

**RECORD GROUP 21**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION**  
**GUIDE**

**1886-1912 and undated**  
**3 linear feet (1 box and 5 oversized folders)**  
**27 photographs**

**PROVENANCE/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Most of the 27 oversized photographs in this collection were originally framed and found in the County Clerk's office in the courthouse basement. At one time, the framed images were displayed in the courthouse. In the summer of 2012, the photographs were transferred to the archives. One undated photograph (item 12) was not part of the original group and was given by an unknown donor at a later date.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The photographs depict various Washington County scenes, including historic locations in the county such as Boones Creek Falls, buildings and street scenes in Jonesborough, images of the iron works and furnace at Embreeville, the Nolichucky River (including the ferry), and landscapes. The images are mostly undated but appear to have been taken in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Image 12 (policeman standing outside old Jonesborough Town Hall) appears to date from the 1950s.

**ARRANGEMENT**

The record group is arranged in one series. Photographs are organized in alphabetical order by the name of the subject with unidentified images filed at the end of the series. Most images are stored in a single photograph box. Five photographs (images 1, 7, 13, 16, 19) were too large to store in the box and are stored in map folders in the map cabinet filed by record group number.

**FOLDER AND IMAGE LIST**

1. Boones Creek: Waterfalls. "Falls at Boones Creek under which Daniel Boone is said to have hidden from hostile Indians." Undated. 29 ½ X 24 ½. [Oversized. Map cabinet, drawer 2]
2. Dunkin (Duncan), Elizabeth grave. Undated. 24 ¼" X 14 ½".
3. Dunkin (Duncan), Jesse grave. Undated. 24 ¼" X 14 ½".
4. Embreeville: Iron blast furnace ruins (stone), unidentified man; furnace built ca 1820. Undated. 24 1/2" X 14 ½".

5. Embreeville: Iron blast furnace (stone), built ca 1850) "Stone iron blast furnace at Embreeville. Erected about 1850. Iron produced in the furnace was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War. Furnace was washed away in the "great flood" of May 1901." Undated but taken before May 1901. 24 ½" X 14 ½".
6. Embreeville: Iron blast furnace (stone). [Same furnace as image 4.] Undated. 24 ¼" X 14 ½".
7. Embreeville: Iron blast furnace (erected in 1890), showing company houses and railcars. "Blast furnace at Embreeville erected about 1890." Undated. 26 ½" X 12". [Oversized. Map cabinet, drawer 2]
8. Embreeville: Iron mines with unidentified individuals. Undated. 14 ¾" X 12".
9. Embreeville: Iron mines. Undated. 13 ½" X 12".
10. Jonesborough: Blizzard, Main Street with bull standing in street. December 1886. 19 ¾" X 16".
11. Jonesborough: Chester Inn. "Chester Inn, Jonesboro erected about 1795 by Dr. William P. Chester. It has served as a hostelry under various names for a century and a half. Three presidents, Jackson, Polk and Johnson, are among the famous people who have stopped here." Undated. 15" X 12 ½".
12. Jonesborough: Jonesboro Town Hall with policemen. (Chief of Police Scott Vines, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right, and unidentified individuals). Undated. 11" X 14".
13. Jonesborough: Washington County Courthouse. "Washington County Courthouse erected in 1842. It was torn away and replaced in 1910." Undated, but taken prior to 1910. 29 ½" X 24 ½". [Oversized. Map cabinet, drawer 2]
14. Jonesborough: Washington County Courthouse, Prohibition election in Jonesborough. 1887. 20" X 16".
15. Jonesborough; Washington County Courthouse, laying cornerstones of new building. 15 Aug 1912. 20" X 16".
16. Jonesborough: Main Street, looking east. "Looking east on Main Street, Jonesboro, about 1890. On the right Methodist Church erected 1845 and the Sisters Row built about 1820 by Samuel Jackson as a home for his three daughters." Ca. 1890. 29" X 24 ½". [Oversized. Map cabinet, drawer 2]
17. Jonesborough: *The Manumission Intelligencer*, and *The Emancipator* building; unidentified individuals. "*The Manumission Intelligencer*, and *The Emancipator*, first abolition publication in America, were published in this building. Presbyterian Church in background." Undated. 14 ¾" X 12 ½".
18. Jonesborough: Jonesboro High School. "Jonesboro High School the front portion was built about 1845. The rear was added about 1885. Torn down in 1925." Ca 1890. 24 ½ X 14 ¼".
19. Jonesborough: N. T. Jackson residence. "Residence on hill south of Jonesboro built as a residence by a brother of Gen. A. E. Jackson." [Written on back of photo]. "Residence of N. T. Jackson. Built prior to 1850 was located south of railway station, Jonesboro. (The Railway Station and Jackson building are both gone (in 1979)." Undated. 29 ½" X 12". [Oversized. Map cabinet, drawer 2]
20. Jonesborough: Warner Institute. "This building was erected about 1855, as Holston Baptist Female Institute. Used as hospital during the Civil War. It housed the Holston Male Institute,

Dungan School from 1858 to 1875, when it was sold to the Quakers and operated as a school for Negro children. It served as this and public Negro School until about 1910. Remodeled. It is now (1952) the residence of Jn<sup>o</sup>. A. Vines." Undated.

24 ½ X 14 ½".

21. Nolichucky: Nolichucky River. Undated. 24" X 14".

22. Nolichucky: Nolichucky River. Undated. 24 ¼" X 15 ¼".

23. Nolichucky: Nolichucky River ferry at Embreeville with unidentified man. "Ferry over Nolichucky River at Embreeville about 1890." Ca. 1890.

24 ¼" X 14".

24. Nolichucky: Nolichucky River logging. Undated. 24 ½" X 14 ¾".

25. Nolichucky: Nolichucky River logging. Undated. 24 ½ X 14 ¾".

26. Unidentified man. Undated. 24" X 15".

27. Unidentified landscape. Undated. 24 1/4" X 14".