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Volunteers Needed to Complete Baker-Barber Collection Digitization

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In late January, the Henderson County Public Library completed a two-year grant provided by the Community Foundation of Henderson County to preserve historic, local images in the Baker-Barber Collection. Since 2016, the library has scanned and digitized 33,000 images using Community Foundation funds in addition to the 12,000 images preserved by volunteers.

On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m., the Main Library hosts free slideshows of historic images from the Baker-Barber Collection both for local interest and in the hopes of identifying unknown people, locations, and events. On April 19, the Henderson County Public Library and Community Foundation will host a small celebration to recognize the start of the fifth year of the slideshow. All members of the public are invited to attend the celebration.

There are still approximately 20,000 historic images in need of digitization. The library is seeking volunteers with an interest in local history or photography to help with the continued efforts to complete this project. Prior experience is not necessary and training will be provided.

Anyone interested in helping with the digitization or in attending a Baker-Barber Slideshow should contact Mark Burdette, Reference Librarian at mburdette@henderson.lib.nc.us or 828-697-4725 ext. 2307 for additional details.

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