

## INDIANA MEMORY PROJECT

Charlestown-Clark County Public Library has 2 digital collections on Indiana Memory, a statewide digital collection of Indiana history.

The Jesse G. Dorsey World War II Correspondence collection contains over 1600 WWII letters/post cards and two scrapbooks.



The Clark County Collection contains thousands of digital images of Clark County history including 1937 Great Flood post cards, Civil War letters, Korean War letters, Rose Island brochure, Louisville Cement Company items, Indiana Army Ammunition Plant items, World War II letters, photographs, store ledgers

from the 1800s, Speed Community Fair brochures, newsletters, hotel ledgers, judge docket ledgers from 1890-1920s, church items, family papers, and much more.



Visit our 2 collections on Indiana Memory at <https://indianamemory.org>

## CHARLESTOWN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Henryville Library

214 E Main St, Henryville, IN 47126  
812-294-4246  
Mon: 9 am - 6 pm  
Tue & Thu: 10 am - 8 pm  
Wed: 12 pm - 6 pm  
Fri: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sat: 10 am - 2 pm



### Charlestown Library

51 Clark Rd, Charlestown, IN 47111  
812-256-3337  
Mon-Thu: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

### Sellersburg Library

430 N Indiana Ave, Sellersburg, IN 47172  
812-246-4493  
Mon-Thu: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

### Borden Library

117 W Main St, Borden, IN 47106  
812-258-9041  
Mon: 11 am - 6 pm      Wed: Closed  
Tue & Thu: 11 am - 7 pm  
Fri: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

### New Washington Library

210 S Poplar St, New Washington, IN 47162  
812-293-4577  
Mon & Fri: 9 am - 5 pm      Wed: Closed  
Tue & Thu: 12 pm - 8 pm  
Sat: 9 am - 1 pm

## Henryville, Indiana A Brief History & Walking Tour

Clark County, Indiana Territory was formed 3 February 1801.  
Indiana became a State on 11 December 1816.  
Collins Township formed ~1816 & renamed Monroe Township ~1826.  
Morristown was platted in 1850 and renamed Henryville in 1853.

### Before Henryville

Zebulon Collins operated a still house 1.5 miles east of Henryville at Silver Creek on Charlestown-Brownstown Road (now SE of CR160 and Caney Rd) around 1813. It lasted until about 1826. He then had a way tavern there. The first government polls for the township were opened in this tavern. From *History of the Ohio Falls Cities and Their Counties* 1889: "The old Collins fort, where the rangers were stationed, was situated about one and a half miles southeast of Henryville, on the Silver creek branch of Silver creek."

### The Beginnings of Henryville

James R. Ferguson, son of Col. Henry Ferguson, owned the land that became Henryville. About 1848 he sold and donated land to the Jeffersonville & Indianapolis Railroad (later renamed Pennsylvania Railroad 1873) so that they would build the railroad through the area. In 1850, Joseph Biggs platted Morristown around the railroad. Morristown was renamed Henryville in honor of Col. Henry Ferguson in 1853 due to another town in Indiana with the same name.



Original Plat Map of Morristown in 1850



Henryville 1875

Main Street  
(now Penn  
Street) & the  
Pennsylvania  
Railroad

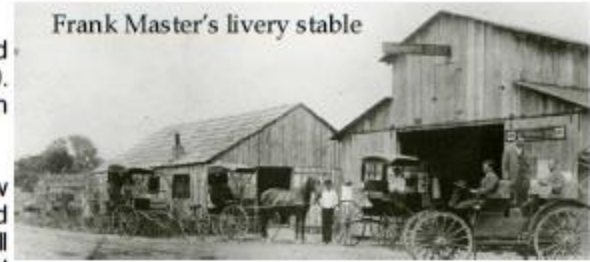
## Roads

Roads formed from Indian trails and along creeks. Several primary travel routes intersected around what was to become Henryville. A block house was located at the corner of Caney Road and CR160. It was also used as a stage coach stop. The Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad, which brought on the development of Henryville, mostly follows an Indian trail.



Old Salem Avenue circa 1890

Charlestown-Brownstown Road ran north-south. This road is now Brownstown Road and County Road 160. The east-west road was Salem-Charlestown Road which followed what is now Prall Hill Road to Pennsylvania Street to Main Street to Mt Zion Road to the intersection of Henryville-Bluelick Road and Shelter Road and then followed CR160 west. Wall Street is now the section of CR160 in town. Old Main Street is now Penn Street. Old Salem Avenue is now Main Street. Highway 31 (Ferguson St) came from what was the track of the interurban electric train owned by Indianapolis & Louisville Traction Company. Built in 1904-1905, the interurban operated from 1905-1933 and ran from Louisville to Seymour. The tracks were removed in 1935. Interstate 65 with Exit 19 opened 14 September 1960.



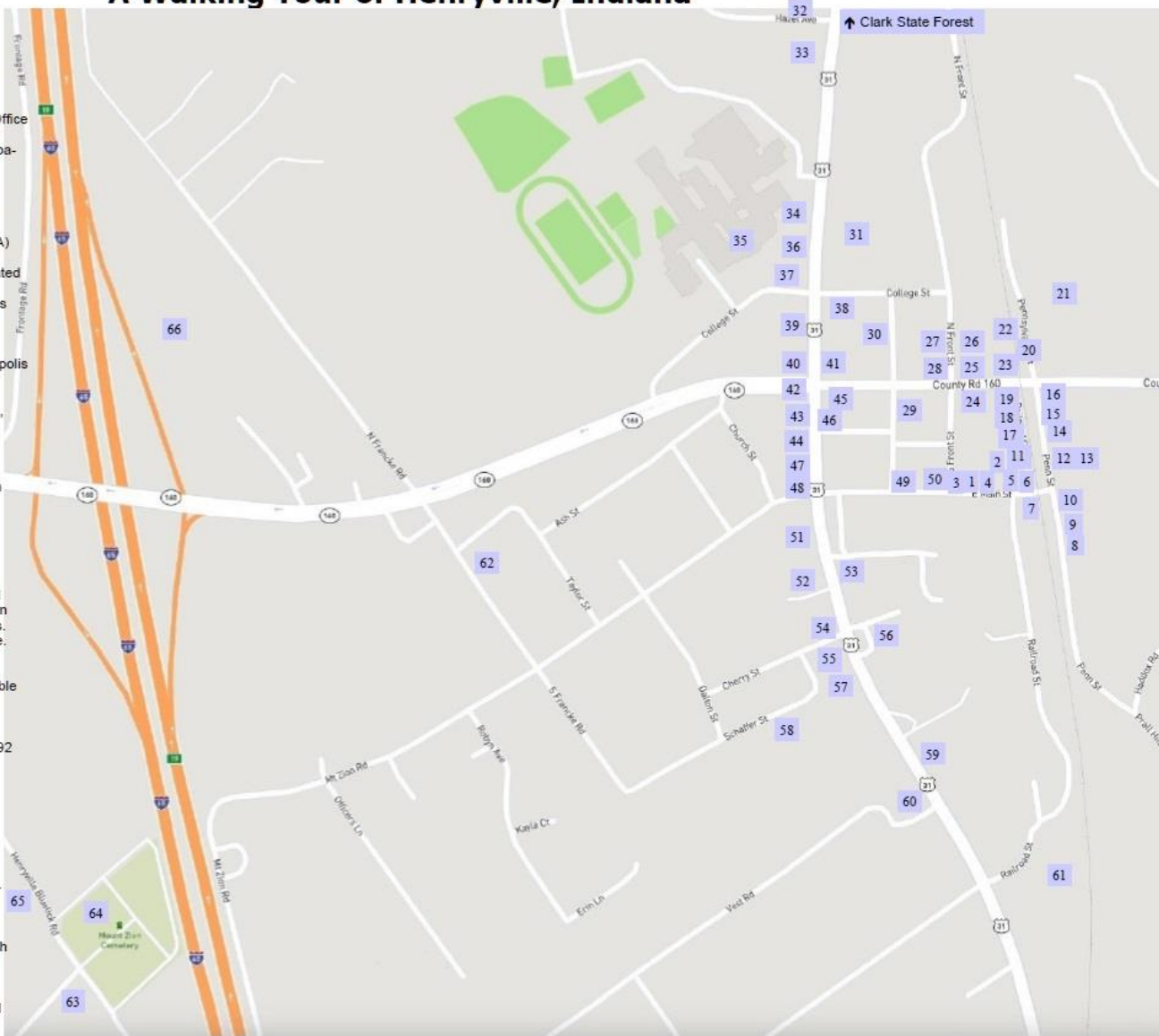
Frank Master's livery stable

1875 Plat Map



# A Walking Tour of Henryville, Indiana

1. Henryville Public Library built in 1985 at 214 Main St
2. Saw Mill on original plat map of Morristown
3. C.E. Clegg Furniture Hardware & Undertaker and I.O.O.F.
4. Joe Max Groceries; Post Office
5. Guernsey Bros Groceries; Post Office
6. Henryville State Bank (org. 1904)
7. Murphy's Henryville Supply Company; later a grain elevator c1890
8. Casey house
9. Grocery store (Shaw, Applegate, Adams). Building lost 2nd floor in 1948 tomato.
10. Williams house (parking lot of IGA)
11. Applegate house (raised 2012??)
12. Knight of Honor (org. ~1870) located above a commercial business
13. Elam B. Guernsey Store 1860-70s
14. Bollinger building c1890
15. DeWeese house c1870
16. DeWeese Store c1890
17. Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad depot (original location)
18. Hotel (raised 2017)
19. Doctor's house. Built by Dr. Elrod, lived there then Dr. Shanklin.
20. Pennsylvania Railroad depot (raised after 1943)
21. Saw mill (1875 map)
22. Dr. Elrod built for Homer & Autumn Elrod Clegg (daughter)
23. Henryville fire house (first)
24. telephone exchange (house still standing 2018) ran by Enteman then McNay
25. Dietrich's Garage c1930
26. Dr. Elrod office which was moved from next to DeWeese Store when CR160 was constructed in 1940's. Also Dr. Shanklin then Dr. Worhie.
27. Enteman Barber Shop
28. Enteman Store
29. Frank Masters Feed & Livery Stable
30. stockyards for interurban railroad
31. Presbyterian Church (original location was close to Wolf Run Creek) built in 1876 burned in 1892
32. Henryville Community Church
33. American Legion; Community Building
34. Henryville Schools (high school built 1910)
35. Henryville Schools (current)
36. Koots Restaurant
37. Master's Garage
38. Henryville Community Presbyterian Church 106 N Ferguson St built in 1926 (current)
39. School House No. 5
40. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church built ~1870, 2nd church 1927?
41. Interurban Station 2 - replaced the one across street (later became Goodfella's Pizza, raised after 2012 tomato)



42. Furnish Restaurant - built 1924; removed in 1960s when CR 160 was built
43. Furnish Garage
44. Saloon, dance hall, garage, laundry mat
45. Post office (current)
46. Interurban Station 1 - burned; Indiana and Louisville Traction Co. (interurban) laid tracks in 1904-05. Operated 1905 to 1933. Tracks removed 1935.
47. McCoy Texaco, Hutchin's garage, Henryville Library, video store
48. Henryville Methodist Church was at Little Union school house ~1830. Then built church next to Mt. Zion Cemetery on Henryville Bluelick Road in 1839. It was used until 1860s at which time they shared the Presbyterian Church next to Wolf Run Creek. 1871-2 they built wood frame church at 113 S Ferguson St which burned in 1932 and built the current brick church that year.)
49. New Washington State Bank (current)
50. Farm implement store & telephone service (Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company came to Henryville in 1900. Indiana Bell telephone established in 1903 by Hart & Dunlevy. Exchange opened in 1925.); Allen's Drug Store (1948)
51. Overton's Garage, Robertson Garage
52. Adams Funeral Home (current) built by Bollinger in late 1930s
53. Deltrich Deil & Grocery; Tanner's
54. Stein's Store, Ann's Pool Hall
55. Rural Membership Water Corp.
56. Masonic Lodge
57. Golden Tip Grocery & Gas, Stott's Garage
58. First Church of God (current)
59. Henryville Medical Plaza
60. Monroe Township Fire Dept.
61. Henryville Canning Company opened 1902 - south of town between railroad tracks and HWY 31
62. First Baptist Church (current)
63. Methodist Episcopal Church - original location
64. Mount Zion Cemetery
65. St. Frances Xavier Cemetery
66. Little Union-Gross Cemetery

Clark State Forest is located just north of Henryville on Highway 31. It was formed in 1903 and is Indiana's oldest state forest.