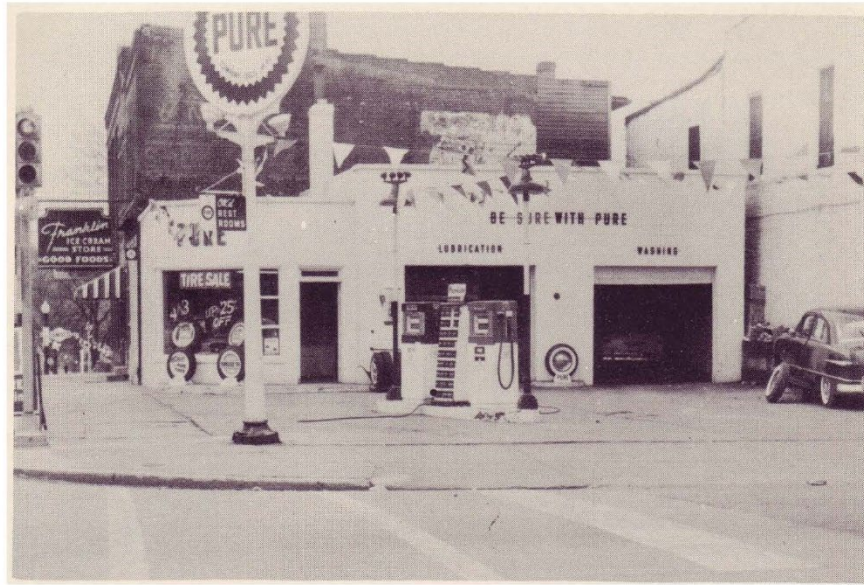


PURE OIL GASOLINE STATION



Dale Richardson's Pure Oil Gasoline Station
1 W. Main St., Mooresville, IN (1956-1959)

In 1938 contractor Harry Wilson built the Pure Oil building on the site of the Lindley Block, which burned down on Dec. 27, 1925. Pure Oil had several owners: Brewer & Son (1940's), Leroy Selke (early 1950s-1956), Dale Richardson (1956-59), Paul Mason (1959-60), and Russ Lightle (1960s). (In this photo, next door on S. Indiana St. was Franklin's Ice Cream Store.) In Jan. 2009 Crystal Neil of Edward Jones opened her offices at One W. Main St.



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Paul Mason, who was first elected Morgan County Sheriff in 1970 (deputy sheriff 1962-1970), owned and operated the Pure Oil station at 1 West Main Street in downtown Mooresville in 1959-1960.

HENRY CONDUITT HOUSE



Henry Conduitt House (1906-1929)
(Photo by J. P. Calvert)

Prominent Mooresville entrepreneur Henry Conduitt built this house for his family in 1906. The Conduitt family lived there until 1929. It became Comer Sanitarium (1936-1948), Comer Hospital (1948-1962), Kendrick Hospital (1962-1971), and offices and apartments (1973-1981). It was demolished in 1981 following a fire.



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Comer Hospital (above, 1950s) and Kendrick Hospital (left, 1960s) occupied the former Henry Conduitt House (as substantially renovated), which was located at 130 North Indiana Street.

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BURCH GROCERY



Burch Grocery (Photo *ca.* 1908-09 by J. P. Calvert)
3 East Main Street, Mooresville, Indiana (1890s-1920)

Burch Grocery (1890s-1920) was situated in the G.W. Bass Building (east half) at 3 East Main Street in downtown Mooresville. Bass Drugstore occupied the West Half. Like Day's Grocery, Burch's delivered to customers using horse-drawn wagons. The west half of the building housed G.W. Bass Drugstore, which originally operated in a one-story wooden frame building (beginning around 1880). This was replaced in the 1890s by the two-story brick building that still stands today.



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(Above) G.W. Bass Drugstore as it looked between 1880 and the early 1890s.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL (M.E.) CHURCH



1914 View of Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church (1882-1995)
Northeast Corner of Indiana & Harrison Sts., Mooresville, Indiana

The Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church was built in 1882 and was used until 1995 by the United Methodists. Since 2006 the site has been used as the Mooresville Town Government Center. Local photographers J.P. Calvert & Manly Brown climbed atop the steeple to take aerial pictures of the town. *(Photo by J. P. Calvert.)*



MRS. ELIZA WORTHINGTON
MOORE
Founder of Mooresville Methodist
Church

Eliza Worthington Moore (Samuel Moore's wife) held the town's first Methodist class in 1828 and founded the M.E. Church in 1839.

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Mooresville M. E. Church—Built in 1839

The M.E. Church was originally located on West Washington St. (at Old Cemetery). Built in 1839, it was home to the church until 1882.

“OLD” TOWN PARK



“Old” Town Park, Mooresville, Indiana (ca. 1909)

In 1877 Samuel Moore donated land on South Street to the citizens of Mooresville to be used as the Town Park.



Old Town Park as it appeared *circa* 1885, looking southwest. The old Waverly Road (now State Rd. 144) appears on the left.

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MOORESVILLE TOWN BANNER



Bonita C. Marley (1906-2002) designed Mooresville's emblem and banner to commemorate the town's 150th anniversary in 1974. The date (1824) commemorates the year that Samuel Moore founded Mooresville. The cross represents Indiana's role as the Crossroads of America. The large star in the southwest quadrant of the cross represents Mooresville's position relative to Indianapolis, the state capitol. The 19 stars, which are also included in Paul Hadley's design of the Indiana State Flag (1916), represents the 19 states of the Union in 1816, with the largest star at the top representing the 19th state, Indiana.



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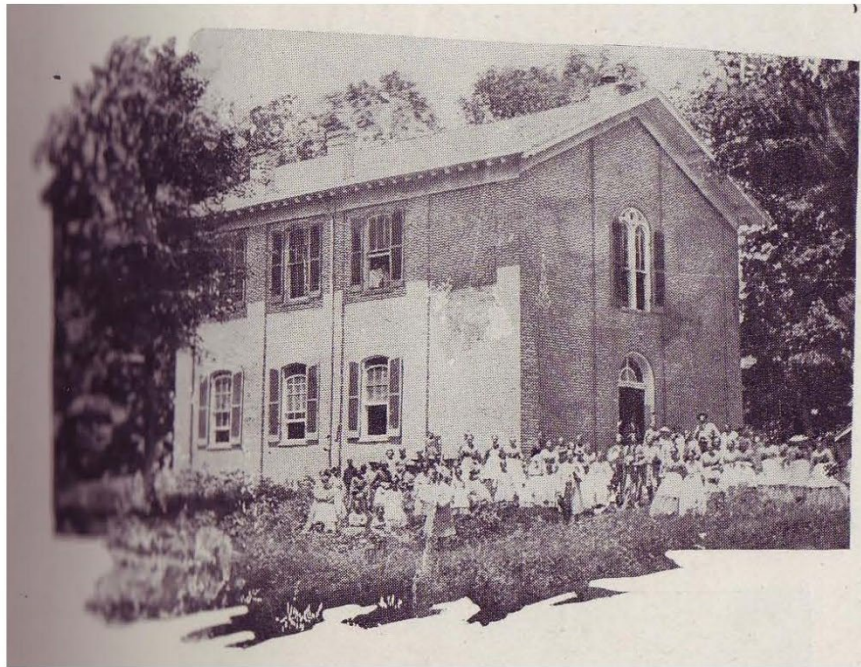
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Bonita C. Marley (above, 1969 photo) was director of Mooresville Public Library from 1961 to 1984.

MOORESVILLE FRIENDS ACADEMY SCHOOL



Friends Academy School, Mooresville, Indiana (Opened in 1861)

The Mooresville Friends Academy was built in 1860-1861 at a cost of \$1,625, which was funded through private donations. Initial enrollment was 78 pupils, but by 1867, 150 students attended. High school students began attending there in 1869, making the Academy one of the first secondary schools in Central Indiana. Students travelled from across the center of the state to attend classes there. In 1883, the Town of Mooresville assumed responsibility for the school. It was used for classes from 1861 through 1971. Until 1908, both elementary and high school students attended classes there. Many famous local citizens, including artist Robert Indiana, took classes at the Academy.



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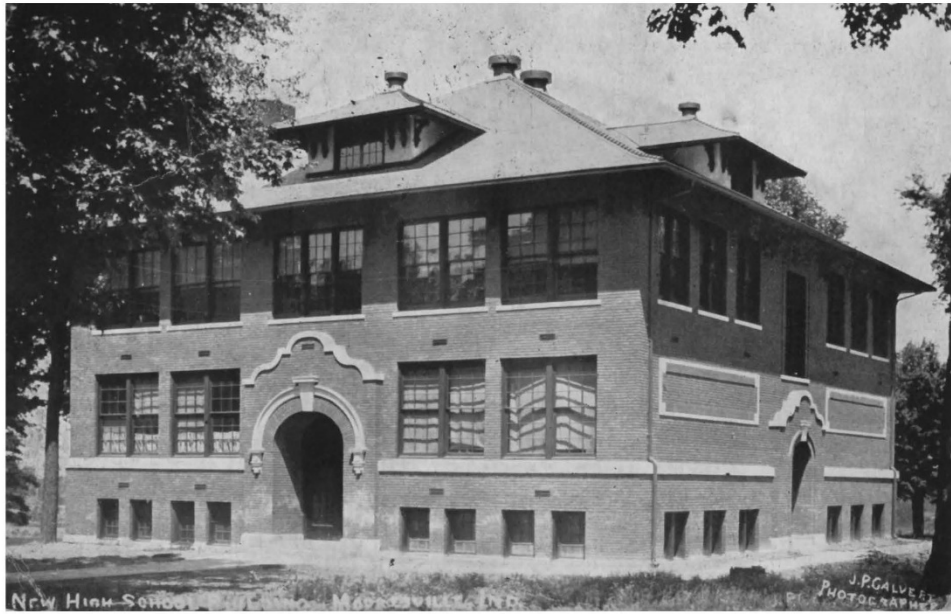
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Today, the building houses the Academy of Hoosier Heritage, a museum showcasing state and local 19th century history.

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MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Moorsville High School, Moorsville, Indiana (1910-1959)
(1914 Photo by J. P. Calvert)

The "old" Moorsville High School was built between 1907-1910 next to the Academy Building on what is today the campus of Newby Elementary School (built next door in 1936) on North Monroe St. The 100-foot-square building cost \$26,000. In 1921, a gymnasium, and in 1924, a heating plant, were added at a cost of \$20,000 each. Between 1908-1959, a total of 1,854 students attended classes there. High school classes continued until 1959, when the "new" high school was built at its present location on North Indiana St. During the 1960s until 1971, Newby grades 1-6 held classes in the old high school. The structure was razed in the summer of 1971.



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This commemorative tile (above) shows the "old" Moorsville High School (1910-1959).

I.O.O.F. BUILDING



Second I.O.O.F. Building, Downtown Mooresville, Indiana
(1881 to mid-1960s) (Circa 1885 Photo)

On the site of Samuel Moore's first wooden-frame general store (1824-1869) was built the first Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Building (1869-1881), which burned down in 1881. It was replaced by a second structure (in 1881), most of which was torn down in 1965-66 (when Citizens Bank built its current structure & parking lot), with the remaining first floor demolished in 1989. The buildings housed many prominent downtown businesses, including the I.O.O.F. Morgan Lodge #211 (1869-1960s), Pleas Mills Dry Goods (ca. 1890s-1930s), Kroger Grocery (1940s), and Tompkins Jewelry (1950s). (I.O.O.F. Morgan Lodge #211 was founded on July 7, 1859 in Mooresville.)

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In 2007, Hadley Mini-Park occupied the site of the I.O.O.F. Buildings and Samuel Moore's General Store.

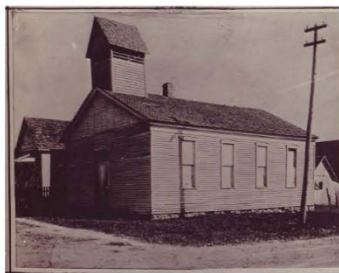
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



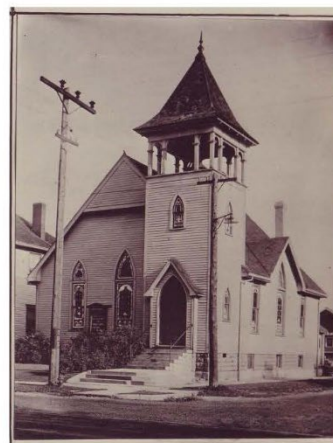
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Southeast Corner of Harrison & Jefferson Sts., Mooresville, Indiana (1904-1954)
(1910 Photo by J. P. Calvert)

In 1904 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mooresville built a new church (below right) to replace the "old Lutheran" building (below left, 1850-1904) at the southeast corner of Harrison and Jefferson Streets. The structure was sold in 1954 to the Grace Missionary Church.



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First Christian Church as it looked, brand new, in 1904.

FALL CREEK FURNITURE COMPANY



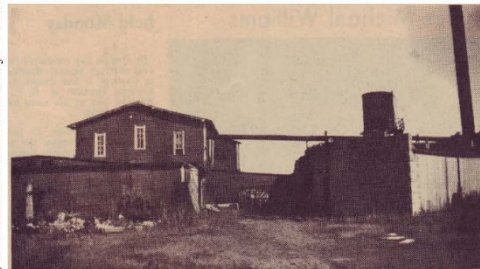
Fall Creek Furniture Company, Old State Road 67 & Bridge Street, Mooresville, Indiana (ca. 1901-1930)

Fall Creek Furniture Company (circa 1901-1930) at one time employed 500 people, many of whom took the interurban railway from Indianapolis (or surrounding communities) to work at the factory, which was located along old state road 67 near Bridge Street in Mooresville, Indiana. This was later the site of Automotive Armature (1944-1993), which also operated at the former nearby site of the Indiana Brass & Iron Bed Factory (1901-1916).



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Fall Creek Furniture Company (photo before 1930) (photo supplied by Mrs. Kenneth Fields). See our [online handout](#) for more details.

FRIENDS CHURCH



**Mooresville Friends Church, northwest corner of W. Main & N. Monroe Streets, just east of White Lick Creek
(1919 Photo by Manley Brown)**

Quakers around Mooresville first began holding worship meetings in 1821. They built the first brick church in Morgan County in 1827 west of White Lick Creek, near McCracken Creek (where White Lick Cemetery is located). In 1870, William Macy began constructing a new structure on land obtained in 1864 (on the northwest corner of West Main & North Monroe Streets on the west side of town), where the Friends Church still stands today.



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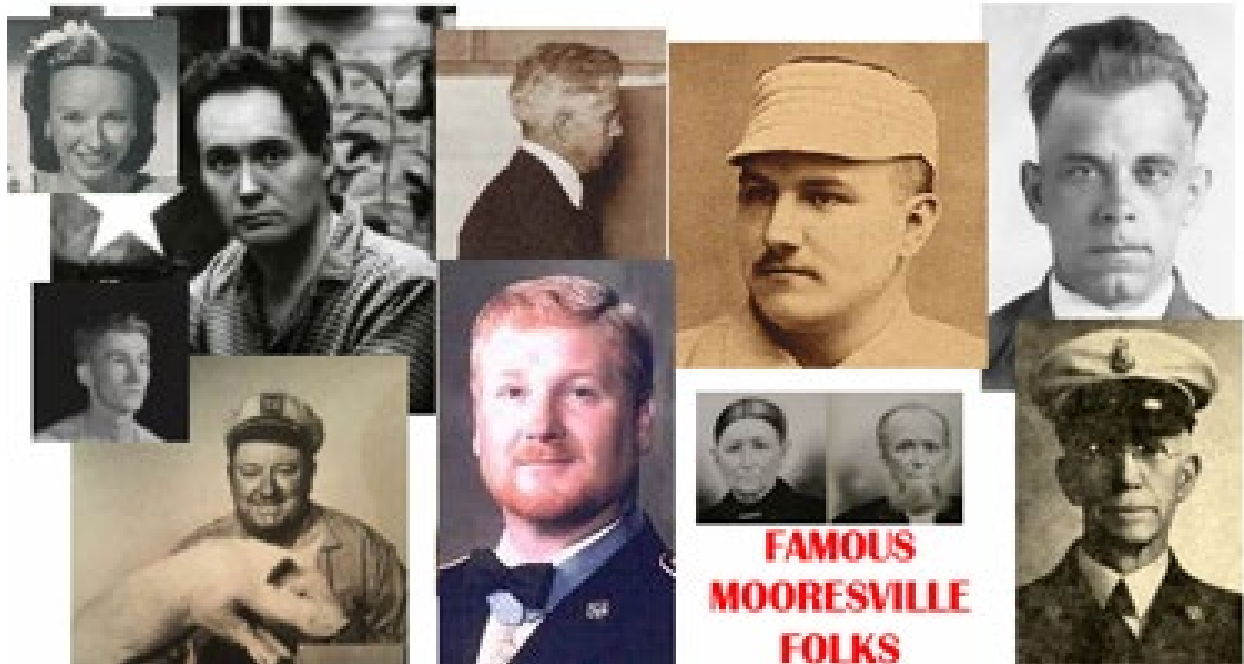


**Mooresville Friends Church,
northwest corner of
W. Main & N. Monroe Streets
(circa 1910 photo by J. P. Calvert)**

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

Famous Mooresvillians



Many regionally, nationally, and even internationally famous people have called Mooresville home. Here are some of the better known folks:

- LEON ADLER
- RUTH ELLEN COMER
- SAMMY LEE DAVIS
- JOHN DILLINGER
- GEORGE H. FIELDS
- CLIFFORD C. FURNAS
- PAUL HADLEY
- BOBBY HELMS
- REV. DR. FRANK CLAUDE HUSTON
- ROBERT INDIANA
- FRANK INN
- SAMUEL MOORE, FOUNDER OF MOORESVILLE
- JULIA D. NELSON

- ARTHUR C. NEWBY
- JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY
- AMOS RUSIE
- CLIFTON WHEELER

You can read more (and watch videos) about these famous Mooresvillians on the following websites:

- Mooresville (Indiana) Local History Treasure Trove Blog:
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