

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Historic Structure Research Resource Check-list
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Aerial photos, old <http://www.historicaerials.com/>
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Baist Atlas maps
Bass Historic Photo collection -- <http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm4/search.php>
Broad Ripple Gazette – request specific information through an ad or article.
Broad Ripple Gazette – check prior issues. Lots of info. alan@broadripplegazette.com
BroadRippleHistory.com – www.broadripplehistory.com website has our committee info.
Broad Ripple United Methodist Church history 1852- 2002
http://www.broadrippleumc.org/Broad_Ripple_United_Methodist_Church_History_1852-2002.pdf
BRVA Historic Home Tour information – Sue Zilisch bungalow47@sbcglobal.net
Census records (Sharon Freeland can get early census information for us). brva@mybroadripple.com
City County Building – sub basement archives.
City Directories (by R.L. Polk and Haines)
Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology --
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/index.htm>
First American Title: Sue Zilisch or Alice Roettger
Genealogical Society of Marion County
Google
“Historic Building Research – What the Building Can Tell You” (from Chad Lethig) Chris can email to you if you don’t already have it.
“Historic House Research – What Records Can Tell You” (from Chad Lethig) Chris can email to you if you don’t already have it.
“Historic House Research Handbook” (from Chad Lethig) Chris can email to you if you don’t already have it.
Historic Landmarks Foundation, Contact Chad Lethig at flip@historiclandmarks.org
Historic Landmarks Interim Report of Properties
I-MCP Library, Abstracts from (on a limited basis)
IN.gov historic records (There is a subscription fee, but Sharon will check into having BRVA pay for it so that the committee can access)
Indiana Historical Society
Broad Ripple History Saturdays –check with Alan Hague alan@broadripplegazette.com
Indiana State Library
Indiana State Archives, 6440 E 30th St. Indianapolis (30th & Emerson) 317-591-5222
Individual property owners--interviews (proceed with caution and respect desire for privacy)
IUPUI digital photo collection
Legal title & description (from City zoning website) <http://imaps.indygov.org/Zoning/>
Old Broad Ripple town board minutes (see Alan Hague) alan@broadripplegazette.com
Old Gazettes & Village Samplers alan@broadripplegazette.com
Personal research/interview with current or past property owners – with caution. Recommended that we not bother owners of buildings or homes; the info we seek can be obtained through other avenues.
Owners may be contacted in the proper way at a later time if warranted.
Polis Center
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
Sharon Butsch Freeland, Executive Director of BRVA, brva@mybroadripple.com
State Department of Architecture and Preservation
Streets in Broad Ripple which no longer exist - Alan Hague has a map showing all the names
alan@broadripplegazette.com

Sue Zilisch bungalow47@sbcglobal.net

Title Research

Union Chapel Cemetery records <http://www.unionchapelcemetery.com/> or contact Alan Hague
alan@broadripplegazette.com

Wander around the Village on foot

Information and Things to look for:

Date or estimated date that a structure was built and who the builder was

Name(s) of the first owners

Photograph of the building or structure.

Legal title & description of a property– lot numbers, etc.

Title & Abstract

Other Tips

Obtaining title and abstract information may be difficult for committee members to do since one must seek this information in person during normal business hours. The Indiana Historical Society has a large collection of abstracts. Sue will try to get access to these records; she has access to the appropriate people and resources. If committee members obtain basic facts, Sue can take the search further for us. She also offered to share with the committee her password at the Indiana State Library. We can go there and use their computers and research-related subscriptions at no cost. Sue further offered to get a better idea of who will give us what information.

Committee members are requested to email their research results to Alan (alan@broadripplegazette.com) and he will add them to the Broad Ripple History website. Images should be in jpeg format or pdf. Research notes should be in a Word document and should provide as much background as possible. Include unanswered questions, all details even if they seem insignificant, mention contradictions found during research, and give attribution for everything