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## Henderson County Public Library Receives Grant to Digitize Baker-Barber Collection

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The Henderson County Public Library has been awarded a grant of \$13,570 by the Community Foundation of Henderson County to contract staff for a year to digitize approximately half of the remaining un-digitized images in the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection held at the library.

“The library has digitized approximately 11,000 images from the collection since 2004,” said Mark Burdette, Reference/Special Collections Librarian for the Henderson County Public Library. “By granting the library funds to digitize a large portion of the remaining collection, the Community Foundation of Henderson County will allow us to protect and preserve a valuable source of local heritage. We will seek funds in the future to digitize the rest of the collection.”

Jody Barber gifted the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection to the Community Foundation in 1995. The library was named as the steward of the collection at that time. In 2004, using mostly volunteers, the library began digitizing the collection and making the images available online to the public. The digitized portion of the collection can be found at this site:  
<http://www.henderson.lib.nc.us/bakerbarber.html>.

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