



Downtown Indiana Historic Highlights Walk

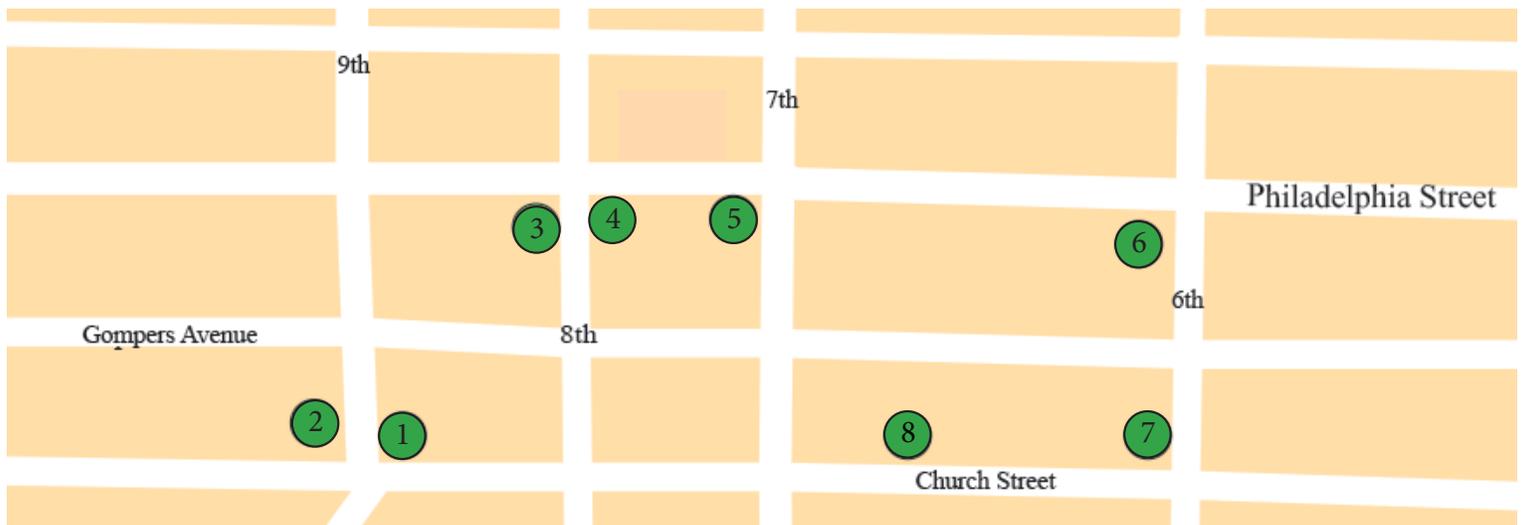
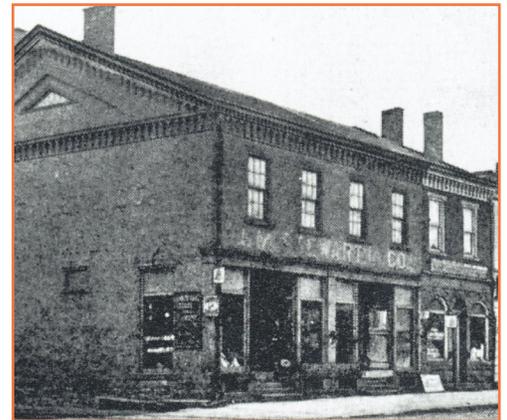
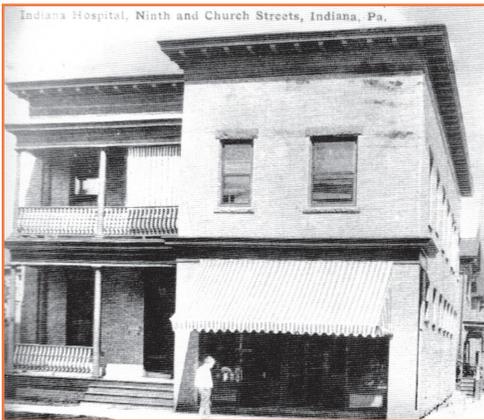
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SEE BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED IN THE "BY GONE DAYS" OF INDIANA BOROUGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

1 First Hospital (9th & Church St.) – A private hospital established by Doctors George B. Simpson and Harry B. Neal, had a 12-bed capacity. It was at this hospital that the first Caesarean section in an Indiana County hospital was performed. The Neal-Simpson Hospital merged with the Indiana Hospital in 1913 and closed in 1915.

2 McCreary Townhouse (9th & Church St.) – The residence of Harry McCreary, who built all the coke ovens on the Indiana branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad within the County. Harry's son Ralph McCreary was an executive at McCreary Tire and Rubber Co, founded by the McCreary family in 1914.

3 Stewart Hardware (S&T Bank / Eighth Street Railyard) – J.M. Stewart & Company was located on the present site of the S&T Bank. Running alongside the building on 8th St. was the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Branch lines. There was a significant railyard located across the street where the current courthouse now stands.



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4 **Rose Building** (8th & Philadelphia St.) – The location of The Bon Ton which opened on November 1, 1918 and continued to serve the community until 1937. It was in 1937 when Troutman’s moved into the Rose Building until June 16, 1958. In 1959 the building was sold to Israel I. Brody. (Photo on left)

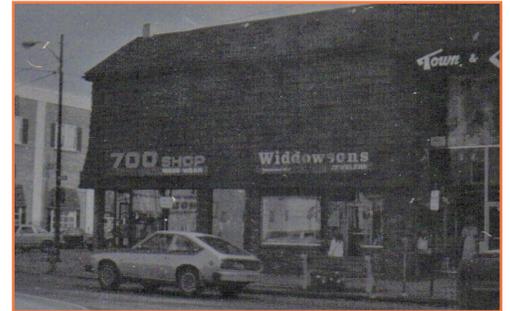
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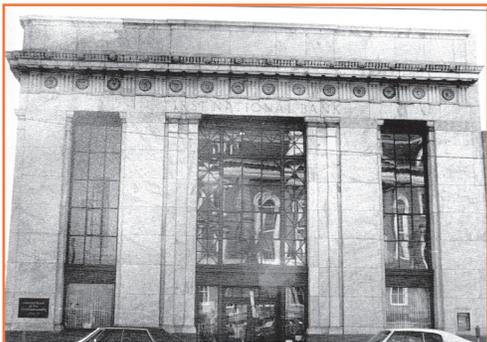
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5 **700 Shop** (7th & Philadelphia St.) – As early as 1907 this building was the location of Shaffer & Keller, a clothing store. They remained at that location after J.I. Shaffer became the sole proprietor and continued business. Today the building continues to provide a shopping outlet for members of the community.



6 **First Commonwealth Bank** (6th & Philadelphia St.) – The bank opened on April 9, 1934 as a reorganization of the First National Bank. In 1921, the bank purchased the corner lots that had housed the Loughry Store, Grand Theater, Sloan Bros., the Federal Banking Company, and Tomb and Walker Restaurant.



7 **Blair House** (6th & Church St.) – The J. Blair Sutton Home was built by Adam Rowe in 1840, and was once a part of the Indiana Seminary. A well located on the property supplied the water for the fire company’s bucket brigades. J. Blair Sutton was the son of James M. Sutton and served as the register and recorder of Indiana County.



8 **R&P Building** (Church St.) – Located on this site in the early 1900s was the Old Library Hall which was the arena for athletic events, dramatic performances, lecturers, and community meetings. It was replaced by the R&P Coal Company office building, which has since been converted into office space.

