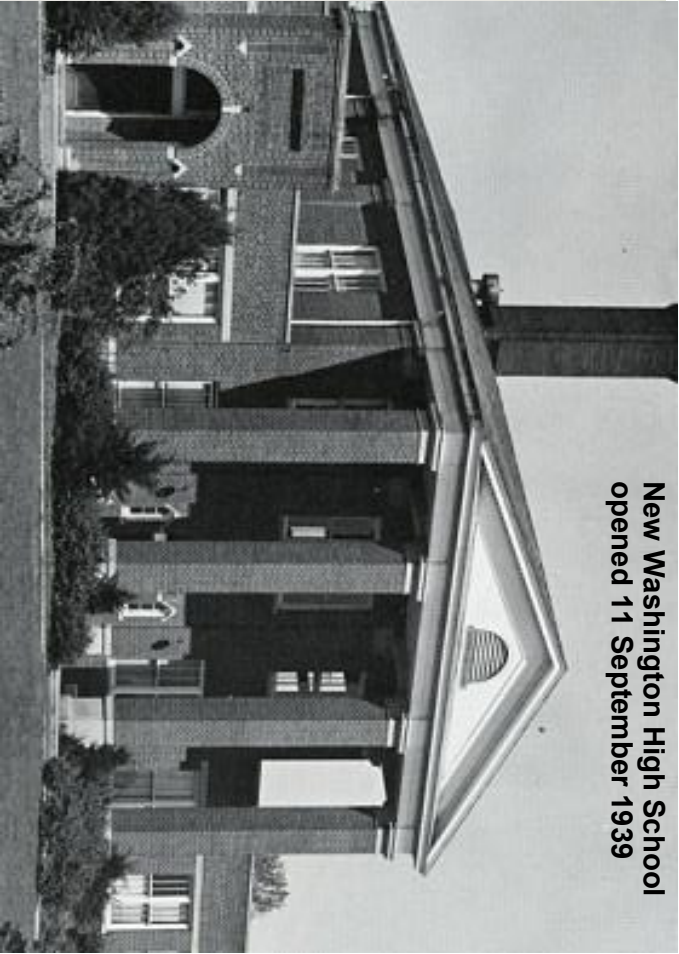


A Walking Tour of New Washington, Indiana

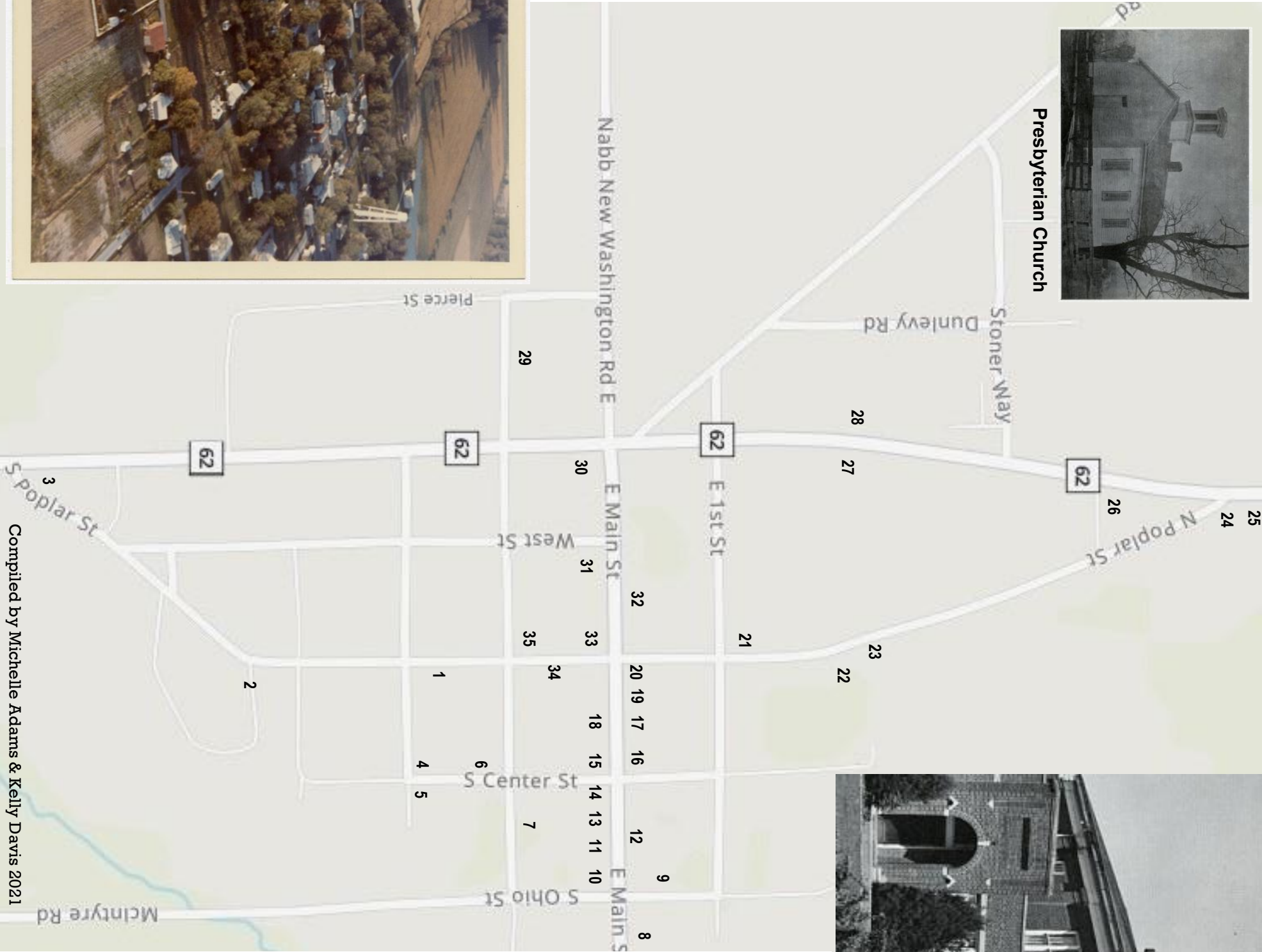
1. **New Washington Library** - In 1977, the Charlestown Township Public Library opened a branch library on Highway 62 across from the school. The community came together to make the library a reality. The library moved to a house on the corner of Center and First Streets. A second move put the library in a larger building on Poplar Street. In 1983, the library purchased this building and property. A new library was to be built which meant the library had to move again. It was located in a house owned by the school. On 25 March 1984, the new permanent library was dedicated on Poplar Street.
2. Crown Hill Cemetery
3. location of old school house #9 (gone)
4. New Washington Christian Church cemetery (old town cemetery)
5. Wiggam Lumber
6. New Washington Christian Church built in 1842 with an addition in 1921. Location of the first Baptist Church in town built 1822.
7. Methodist Church built in 1837. In mid 1990s, building was a mill and feed store. (gone)
8. The Tan Yard Hill - location of a leather tannery 1820-1840
9. Masonic Lodge
10. Waters Funeral Home opened 1916. Sold to Peters & Monroe in 1933. Wilson Waters owned it from 1949-1985.
11. silent movie theater started by Hal Duffy in 1914, was also a skating rink
12. Site of Presbyterian Academy. Church was downstairs and school had 2 rooms upstairs. School house #1 for township. New school built on same site in 1894 which is the present day building. Movies where show here. 1928 the Masons purchased the building. They owned it until 2001.
13. Original New Washington State Bank location. It opened 8 March 1908. Now the location of the bank parking lot.
14. second New Washington State Bank built in 1969. This is the site of the first house built in town which was a log cabin. It was used as a store which burned in 1930. Then there was a tavern here in 1935 until WWII. Later it became a restaurant and was the location of the last doctor's office in town.
15. In 1915 C.B. Wiggam opened a silent movie house here and later he made it a restaurant and bakery then in 1939 changed it to a tavern. Over the years it had many names and owners.
16. First store in town opened 1816 by Pruett & Thompson. Joseph Bower took over in 1817 and opened a tavern in back.
17. location of a hardware store built in 1943 and added feed mill in 1951 which burned in 1978. It was rebuilt and is New Washington Hardware store.
18. post office
19. first location of a post office in town



Presbyterian Church



New Washington High School
opened 11 September 1939



1975 looking north

20. New Washington Telephone Company here until 1962
21. Trinity United Presbyterian Church
22. New Washington Elementary
23. Floyd Bower Tavern opened 1929 (gone)
24. New Washington fairgrounds - The New Washington Fair was started in 1914. Prior to this time, there was a horse race track at this location. The New Washington Fair Association purchased the land 30 December 1919. The fair ran between 1914 and 1930. It included a race track, exhibits of animals, farm crops, home canned foods, baked goods and needle work. The New Washington Lodge F. and A.M. #167 built a meeting house and shelter buildings on the fairgrounds which included an equipped kitchen. The facilities provide meeting space for the community. In 1963 the NWVFD moved to the fairgrounds and eventually purchased the land. They hold their annual fair here each year.
25. New Washington Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1954. In June 1961, it was incorporated. They then leased .04 acres on the north side of town along Highway 62 at the fairgrounds on 30 March 1963. The land was purchased by the fire department 8 April 1974.
26. First Baptist Church
27. New Washington Middle and High School
28. Boyer Locker Plant from 1948-1980 (gone)
29. Washington Township Water Corporation
30. West End Service Station built 1939 by Everett Well and Joe Hooker. Hooker ran a taxi service 1941-1948. Building has been replaced.
31. Grayson Funeral Home opened 1966
32. Young Funeral Home location (gone)
33. Sug Water's general store here for 50+ years.
34. Wells garage & bus station; previous sight of New Washington Motor Company, sold Fords
35. Elmer Bower Garage



The first settlements in Washington Township were west of New Washington and north where Fourteen Mile Creek forks. New Washington was laid out by David Cople, Bala Johnson and Adam Keller in 1815. There were 128 lots with 8 lots for public use. Westport Road, first road in the township, ran from the Ohio River to Road 62) connected down to Charlestown and ran northeast to Madison. Locating Providence's mill on Fourteen Mile Creek in Section 198, Tunnel Mill Road (Old State Road 62) connected down to Charlestown and ran northeast to Madison. Locating New Washington along this pass through road was a natural choice. It provided a stopping point for travelers and a place for stores, churches and a school.

1807 - Providence's mill built on Fourteen Mile Creek & was 1st post office
1808 - John Cople had the first blacksmith shop in Section 29
1815 - New Washington was laid out
1816 - Brewitt & Thompson opened the 1st store at Main and Main Cross Streets
1819 - Johnson made addition of 9 lots on the west side of town
1819 - post office was relocated to town
1830 - The seminary school house was built on Main Street
1838 - New Washington became an incorporated town
1857 - Masonic Lodge was organized
1897 - 2 additions of 33 lots and 12 lots were made to the south of town
1882 - New Washington had 250 residents and 9 public schools in the township
1908 - Nabbs and New Washington Telephone Company was organized. The phone exchange was located at Main and Poplar Streets.
1908 - New Washington State Bank opened
1914 - New Washington Fair Association began the New Washington Fair
1916 - New Washington Motor Company opened and sold Fords.
1919 - 1st electrical power company was started with a single cylinder gas engine.
1926 - Old State Road 62 competed
1926 - Ella Fisher Chapter #487 Order of the Eastern Star organized
1927 - School moved to location on Highway 62.
About 1930 - town connected to Madison Light & Power
1936 - new State Road 62 opened.
1939 - The first service station between Charlestown and Hanover
opened on Highway 62. It was co-owned by Everett Wells & Lamont Joe Hooker.
1954 - New Washington Volunteer Fire Department established.
1962 - Washington Township Water Corporation formed. Distribution began 1964.

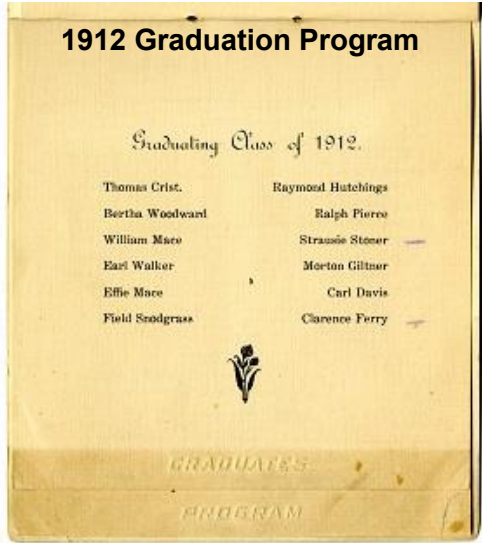
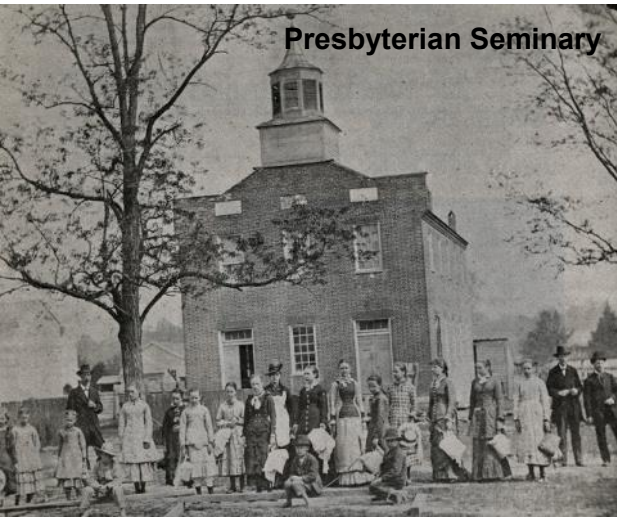
Clark County, Indiana Territory was formed 3 February 1801.
New Washington was laid out in 1815.
Washington Township formed in Spring 1816.
Indiana became a State on 11 December 1816.

A Brief History & Walking Tour New Washington, Indiana

Schools

Washington Township's first school was a few miles south of New Washington on Old State Road 62 near the junction with Highway 62. The location is near the Adams Cemetery. Nine school districts were established in the township. Each with its own school. The schools were: Britian, Hooker, Huber, Nabbs, New Washington, Noe, Walker, Crossroads and Bradley.

New Washington's first school was a simple log structure. Funds from sale of lots in

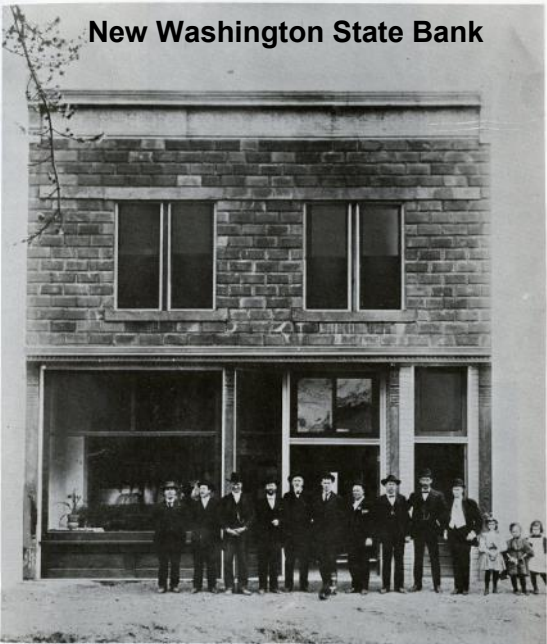


acres were purchased on Highway 62 for a new school. The schools in the area were consolidated and moved into the new school at Christmas 1926. This is the location of the current schools.

On 13 May 1935, the schoolhouse burned. A new building was built and opened in 1937. In 1969, the New Washington School joined the Greater Clark County School Corporation. A new high school was opened in 1984. The elementary was moved in January 1973.

New Washington State Bank

In 1907, community members organized the first bank in New Washington. The bank was opened 8 March 1908. Capital stock was 250 shares at \$100 par value. A new charter had to be obtained in March 1928 and it was named The New Washington State Bank. In 1942, Henryville State Bank was purchased and became the first branch.



The New Washington Courier

John Smith began a newspaper in 1891 called *The Bethlehem Post*. He moved in 1894 and his newspaper became *The Marble Hill Era*. Then in 1896, he moved to New Washington where he changed the name again. His motto was "Not for Love, Honor, or Fame, but for Cash." He ran the newspaper until 1940 when it was sold. The newspaper was moved to Charlestown and became the *Charlestown Courier*.



Churches

1816 Pisgah Presbyterian Church was organized at Walker home at Camp Creek in Section 34.

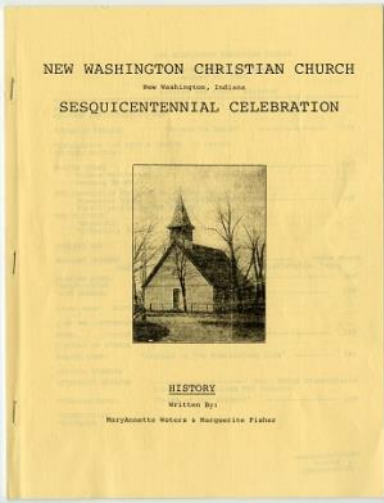
1822 Baptist Church was first church built in town at Main Cross & Third St.

1833 or 1835 first Methodist church on Third Street between Main Cross and Ohio Streets. They had the first Sunday school for all denominations.

1837 first Seceder church at Green Street between Third & Washington

1842 first Christian Church built at Main Cross & Third Streets. This is where the Baptist Church had been 20 years earlier.

1916 Presbyterian Church was built at Poplar & First Streets



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