

HISTORY DIGGERS

(IN & AROUND MOORESVILLE)

You are the Historian at Mooresville Public Library. Patrons have asked the following questions for you to answer. Use your handout materials to find the answers to these questions. (If there are too many questions to answer now, pick the most interesting ones for today, and save the others to answer later when you're bored or want something fun to do.)

Schools

1. Why was the old high school torn down?
2. When was the Academy School built?
3. What did the high school look like a hundred years ago?

Flags & Songs

1. Who designed the Indiana State Flag?
2. Who designed the Mooresville Town Banner (Flag)?
3. Who wrote a song about Mooresville?
4. Who wrote a song about the old settlers who came to Mooresville and the surrounding area?

Samuel Moore

1. How much did Samuel Moore pay for the land upon which the town of Mooresville now stands?
2. Where is Samuel Moore buried?
3. When was Samuel Moore born, and when did he die?
4. Did Samuel Moore have any children?
5. Are any of Samuel Moore's old homes still standing?
6. Where was Samuel Moore's store?
7. What kind of fish did Samuel Moore catch as a boy?

Historical Fun Facts

1. Who were the first persons married in Mooresville? When were they married?
2. Who was the first child born in Mooresville?
3. What were some of the earliest businesses in and around Mooresville?

4. Who were some famous people who lived (or had family living in) Mooresville and the surrounding area?
5. Where did Paul Hadley live in Mooresville? Is the house still standing?

Town Historian

1. Who was town historian for nearly 40 years? (Hint: She worked at Mooresville Public Library.)

Downtown Businesses & Government

1. Where was Day's Grocery located?
2. Where was Farmers' State Bank located?
3. Was there a covered bridge in Mooresville?
4. What did Mooresville's first police car look like?
5. What sanitarium in Mooresville later became Kendrick Hospital, which is now St. Francis Health? Where was it located?
6. What were dry goods stores? Were there any in downtown Mooresville?
7. Where did Gray Bros. Restaurant operate downtown?
8. Can you name some of the businesses that used to operate in downtown Mooresville?
9. Where were the police and fire stations downtown?
10. Where was one of the first "mini-malls" in Mooresville that burned down? (There are two possible correct answers.)