How to Research Historic Buildings

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Preserve Greater Indy 5-19-2018

- Starting with Address
  - Sanborn Maps: http://sanborn.umi.com.proxy.ulib.uits.iu.edu/
  - City Directories: https://archive.org/details/indianapolispubliclibrarycitydirectories
  - Newspapers: https://newspapers.library.in.gov/
  - Census Data: https://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=35
  - o Clippings: State Library, Public Library, IHS Library
  - Preservation Plans: http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/IHPC/Districts/Historic/Pages/home.aspx
- Starting with Name
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  - Newspapers: https://newspapers.library.in.gov/
  - County Histories: https://archive.org/
  - Census Data: https://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=35
  - Get Address, search
- Starting with Photograph
  - Google reverse image searching: https://images.google.com/
  - Photographer Info
  - "Read" the Building
  - "Read" the Surroundings
- Indiana State Library Sources
  - In House: street scenes and aerial photography; microfilmed newspapers; county deed indexes; clippings
  - Online Newspaper Index: https://www.in.gov/library/newspaperholdings.htm
  - Indiana Biography Index: http://www.in.gov/library/3443.htm
  - County History Holdings Guide: http://www.in.gov/library/4183.htm
  - Map Collection: http://www.in.gov/library/3551.htm
  - Hoosier State Chronicles: https://newspapers.library.in.gov/
- IUPUI University Library Sources
  - Sanborn Maps: http://sanborn.umi.com.proxy.ulib.uits.iu.edu/
  - o Indianapolis History: http://ulib.iupui.edu/collections/IndyHist
  - o Indiana Historic Architecture Slide Collection: http://ulib.iupui.edu/collections/IHAS
  - IHPC Slide Collection: http://ulib.iupui.edu/collections/HT

- Online Databases
  - Hathi Trust: https://www.hathitrust.org/
  - Internet Archive: https://archive.org/
  - Google Books: https://books.google.com/
  - Indiana Memory: https://digital.library.in.gov/
  - What was There: http://www.whatwasthere.com/
  - History Pin: https://www.historypin.org/en/
  - o Indiana Album: http://indianaalbum.pastperfectonline.com/
- Indiana Historical Society Sources
  - Catalog: indianahistorylibrary.worldcat.org/
  - Digital collections: images.indianahistory.org/
- Helpful Databases
  - State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD): in.gov\dnr\historic\4505.htm
  - General Land Office Land Patents: glorecords.blm.gov
  - City of Indpls MapIndy: http://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/
- Neighborhood Histories
  - Individuals; Families; Businesses; Architecture; Developers; Landscapes; Transportation; Changing boundaries; Events
  - IHPC Preservation Plans: http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/IHPC/Districts/Historic/Pages/home.aspx
  - Polis Center: http://www.polis.iupui.edu/RUC/
  - National Register nominations: https://npgallery.nps.gov/nrhp
  - Encyclopedia of Indianapolis: https://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/EOI/id/4848/rec/1
- Full Historic House Research Guide: https://www.indianalandmarks.org/2016/06/historichouse-research-guide/
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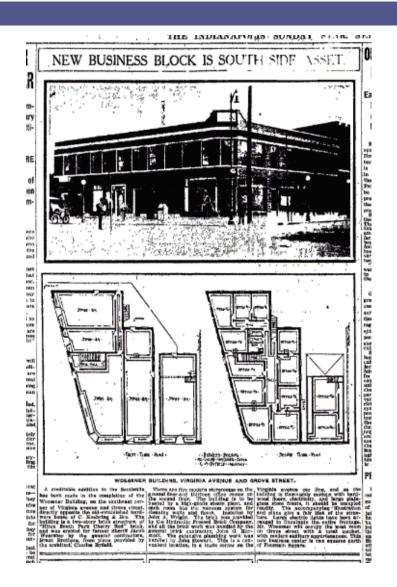
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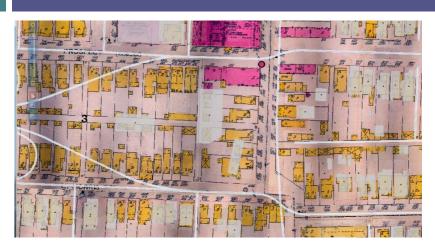
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- Starting with
  - Address
  - Name
  - Unidentified photo
- Sources by institution
- Highlight 3 databases
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# Starting with Address

- Sanborn Maps
- City Directories
- Newspapers
- Census Data
- Clippings
- Preservation Plans



# Maps: 1898, 1915, 1941



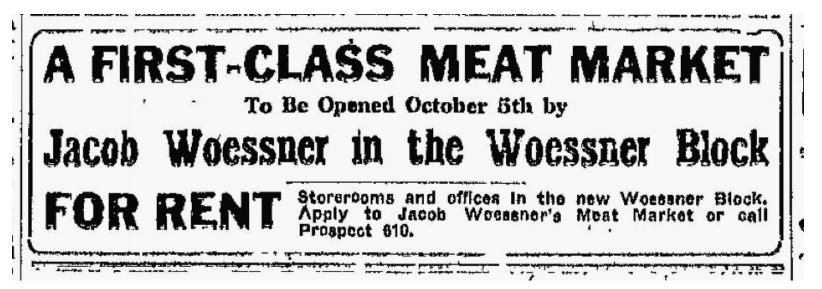




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- Newspapers
- County Histories

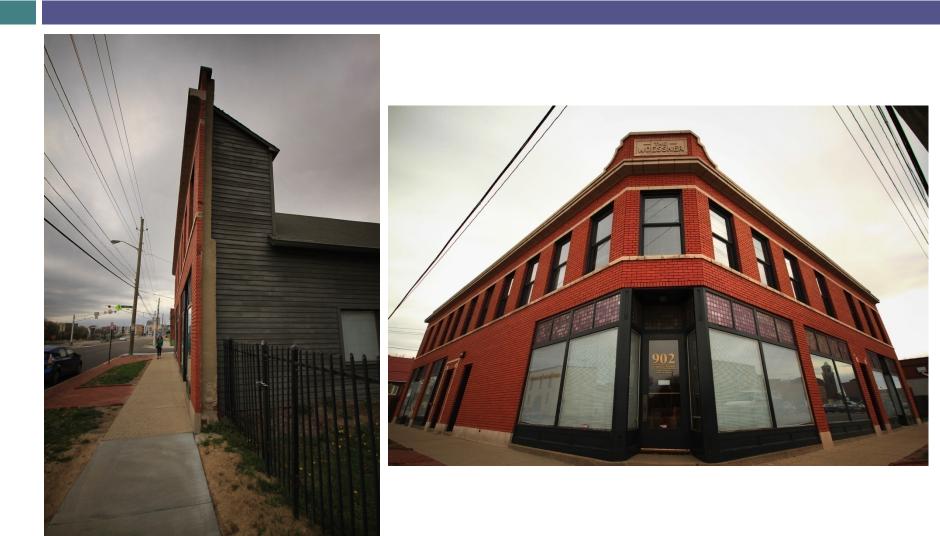
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# Starting with Unidentified Photo

- Google Reverse Image Searching
- Photographer Info
- "Reading" the Building
  - What does the architecture look like?
  - Setback/spacing of lots and size of houses?
  - Range of addresses on porches?
- "Reading" the Surroundings
  - Automobiles/clothing = date
  - Landscape/geography

# Reading the Building



# Indiana State Library Sources

#### Indiana State Library

- In house: street views and aerial photography, microfilmed newspapers, county deed indexes & most deed books, clippings
- Online Newspaper Index
- Indiana Biography Index
- Indiana City Directories Guide
- County History Holdings Guide
- VINE Vital Information Exchange
- Map Collection
- Hoosier State Chronicles Newspaper Program

# **IUPUI University Library Sources**

Maps, Atlases, Slides, etc.

- Sanborn Maps (Proquest)
- Historic Indiana Atlases
- Historic Indiana Maps
- Historic Indiana Plat Books
- Historic Aerial Photography Collection
- Indiana Historic Architecture Slide Collection
- The Indiana Preservationist
- Indianapolis City Directory Collection
- Indianapolis History
- Indiana Geological Survey
- IHPC Slide Collection

# **Online Databases**

- Digitized Sources
  - Hathi<u>Trust</u>
  - Internet Archive
  - <u>Google Books</u>
  - Indiana Memory

- Photo Sources
  - What Was There
  - History Pin
  - IHPC Preservation Plans
  - Indiana Album



# Indiana Historical Society Sources

- Manuscript Collections
- Visual Collections
- Map Collections
- Catalog: indianahistorylibrary.worldcat.org/
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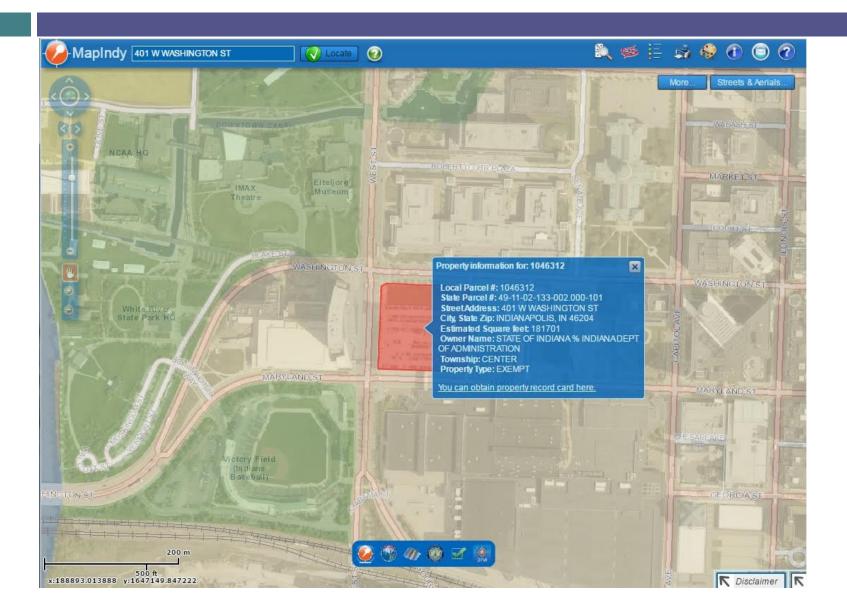
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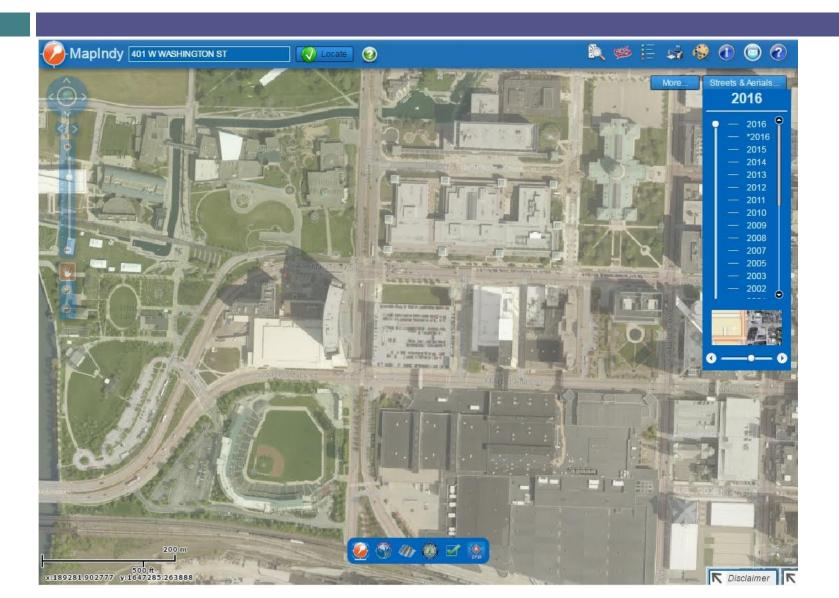
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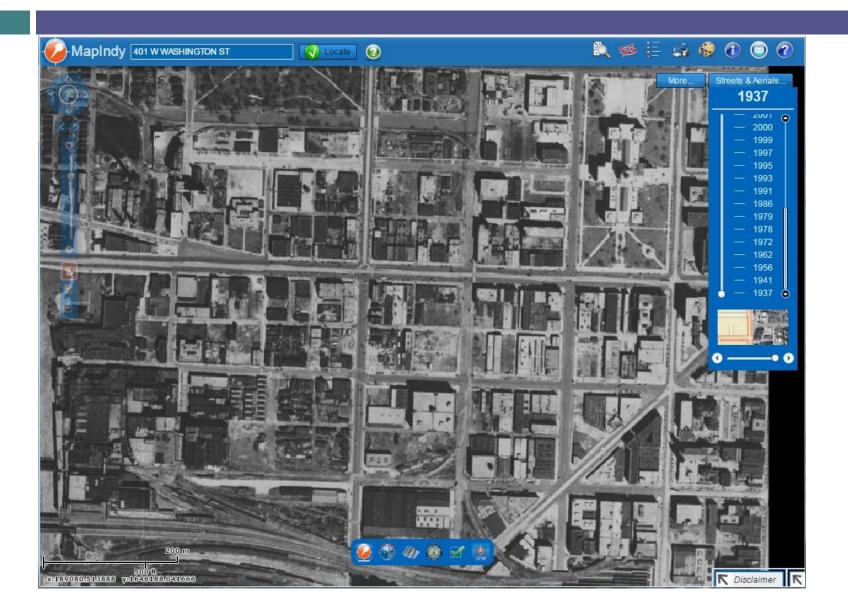
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#### Initial Sources

- IHPC Preservation
  <u>Plans</u>
- Polis Center
- National Register district nominations
- Encyclopedia of Indianapolis

#### House Research Guide

Detailed Guide: https://www.indianalandmarks.org/2016/06/hi storic-house-research-guide/

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