



*Bud Swisher, Healthier Morgan County, spoke about personal memories of Paul Hadley and designing the Indiana State Flag*



*Janice Bolinger, Honorary State Regent, Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke about the meaning of the Indiana State Flag's symbols and the historical mysteries surrounding the flag*





*The unveiling!*



*The new historical marker!*





*The front side of the new historical marker*



*The rear side of the new historical marker*

At the beginning of the ceremony, Mooresville Boy Scout Troop 231 honor color guard presented the colors--first, the American flag, then the Hoosier flag.













Also on display at the dedication ceremony was the official [Mooreville town banner](#), designed in 1974 by MPL director [Bonita Marley](#). The town flag is on permanent display in the MPL Indiana Room.





A nice crowd was on hand for the dedication. In 2016, the marker was located in [Hadley Memorial Park](#) in downtown Mooresville (on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets). The marker site was also the location of [Samuel Moore's](#) general mercantile store, which was the first wood-frame business built in Mooresville (Moore founded the town in 1824).







*MPL treasurer Steve Saucerman (2016) speaks with  
Mooresville Academy museum director/historian Julie Kyle-Lee*



*MPL president Lynn Adams (2016) (right) with Brent Callahan (left), Mooresville  
Parks & Recreation superintendent (2016)*



See the bibliography/suggested readings to learn more about the history of the Indiana State Flag and Paul Hadley.

Mooreville Bicentennial Park replaced Paul Hadley Memorial Park in 2017, and the Paul Hadley/Indiana State Flag historical marker was moved further north next to the performance pavilion, adjacent to North Indiana Street. The silver sculpture is now the centerpiece to the park, which represents the flames atop the torch that Paul Hadley included in his flag design.









## PAUL HADLEY & INDIANA STATE FLAG

**Paul Hadley  
bookmark,  
Mooresville  
Public Library  
(2008).**

### ***PAUL HADLEY***



Paul Hadley (1880-1971)  
(August 6, 1880 - January 31, 1971)

Modest ... Soft-spoken ... Dignified ... Witty ... These descriptions of Paul Hadley, designer of the Indiana State Flag, reflected the community and state in which he was raised. Born in Indianapolis on Aug. 6, 1880, Paul was one of four sons of Dr. Evan Hadley, M.D., and Ella Quinn Hadley. In high school, he switched from Shortridge to Manual to study art under Otto Stark. Paul then studied at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts & the PA Museum & Industrial Arts School. He first specialized in stained glass and interior designs, working for Philadelphia and Chicago firms. Paul helped design the Kennebunkport, Maine residence of Hoosier writer Booth Tarkington. Paul was named "most popular artist" at the 1922 Indiana State Fair. He did not drive a car; instead, he hiked cross-country to paint the scenic views. His ability to capture the essence of his subjects was matched by superb use of color and realism, softened with impressionistic tones.

Out of 200 proposals, Paul's design for the Indiana State Banner (changed to Flag in 1955) was selected in the state's 1916 Centennial Celebration, and the Indiana General Assembly adopted it in 1917. The flag's flaming torch and six radiating beams from the torch symbolized the expansion of liberty and enlightenment. The 13 stars represent the original 13 U.S. colonies; the five inner stars represent the next five states admitted to the Union. Indiana is the largest star atop the torch.



As an art instructor at the Herron School of Art (1922-1933), he specialized in watercolors and outdoor sketches. Paul became Assistant Curator of the Art Association (1935-36). He travelled the country, capturing distinctively local scenes that defined mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Hoosier and American culture. He lived in Mooresville, Plainfield, and, finally, Richmond, IN, where he died on Jan. 31, 1971.

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**INDIANA STATE FLAG POSTCARD. Mooresville Public Library, Indiana Room (2009).**



Paul Hadley of Mooresville designed the Indiana State Banner for the state's Centennial Celebration (1916), and the Indiana General Assembly adopted it in 1917. It was renamed the Indiana State Flag in 1955. The flag's flaming torch and six radiating beams symbolized the expansion of liberty and enlightenment. The 13 stars represent the original 13 American colonies; the five inner stars represent the next five states admitted to the Union. Indiana is the largest star atop the torch.

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(Below) Mooresville Public Library handout about Paul Hadley  
(1969; revised 1971)

Notes of Interest in Life of  
PAUL HADLEY  
Designer of Indiana State Flag

Paul Hadley, designer of the Indiana State Flag and one of the Hoosier State's outstanding water color artists, was a former Mooresville resident. He was born in Indianapolis August 5, 1880. His parents were Dr. Evan Hadley, M.D. and Ella Quinn Hadley, a former native of New Albany, Indiana. Dr. Hadley was born in the Bethel neighborhood southwest of Mooresville. He later moved to Indianapolis where he had a successful practice until his retirement. He then moved to Mooresville. The family consisted of four sons, Evan, Chalmers, a librarian in Cincinnati, Dr. Harvey, a well known physician in Richmond, Indiana and Paul.

Paul entered Shortridge High School, but at the end of the year entered Manual Training High School in order to take art under the late Otto Stark. After graduation he entered the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Arts in Philadelphia. The school had an unusual staff of instructors and Paul made quite a record for himself and captured most of the student prizes during the last year.

He first studied to be a designer of stained glass and worked in a Philadelphia studio at this work until he took a position in Chicago, which specialized in interior designs and most of his work for many years was in this field. One home he assisted in designing was the Kennebunkport, Maine residence of the late Hoosier author, Booth Tarkington. For many years he had a studio in Indianapolis and was instructor at the Herron Art Institute where his out-of-door sketches in water color attracted attention. He received water color and Pastel Awards at the Hoosier Salon; in 1938, a donor purchased the water color, "Old Place", from the Indiana Artists Club Exhibit. His paintings are to be found in private collections, homes, Shortridge High School, Broad Ripple, Emmerich Manual Training, West Lafayette and other places including Mooresville Public Library and Paul Hadley Junior High School, Mooresville. He made two trips to Europe for study.

Paul is decidedly democratic and varied, as proven by his paintings, for he paints only things that interest him. Many of his paintings depict buildings that have withstood the stress of time and weather. A favorite locale for his paintings is in and near the quaint town of Madison and along the Ohio River.

Mr. Hadley is a tall, erect man with white hair. He is a quiet, modest and dignified person, yet very often delights his friends with an unexpected bit of quick humor. He is a lover of nature, enjoying long walks in the country. He is a member of the Portfolio Club, Indiana Artists Club, the Mooresville Nature Club and the Mooresville Friends Church.

In addition to being known throughout the state and in many parts of the nation for his contributions to art, he designed the Indiana State Flag or Banner. The Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored a prize winning competition for a design of a state flag in 1916. The winning design was submitted by Mr. Hadley and was chosen by the General Assembly in 1917 in honor of Indiana's 100th Anniversary. The torch in the center stands for liberty and understanding. The rays represent the influence. The outer circle of stars represents the original thirteen states of the United States, and the inner circle of stars is for the next five states to enter the union. Indiana, the nineteenth state, is represented by the large star. The background color of our flag is blue, and its design is gold.

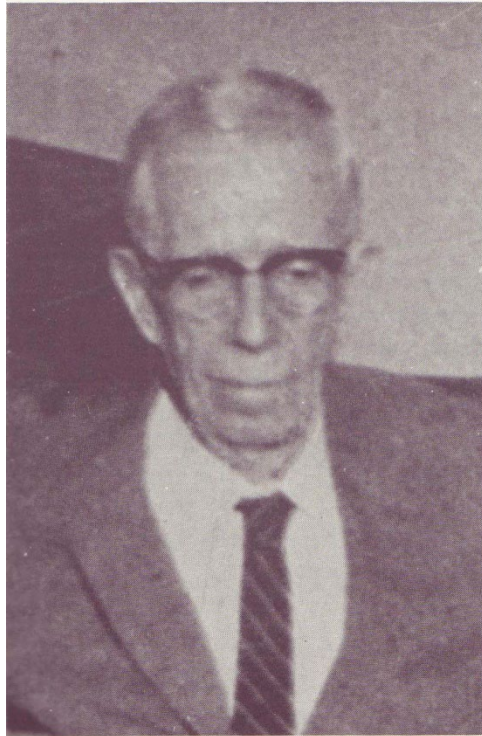
The Junior High School building in Mooresville was named the Paul Hadley Junior High School in his honor. The dedication took place in the spring of 1967. School children, school authorities and local organizations took part in the dedication. Mr. Hadley was not able to be present for the festivities and receive the acclaim of the community, old friends and neighbors and see first hand the new building and the tall staff before it from which the state flag he designed is kept flying with the Stars and Stripes.

As of June 1969, Mr. Hadley is in the Reid Memorial Nursing Home, Richmond, Indiana.

(These facts were gleaned from relatives and close friends by the Mooresville Public Library)

NOTE: Mr. Hadley died January 31, 1971, Richmond, Indiana.  
Buried Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.





Paul Hadley (1966)  
(August 6, 1880 - January 31, 1971)

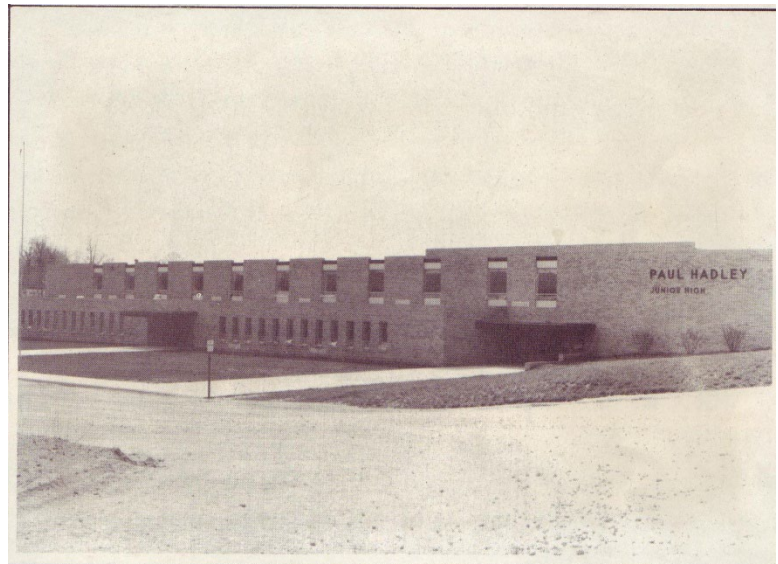


(Above) Paul Hadley (far right) with his  
"Mooreville country cousins," *circa* 1888.

(Upper Left) Paul Hadley in 1966.

(Lower Left) Ralph Hadley & Paul Hadley,  
Mooreville, IN, *circa* 1888.

(Below) Paul Hadley Middle School, Mooreville,  
Indiana (1966-67).

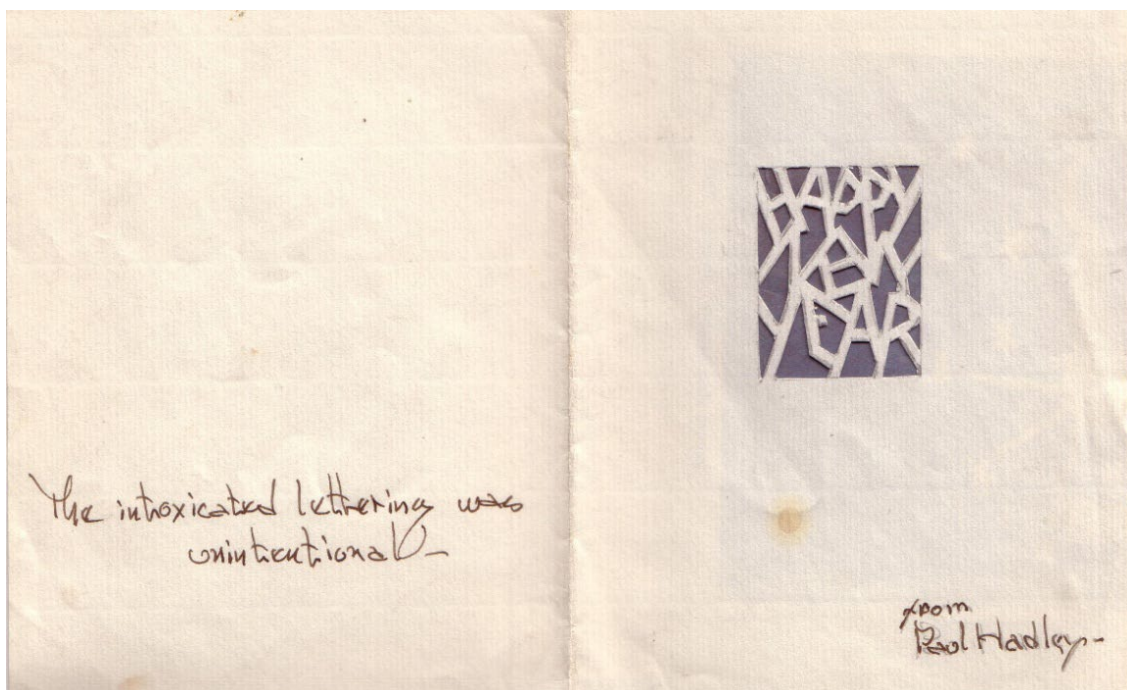






(Above) Paul Hadley's house at 35 East South Street, Mooresville, Indiana. The house was built in 1890 by W. Z. Ayre. Hadley's mother purchased the home in 1907, which was conveyed to Paul in 1930. He sold the house in 1950 to Mr. & Mrs. Horace Adams.

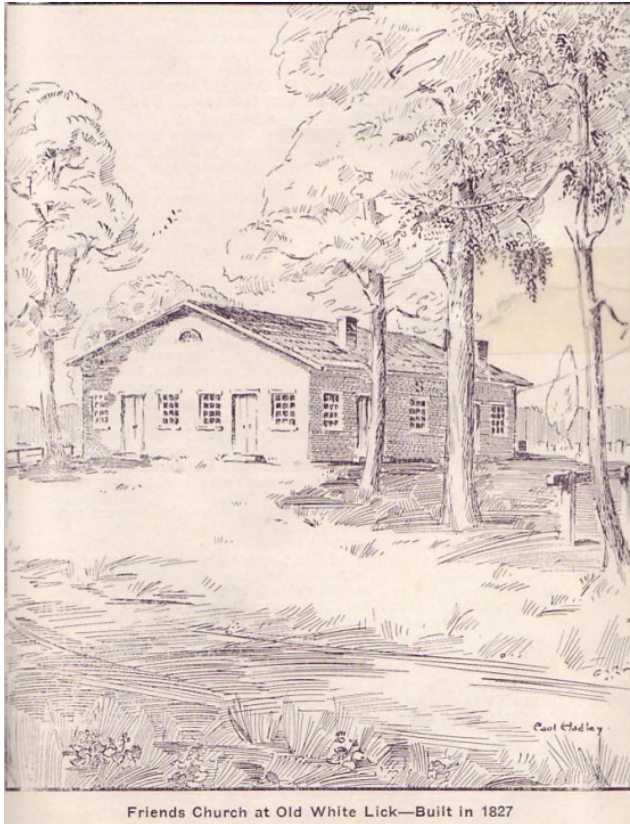
(Below) (*Courtesy of the Indiana Room realia collection at Plainfield-Guilford Twp. Public Library*) Hand-made New Year's greeting card by Paul Hadley, along with witty commentary. Hadley did not regularly imbibe alcoholic beverages; his penmanship in later years was consistently "jaunty" as seen here. He is poking fun at revelers whose inebriated overindulgence greeted them, along with Hadley's card, with hangovers on New Year's Day. (Card *circa* mid-1960s).







(Above) Paul Hadley's house at 23 East Washington Street, Mooresville, Indiana (*circa* mid-1950s photograph). Hadley purchased the home in 1950 and lived there until selling the house in 1956 to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler. He then moved to the house at 115 North East Street, Plainfield, Indiana, in which he lived until moving to a nursing home in Richmond, Indiana, where he passed away in 1971.



Friends Church at Old White Lick—Built in 1827

(Left) Paul Hadley's pencil sketch of the Society of Friends Church along White Lick Creek as it appeared in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The drawing appeared in Almira Harvey Hadley's book, *A Brief History of Mooresville & Vicinity* (1918), which was published by the Town of Mooresville.



## CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

### A Treasure Trove of Flashcard History

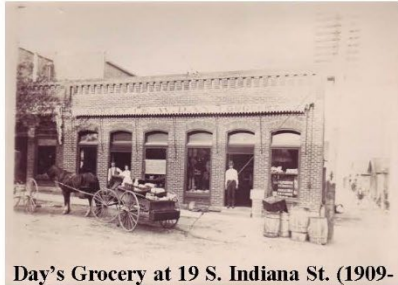
Mooreville Public Library has a collection of local history flashcards that it has printed (and digitized) at various times over the years. They present little “treasure nuggets” of the history of Mooreville (and the surrounding area), showcasing people and places from the town’s past.

#### DAY’S GROCERY



Day's Grocery, 10 N. Indiana St., Mooreville, Indiana (Early 1900s)

E. W. Day's Grocery operated at 10 N. Indiana St. until 1909, when the business moved two blocks south (see below). Staff delivered groceries and dry goods to customers around town using a horse-drawn buckboard wagon.



Day's Grocery at 19 S. Indiana St. (1909-1920s)



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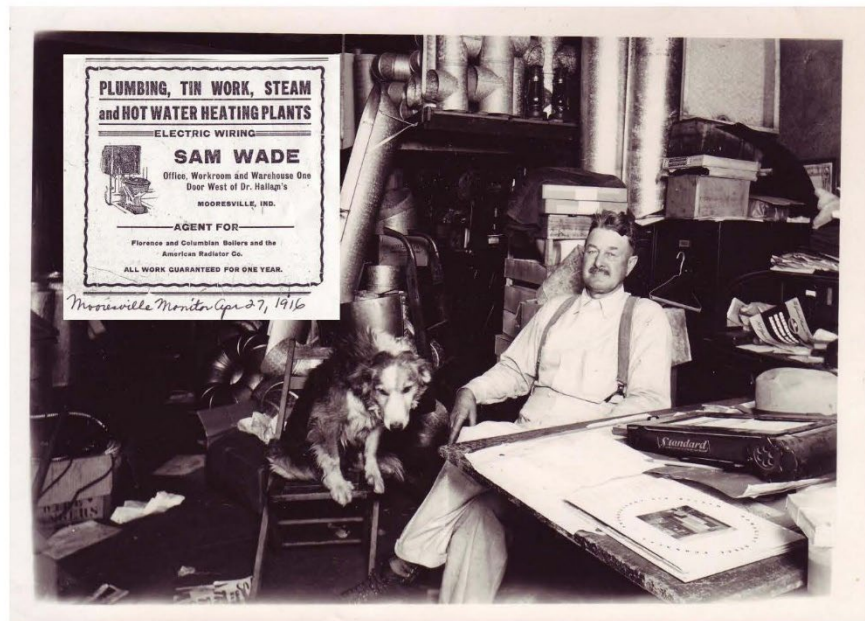
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Photo (above) shows 10 N. Indiana St. as it appeared in May 2008.



## SAM WADE



Sam Owen Wade (1882-1968)  
24 East Main Street, Mooresville, Indiana

Sam Owen Wade was a general contractor and hardware store owner. His plumbing, heating, electrical, and tinsmith shop operated at 24 E. Main St. between 1917-1968. He constructed many business buildings still standing in downtown Mooresville, as well as various homes around town. (Photograph by J. P. Calvert; Inset: *Mooreville Monitor* advertisement, April 27, 1916).



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Sam Wade built several downtown buildings, including 10 East Main Street (above) in 1909, which served as the Mooresville post office until 1941. (Photo taken in Oct. 2007.)

## WILLIAM L. THOMPSON, M.D.



William L. Thompson, M.D. (1866-1932)

A Mooresville Academy and DePauw University graduate, William Lee Thompson earned his medical doctorate in 1889 from Indiana Central Medical College. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine in Mooresville for over 43 years. He drove an average of 100 miles a day to make house calls and delivered over 3,000 babies. (Circa 1920s photo.)



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### Flash From Your Past Historical Flash Card Series — Card #7



Dr. Valentine Magenheimer (left) and Dr. William L. Thompson (right) pose (ca. 1909) outside their offices in the automobiles they used to make house calls in Mooresville and the surrounding area.

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## BANNER FLOUR MILL



Banner Flour Mill, East High Street, Mooresville, IN  
(Built in 1868)

Banner Flour Mill was built in 1868 by S. M. Rooker and David Fogleman. During the first year of business, 14,000 bushels of wheat were carried to the third floor by a hand-turned windlass. Farm Bureau Co-op purchased the mill in 1944 and operated until the building was razed in 1986. (*Top photo circa 1870s ; bottom photo circa 1890s*).



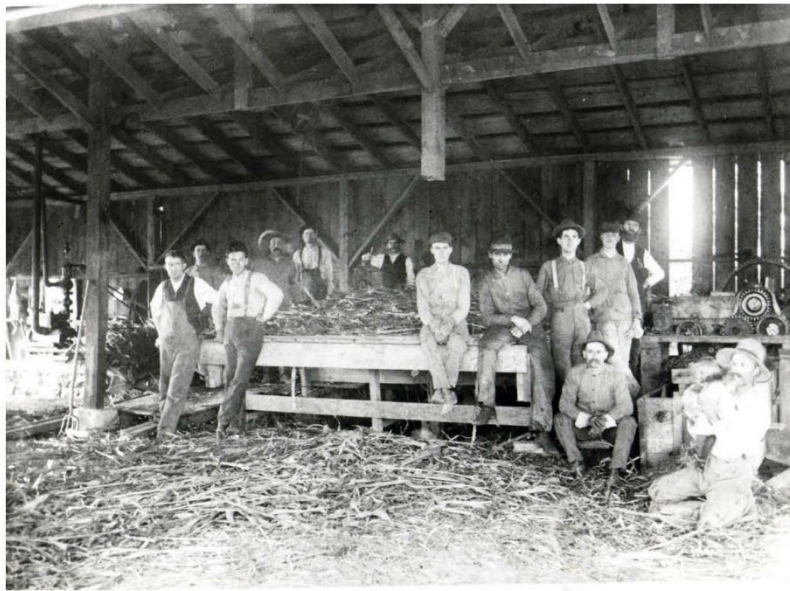
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### Flash From Your Past Historical Flash Card Series — Card #8



Farm Bureau Co-op as it looked in 1985. (Photo from *Mooresville Times*, April 3, 1985).

## BOLTON SORGHUM FACTORY



Bolton Sorghum Factory, Mooresville, IN (ca. 1897-1900)  
(2nd from left: John Joyner, Sr.; 4th from left: Will Joyner)

The Bolton Sorghum Factory (1890s-1903), located at the northeast corner of Mooresville, IN, was called "the biggest sorghum factory in the world." The cane was chopped up and boiled to produce sorghum molasses. Visitors were allowed to eat "skimmings" from the top of the boiling vats. Some of Bolton's employees pose beside a cane-grinding machine. (Photograph by J. P. Calvert.)



Fall Creek Furniture Co. (formerly Bolton Sorghum) sometime before 1930.

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Around 1903 the Fall Creek Furniture Company opened at the site formerly used by Bolton Sorghum. The buildings were razed in 1930. In 1944 Automotive Armature Co. constructed facilities at the same location (Indianapolis Road) and operated until 1993. (Below) Fall Creek Furniture employees pose ca. 1909-10.





## COMER & SCEARCE LUMBER COMPANY



Comer & Searce Lumber Company, Mooresville, IN (1902)

Matthew Comer started a sawmill on South St. following the Civil War, which his son, Stewart Comer, operated between 1898-1902, when fire consumed the business. In 1895 H. Searce started a lumber company nearby. Around 1900, S. Comer & H. Searce became partners and formed the Comer & Searce Lumber Co., shown here having an "improvement day" sale on Saturday, May 3, 1902.



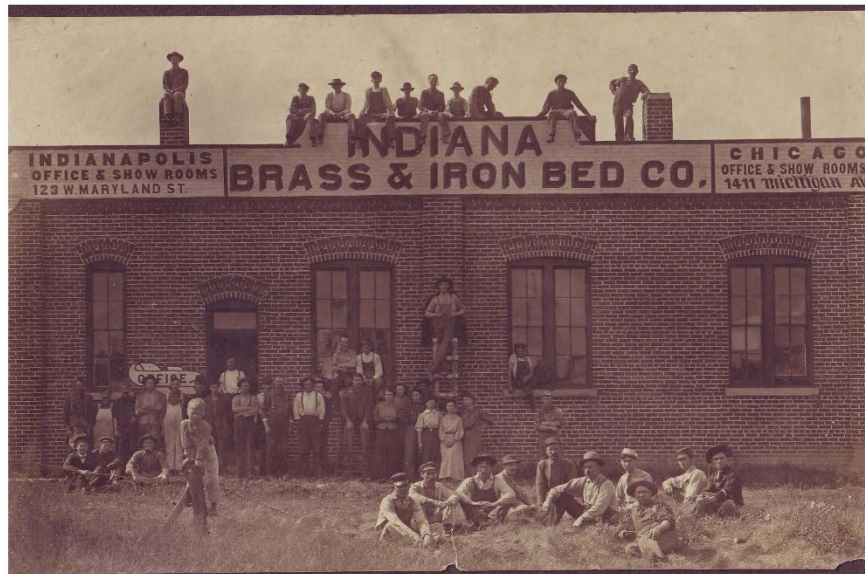
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### Flash From Your Past Historical Flash Card Series — Card #10



Newcomer Lumber & Supply Co. as it appeared in an advertisement in the Mooresville High School 1952 yearbook, *Wagon Trails*. Newcomer purchased Haltom-Searce Lumber Co. in 1950.

## INDIANA BRASS & IRON BED FACTORY



Indiana Brass & Iron Bed Company, Mooresville, IN (1901-1916)  
(Photo by J. P. Calvert)

In 1901, Indiana Brass & Iron Bed Co. began operating on the north side of E. Washington St. between Madison St. and Indianapolis Road in Mooresville, IN. The site later became Johnson's apple-packing house, and in 1944 was home to Automotive Armature, which conducted business there (as well as on the nearby former site of Fall Creek Furniture Co. [ca. 1901-1930], at old state road 67 & Bridge St.) until 1993.



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### Flash From Your Past Historical Flash Card Series — Card #11



Employees pose outside the Indiana Brass & Iron Bed Co., which operated between 1901-1916 on the north side of E. Washington St. between Madison St. and Indianapolis Road in Mooresville, IN.



## MCCRACKEN HOUSE



McCracken House (Hotel & Restaurant), 23 West Main St.,  
Mooresville, IN (1870-1951) (1912 Photographs by J. P. Calvert)

McCracken House was built circa 1870 at 23 West Main Street in downtown Mooresville. The hotel and restaurant was operated by Wilkinson & Sarah McCracken for 45 years, followed by their daughter, Eliza Crawford. It was famous for its fried chicken dinners, and Indianapolis customers took the Interurban railway or drove (some in electric cars) to eat or spend the night. The structure was demolished in 1951 and today is used as a drive-through bank facility and ATM.



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### Flash From Your Past Historical Flash Card Series — Card #12



Mooresville photographer J. P. Calvert captured the McCracken House as it looked in 1912 (above and other side).

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## GEORGE ALLISON'S GROCERY



George Allison's Grocery (Early 1920s)  
3 East Main Street, Mooresville, IN

George Allison operated his grocery in the G.W. Bass Building (3 E. Main St.) in downtown Mooresville during the early 1920s. Allison replaced Burch Grocery at this location. Allison's moved to 19 S. Indiana St. in 1927 and conducted business there until 1935.



Gray's Restaurant (1960 photo) occupied 17-19 South Indiana St. from the 1950s through 1969.

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George Allison's Grocery from the outside in the early 1920s (at 3 East Main Street in downtown Mooresville).