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**MOORESVILLE, INDIANA**



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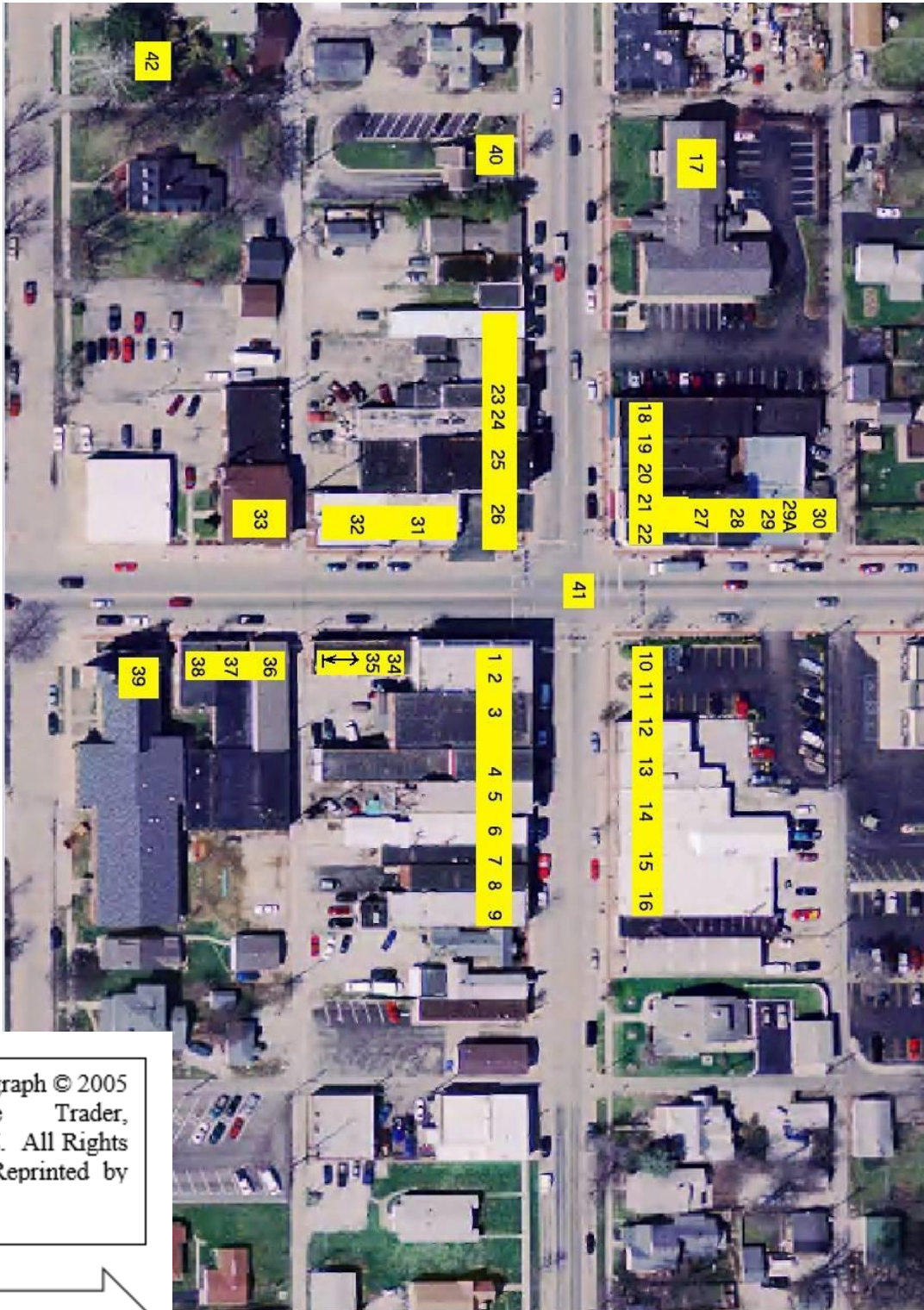
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# Downtown Mooresville, Indiana (Aerial View)



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## **1 & 2**      **3 East Main Street**

*One-Story Frame Building (ca. 1880-1890s)*

- Built by owner, George W. Bass, ca. 1880
- G. W. Bass Drugstore (ca. 1880-1890s)

*Two-Story Brick Building (ca. 1890s-2022)*

- Built by owner, George W. Bass, ca. 1890
- Basement
  - Barber Shop (ca. 1902-1920s)
- First Floor, West Half (*shown as [1] on aerial photo*)
  - G. W. Bass Drugstore (1890s-1920)
  - First National Bank (1920-1927)
  - Mooresville State Bank (1927-1930)
- First Floor, East Half (*shown as [2] on aerial photo*)
  - Burch Grocery (1890s-1920)
  - George Allison's Grocery (1920s)
- First Floor, Both Halves
  - Citizens Bank (1931-1966)
  - [Clothing store] (1966-1970s)
  - Movieland USA (1990s-2000s)
  - [Mattress store] (2000s)
- Second Floor
  - Town Hall/Opera House (1900s-1910s)
- Building damaged by tornado (April 8, 2020)
- Building demolished (Sept./Oct. 2022)

## **3**      **5 East Main Street**

*Residence (on rear of lot) (ca. 1843-1870s); Business Storeroom (1880s-1907)*

- Built ca. 1843 by Alexander Conduitt as single-family residence
- Storeroom for G. A. Keller Hardware (1880s-1907)
- Torn down in 1907

*One-Story Frame Building (built before 1885) (on front of lot) (ca. 1885-1907)*

- G. A. Keller Hardware (ca. 1885-1907)
- Moved to 155 West Main Street (1907-1910); Single-Family Residence (1910-present); Rear Addition (in 1957).

*G. A. Keller Building (1907-present)*

- Built by G. A. Keller (1907)
- G. A. Keller Hardware (1907-1922)

*West Half (divided 1922—reunited with East Half, 1960s)*

- Townsend’s Market (1922-1930s)
- Voelz & Son Grocery (1930s-1948)
- Gibb’s Ace Hardware (1960s-1980s)
- Stevens Upholstery (1980s-?)
- Dickinson Printing (c1985-2000s)

*East Half (divided 1922—reunited with West Half, 1960s)*

- Wilson Bros. Hardware (1930s)
- Marvin Jones Hardware (1944-1956)
- Gibb’s Regal Market (after 1956-1960s)
- Gibb’s Ace Hardware (1960s-1980s)
- Stevens Upholstery (1980s-?)
- Dickinson Printing (ca. 1985-2000s)

*Second Floor*

- Keller Hall (Mooresville High School basketball “home games”) (early 1900s-1921)
- Keller Hall (roller skating rink) (after 1921)

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### **9 East Main Street**

*Conduitt Building (1870-present)*

- Built by Allen Conduitt (1870)
- Conduitt’s Dry Goods (1870-1880s)
- G.R. Scruggs Dry Goods (1891-1918)
- Sellars & Bellows Dept. Store (1918-1929)
- Bellows Dept. Store (1929-1938)
- Bellows & Jones Dept. Store (1938-1950)
- Jones Dept. Store (1950-1960s)
- Merle Sears Heating/Plumbing (ca. 1967-1980s)
- Hession Heating/Cooling (ca. 1989-1990s)
- Spotlight on Stars Dance Academy (2000s)

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## **11-13 East Main Street**

*Redmen Lodge Building (1904-present)*

- Built by Dr. Amos Reagan (1904)
- G.R. Scruggs Dry Goods (1904-1918)
- Redmen Lodge (upstairs) (1904-?)
- Burnstein's Scrap Store (1920s)
- Watson's Drugstore (1930-1940s)
- Brown's Rexall Drugstore (1940s-1970s)
- Ward's Apparel (1970s)
- [ceramics shop, small publisher, computer store, antiques store] (1980s-1990s)
- Zydeco's 5 Restaurant (2000s-present)

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## **15 East Main Street**

*Two-Story Frame Building (Before 1920—replaced by current building)*

- Burnstein's Grocery (Before 1920)

*Single-Story Concrete Block Building (ca. 1920-present)*

- A & P Grocery (1926-1942)
- Voelz & Son Grocery (1942-1948)
- Western Auto Parts Store (1950s)
- [used appliance store] (1980s)
- [karate/martial arts] (1990s-2000s)

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## **19 East Main Street**

*Single-Story Building (ca. 1910-1920 to present)*

- G.A. Boatright Grocery--constructed between 1910-1920
- Dale Sheet's Appliance Store (1940s)
- Mental Health Association in Morgan County (2000s)

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## **21 East Main Street**

*Jake Mann Building (1919-present)*

- Built by Jake Mann (1919)
- Boatright's Market (1919-1920s)
- Voelz's Grocery (1940-1948)
- Gibbs Regal Market (1948-1956)
- Brown's Regal Market (1956-1965)
- Dr. G. Pfau (dentist) (1970s-1980s)
- Dr. G. McGowan (dentist) (1987-1990s)

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## **23 East Main Street**

*Jake Mann Building (1919-present)*

- Built by Jake Mann (1919)
- McCarty's Dreamland Theatre (1919-1921)
- Clark's Idle Hour Theatre (1921-ca. 1930)
- Allison's Ritz Theatre (1932-1951)
- Town Theatre (1951-1960s)
- Mooresville Times (1970s-2017)

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## **Northeast Corner of Intersection of Indiana and Main Streets**

*Single-Story Frame Building (1824-1850s)*

- Built by Samuel Moore (1824)
- Samuel Moore's General Store (1824-1850s)
- Replaced by I.O.O.F. Building (1859)

*First I.O.O.F. Building (1859-1881)*

- Burned down in 1881
- Samuel Moore's General Store (1859-1870s)
- I.O.O.F. Morgan Lodge #211 (1859-1881)

*Second I.O.O.F. Building (1881-1960s)*

- I.O.O.F. Morgan Lodge #211 (1881-1920s)
- Pleas Mills Dry Goods (before 1902-1930s)
- [5 & 10 Cent Store] (ca. 1902-1930s)
- Kroger Grocery (1940s)
- Tompkin's Jewelry (1950s)
- [Pool Hall] (1960s)
- Building partially demolished in mid-1960s
- Warren Insurance (until 1989)
- Remainder of building demolished (April 1989)
- Hadley Memorial Park (1990-2017)
- Mooresville Bicentennial Park (2017-present)

## **11** **8 East Main Street**

*Building (Adjacent to I.O.O.F. Building, Immediately East) (ca. 1870-1960s)*

- Built ca. 1870
- Gro. & Queensw. (merchants) (Before 1902)
- Thompson Dry Goods (ca. 1902-1920)
- Shirley/Merriman 5 & 10 Cent Store (1940s)
- Hundley's 5 & 10 Cent Store; Beauty Shop (1950s-1963)
- Building demolished in mid-1960s
- Hadley Memorial Park (1990-2017)
- Mooresville Bicentennial Park (2017-present)

## **12** **10 East Main Street**

*U.S. Post Office Building (1909-present)*

- Built by Sam Wade (1909)
- U.S. Post Office (1909-1941)
- Western Auto Parts Store (1940s)
- Habig's Clothing Store (1970s)
- Dickinson Printing (1970s)
- Mayfield Insurance (1990s)



### **13** **12-14 East Main Street**

*Brick Buildings (1946-present)*

- Built by Sam Wade (1946)
- Biff's Pioneer Bakery (1950s-2010s)

### **14** **16-18-20 East Main Street**

*Brick Buildings (1927-present)*

- Built by Sam Wade (1927)
- Ralph Storm's Bakery (1927-1930s)
- [Bakery—Helfenberger, Stevens, Kelly Poe, Charles "Biff" Hornaday] (1930s-1940s)
- Biff's Pioneer Bakery (1950s-2010s)

### **15** **22 East Main Street**

*Brick Building (1925-present)*

- Built by Sam Wade (1925)
- Kroger Grocery (1925-1930s)
- Jessup & Sons Hardware (1930s-1940s)
- Kroger Grocery (1948-1962)
- Western Auto Parts Store (1960s)
- Buffalo Gal Antiques (1990s-ca. 2010)

### **16** **24 East Main Street**

*Sam Wade Building (1917-present)*

- Built by Sam Wade (1917)
- Sam Wade's Plumbing (1917-1968)
- Western Auto Parts Store (1960s-1970s)

## **17** **30 (later, 32) West Main Street**

*Carnegie Building (1916-present)*

- Mooresville Public Library (1916-1988)
- Mooresville Savings Bank (1990s)
- First Indiana Bank (2000s)

## **18** **12 West Main Street**

*Single-Story Building (ca. 1906-present)*

- Built by H. W. Lindley (ca. 1906)
- Lindley & Widner Hardware (ca. 1906-1910)
- Lindley & Jessup Hardware (1910-1920s)
- H. W. Lindley Hardware (1920s-1944)
- Nelson & Son Hardware (1944-1981)
- [Hardware Store, Pet Shop] (1981-1980s)
- Tri-County Sports (1980s-present)

## **19** **10 West Main Street**

*Single-Story Building (1890s-present)*

- Built in the 1890s by Manker & Cooper
- [Grocery/Hardware Store] (Before 1902-1910s)
- [Drugstore] (1920s)
- Francis Photography (1920s)
- Ad Sellars Dept. Store (ca. 1930-1933)
- Leon Adler's Dept. Store (1933-1967)
- Yellow Moon Antique Mall (1990s-present)

## **20** **8 West Main Street**

*Single-Story Building (1890s-present)*

- Built in 1890s by Manker & Cooper
- [Harness & Buggy Shop] (Before 1902-1920)
- Boyd's Market (1926-1947)
- Hinshaw's Market (1947-1953)
- Harold Moore's Market (1953-1967)
- Ward's Apparel (1970s)
- Yellow Moon Antique Mall (1990s-present)

## **21** **6 West Main Street**

*Two-Story Building (ca. 1906-present)*

- Built by Al & Fred Cooper (ca. 1906)
- Cooper's Drugstore (ca. 1906-1950s)
- Hayes Drugstore (1960s)
- Tri-County Sports (1970s)
- Main Street Photography (1982-2000s)

## **22** **2 West Main Street**

- Buildings located on Northwest Corner of Indiana and Main Streets

*Two-Story Brick Building (ca. 1883-1904)*

- Farmer's State Bank (ca. 1883-1904)

*Renovated Two-Story Brick Building (1904-present)*

- Farmer's State Bank (1904-1931)
- Reeve's Shoes & Clothing Store (1940s)
- Federal Savings & Loan (until 1952)
- Anderson Real Estate (1950s)
- John Mills, Attorney at Law (1960s)
- Roscoe Stovall, Attorney at Law (1990s-2000s)

## **23** 15 West Main Street

*Two-Story Building (1896-present)*

- Built by John Taggart (1896)
- Taggart's Bakery/Restaurant (1896-1913)
- "Dinty" Moore Bakery (1913-1930s)
- Hadley Restaurant (1930s-1940s)
- Head-In Restaurant (1940s)
- Pat's Tavern (until 2000s)

## **24** 11 West Main Street

*One-Story Building (Before 1902-present)*

- Built before 1902
- Pace Thompson Dry Goods (ca. 1900-1920)
- Thompson Auto Supply (1920-1952)
- Carl Crowe's Appliances (1989-2008)

## **25** 9 West Main Street

*Holman Johnson Building (ca. 1895)*

- Built by Holman Johnson (ca. 1895)
- Holman Johnson's Dry Goods (until 1895)
- Renovated in 1895

*Carlisle & Gilbert Building (1895-present)*

- Carlisle & Gilbert Furniture & Undertakers (1895-1948)
- Mooresville Furniture Co. (1948-1970s)
- Harris/Currens Law Offices (1980-present)

## **26** **1 West Main Street**

*Frame Building (1870-1905)*

*Lindley Block (1905-1925)*

- Built by H. W. Lindley (1905)
- Burned down on Dec. 27, 1925
- Similar to modern “mini-malls”
- House of Hadley (drycleaning/tailors) (Before 1918-1920)
- The Toggery Shop (tailors) (1920-1925)
- Fred Cooper’s Jewelry (replaced by Mrs. Lyon’s)
- Other Businesses (until 1925):
  - Wadley Creamery
  - Milhon’s Watch Shop
  - Mrs. Lyon’s Millinery
  - Bill Woods’ Barbershop
  - Kroger Grocery
  - William Moore’s Pool Room
  - Nick Banos Candy Shop

*Fenced Vacant Lot (1926-1938)*

*Single-Story Building (1938-present)*

- Built by Harry Wilson, Sr. (1938)
- George Park’s Pure Oil Station (1938-1940)
- Brewer & Son Gas Station (1940s)
- Selke’s Pure Oil Station (early 1950s-1955)
- Dale Richardson’s Pure Oil Station (1956-1959)
- Paul Mason’s Pure Oil Station (1959-1960)
- Lightle’s Gas Station (1960s)
- Marathon Oil Station (until 1974-75)
- Rogers Coffee, Tea, Potpourri (ca. 1985)
- [Jewelry Store] (1990s-2000s)
- Edward Jones Investment Firm (2008-ca. 2017)

## **27** **8 North Indiana Street**

*Two-Story Building (1918-present)*

- Built in 1918
- Farmer’s State Bank (1918-1928)
- Paul Carson (1928-?)

- [Real Estate Firm] (ca. 1974)
- Roscoe Stovall, Attorney at Law (1990s-2000s)

## **28** **10 North Indiana Street**

*Two-Story Building (ca. 1902-present)*

- Built by Al & Fred Cooper (ca. 1902)
- E. W. Day's Grocery (ca. 1902-1909)
- [Dry Goods Store] (1920s)
- Lusty's Electrical Shop (1920s)
- Edith Shirley's Ladies Clothing & Millinery (1930s-1940s)
- Guido's Pizza (2000s-2007)
- [Card Shop] (2007-2008)

## **29 & 29A** **14-16 North Indiana Street**

*16—North Building (Single-Story) (ca. 1902-present)*

- Built ca. 1902 by W. L. Tresslar
- [Butcher Shop] (ca. 1902-1910)
- Wadley Feel Co. (1920s)
- U.S. Post Office (1941-1960)
- Bob & Don's Barber Shop (1960-present)

*14—South Building (Single Story) (ca. 1902-present)*

- Built ca. 1902 by Shelley & Morrison
- [Blacksmith Shop] (ca. 1902-1910)
- [Offices] (1920s)
- Dake's Tavern (1940s-1960s)
- [Tavern] (1960s-2000)
- Indiana Farmer's Insurance (2000-present)

## **30** **18 North Indiana Street**

*Single-Story Building (ca. 1874-present)*

- Built ca. 1874
- Savings Bank of Mooresville (1874-1880)
- Dr. Clark Robbins (medical practice) (1880-1900)
- [Drugstore] (ca. 1902)



- [Dry Goods Store] (ca. 1910)
- Wadley Feed Co. (1920s)
- Henderson's Jewelry (1960s)
- Haught Insurance & Realty (est. 1972)
- Alexander Insurance (1980s)
- Autumn Whispers (2000s)

## **31** **16 South Indiana Street**

*Two-Story Building (Before 1902-1970s)*

- Built Before 1902
- [A. H. Sellars Dry Goods] (ca. 1900)
- Ross Moore's Restaurant (1910s)
- Sumner Sellars Toggery (tailors) (1920s)
- Franklin Ice Cream Store (1934/35-?)
- Copeland's Appliances (1956-1974)
- Second story removed (1980s)

## **32** **18-20 South Indiana Street**

*A. H. Sellars Building (ca. 1880-present)*

- Built ca. 1880 by A. H. Sellars
- A. H. Sellars Dry Goods (1880s)
- York & Overton Dry Goods & Hardware (1890s)
- Britton's "Cash Store" Grocery (ca. 1900-1929)
- Smitherman's Hatcheries (1935-1950)
- Copeland's Appliances (1950-1974)

## **33** **26 South Indiana Street**

*Municipal Building (1932-present)*

- Built by Jake Mann & Sam Wade (1932)
- Housed town government offices, fire department, police department, and jail (1932-2006)
- Second story added in 1980

## **34** **17 South Indiana Street**

*One-Story Brick Building (ca. 1890-present)*

- Built ca. 1890
- U.S. Post Office (ca. 1890-1909)
- [Doctor's Office] (ca. 1902)
- [Jeweler] (1910-1920)
- Gray Bros. Cafeteria (1950s-1969)
- Graben's Paint Center (1970s)
- [Clothing Store] (1980s)
- State Farm Insurance (Present)

## **35** **19 South Indiana Street**

*One-Story Building (before 1902-present)*

- Built before 1902
- E. W. Day Grocery (1909-1920s)
- Allison's Grocery (1927-1936)
- Gray Bros. Cafeteria (1944-1969)
- R. K. Neilson, CPA (est. 1994-2012)
- Robert P McGauley, CPA (2012-present)

## **36** **25 South Indiana Street**

*Building (ca. 1865-present)*

- Originally built as two-story structure (ca. 1865) by Dr. B. H. Perce
- Oldest extant business structure in Mooresville
- Third-story added in 1869
- Upper two stories removed—now single-story structure
- [Carriage & Paint Shop] (ca. 1865-ca. 1900?)
- Masonic Lodge (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> floors) (1869-1920s)
- [Harness, Tin, Plumbing Shops] (1<sup>st</sup>, rear 2<sup>nd</sup> floors) (1902-1920)
- Dr. White, M.D. & Dr. Park (D.V.M.) (1920s)
- Telephone Exchange (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floors) (1920s-1960s)

## **37** **27 South Indiana Street**

*Single-Story Building (ca. 1910-present)*

- Built by Judy Crowe (ca. 1910)
- Ford Car Dealership (1910s-1930s)
- Rushton Tire Center (1960s)
- Churches in Mission (Present)

## **38** **31 South Indiana Street**

*Single-Story Building (before 1904-present)*

- Built before 1904 by Dr. William L. Thompson
- Bryant's Marble Works (before 1904)
- Dr. William L. Thompson, M.D. (1904-1925)
- Dr. Magenheimer, M.D.; Dr. Stangle, M.D. (1930s)
- Dr. Bivin, M.D. (1950s-1960s)
- Drs. Beaver, Van Brocklen & Bryant, M.D.s (1970s)
- Benge Washer & Dryer Service (1980s)
- Nichols Insurance (Present)

## **39** **Northeast Corner of Intersection of Harrison and Indiana Streets**

*Church Building (1882-present)*

- Built in 1882
- Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church (1882-1995)
- Mooresville Government Center (2006-present)
- Church Annex added in 1940
- Church Classroom Annex added in 1957

## **40** **23 West Main Street**

*McCracken House (ca. 1870-1951)*

- Built ca. 1870
- Hotel and restaurant operated by Wilkinson & Sarah McCracken for 45 years, followed by their daughter, Eliza Crawford
- Demolished in 1951

## **41** **Intersection of Main and Indiana Streets**

*“Silent Policeman” (Late 1910s-1920s)*

- Police Tower (“Silent Policeman”) sat in the middle of this intersection
- Police officers used tower to direct traffic during busy periods

## **42** **36 West Harrison Street**

*Bucker Monument Works (1874-ca. 2015)*

- Mooresville Marble Works started in 1874 by John Bucker
- Longest continuously-operating family business in Mooresville