, Indiana. No primary sources were located to definitively support the assertion that the exact location of her birth was 4.5 miles southeast of the marker’s location.

Hannah’s grandparents lived in Ohio at the time of the 1850 Census. Joshua V. Milhous was a farmer and his son, Franklin, was 1 year old in 1850. By the 1860 Census, the family was resident in Bigger Township, Jennings County, IN. It is plausible that the couple relocated to a Jennings County farm in the year designated on the marker, but primary sources to confirm the date were not located. In 1900, Franklin and Almira Milhous were residents of Los Nietos, CA. In that year, Hannah was 15 years old, and she would have been 12 in 1897. It is plausible that the Milhous family relocated in 1897, but primary sources were not found to definitively support this assertion. Hannah Milhous was the mother of President Richard M. Nixon.

This marker topic does not meet current IHB guidelines for state or national significance. The Indiana Historical Bureau no longer marks topics that are significant due to their association with famous figures or events, instead requiring that each marker topic have inherent significance of its own.

At the time this marker was placed, the focus of the historical marker program followed mainstream historical narratives that generally overlooked women’s and minorities’ contributions to the history of the state. Women played a vital role in shaping Indiana. For more on the contributions of women, explore the resources below.

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