House Histories

Research the history of a house by tracing backwards through time. Begin with the current owner using Monroe County GIS online or the County Recorder's Office transfer books.

RESOURCES	SEARCH & INFO	ACCESS
Deed Indexes *1811-44; 1817-44; 1841-52; 1852-59; 1850-59; 1854-63*	Land deeds organized by surname, following change of title or deed.	Indiana Room: IND GR 977.2 IN M53 Land Dee
Monroe County Geographic Information System (GIS) *dates back to the 19th century*	Land records database; searchable by address, parcel ID, or owners name. *A free service, but requires creation of an account.*	Monroe County Government Website *http://www.co.monroe. in.us/tsd/GIS.aspx*
Bloomington, Indiana City Directories *(1900–current)*	Telephone and address directories; searchable by name and phone number. *Only includes addresses within Bloomington city limits at the time of publication.*	Indiana Room: IND R 977.2 Bl

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
 1883, 1887, 1892, 1898, 1907, 1913, 1927, 1927-1937
	Maps with detailed building depictions; organized by city and year.
	
	 Also of interst: *Fire Insurance Maps: Their History and Applications* by Diane L. Oswald (IND GR 929.1072 Osw)
		• Indiana Room Map
		   Collection
		 • IU Libraries Online
		   (pre-1923 only)

Monroe County Plat Maps
 1856, 1928, 1967, 1971, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010
	Maps arranged by county townships and display owner's name and boundary lines.
	
	 Plat maps present areas are outside Bloomington city limits at time of publication.
		• Indiana Room:
		   IND GR 977.2 IN M53
		 • Library website
		   via *Monroe County Community Collections*

Monroe County Histories *1884; 1914; 1922*	*Counties of Morgan, Monroe, and Brown, Indiana* (1884) IND GR 977.2 IN M53 History Bla *History of Lawrence and Monroe Counties* (1914) IND GR 977.2 IN M53 History His *Historic Treasures* (Bloomington, IU, & Monoe County) (1922) IND GR 977.2 IN M53 History Hal	Indiana Room: IND GR 977.2 IN M53 *Online versions may be available via the Library catalog.*
Obituaries *1827–recent*	Searchable by name. Search for previous owners—a date of death may indicate date of transfer of ownership.	Library website via *Monroe County Obituary Index*
U.S. Federal Census Records *1790–1940*	Street names and addresses can change over time—census records provide exact house addresses at the time. Information about neighbors can be useful when using plat maps.	Library website via *Ancestry* and *Heritage Quest*
Interim Reports *Bloomington: 1986 & 2004 Monroe County: 1989*	An inventory of historic sites and structures.	Indiana Room: IND R 728
Monroe County Index *1818–recent*	A finding aid for holdings in the Indiana Room and Monroe County History Center.	Library website via *Monroe County Index*
Monroe County Timeline *1785–recent*	The authoritative & popular index of Monroe County history and events. Searchable by keyword.	Library website via *Monroe County Timeline*

Access online Library resources at *https://**mcpl.info/Indiana***