

“Virtual Walking Tour”



Historic Downtown Mooresville

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Photo, Slide #1: Mooresville Public Library (1916), commonly called the “Carnegie Library” as it was funded by a grant from Andrew Carnegie.

Photo (Left), Slide #2: Carnegie Library building (in Oct. 2007).

Photo (Right), Slide #2: Mooresville Public Library (2006).



(North Madison 3rd Grade Version—Last Revised on 5/1/2013)

Dillinger's First Holdup

- **Saturday night, Sept. 6, 1924, Dillinger attacked Frank Morgan, owner of the West End Grocery. Dillinger thought Morgan had money from his store and was trying to rob him. Dillinger was arrested and convicted on two counts—robbery & assault—carrying sentences of 2-14 yrs. & 10-20 yrs. at the Indiana State Prison.**



Robbery attempt happened about here on South Jefferson Street, just south of the First Christian Church (on West Harrison Street)



First Christian Church (1904-1954)



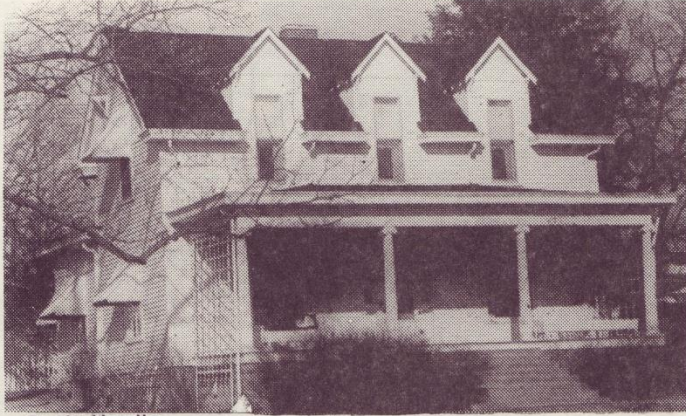
- Built in 1904
- World famous composer/singer Rev. Dr. Frank C. Huston wrote “Mooreville” (1935), the unofficial town song, while he was pastor at the church.

Bucker Monuments



- **Oldest continuously-operated family business in Mooresville**
- **Started in 1874**

Home of Mr and Mrs Claire Cook dates back to 1877



by Becky Hardin

Some of the most attractive, comfortable homes in Mooresville have been built a very long time. This one, on west Harrison street, was built in 1877 after the first house burned. A diary dated March 28, 1877, tells about the home.



In the old picture, Samuel Moore Rooker, Mrs Claire Cook's grandfather, is shown by the gate. He was the first baby born in Mooresville and was named for Samuel Moore, founder of the town. additions to the town (all of them until 1870) except one in 1852 that was made by a business associate, Alexander Worth.

Samuel Moore Rooker House

- Samuel Moore Rooker (1824-1900) was the first baby born in Mooresville.
- Named after the town founder, Samuel Moore.
- Rooker built this house (1877) to replace one that burned down.
- Rooker's granddaughter, Helen York Cook (1899-1996), and her husband, Claire Cook (1904-1996), owned the home until their deaths.

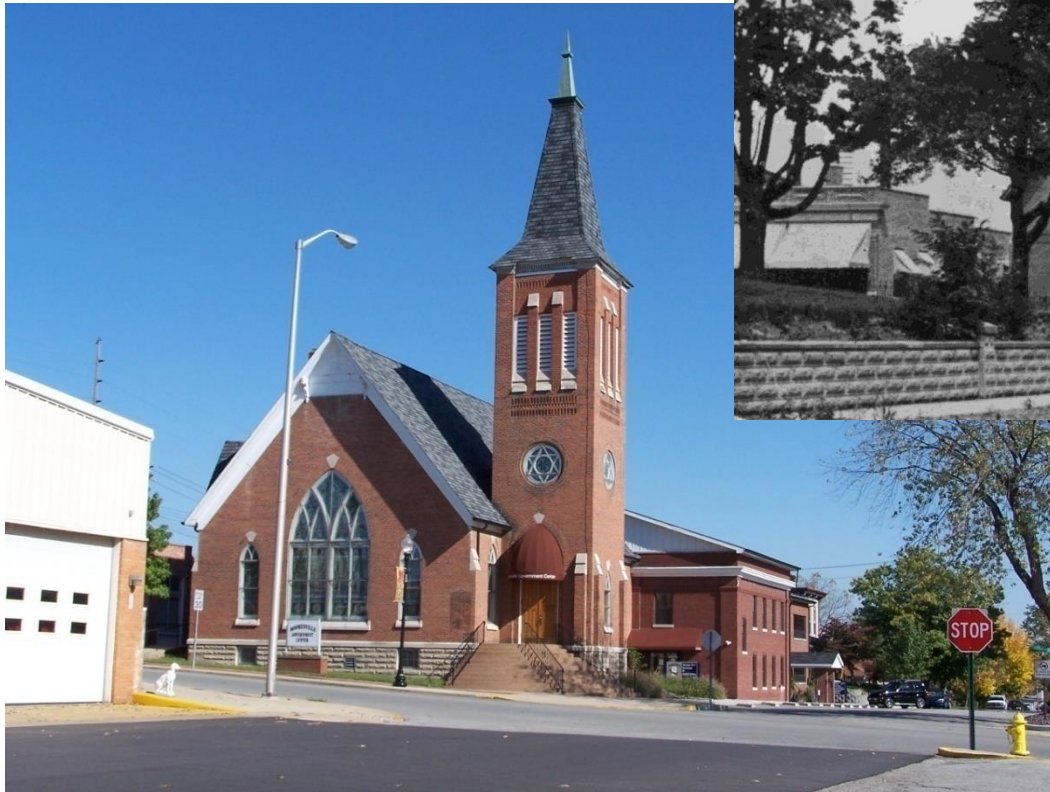


“Old” Mooresville Fire Station (1970-2013)

- **Built in 1970 for cost of \$36,000**
- **Demolished in February 2013**



Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church (1882-1995)



M. E. Church, Mooresville, Ind.

- Built in 1882
- Used as church until 1995
- Mooresville Government Center (2006-present)

Church Steeple Photographs

- Local photographers J.P. Calvert (1842-1917), a Civil War veteran, and Manly Brown took panoramic pictures from atop the church steeple in the 1870s, 1880s, & 1910s (by Calvert) and in 1920 (by Brown—see below).





- Photos by J.P. Calvert from atop the M.E. church steeple
- Northeast View (left)
- West Harrison Street (below)

↑ 1870s

1910s ➡



Thompson Medical Practice (*circa 1904-1925*)



- Built by Dr. William Thompson (1866-1932), who delivered over 3,000 babies around Mooresville and Morgan County
- Dr. Thompson was one of the first physicians to use automobiles to make house calls, driving over 100 miles daily



Judy Crowe Building



- Built by Judy Crowe (ca. 1910)
- Ford Automobile Dealership (ca. 1910-1930s)
- TODAY: Churches in Mission



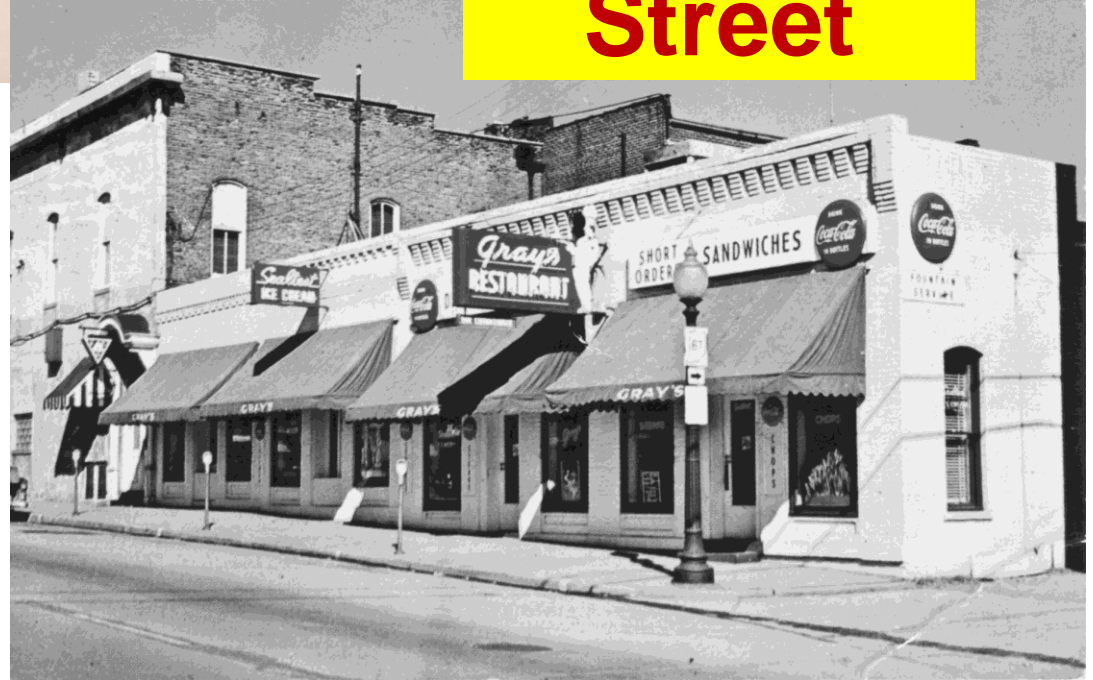
Perce Building

- Built *circa* 1865
- Oldest existing business building in downtown Mooresville
- Originally a 2-story building; 3rd story added in 1869; Now a single-story structure
- Masonic Lodge (1869-1920s)
- Mooresville Telephone Exchange (1920s-1960s)
- Before the early 1960s, local telephone numbers were no more than 2-3 digits



19 South Indiana Street

- Built before 1902
- Grocery stores (1909-1936)
- Gray Brothers Cafeteria (1944-1969)



U.S. Post Office Building

- Built in 1890s
- U.S. Post Office (1890s-1909)
- Part of Gray Brothers Cafeteria (1950s-1969)
- Today: Farm Bureau Insurance



Municipal Building

- Built in 1932 by Jake Mann & Sam Wade
- Town government offices, police & fire departments, jail (1932-2006)

Mooreville Police officers

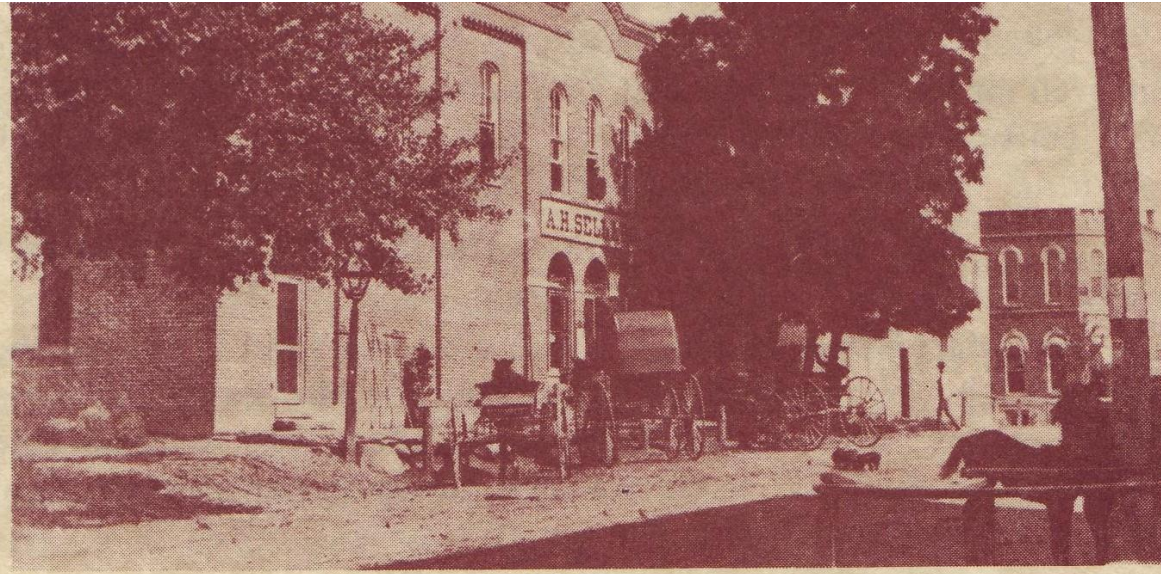
(early 1950s) ➡



(L-R) WILLIAM TAYLOR, HAROLD KENWORTHY, KENNETH BROWN, ARNOLD SHORT

SELLARS BUILDING

*York & Overton
Hardware ►*



Built *circa* 1880
Businesses here: Dry goods, hardware, grocery, chicken hatchery, appliance store

Anchors for Steel Cables



- Steel cables run from one side of tall buildings downtown to the other to keep them standing straight and secure



◀ **Copeland Appliance Store (*circa* 1970) (in the Sellars Building)**

Sellars Building (2008) ➡

Business that have occupied the building (with the Xs) on the right:

- **Restaurant, toggery (tailor), chicken hatchery, appliance store**



MHS Students Celebrate 2/22/22



Moorsville High School students surround the “silent policeman” (at the center of downtown Moorsville) to celebrate a basketball game victory — February 22, 1922

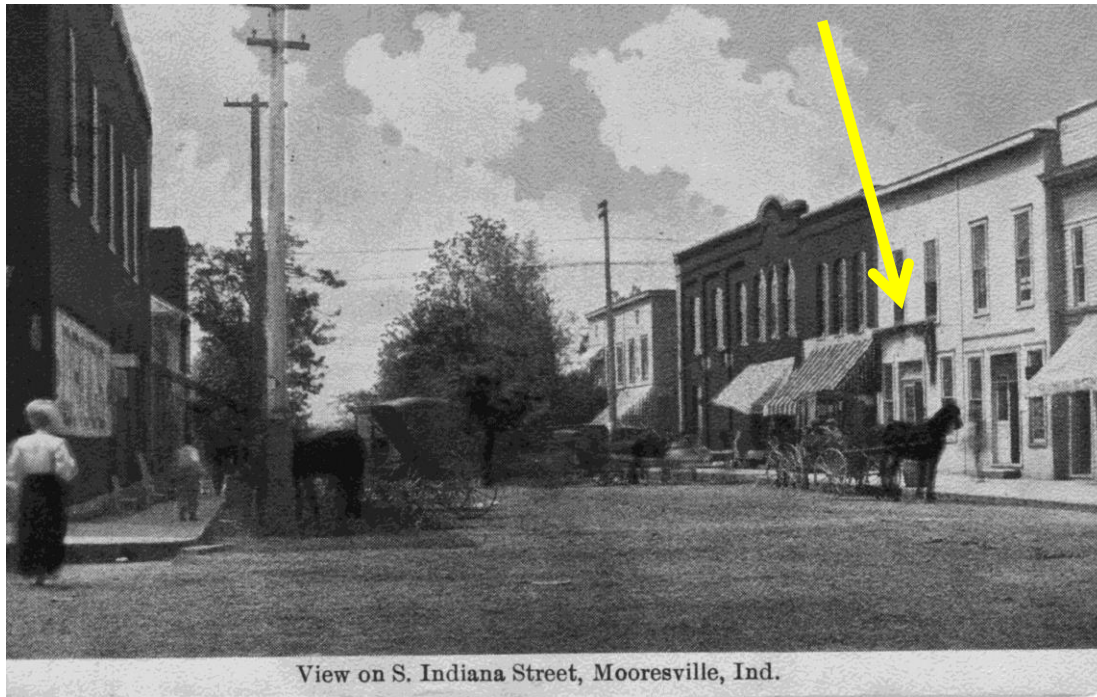
LINDLEY BLOCK

- Built in 1905—Early mini-mall
- Burned down on December 27, 1925
- All of Mooresville's fire fighters (and two Indianapolis fire companies) fought the blaze for over 16 hours in minus-17 degree F. temperatures

Harvey's
lunch wagon
served fried
cow-brain
sandwiches



Britton's Cash Store



◀ South Indiana Street
from the intersection of
Main Street (1911)

(photos by J. P.
Calvert)

**Ross Moore's
Restaurant** **Lindley
Block**

South Indiana Street
from the middle of
North Indiana Street,
just across the Main
Street intersection
(ca. 1910) ►



Downtown Intersection

(Southwest Corner, Indiana and Main Streets)



◀ Gasoline
“Filling
Station”
(1938-
early
1980s)

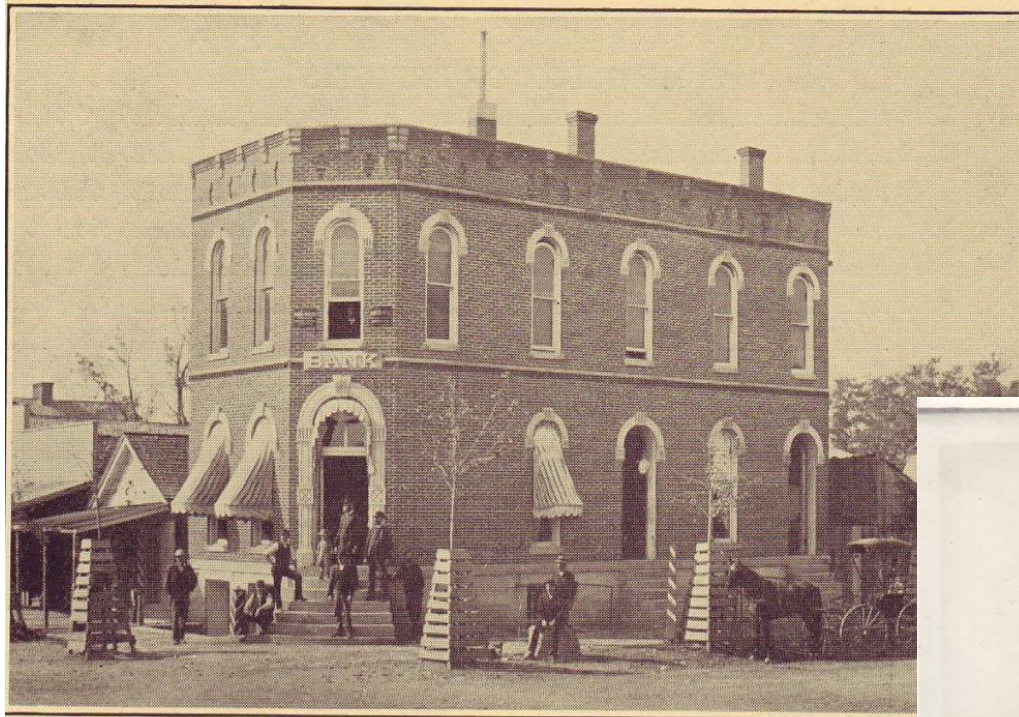


▲ SW Corner (in Oct.
2007)



◀ Lindley Block
(1905-1925)
(burned down
Dec. 27, 1925)

Northwest Corner, Intersection of Indiana & Main Streets (Downtown)



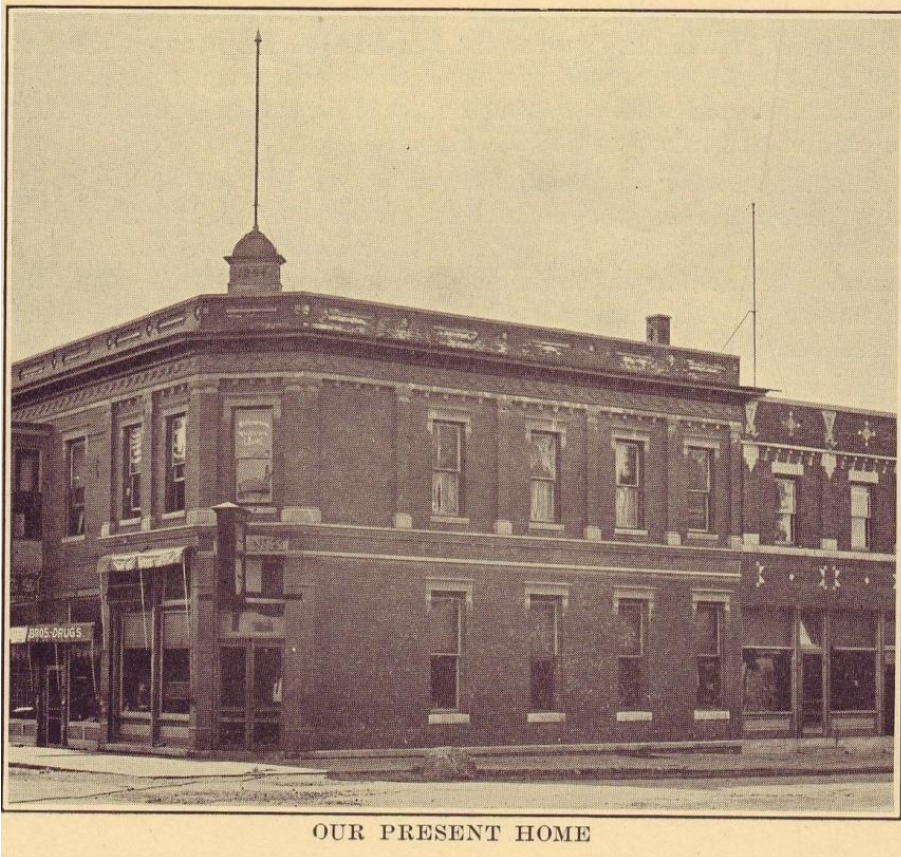
OLD BANKING HOUSE WRECKED FOR NEW BUILDING IN

Farmers State Bank (1873-1930)
(Old Building: 1880s – 1904)

**Note the wooden cages
surrounding the trees to
keep horses from eating
the bark**



Northwest Corner, Intersection of Indiana & Main Streets (Downtown)



Farmers State Bank (1904-1930) ⇔ The building in 2008



FOUNDER STONE

(Northeast Corner, Indiana
and Main Streets)

Next to
Bicentennial
Park at the
center of
downtown
Mooreville



Northeast Corner Downtown Mooresville

(Intersection of Main & Indiana Streets)

- **Samuel Moore's general store (1820s-1850s)**



I.O.O.F. Buildings

- **1st Building: 1859-1881 (burned down)**
- **2nd Building: 1881-1966 (partially demolished; 1st floor remained)**
- **First Floor of 2nd Building: Torn down in 1989**
- **TODAY: Bicentennial Park**

Downtown Intersection

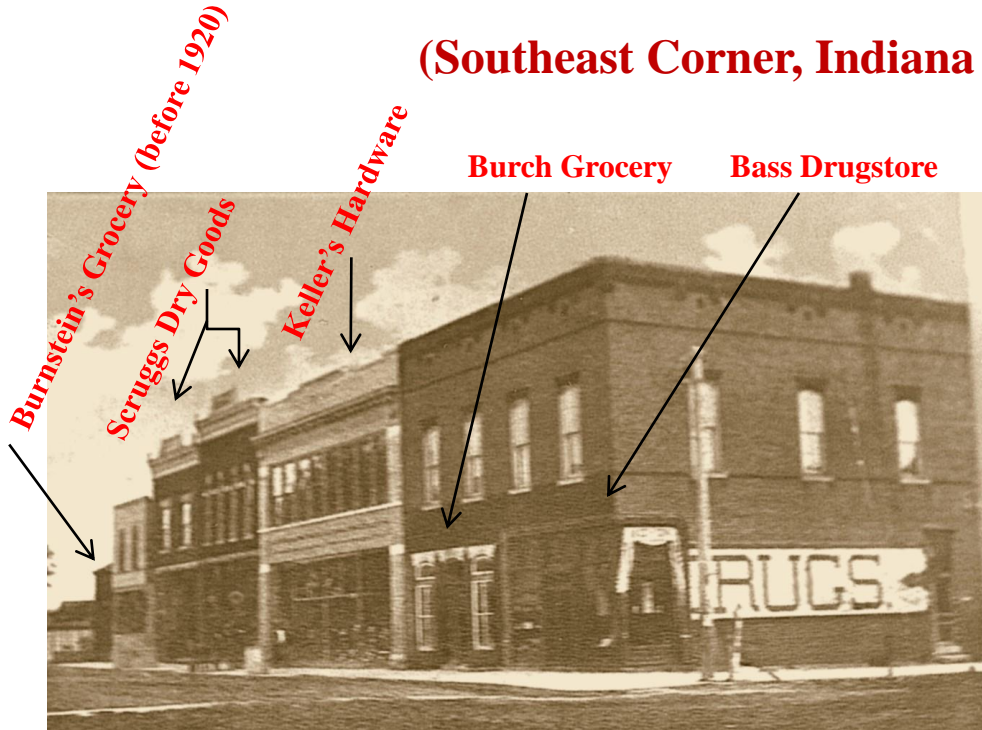
(Southeast Corner, Indiana and Main Streets)



George W. Bass Drugstore (ca. 1880-1902)

Downtown Intersection

(Southeast Corner, Indiana and Main Streets)



▲ South Side of East Main Street

(ca. 1902-1920)

Bass Building (in Oct. 2007)



Second floor of Bass Building was used as town hall & opera house



◀ **Burch Grocery
(ca. 1908-09) in the
Bass Building**



**BASS BUILDING as
it looked in 2008 ➡**



Bass Building Tornado Damage

April 8, 2020



**Building
demolished in
October, 2022**



Downtown — East Main Street (between 1902-1907)



**Hundley Bargain
Store**

**Pace Thompson
Dry Goods**

**Post
Office**

**Rusie
Furniture &
Undertakers**

**Old Keller
Building
[moved into
street in 1907;
then, in 1910,
it was moved
on logs (horse-
drawn) to its
present site on
the southeast
corner of W.
Main & S.
Monroe Sts.]**

**Main Street looking east from the Intersection with Indiana
Street**

Downtown — East Main Street (1880s-1890s)

I.O.O.F. Building (built 1881); Gro. & Queensw., merchants (built c. 1870)

A. W.
Conduitt Dry
Goods (built
1870-71)

Bass Drugs
(built c. 1880)



* Views of Mooresville and Vicinity. *
CALVERT, Photographer, Mooresville, Ind.

Main St. Looking East from Public Sq.

Downtown — East Main Street, North Side

**I.O.O.F.
BUILDING**

**Pleas Mills
Dry Goods**

**Grocery
Store**

1909 Post Office



North Side of East Main Street, between 1909 and 1917

Downtown — East Main Street, South Side (ca. 1908)

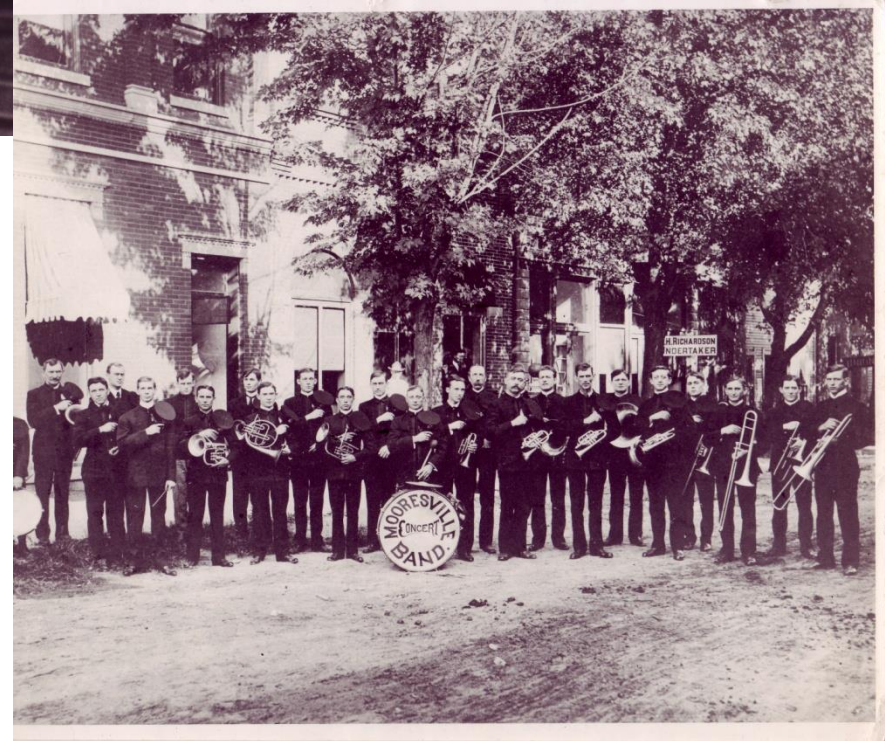


- Keller Building was constructed in 1907
- Until 1921, Mooresville High School basketball games were played on the second floor of the Keller Building
- After 1921, second floor was a roller-skating rink



◀ **G. R. Scruggs Dry Goods Store (ca. 1889), 9 E. Main St. (photo by J. P. Calvert)**

Mooreville Band (*circa* 1910). (photo by George B. Carter) ▶



Downtown — East Main Street, South Side (as it looked in 2008)



DOWNTOWN MOVIE THEATER

- Built by Jake Mann in 1919
- Movie theater (1919-1970)
- Mooresville Times (since early 1970s)



SAM WADE BUILDINGS



- Local builder Sam Wade (1882-1968) constructed ALL of the buildings standing on the north side of East Main Street





◀ Main Street, looking west from Indiana St. intersection, during the 1910 Horse Show. Farmers State Bank (near right), Lindley Block (near left)

Main Street Looking West From Indiana Street Intersection (after 1902) ▶

WEST MAIN STREET



West Main Street, Mooresville, Ind.



Looking West on Main Street from Indiana St.
LINDLEY BLOCK (on left) Destroyed by fire
December 27, 1925.
FARMERS STATE BANK (on right)

◀ West Main Street (looking west across intersection with Indiana Street) (early 1900s) (photo by J. P. Calvert)

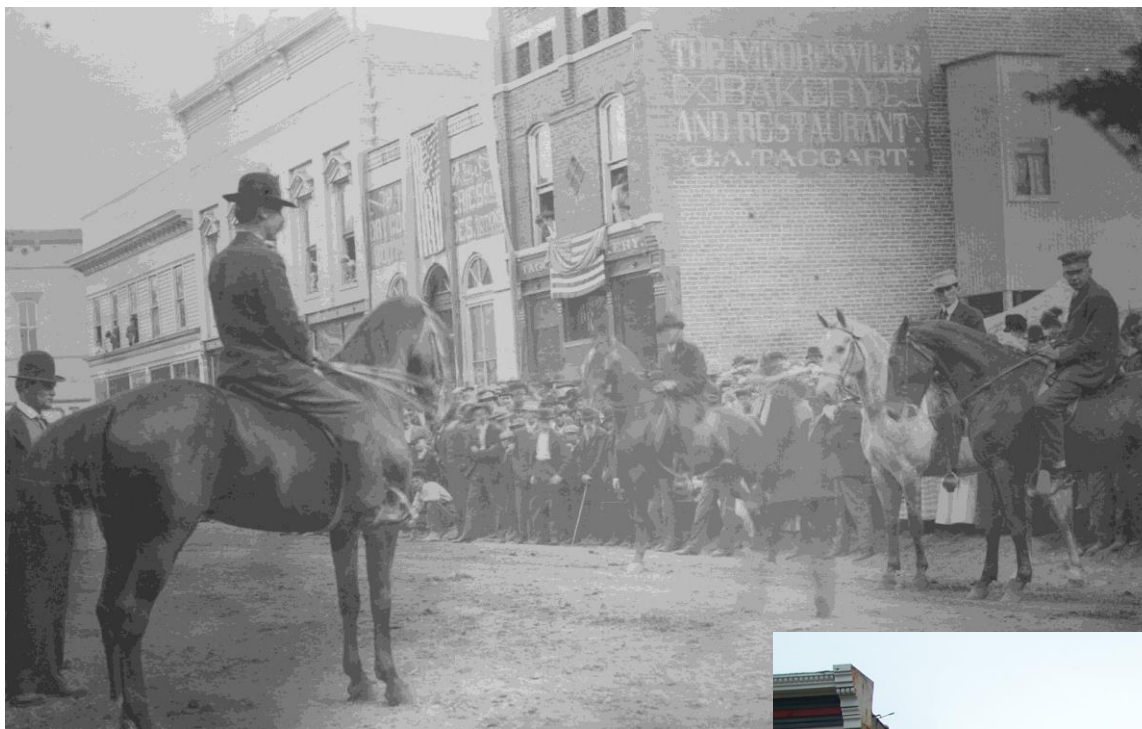
(Ca. 1910) West Main Street, looking east toward the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets. East Main St. is on the far side of the intersection (photo by J. P. Calvert). ▶



PACE THOMPSON

- Around 1900, Thompson moved his dry good store from East Main Street to 11 West Main Street, where it operated until . . .
- He changed his business to an automobile parts store (1920-1952)
- **First auto parts store in Mooresville**





◀ West Main Street,
South Side, during the 1910
Horse Show (photo by J. P.
Calvert)

(R to L Taggart's Bakery;
Pace Thompson Dry
Goods; Carlisle & Gilbert
Furniture & Undertakers;
Lindley Block)

May 2008
West Main St.,
South Side

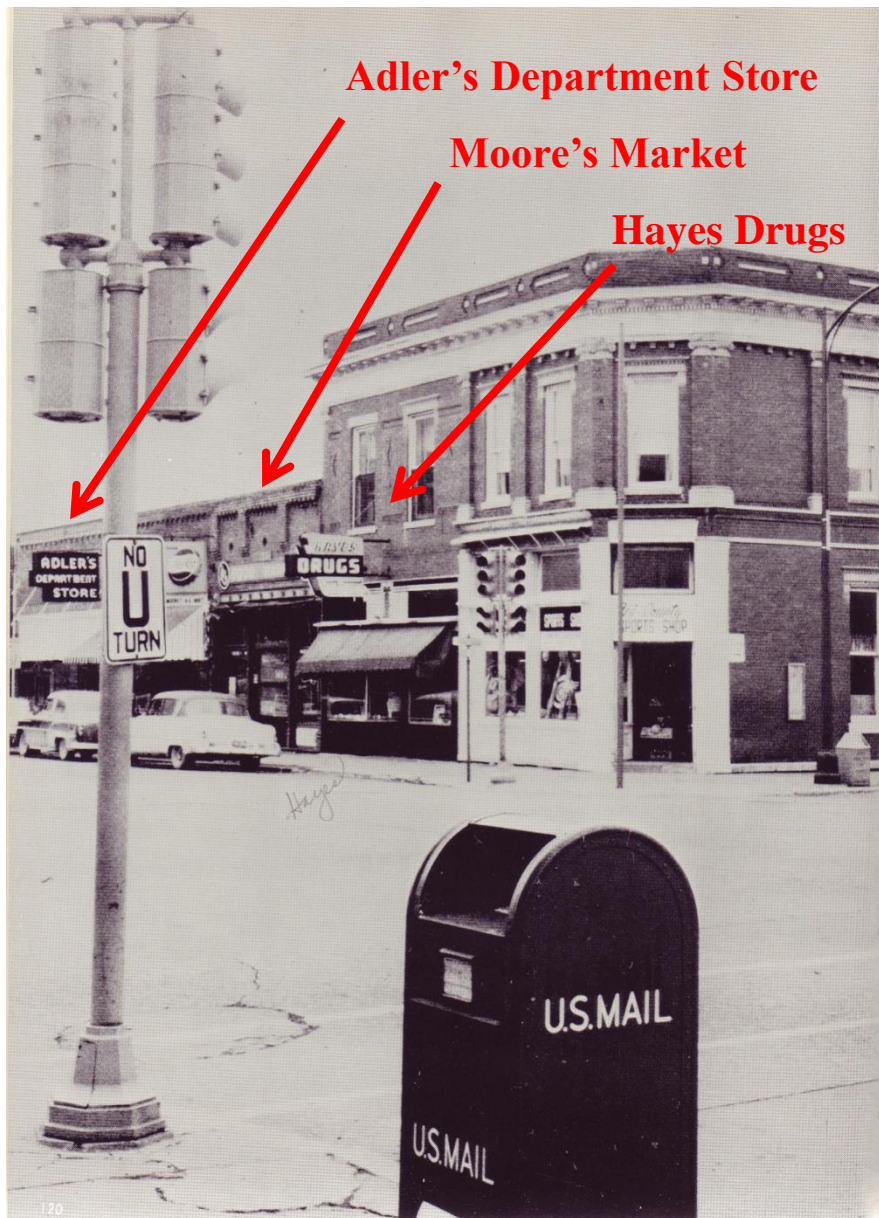




12 West Main Street—Lindley & Jessup Hardware circa 1910. Pictured are (left to right): Howard W. Lindley, Will Horton, Mr. Wolfe, and Mr. Thompson. In 1944, Lindley sold the store, which became Nelson & Son Hardware

In this mid-1960s photograph, Adler's Department Store and Nelson & Son Hardware appear at the westerly end of the north side of West Main Street, close to the 1916 Carnegie building that housed Mooresville Public Library. Harold Moore's AG Food Market is right of an unidentified pedestrian, who may have been the intended central subject of this photograph. Hayes Drug Store appears on the right.





◀ *The 1964 Wagon Trails (Mooresville High School yearbook) shows the former home of the Farmers State Bank (corner, above mailbox).*



HAYES DRUG STORE

West Main Street

Phone 88

Mooresville, Indiana

▲ **Cooper's Drugstore was the predecessor to Hayes Drugstore at 6 West Main Street (advertisement in 1958 *Wagon Trails*, MHS yearbook).**

North Side of West Main Street (May, 2008)



NORTH INDIANA STREET

▼ **COOPER BUILDING**
10 N. Indiana (May 2008)



▲ **COOPER BUILDING Then...**
10 N. Indiana—Day's Grocery (before 1909)
(photo by J. P. Calvert)



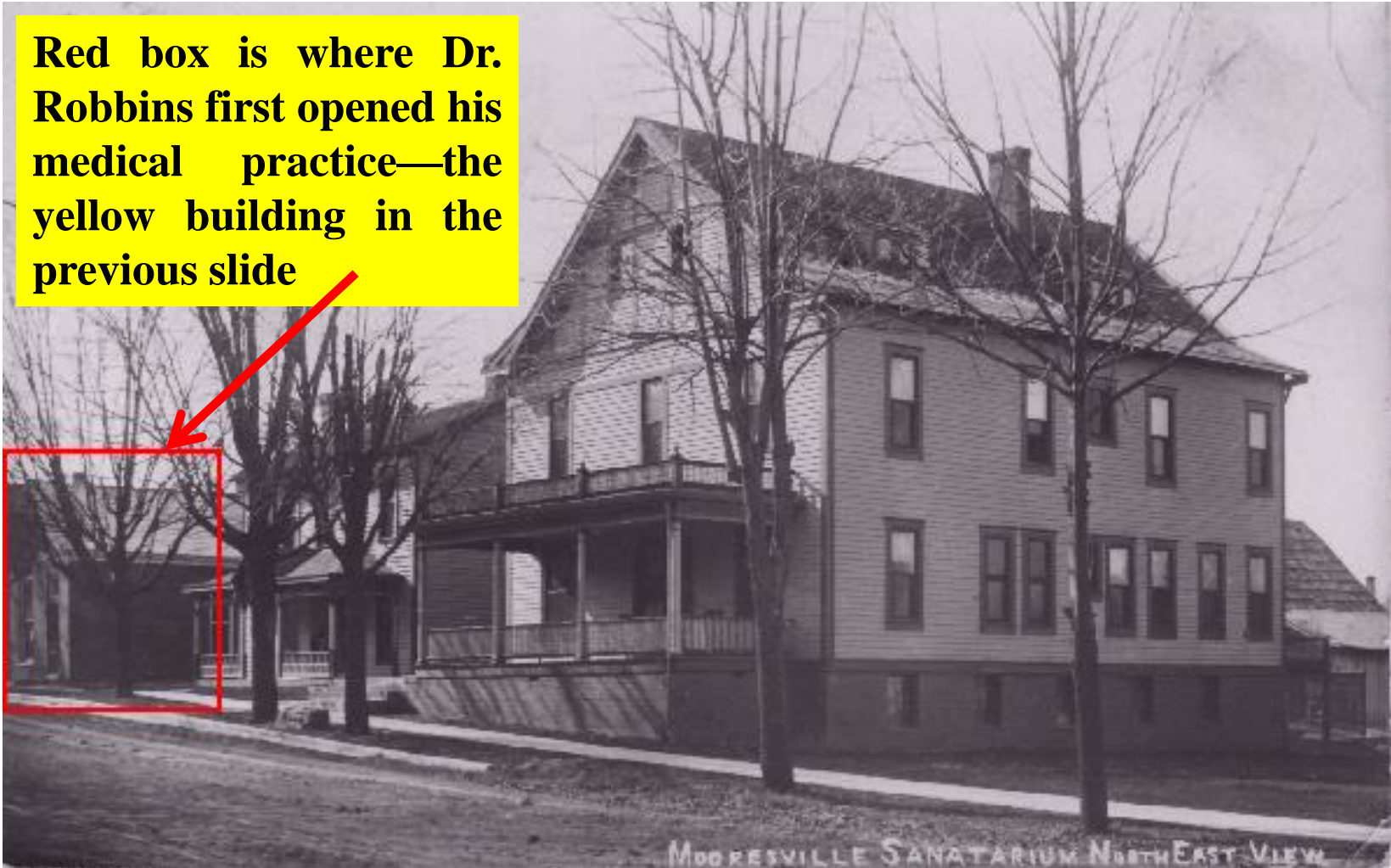
Dr. Clark Robbins Medical Practice



- Built in 1874 for Mooresville Savings Bank
- Dr. Clark Robbins opened his medical practice here (1880-1900)
- Robbins built Mooresville Sanitarium next door (1900-1936), which then moved to the Henry Conduitt House, where it became Comer Hospital, then Kendrick Hospital (1936-1971)

Mooresville Sanitarium (1900-1936)

Red box is where Dr. Robbins first opened his medical practice—the yellow building in the previous slide



Henry Conduitt House Comer Sanitarium Kendrick Hospital



- Henry Conduitt built this home in 1906 & lived there with his family until 1929
- It became Comer Sanitarium (1936-1962), and then Kendrick Hospital (1962-1971)



Old Cemetery



- **Samuel & Eliza Moore donated land to the town for use as a cemetery (1829)**
- **Site of the old Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church (1839-1882)**
- **First burial: Martha Worthington, Eliza Moore's cousin (1829)**
- **Last burial: Samuel Moore (1889)**

MPL INDIANA ROOM RESOURCES

- Visit the Indiana Room at Mooresville Public Library for more information about historic Mooresville (and vicinity) and about scenes & places taken from the past and brought into the present.



George Allison's Grocery replaced Burch Grocery in the G.W. Bass Building at 3 East Main Street in the early 1920s (see photos, below). Allison later moved to 19 South Indiana Street (1927-1936), replacing E. W. Day's Grocery.

