



Sellersburg train depot

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 430 N Indiana Ave, Sellersburg, IN 47172
 Sellersburg Library
 Mon-Thur: 9 am - 8 pm
 Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHARLESTOWN
 51 Clark Rd, Charlestown, IN 47111
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 214 E Main St, Henryville, IN 47126
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 Mon: 9 am - 6 pm
 Wed: 12 pm - 6 pm
 Fri: 9 am - 5 pm
 Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

Borden Library
 117 W Main St, Borden, IN 47106
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 Wed: Closed
 Fri: 9 am - 5 pm
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 210 S Poplar St, New Washington, IN 47162
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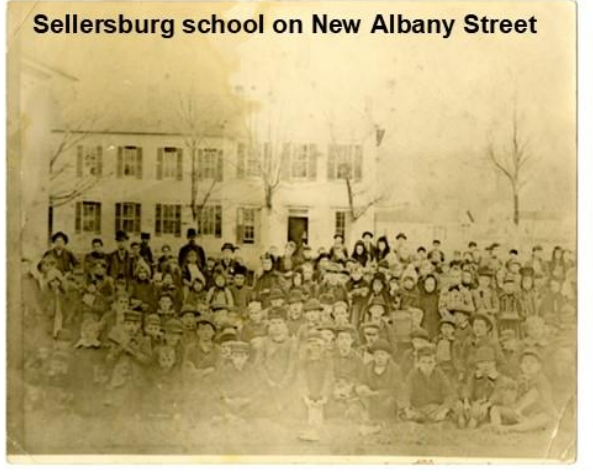
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Sellersburg school on New Albany Street

Early Schools
 Many 1-room grade schools were scattered around Silver Creek Township. Sellersburg built a 2-room grade school on New Albany Street in 1853. The building was condemned in 1908. A new school was built on the site in 1912. With growing needs, it was replaced in 1932 with the 3-story brick school building at 206 N New Albany St.



The 1st Sellersburg high school was at the Odd Fellows Hall from about 1901 to 1911.

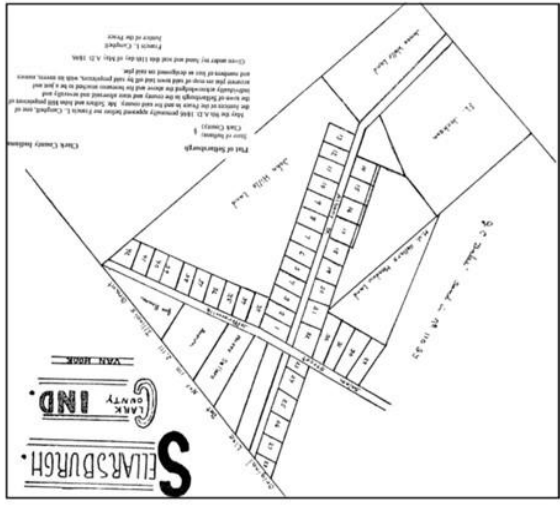
After it closed due to lack of funding, there was no local high school until 1925 which was held at Speed Community House in Speed until 1927. With a growing need, the Sellersburg and Speed communities came together to build the first Silver Creek Jr-Sr High School (right). It was built in 1927 on Dreyer Hill midway between Sellersburg and Speed.



Louisville Cement Company before Highway 31

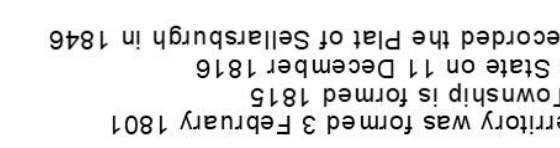
Cementing the Future

With the vast layers of limestone in the area, cement mills soon began a new industry for the community. The first cement mill was Falls City Cement Company which opened in 1869 about 1/2 mile south of town. In 1869 the Louisville Cement Company located on what became HWY 31 to the east at Petersburg (renamed Speed after the companies founder J.B. Speed). Other mills followed including Dexter, Belknap & Company and the Black Diamond Mill south of Sellersburg at Cementville. By 1900 the Louisville Cement Company had become the nation's largest cement producer. Later it became Essroc, and is now owned by Lehigh Cement Company.



This is the original plat map of Sellersburg as it was filed with Clark County. Originally named Sellersburg, the town was laid out in Clark's Grant Section 110 by Moses W. Sellers and John Hill in 1846. It is unclear why or when the spelling of the name changed.
 From History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties 1882 Vol 2 p392:
 Sellersburg is very irregularly laid off. None of the forty-two lots have a right angle. It resembles an isosceles triangle pressed together from its base... It is situated on the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis railroad, about twenty miles from the county-seat.

1960 Interstate 65 was opened previous year.
 "a modern black-top finish" after the closing of the Interurban line the 1940 Sellersburg town board reconstructed Utica & New Albany Streets with 1930 Sellersburg Water company formed to provide water
 1920s Highway 31 constructed
 light, heat and power company for the town.
 northeast corner of New Albany & Utica Streets. They were the first and East Utica Street. The Interurban depot was located near the sonville and Charlestown with Interurban tracks on New Albany Street
 1906 Louisville & Northern Railway and Lighting Company connected Jeffersonville and Charlestown with Interurban tracks on New Albany Street
 between Sellersburg & New Albany to create the first Interurban line
 tion Company laid railroad tracks between Sellersburg & Southern Indiana Transportation Company put in 1st phone lines
 1897 American Telephone & Telegraph Company put in 1st phone lines
 1890 Sellersburg is incorporated
 Albany Streets.
 Sellers' dry goods store at the southeast corner of Utica and New Albany Streets.
 Sellersburg. It was located in Moses Sellersburg to be moved from Hamburg to road which prompted the post office
 1852 Completion of the Jeffersonville Railroad which prompted the post office



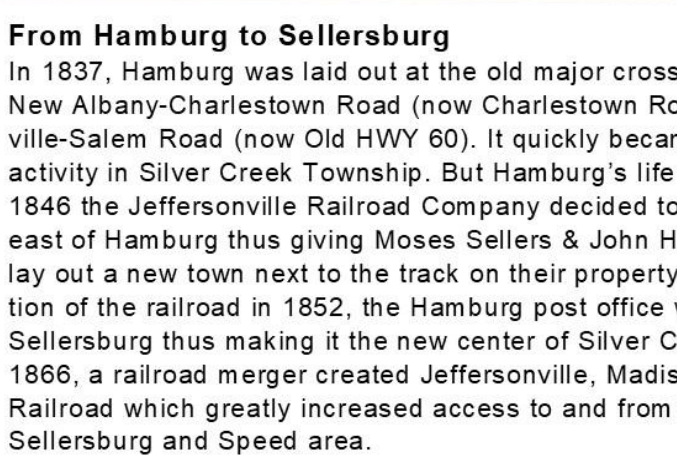
Pepper Upper Club

Clark County, Indiana Territory was formed 3 February 1801
 Silver Creek Township is formed 1815
 Indiana became a State on 11 December 1816
 Moses Sellers and John Hill recorded the Plat of Sellersburg in 1846

A Brief History & Tour Sellersburg, Indiana

Road Improvements

The demand for more and better roads in the early days of Clark County was increasing. About 1815, a road was constructed from New Albany to Charlestown via Camp Run and Springville. Then in 1820 a second major road was constructed from Utica to New Providence (Borden). These two roads, now known as New Albany St. and Utica St., formed the intersection that would soon become the center of Sellersburg. With the opening of 165, the New Albany-Charlestown Road got divided into New Albany Street in town and Charlestown Road to the west of 165.



South Utica St SELLERSBURG IND. P. SELLERS CO.

From Hamburg to Sellersburg

In 1837, Hamburg was laid out at the old major crossroad intersection of New Albany-Charlestown Road (now Charlestown Road) and Jeffersonville-Salem Road (now Old HWY 60). It quickly became the center of activity in Silver Creek Township. But Hamburg's life was short lived. In 1846 the Jeffersonville Railroad Company decided to lay the tracks to the east of Hamburg thus giving Moses Sellers & John Hill the opportunity to lay out a new town next to the track on their property. With the completion of the railroad in 1852, the Hamburg post office was moved to Sellersburg thus making it the new center of Silver Creek Township. In 1866, a railroad merger created Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad which greatly increased access to and from the industries of the Sellersburg and Speed area.

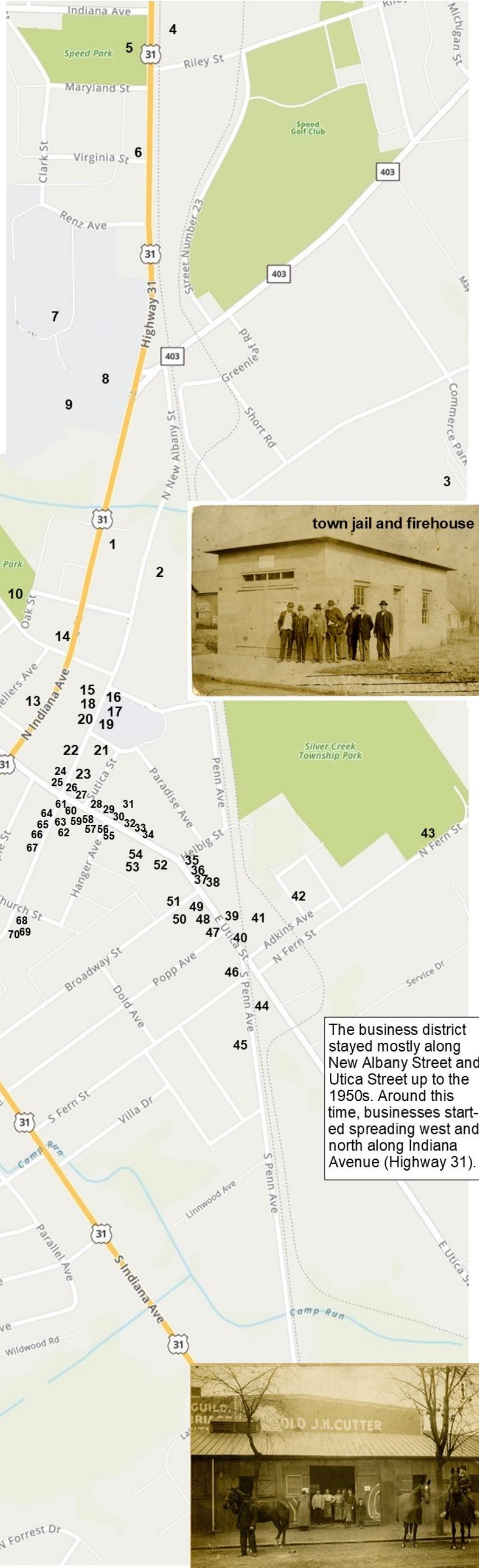


corner of New Albany and Utica Streets

Sellersburg, Indiana Tour

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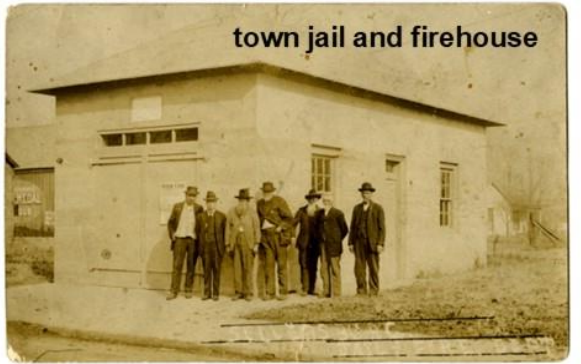
1. Sellersburg Library
2. American Legion Post 204
3. Silver Creek Primary School
4. Louisville Cement Company
5. Speed Park - Location of the Speed Community House which provided services to employees of the cement mill including a library, gymnasium, health clinics, meeting space & more.
6. Speed Memorial Church
7. Silver Creek High School
8. Silver Creek Elementary
9. Silver Creek Middle School; location of first Silver Creek Jr-Sr High School
10. Mosley Park & Sellersburg town pool
11. The Church of God
12. Grace Community Church
13. St. John Paul II Catholic Church
14. St. John Paul II Catholic School
15. Dr. Quincy R. Hauss house
16. hospital (1905)
17. Sellersburg United Methodist Church
18. former Sellersburg M.E. Church (1905)
19. former Sellersburg elementary
20. I.O.O.F Hall with opera house and telephone exchange (1905)
21. Sellersburg Heading Company -barrel heading (1905)
22. livery stable and blacksmith(1905)
23. harness shop (1905)
24. office (1905)
25. grocery store (1905); currently Veteran's monuments and park
26. meat market (1905)
27. barber (1905); Location of InterUrban train station -electric train connected Jeffersonville, Charlestown & New Albany. Eventually through consolidations, it connected all the towns from Louisville, KY to Indianapolis, IN.
28. confectionary (1905); post office
29. post office (1905)
30. general store (1905)
31. elevated water tower, wind mill (1905)
32. store and telephone exchange (1905)
33. variety store (1905)
34. meat market (1905)
35. wagon and blacksmith shop (1905)
36. fire department with jail in the back (1905)
37. grocery store (1905)
38. furniture store (1905)
39. Williams Brother's Company -flour mill (1905)
40. train depot - originally built by Jeffersonville Railroad Company
41. Stockyard (1905)
42. Glen Helen Park (early 1900s)
43. Silver Creek Township Park
44. Silver Creek Canning Co. (1905)
45. J.F. Hiestand saw mill (1905)
46. Sellersburg Full Gospel Church
47. Hiestand Hotel (1905)
48. doctor's office (1905)
49. store (1905)
50. ice house (1905)
51. livery and buggy shed (1905)
52. Sellersburg fire department
53. elevated water tower, wind mill (1905)
54. doctor's office (1905)
55. store (1905)
56. store (1905)
57. cobbler (1905)
58. blacksmith (1905)
59. jeweler (1905)
60. grocery store (1905)
61. store (1905), bank, Sellersburg police department
62. store (1905)
63. general store (1905)
64. hardware store (1905)
65. hotel (1905)
66. undertaker (1905)
67. A. Diefenbach building built 1931
68. German Reformed Church (1905)
69. German Reformed school (1905)
70. Church of Christ (1905); current Sellersburg Church of Christ
71. Sellersburg Cemetery
72. Interstate 65 opened in September 1960
73. Calvary Christian Church
74. Ivy Technical Community College
75. Indiana State Police Post
76. First Baptist Church of Sellersburg
77. Garr Funeral Home
78. Hamburg - The stagecoach roads that crossed at this intersection established the location of Hamburg in 1837 by Abram Littell and Thomas Cunningham.



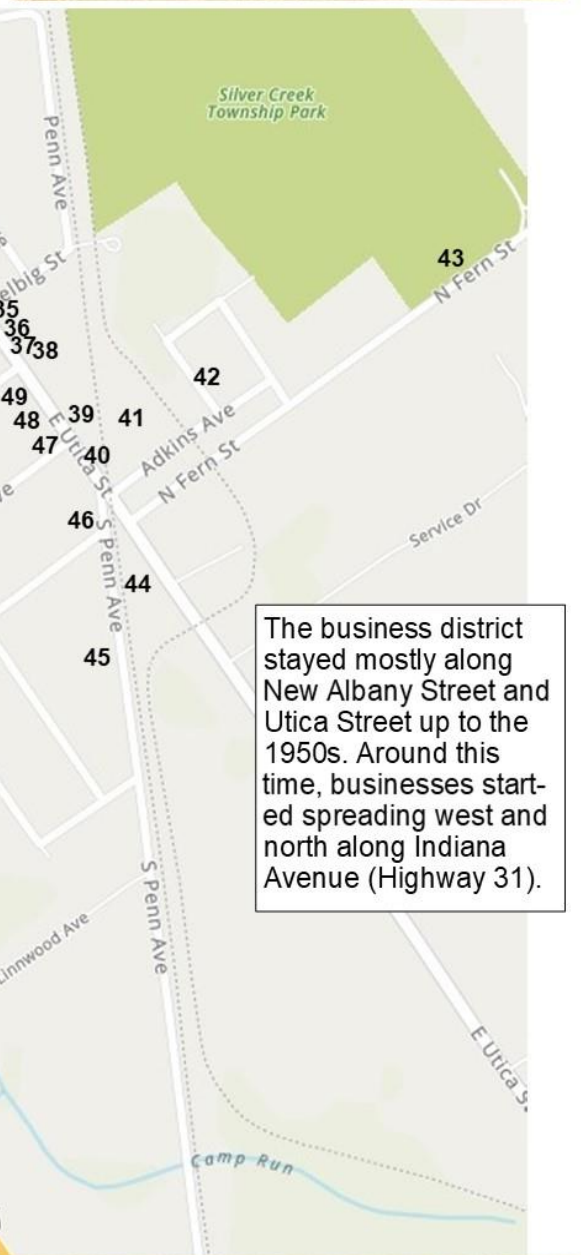
Note: Locations marked with 1905 are taken from the Sanborn Fire Map in 1905.

Road Name Changes
 current = old

Paradise Ave = Barnett St.
 Helbig St. = Locust
 Broadway = State St.
 S Penn Ave. = Jeffersonville Road
 Church St. = Harrods Ave.



town jail and firehouse



J.M. Cutter Blacksmith c1890