

# A walk down *memory lane*

## SILAS M. CLARK HOUSE



(200 South Sixth Street)

**Built:** 1870  
 Home of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County. An Italian villa-style brick dwelling, characterized by the use of S-brackets, a low-pitched gable roof, a bay window, round-headed windows, brick quoins, and a tall, square tower. Silas M. Clark was a judge on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and one of the founders of Indiana Normal School (1875). The building was purchased by various civic groups. Through various grants, extensive exterior and interior restoration was made from 1993-1996.

## J. P. CARTER HOUSE (THOMAS SUTTON HOUSE)



(209 South Sixth Street)

**Built:** 1870  
 A two-story brick building, merging elements of Second Empire (mansard roof, dormers, classical moldings and arched doors) and Italian Villa. The top of the tower has been removed. The dwelling cost Carter, a local businessman, \$30,000. He deliberately built a larger house than his neighbor Silas M. Clark in retaliation for Clark's having secured the service of the architect whom Carter wanted. Thomas Sutton, son of IUP's John Sutton, purchased the home in 1879. The house has been divided into apartments.

## JOHN W. SUTTON HOUSE



(134 South Sixth Street)

**Built:** 1882-1883  
 Built by John W. Sutton, Indiana merchant and son of the more famous John Sutton for whom the main building on IUP's campus is named. Predominantly Second Empire in style, it has a mansard roof, dormers and brick quoins. Also featured is an oriel (bay window) on the southern wall and elliptical fanlight and sidelights surrounding the front entrance. A porch extending the length of the front was removed in the 1960's. From 1920 until 1963, the house was used as the manse for the Calvary United Presbyterian Church. It was acquired at an auction for \$17,050 by the Mack family and had been used as the offices for the Mack law firm. It is now the law firm of Bonya, Gazza, and Degory.

### Touring Indiana

Indiana is full of old homes, many of which are historic. They are scattered around the borough, but a cluster of them is along Sixth Street, making it perfect to walk from location to location.  
*Information from The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County*

## ZION LUTHERAN MANSE



(114 South Sixth Street)

**Built:** 1899  
 An asymmetrical Queen Anne-style residence featuring wraparound porch and gingerbread tower, the manse was built in 1899. This style displays a variety of interior and exterior materials, forms, colors and textures. Projecting turrets and brick chimneys give the house a top-heavy appearance. Extensive restoration was made in the 1970s and 1980s.

## OLD COURTHOUSE BUILDING



(601 Philadelphia Street)

Now the headquarters of NBOC Bank. Built in the Second Empire-style with stone quoins, nine bays wide and five deep, mansard roof, and center clock tower. First floor windows have arched lintels and keystones. Second- and third-floor windows have segmented tops and triangular pediments. Windows are separated by pilasters and Corinthian columns. The tower consists of a podium, belfry and cupola. Designed by J.W. Drum, it was constructed in 1870 at a cost of \$186,000 on the site of the first courthouse. In 1972, following the construction of a new courthouse, the structure was saved from the wrecking ball by NBOC, which took out a 99-year lease with the county. The restoration work under the direction of Millan Kerr Architects and done by Pevarnik Brothers of Latrobe is estimated at \$500,000 and earned an "excellence in design-extended use" award from the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Masonry Institute of Western Pennsylvania.

## SHERIFF'S HOUSE AND JAIL



(29 North Sixth Street)

This was the fourth county jail, designed by C.H. Sparks and built by John Hastings. The 12-room house features cut stone quoins, decorative window heads and ornately turned woodwork on the portico. The sheriff's office also was located in the house. Executions were carried out in the courtyard between the house and the old courthouse. The last hanging was on Nov. 23, 1913. The house and jail have been restored by the NBOC Bank and are used for offices.

## COVENTRY INN



(11 North Sixth Street)

Former site of the Vogel Brothers Building (tailors and harness shop, 1849) and La Prima Bar and Restaurant. Now houses the Coventry Inn, an English country inn constructed by Charles Runyan, English sports car enthusiast and owner of the Roadster Factory. Some of the oak timbers were imported from England. The frame of the building is pinned together with oak pegs. The Coventry Inn is a replica of a pub which stood in Bedford-on-Avon, England. The Inn was begun in 1990 and opened in 1996.