



Mooreville - Our Town, Our History



North Madison Elementary School
3rd Grade

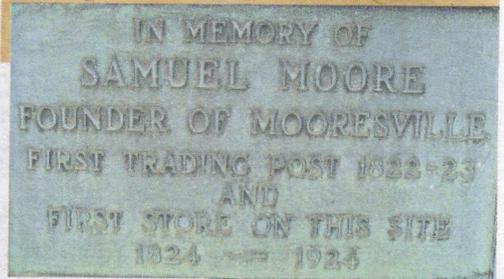




Mooresville was founded by Samuel Moore in 1824.



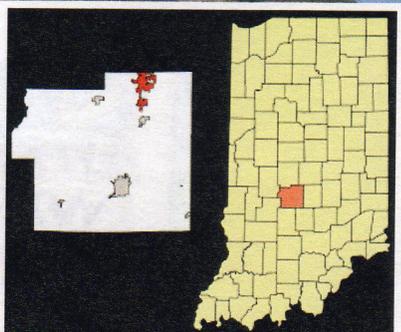
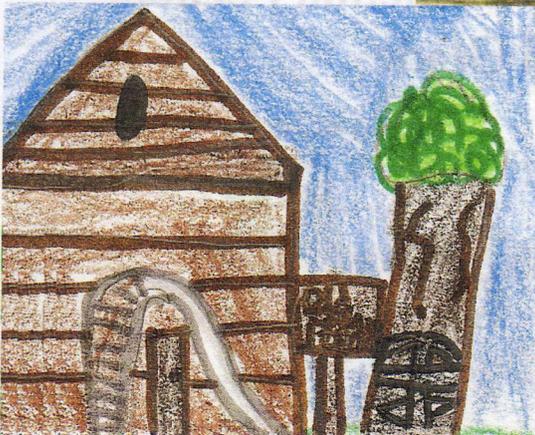
This rock in the middle of town honors Samuel Moore and is placed where he built the first store.



Samuel Moore is buried in the Old Town Cemetery on Washington Street.



Old Settlers began as a yearly family reunion at Old Town Park. Later it became known as Old Settlers Fair

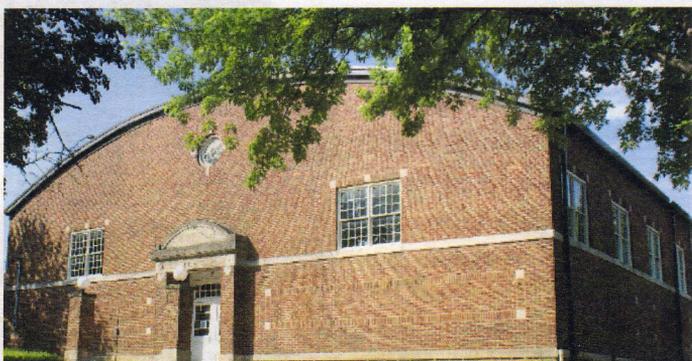




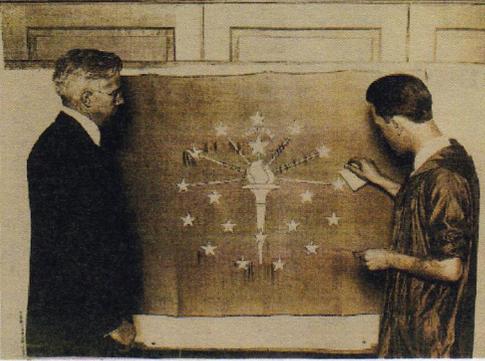
This is the Academy Building built in 1861. It was the first high school in central Indiana. Now the Academy Building has a museum on the second floor.



The original Mooresville High School gym was built in 1921. It is now known as the "Newby Dome" because it is on the campus of Newby Elementary School



Paul Hadley

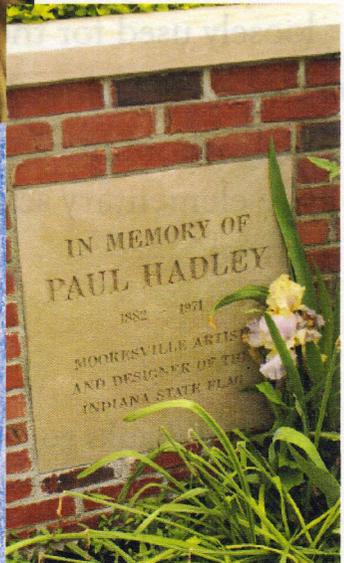


Paul Hadley was a local artist in our town. He won a contest to design our state flag.



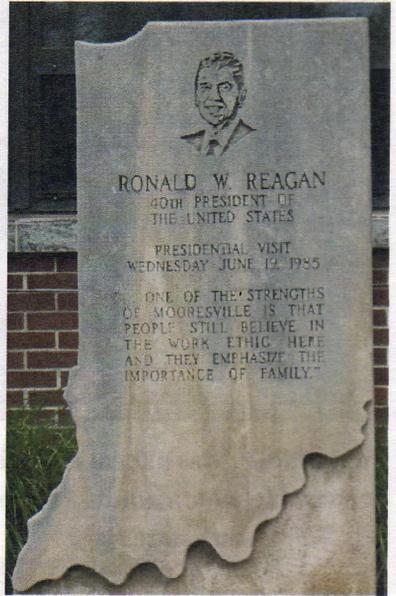
One of his patterns of the winning design is on display in our town museum in the Academy Building.

His designs were so good that he won first, second, and third prize in the contest.



Did You Know?

- President Ronald Reagan visited Mooresville in 1985 and ate at Mac's Family Restaurant, which is now Ponderosa.
- Adam Richman from the reality show Man Vs. Food ate at Gray's Cafeteria. Zydeco's restaurant has also been visited by Guy Fieri from the program Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.
- Mooresville's population grew from 200 in 1881 to 2,000 in 1900. Today there are just over 10,000 people in Mooresville.
- Legend has it that Greencastle Road was built over an Indian burial ground that was very old. On the "Gravity Hill" section of the road, legend says the chief will push cars uphill to keep them off of the burial site.
- Mooresville is the home of "The Real Forrest Gump." Sammy Lee Davis received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam and his story was loosely used for the Vietnam experience in the movie.
- The Academy Building in Mooresville was the first high school in central Indiana. Mooresville now has five elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.



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Then and Now: This is East Main Street in the middle of Mooresville now, and back in the early 1900s.



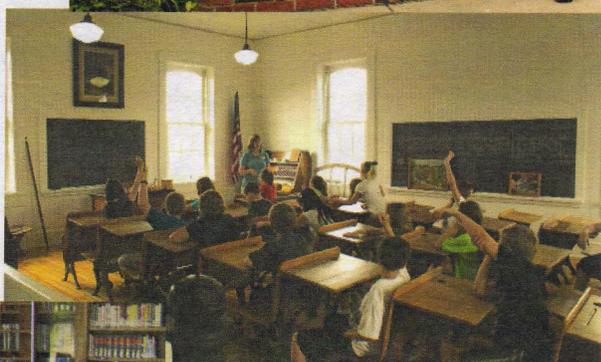
The Mooresville Veterans Memorial on the campus of Newby Elementary School honors those who have served in the military.



Mooresville is the home of the Indiana State Flag. This is a monument on East Main St.



In the Academy Building, you can sit in an old-fashioned classroom.



There is a place called "The Indiana Room" in the Mooresville Public Library where you can learn a lot about Mooresville.