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Bureau of Workmen's Compensation
Ohio Departments Building
Columbus 15, Ohio

Attention: Paul Drugan, Referee
Room 410-A

Re: O.D. 7646 - 22
Walter Gill (deceased)

Gentlemen:

The above numbered claim has been referred to this Division for a statement as to the decedent's exposure to dust while working with the Baldwin, Lima, Hamilton Corporation, Hamilton, Ohio. This company is now out-of-business.

According to the file, the claimant was employed as a crane operator. His last day worked was May 1, 1959. The file does not contain any information as to the areas where the decedent may have worked.

Search of our records indicates that the company closed their iron foundry in August, 1949. They still operated a brass foundry since that date. However, there were no cranes in this area.

If the decedent operated a crane in the iron foundry before 1949, he was exposed to some dust containing free silica. Dust counts taken in the foundry between 1939 and 1943 varied from 6.6 to 126.0 million particles of dust per cubic foot of air. As a crane operator the decedent may have worked in the shovel erecting shop, the machine shop, the fabricating shop, special army tank manufacturing shop, or locomotive and tender shop. There was no source of free silica in these areas.

The decedent's last possible exposure to dust containing silica, as a crane operator, would have been August, 1949.

Very truly yours,

James L. Thompson
Industrial Hygienist

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