

Box Resource Guide: Agriculture/Farming



Clue # 1

"Farmer showing soybeans that have and have not been grown in lime. Transylvania County, North Carolina, September 1925"



Clue # 2

Allison Deaver Barn

Built in two parts-1815 is the date established for the construction of the first part of the Allison Deaver House-this mountain crafted Federal and Greek Revival architecture private home has remained in virtual unaltered condition for almost two centuries. It is the oldest known standing frame house west of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The house and its 5,117 acres were a statement of the prosperity achievable in the mountain economy. The Allison Deaver House and Barn are located on Asheville Highway in Pisgah Forest, NC.



Clue # 3

Sunnyside Dairy Truck

Photo taken by William Austin summer 1931. Driver is Paul Glazener. The building in the background in the Pierce-Moore Hotel on East Main Street.

Possibly, the Galloway or the Whitmire family owned the dairy.



Clue # 4

Stockyards, Transylvania County

Cattle were load onto and off railroad cars from here. You can see the loading shoot lending up to the railroad car on the right.

Located by the Brevard Depot on Railroad Avenue. The Holden Sawmill Building and houses across the street are still there. The larger homes on the hill are on Probart St.



Clue # 5

B&B Feed & Seed Co. sign

Willis, Grady and Allen Brittain started the feed and seed company in 1928. In 1987 they sold it to Harold Paxton. Paxton closed the business in 1999.

The early business was involved in many things relating to agriculture and animal husbandry, including feed for all sorts of livestock, raising and butchering chickens, selling farm hardware all the way up to tractors and hay

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bailers, selling and working on small equipment like lawnmowers and chainsaws.

The business was located on both sides of Gaston Street, where Big Mike's is today and across the street where the 1st Baptist parking lot is located. At one time they were in the building on Main St. that is Ceilto Lindo today.



Clue # 6






Farmers Federation Cooperative stock

In 1920, James G.K. McClure, Jr. and neighboring farmers in Fairview, North Carolina founded the Farmers Federation, a cooperative organization that in subsequent decades would influence all aspects of rural life in Western North Carolina.

A strong Farmers' Federation helped to market agricultural products and save money for farmers through the co-operative purchase of farming essentials, helped establish "Land of the Sky" farmers on a money-making business basis.

Asheville was the distributing point for the agricultural production of the farms of Western North Carolina. Grapes, apples poultry, and other specialized crops were shipped from here through the marketing channels of the Farmers' Federation.

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 <p>A vintage advertisement for Sunnyside Dairy. It features a yellow background with a black and white illustration of a milk bottle on the left. The text reads: "DRINK Your Way to HEALTH FRODO 1932 You can find no better road to health and happiness than by using milk and dairy products from the SUNNYSIDE DAIRY Paul Glanzer Walter Glanzer".</p>	<p>Clue # 1 Transylvania Times June 30, 1932 – Sunnyside Dairy Ad</p> <p>The <u>Glazener</u> family (Paul & Walter) owned the dairy.</p>
 <p>A black and white photograph showing a group of pigs in a farm setting. A man, Clarence Tinsley, and his sons are visible in the background near a wooden structure, possibly a barn or pigpen.</p>	<p>Clue # 2 Tinsley farm pigs - Tinsley scrapbook</p> <p>Clarence Tinsley farm on Tinsley Rd., Brevard. The Tinsley family still lives there.</p> <p>Pictured: Clarence Tinsley and sons—Clarence Jr. born 11/29/1917; Charles, born 11/15/1919. Child to the far left is Silas Teague.</p>
 <p>A photograph of a vintage Defiance tractor, a small four-wheeled machine with a red seat and a green body. The word "DEFIANCE" is visible on the side.</p>	<p>Clue # 3 Defiance Tractor from Defiance Tractor Company in Brevard, NC</p> <p>Research indicates that Defiance tractors were sold by Smathers and/or Acme Manufacturing.</p> <p>They were located in a building (no longer standing) on the corner of East French Broad and North Broad (across from the College Wall).</p> <p>The building was owner by Paul Smathers and manufactured and sold small farm machinery. It was officially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Smathers Manufacturing Company, Lawn Mowers & Equipment (1944-1948)Smathers Manufacturing Company, Tractors (1949-1950)Acme Manufacturing Company, Tractors (1951-1952)Paul P. Smather Manufacturing Company, Garden Tractors (1953)
 <p>A black and white photograph showing a large thrashing machine being pulled by a team of horses on a dirt road. A building is visible in the background.</p>	<p>Clue # 4 Thrashing Machine being pulled by team</p> <p>Looking down West Main St. from about the intersection with Caldwell Street. Photo is circa 1900-1905.</p>
 <p>A black and white photograph of a rural farm scene. It shows a small wooden structure, possibly a shed or barn, and a larger building in the background, surrounded by trees and a field.</p>	<p>Clue # 5 Tinsley farm - Tinsley scrapbook</p> <p>Clarence Tinsley farm on Tinsley Rd., Brevard, 1922. They raised cattle, hogs, and goats.</p> <p>The Tinsley family still lives on the farm.</p>

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Clue # 6

Bag from Whitmire Mill

J.L. Whitmire Mill in Cherryfield operated from 1939-1964.

The buildings were torn down in 2007 to make way for GlenLaurel Preserve, a development of more than 200 residences. **Only the brick silo still stands.** As of 2009 no homes have been built.

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ACME/Defiance Tractor Company, Brevard, NC

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Clue # 2

Steam Crane at Carr Lumber Company

In 1912 Louis Carr bought the timber rights to 70,000 acres of what is today Pisgah National Forest from George Vanderbilt.

This photo shows some of the employees harvesting timber.



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Carr Lumber Company Store

Carr also had approximately 55 acres in Pisgah Forest where he operated a saw mill and supporting facilities including the Company Store.

A small number of the buildings still stand near the railroad tracks in Pisgah Forest. Roess Mechanical operates out of the Company Store building, which has been altered significantly.

The Carr Lumber Company ceased operation in 1957.



Clue # 4

Pisgah Mills

Located on West Whitmire Street in Brevard the mill was in operation from 1906-1960. They produced cotton thread which was then sold to manufacturers.

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One building remains today and is owned by Pisgah Mini Storage.

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Clue # 5

Pay stubs from Transylvania Tanning Company

Transylvania Tanning Company was one of Joseph Silversteen's businesses. It operated from 1916-1956.

It was located on the west side of Brevard, across Highway 64 from Strykes Again bowling alley.

Today only the smokestack remains.



Clue # 6

Gloucester Lumber Company stock certificate

Another of Joseph Silversteen's businesses, the Gloucester Lumber Company was in operation from 1910-1966.

It was located in Rosman. At one time Gloucester Lumber and Rosman Tanning & Extract covered a large area along the French Broad River and main Street where the Town Hall and Champion Park are today. Only the garage is still standing on Main Street near Jarrett's.

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Clue #7

Du Pont, Brevard Plant, company brochure

Located in Cedar Mountain, the property was purchased in 1956. The plant which manufactured x-ray film opened on July 11, 1958. At one time it employed over 2000 workers.

The plant was operated by Agfa and then Sterling after DuPont sold it in 1997. It closed in 2002.

Today the State of North Carolina owns the property which is DuPont State Forest.

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	<p>Clue # 1 Pisgah Mills</p> <p>Martha Pressley Tinsley's first pay envelope from Pisgah Mills. This was for a 40 hour work week, August 28, 1948.</p> <p>Located on West Whitmire Street in Brevard the mill was in operation from 1906-1960. They produced cotton thread which was then sold to manufacturers.</p> <p>The "Cotton Mill" operated under various names over the years, including Pisgah Mills, Brevard Cotton Mill, Transylvania Cotton Mill and Sapphire Cotton Mill.</p> <p>One building remains today and is owned by Pisgah Mini Storage.</p>
	<p>Clue # 2 Carr Lumber stacks</p> <p>Carr Lumber Company ran a logging operation in Pisgah National Forest and had approximately 55 acres in Pisgah Forest where they operated a saw mill and supporting facilities. They built and operated their own railroad with 75 miles of track in order to transport the timber. The sawmill, the largest in Western North Carolina, cut as much as 100,000 board feet of lumber in a single day. Carr employed over 500 workers at one time.</p> <p>The Carr Lumber Company ceased operation in 1957.</p>
<p>No image available</p>	<p>Clue # 3 Gloucester Lumber Company store coupons</p> <p>The Gloucester Company Store, owned by Joseph S. Silversteen, opened in 1911 in the center of Rosman. Merchandise included everything from plows and wood stoves to bonnets and shoes, and of course sugar, flour, salt, etc. Employees of Gloucester Lumber Company were sometimes paid in "script" coupons which could only be redeemed for merchandise at the Company Store.</p> <p>Long after Silversteen's other industries closed the Gloucester Company (later General) Store remained a vital part of the community. Although script was no longer used for purchases. The store closed in 1987.</p>



Clue # 4
Ecusta Paper Mill

Harry H. Straus built the Ecusta Paper Mill in 1939 to manufacture paper from flax. Most of the paper was used in the production of cigarettes. However fine papers, such as used in printing Bibles was also manufactured. Originally there were four paper machines, such as the one pictured. In 1941 four more were added.

In 2009 almost all of the buildings have been torn down to make way for the Davidson River Village a mixture of housing, retail stores and a resort.



Clue # 5
Transylvania Tanning Company stock certificate

The Transylvania Tanning Company built in Brevard in 1916 by Joseph S. Silversteen had the capacity to process more than 300 hides per day and employed approximately 268 people at its peak.

It was closed by its stockholders in 1959 because of "shrinking demand for oak and chrome tanned sole leather."

It was located on the west side of Brevard, across Highway 64 from Strykes Again bowling alley.

Today only the smokestack remains.




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Clue #6
Olin, Pisgah Forest Plant, company brochure

In November 1949 Olin Manufacturing purchased the Ecusta Paper Mill from Harry H. Straus. Over the years the plant continued to expand, employing nearly 3000 workers at its peak. Olin sold the plant to Glatfelter in 1987. Ecusta closed its doors for good in 2003.

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Box Resource Guide: Tourism

	<p>Clue # 1 Aethelwold Hotel postcard, Brevard, NC Built in 1902 by John McMinn, it could accommodate up to 100 guests. After McMinn died in 1918 the property was sold to Thomas W. Whitmire. Whitmire renamed the hotel the Waltermire in honor of his son, Walter Whitmire.</p> <p>The top floor was removed in the mid 1960s because of fire and safety concerns. In 1993, Tim Hall bought the property and has been working to restore it ever since. He had the 3rd floor rebuilt in 2009.</p>
<p>No image available</p>	<p>Clue # 2 Maiden Hair Falls postcard, Western North Carolina Located on Hogsed Creek off of Becky Mountain Road, Maiden Hair Falls is the bottom cascade in a series of thirteen waterfalls.</p> <p>Wilson Mill, and later Breese Mill, was located about a half-mile below the falls.</p>
	<p>Clue # 3 Camp Deerwoode postcard, near Brevard, North Carolina Originally known as Camp Chickasaw for Girls, the camp was established in 1926. It was located off of Country Club Road just beyond Brevard High School. The name was changed around 1935.</p> <p>In 1960, it became a camp for boys rather than girls. It closed in 1990.</p>
	<p>Clue # 4 Heart of Brevard, festival postcard, Brevard, NC</p> <p>The Heart of Brevard is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to maintain a vital downtown. It holds four annual street festivals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The White Squirrel Festival: Memorial Day WeekendThe Fourth of July CelebrationHalloweenfest: on the last Saturday in OctoberTwilight Tour: on the first Saturday in December <p>The Heart of Brevard officially became a Main Street program in 1993.</p>



Clue # 5
Chestnut Hill Home

Also known as the Hanckel-Barclay House, this home in the Dunn Rock community on Barclay Road was built about 1856 as a summer residence for South Carolinian Rev. James Stuart Hanckel and his family.

It is an imposing example of mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival architecture with a two-tiered, full-façade porch. Both stories are embellished with cutout balusters and fan brackets on the chamfered posts.

The home was restored in 1999 and currently serves as a Bed-n-Breakfast.

Added to the National Register of Historic Places
December 9, 1999.



Clue # 6
Breese Home

Built in 1902, by Martha Allen Edmond Woodbridge. Her daughter Rebekah married local lawyer William E. Breese Jr. and they raised their family in this house on East Main Street.

It is Neoclassical Revival architecture. The one-story porch originally extended to either side of the building. The north porch was enclosed during the 1940's, the south porch more recently.

First known as the Colonial Inn, and later the Inn at Brevard, it has served as an inn since 1955.

Added to the National Register of Historic Places June
23, 1983.

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Clue # 7
Brevard North Carolina in the land of waterfalls, brochure



Transylvania County has been a destination for tourists and summer residents for nearly all of its 150 years.

In the mid and late 1800s the families of South Carolina plantation owners built homes here to spend the hot, humid summers in a cooler climate.

Around the turn of the twentieth century tourists began flocking to resorts and inns such as Lake Toxaway, Sapphire and Fairfield in the upper part of the county and the Franklin and Aethelwold in Brevard.

Tourism brochures have been published since at least 1907.

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No image available	<p>Clue # 1 Franklin Hotel postcard, Brevard, NC J.F. Hays, who owned the Toxaway Company, spared no expense in building the Franklin Hotel in 1900. It could accommodate 200 guests and advertised “real baths”.</p> <p>It closed in the late 1940s.</p> <p>In 1950 the property was sold to the Presbyterian Church. Today Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian is located on the property.</p>
No image available	<p>Clue # 2 Bridal Veil Falls postcard, Western North Carolina The first of four major waterfalls that interrupt the gentle flow of Little River. All four falls are within DuPont State Forest. The total drop of Bridal Veil Falls is 150 feet.</p>
	<p>Clue # 3 Camp Rockbrook, Brevard, North Carolina Located in the Dunn’s Rock community, Camp Rockbrook for Girls was founded in 1921 by Henry and Nancy Carrier.</p>
	<p>Clue # 4 Camp Rockbrook Lodge Although the moose no longer adorns the fireplace, Rockbrook Lodge continues to be the hub of activity.</p>
No image available	<p>Clue # 5 Map of Transylvania County 1964</p>

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Brevard, North Carolina, Pisgah National Forest brochure

The Pisgah National Forest, established in 1916, covers 510,119 acres of mountainous terrain in the southern Appalachian Mountains, including parts of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Great Balsam Mountains. The forest lies in parts of 12 counties in western North Carolina. In descending order they are Transylvania (approximately 87,000 acres), McDowell, Haywood, Madison, Caldwell, Burke, Yancey, Buncombe, Avery, Mitchell, Henderson, and Watauga counties.