



The Banjo Lesson by Ossawa Tanner (1893)



Actress Colleen Moore, one of the first flappers (1920)



Thomas Wolfe Cabin Near Asheville (1924)

FARMER FINDS LIVE INFANT IN A VALISE

Passenger on Train Had Evidently Tried to Throw Child Into River.

DE SOTO, Mo., Aug. 16.—William Helm, a farmer living near Irondale, Mo., found a valise alongside the Iron Mountain tracks late yesterday afternoon. He started to carry the valise to the station, when he was startled by the crying of a baby. Being unable to open the grip, which was locked, he cut it open with a knife and found a boy baby inside, about five days old.

The grip and babe had evidently been thrown off train No. 4, which passed that point at 5:30 p. m. It had lodged in a treetop and from thence fallen to the ground, where Helm found it. The child was but little injured.

The railroad crosses a big river at this point and is nearly 100 feet above the water. It was evidently the intention to throw the child into the river.

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1902.

CAN YOU FURNISH ANY CLEW TO IDENTIFY THIS BABY WHO WAS HURLED FROM A FAST PASSENGER TRAIN IN A VALISE?

The Infant's Life Was Spared Under Conditions Which Indicate That Providence Had Willed He Should Not Die—Farmer Heard a Feeble Cry and Thought It Was a Field Mouse.

INCIDENT NOW A DEEP MYSTERY

William Helms, Who Lives Just North of the Bridge Across Big River, Irondale, Mo., Discovered the Child and Hurled With It His Wife Who Nursed It Back to Life.

One person furnished a clew that will serve to identify the baby whose death was attempted Thursday evening by being hurled from a fast passenger train on the Iron Mountain Railroad two miles north of Irondale.

This train arrived at Union Station at 2:30 p. m. Thursday and the person who threw the baby from the train was in St. Louis.

Through the merciful goodness of Providence a boy child has been saved who would have died a moment ago and it was rescued by the farmer who found it.

The incident connected with the finding of the baby constituted a marvelous story of deep interest. The little one was rescued from a mysterious public death in the center of a mystery which only publicity can solve.

A staff correspondent of the Post-Dispatch was with the scene of the story yesterday. The facts revealed by a thorough investigation are as follows:

Last Thursday evening William Helms, a farmer who lives just north of the bridge across the river near Irondale, Mo., was returning home from the store.

To reach the roof he needed a certain piece of timber which he knew was in the barn near where the bridge crosses the river. As he was passing the barn, he saw a small object on the edge of the roof which he thought was a bird.

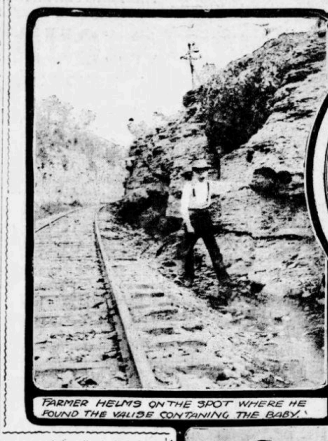
When he stepped forward to look at it, he saw that it was a small baby. He was startled and he called to his wife, who was in the house, to come and see.

When Mrs. Helms arrived home, she saw the baby and she was startled. She called to her husband and he came to the barn. They found the baby on the edge of the roof.

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE IRON MOUNTAIN BABY?

Do you know of a baby five or six days old who is missing? Do you know of anyone in your locality who has a baby of that age that was taken away from him last Thursday?

Do you know anyone who made a flannel shirt for a baby marked with pyramid shaped stitches inside the bottom hem in black thread? Do you see anyone heard an Iron Mountain train at Irondale or South of that town Thursday with such a baby?

Do you know anyone who recently bought a small, cheap telescope 15 inches long by five inches deep by six inches wide? The baby has fine black hair, dark blue eyes and weighs, dressed, eight pounds.

When found the baby was covered with hair rash. The baby wore a lace cap, flannel shirt, dusty skirt and a knit shirt buttoned up the front.

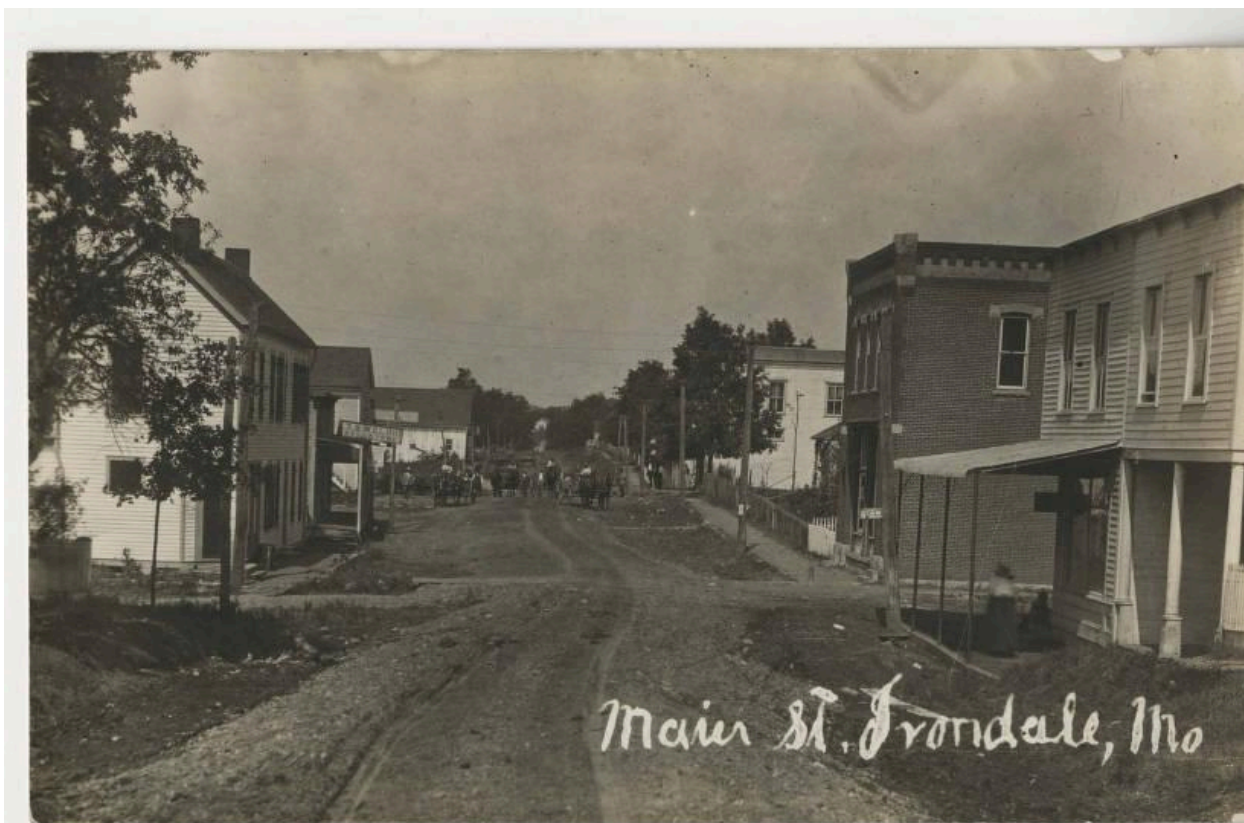
In the telescope view with baby were a knit skirt, a piece of black flannel and a piece of white flannel 4 feet square with pink, blue and red stripes.

Any person possessing information which may lead to the identification of the baby is invited to communicate with the Post-Dispatch. If out of the city, telegraph at the expense of this paper.

The original articles of the Iron Mountain Baby (1902)



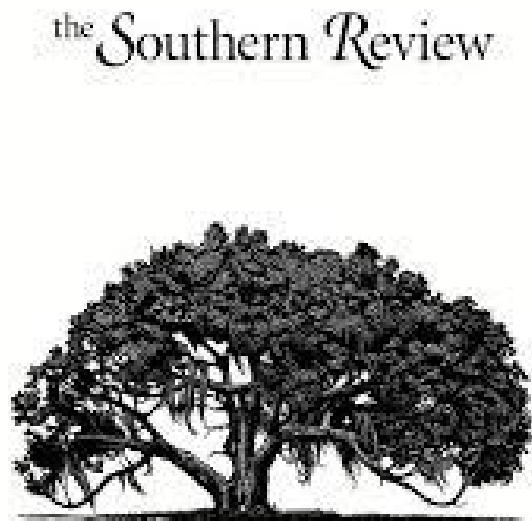
Irondale, Missouri Railroad Station (1930)



Main St. Irondale, Missouri (1900s)



The New Yorker Front Cover (1940)



The Original Southern Review Cover (1935)

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THE STARS AND STRIPES

Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces

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in the European Theater of Operations

Vol. 1 No. 1 Printed "Somewhere in France" Tuesday, July 4, 1944

YANKS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON PENINSULA

Minsk Falls Before New Soviet Drive

200,000 Germans Believed Ringed

Stalin late tonight announced the liberation of Minsk, the last large Russian city held by the Germans.

The vast new Russian offensive, which in a matter of days enveloped Vitebsk and Mogilev, yesterday afternoon saw Red Army troops less than 12 miles from Minsk and by tonight the city was overrun and liberated.

The fate of the 200,000-odd Germans encircled in the city was not revealed. Yesterday two Russian columns were reported astride the main escape routes from the city, and Russian guerrillas, long waiting for a chance to meet the Germans in force, were said to be grouped along another inadequate escape route.

With the liberation of Minsk, it was announced that Russian aircraft in great force were pounding supply dumps and

We Go to Press In France

History repeats itself. The Stars and Stripes, first conceived in Paris during World War I, is with this edition reborn in France. And it is right and proper that this newspaper should be produced here on July 4th for many of those it serves have shed their blood to liberate the city in which it is produced.

As the battle of liberation continues the greatest news story of all time unfolds. You who are playing on "the first team" deserve to know promptly, just how the game is progressing.

To keep you informed is our job and we plan to cover every engagement and record in the pages of this publication a full report of your courage, initiative and success.

At first we can offer you little more than a news sheet, for our plant and its equipment still carry the scars of recent battle; but as mechanical facilities are improved and press channels are established, we will begin to offer you all those features you have come to associate with the name Stars and Stripes.

And with the publication of this edition comes our pledge to provide a daily newspaper service for the American Forces in France.

Thrust Along 10-Mile Front In Southwest Gains Despite Rain and Lack of Air Support

American forces today were stretched across a 10-mile front in the southwest sector of the Cherbourg peninsula driving ahead in a new attack launched against the enemy early yesterday morning.

The attack, coming seven days after the fall of Cherbourg, was directed in the general direction of Le Hays du Puits, about 14 miles west of Carentan and on the main trunk road running south from Cherbourg. It was announced last night that an advance of two and a half miles was made at one point.

Heavy barrages of artillery and the keynote of the drive which saw Gen. Omar N. Bradley's infantry digging forward through rain and mud. Heavy rain, which fell Sunday night and early yesterday morning, prevented Allied air forces from sending air support to the infantry but it did not cut down the intensity of the ground attack.

The rain and low cloud kept the air support grounded through out the initial phases of the push but fighter-bombers joined the effort as the weather cleared in the afternoon.

The identity of the units participating in the new drive was not disclosed.

The artillery forces which laid down heavy concentrations during the assault had one of their biggest days since the invasion of the continent got under way.

The British Second Army, meanwhile, was engaged in reforming its forces southwest of

Award Bronze Star Medals To 33 in Fourth Infantry

8th Army in Italy Nears Trasimene; Siena Falls to 5th

Roosevelt Signs Bill Kiting Pay Of Infantry GIs

WASHINGTON, July 3. President Roosevelt today signed into law a bill boosting the pay of expert Army infantrymen.

The legislation will give a monthly increase of five dollars to foot soldiers not in combat areas and ten dollars to those in combat groups.

Eligible men will receive the pay hike provided they meet qualifications set up by the War Department. Complete details of those qualifications have not been released by Army officials. Those qualifying will also receive a special medal, it was announced.

Stars and Stripes Front Page (1944)

Baby Thrown from A Train

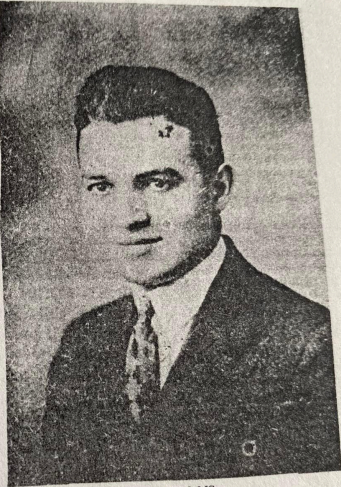
(Reprinted from "Reynolds County Times" February 2, 1967--contributed to us by Mrs. Harry Johnson.)

Here is a picture and the song of the baby, thrown off the train at Hopewell, Mo. The song was written by the Rev. John Barton, the same minister who wrote the song of Alice Summers. This little one, found in the year 1901, by a man named Bill Helms. When he went to water his team, he heard it cry. They raised him up to be a very nice man. I have played with him some when we were boys. He obtained part of his high school education at Salem about the years 1921 and 1922.

The satchel has been kept in the family and has never been on display. He was named after the man who found him and the railroad man, Bill. He was always called "Bill."

He married and later he went to Texas. He died there in 1957 and was brought back to Hopewell and buried in the town cemetery there. He was also brought back over the same railroad from which he was once thrown and taken off at the same town. This story was told to me by Bill Helms' grandchildren: Oscar Martin, Mrs. Lola Wisdom and Mrs. Grace Jandral.

written by A. E. Parker



— BILL HELMS —

May God bless them while they live;
God bless them when they die.

This little babe, bless its heart,
I cannot tell its name,
Has a mother to take its part,

I'll say to all "goodbye
Until we meet around the fire
In that bright world on high

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William Moses Gould Helms,
The Iron Mountain Baby, Article (1967)

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF IRON:

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any Church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between William M. Helms of Iron in the County of Iron and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years, and Sallie Helms of St. Louis in the County of Missouri and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years

WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Ironton, Missouri, this 3 day of June, 1923

(Seal) By Clara Schwab Deputy, J. M. Hawkins Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF Jefferson Mo.

This is to certify that the undersigned Rev. Wm. Grimm did, at Imperial in said County, on the 5th day of August A. D. 1923 unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri, to solemnize Marriages.

Rev. Wm. Grimm

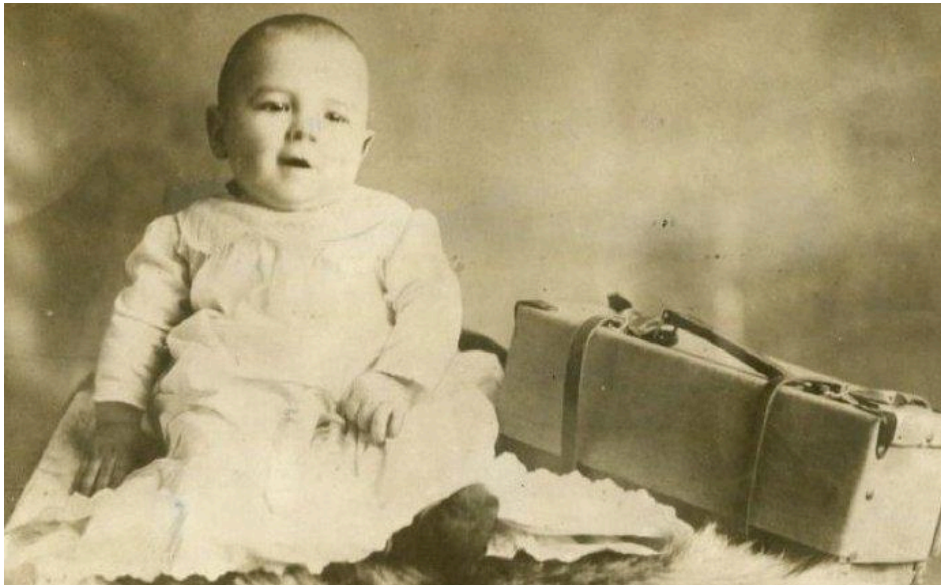
The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 9 day of August A. D. 1923

By Clara Schwab Deputy, J. M. Hawkins Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

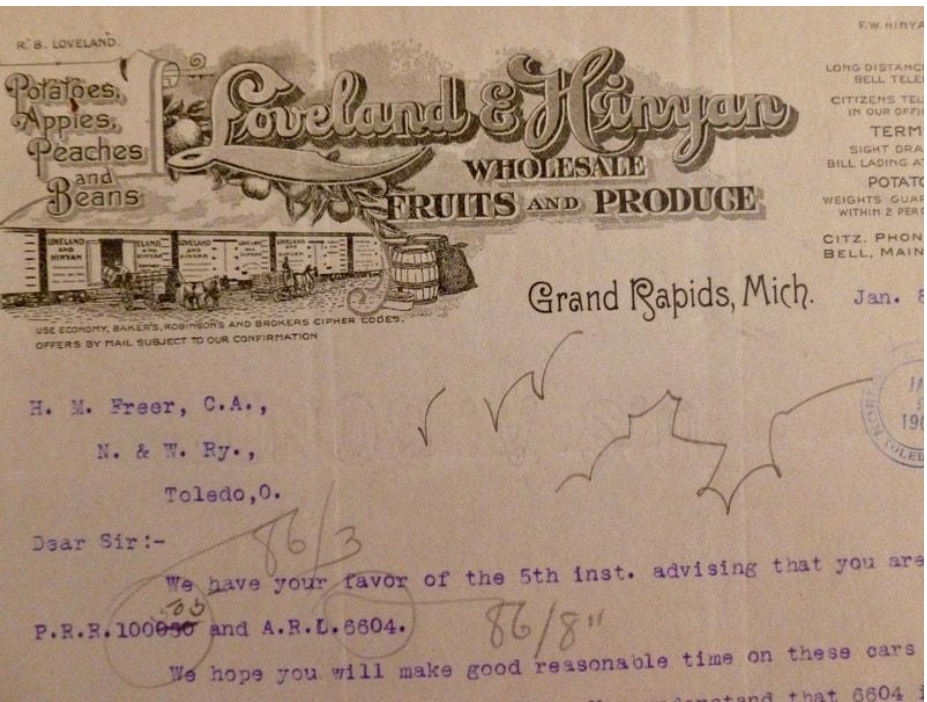
William Moses Gould Helms Marriage License (1933)

Age	Sex	Marital Status	Birth Date	Birth Place	Parents' Birth Place	Language	Religion	Education	Occupation
27	Male	Married	1876	Missouri	Missouri	English	None	None	None
27	Female	Married	1876	Missouri	Missouri	English	None	None	None
28	Male	Single	1876	Missouri	Missouri	English	None	None	None
28	Female	Single	1876	Missouri	Missouri	English	None	None	None

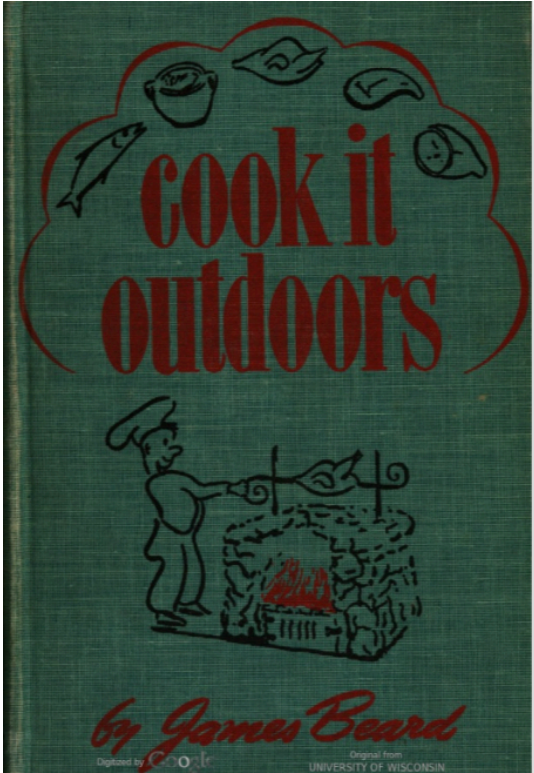
The Helms family found in census records (1910)



The Iron Mountain Baby (1902)



Loveland Business Letter (1900s)



Cook it outdoors by James Beard, a picnic book (1941)



Picnic at Kerr Lake, North Carolina



Cervical Contraceptive (1920s)



Abortion Instruments (1935)



Rubber Contraceptive (1920s)



An Ad for Pennyroyal Pills, an herbal pill that induced miscarriage (1870-1900)



French Broad River near Asheville (1997)



Downtown Asheville (1920s)



Parade in Downtown Asheville (1920)



Teardown of famous Asheville Battery Park Hotel (1924)



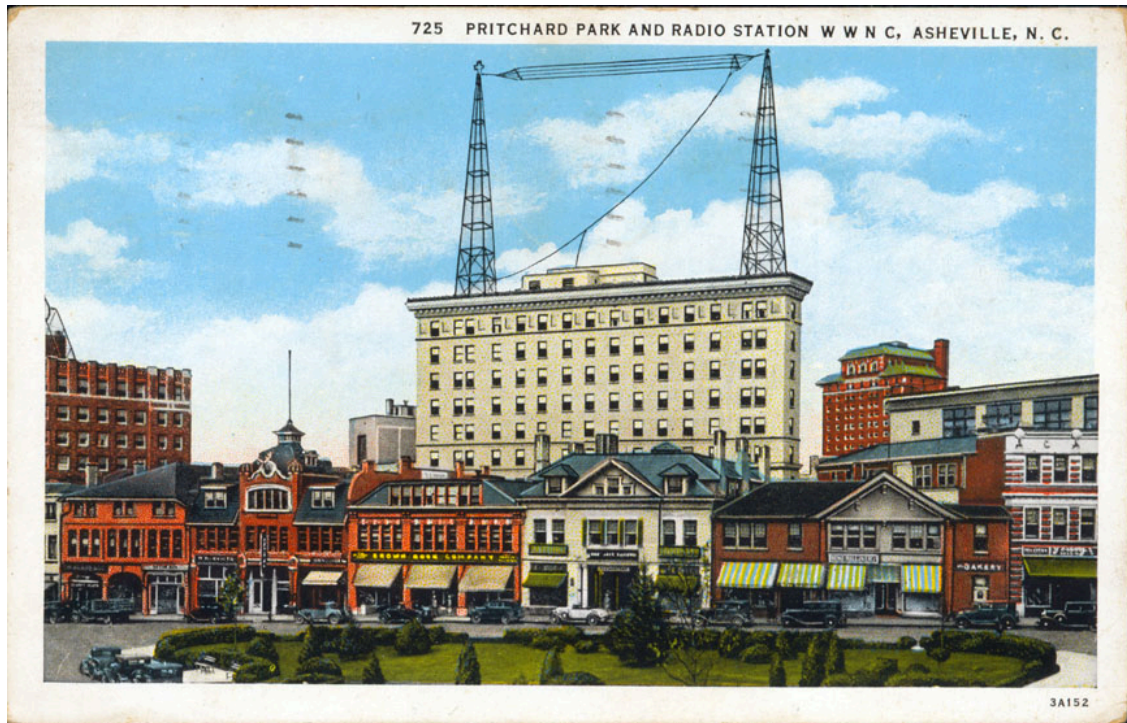
Overlook of Asheville (1928)



Patton Avenue in Downtown Asheville (1934)



Winter In Asheville (1940)



Postcard of Asheville (1942)



Overlook of Asheville (1945)



Post WWII Celebration (1945)