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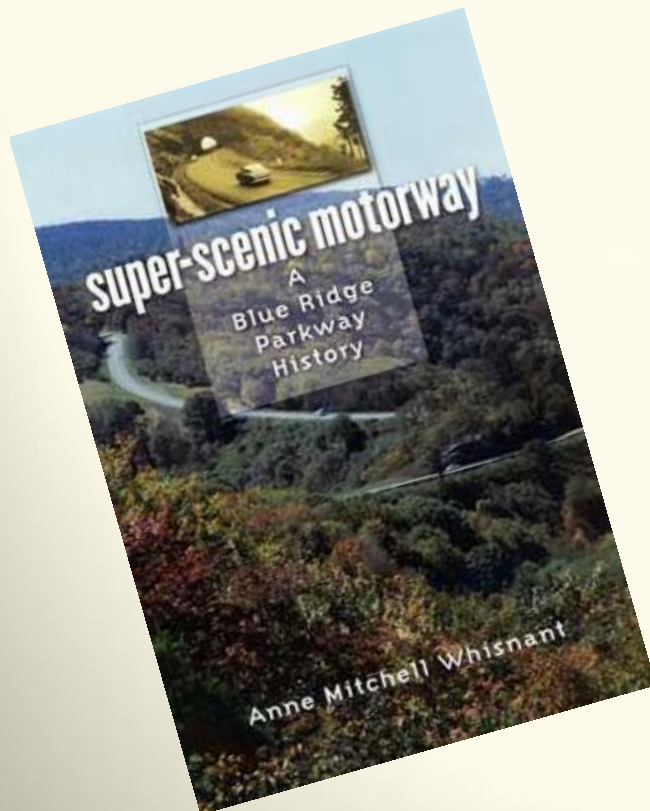
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Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters
- Photos
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- Blue Ridge Parkway ✕

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- 1700 (18)
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- Photographs (2167)
- Road (562)
- Construction (528)
- Alleghany County (495)
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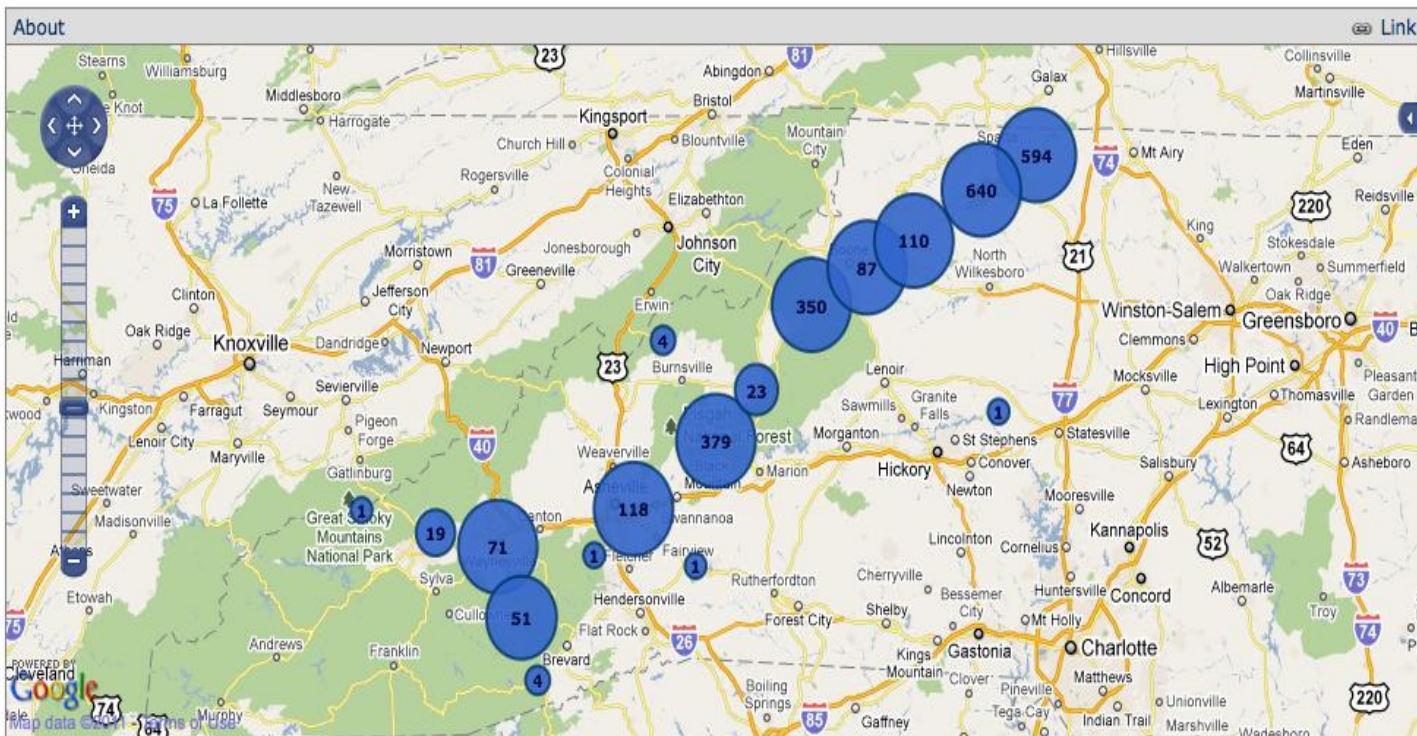lows   TSF – Pessoal e Tr...   The MacKinney Co...   Oral Histories of t...   ODH Update   Dan Cohen's Digit...   Facebook   Comments for Lib...   Library Technolog...   Smith, Natalia N – O...

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- Little Switzerland ✕
- Blue Ridge Parkway ✕

Date

Subject

- Letters (87)
- Lawsuit (81)
- Switzerland Company (79)
- State Highway and Public Works Commission (66)
- Public opinion (48)
- right-of-way (45)
- Francis O. Clarkson (40)
- Heriot Clarkson (35)
- Clippings (32)
- Mass Meeting (16)
- Jonathan Daniels (15)
- Charles Ross (13)
- J. C. B. Ehringhaus (13)
- Parkway Planning (13)
- Landowners (12)
- Photographs (9)
- Capus M. Waynick (8)
- Lake Tahoma (7)
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- Telegrams (5)
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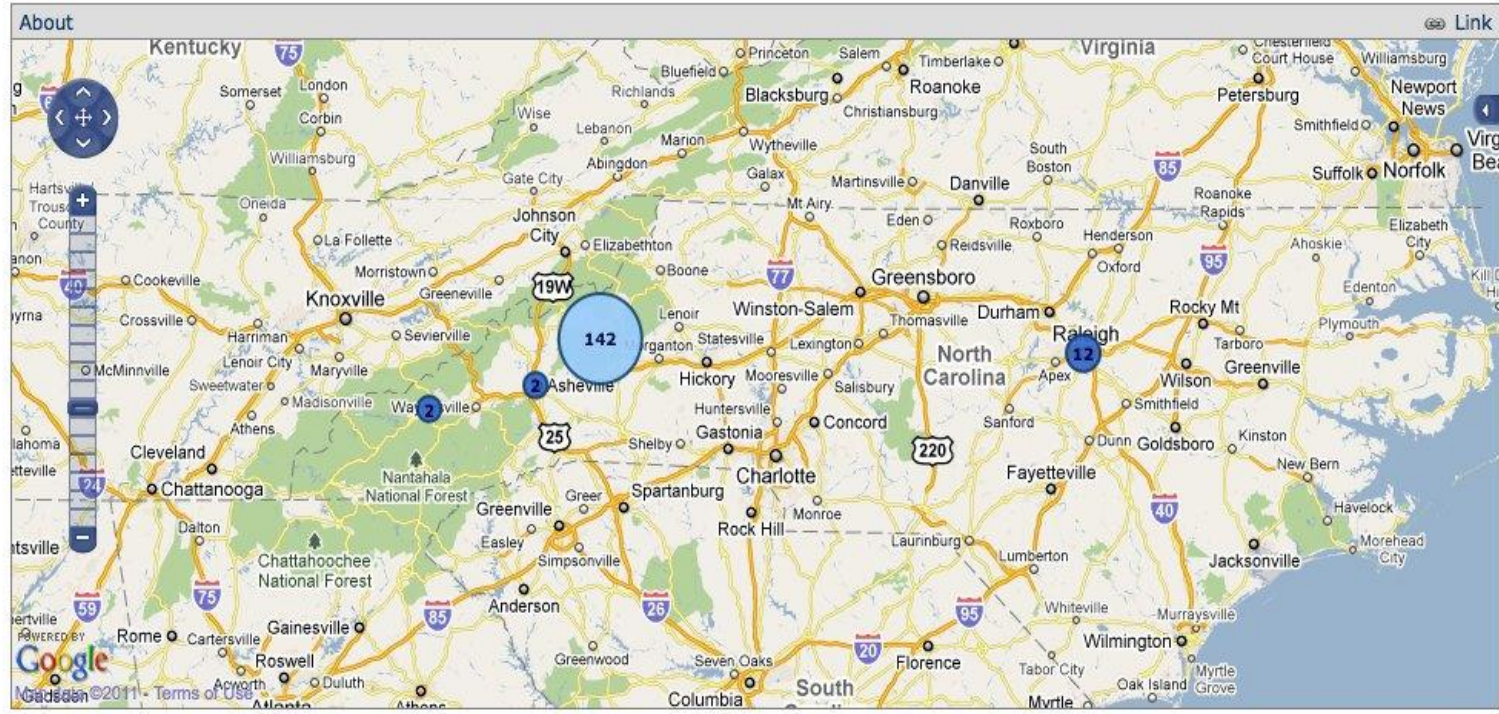
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CLASSIFICATION NO · 728

NEGATIVE NO · 6618 (39h)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES NO.

SUBJECT · Black Camp Gap · C.C. Camp in Gap

OTHER

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NO.

LOCATION · MP 3.3S

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NPS 10-30 (8/68) NATIONAL VISUAL INVENTORY CARD   GPO 902-243

BRP Photo Cards : 5171 Total

Description: Photo of Black Camp in the 30s, before the Parkway section 2Y was built. Exact location is Heintooga Spur, where there is also a picnic area.

Commentary: This gives us an idea of life before the Parkway. Black Camp was a popular place for people to spend leisure time. Several panoramic views included in this photo selection are taken from Black Camp, indicating that it was a favorite vantage point from which to see the surrounding landscape around. The tents are all alike and neatly organized, almost in military fashion.

The "CC" stands for the Civilian Conservation Corps, nicknamed the "tree army" because they were concerned with environmental issues before the green movement. In the 30s, as part of the New Deal, the CC recruited young men and they planted trees to combat soil erosion, were concerned with pollution in rivers and its effect on the local fauna, built bridges and installed phone lines, etc. The first CC camp was opened in Virginia in the 30s. The camps were under the management of the army. They recruited amongst unemployed young men who were trying to earn a little bit of money to support their families.

During the war, when most of the Parkway staff went to war and the CC program ended (in 1942), under Weems' leadership, the Parkway received the Conscientious Objector camps who continued the work of the CCC men. (source: Harley, Jolley, Blue Ridge Parkway, 1985).

Subject Set:
(Geographic) Black Camp Gap
(Geographic) Heintooga Spur
(Topical) Campground

Image Subject Set:
(TGM) Photographs

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CLASSIFICATION NO: 717
United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NEGATIVE NO: 1187

Subject: Parkway Milepost marker

Location: Milepost 274

Photographer & Companions: DH Robinson

Date: April 3, 1959

Remarks: For Lord's Guidebook

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Interpretive Materials: Overlooks
Research
Narratives
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Tractor logging in the woods, near milepost 388 of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Photograph taken from the National Park Service.

Logging, Tourism, and the Blue Ridge Parkway in Linville, North Carolina

By Ben Beidler, Morgan E. Jones, and Samantha Leonard

Creation of Linville:

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a long road that leads through a diverse amount of beautiful scenery in the Appalachian region. Though this road is a lovely site to the eyes, there are many people and communities who built their lives on the land that surrounds the Blue Ridge Parkway, including the area of Linville, North Carolina. The people of Linville, the Linville Improvement Company, and the Blue Ridge Parkway created a conflicting relationship between profit, nature, and tourism by exploiting the environment for their own benefit.

Sign to Linville at milepost 313 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, taken September 1944. Photograph taken from the National

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Devil's Courthouse Tunnel, Milepost 422, Section 2-V

Section 2-V of the Blue Ridge Parkway is nestled into the Pisgah National Forest, skirting the county line between Haywood and Transylvania counties. Stretching from milepost 418 to 429, this 11 mile section of parkway is full of parking areas and parking overlooks [AMW: can we say how many? From the Parkway log?], offering visitors multiple chances to take in the scenic beauty of the "Land of Waterfalls", as this area of North Carolina had been proclaimed by the Brevard Board of Trade in 1907 (Phillips, 1998). Crossed only by SR-215 and two United States Forest Roads, this tract of the Blue Ridge Parkway lives up to the expectations that the Parkway was to be a limited access road, with as few crossings as possible, to provide for maximum scenic enjoyment.

At first glance, this section of the Parkway appeared to have escaped the controversies and problems that riddled many other sections during the land acquisition and construction process. There did not appear to be any disgruntled landowners standing in the way, nor any giant corporate interests who would attack the Parkway, fighting desperately to bend the Parkway's design and structure to benefit their own interests. However, this section was not entirely free of strife; it just came in a different manner. The story of the Parkway along Section 2-V was not one in which the National Park Service would battle individuals or corporations, but one in which they would have to handle the United States Forest Service, orchestrating a way through which the two agencies could work together "for the benefit of the public" (Kreuger, 1947)

When examining the relationship between the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service as it relates to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Pisgah National Forest, a broader story emerges. This story goes beyond the two agencies, preceding both of them. This is the story of lumber versus tourism.

In the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century, [AMW: most likely means late 19th and early 20th; ck reference] Brevard, North Carolina, located in Transylvania County, was developing as a resort community (Phillips and Thompson 1998, 32). In 1890, J. Francis Hayes, a Pennsylvania industrialist and entrepreneur came to the area due to concerns about his health. What he found was "a beautiful and healthful place for rest and relaxation." Indeed, Hayes became so fond of the area that in 1895 he formed the Toxaway Company, intent on building health resorts throughout Transylvania and Jackson counties. In 1905, the Toxaway Company put the finishing touches on its crowning accomplishment to date, the $25,000 Franklin Hotel (Phillips and Thompson 1998, 33). Similarly,

Digital Tools Used:
- Django database entry forms
- Shared filespace
- Zotero
- WordPress
- Google Earth
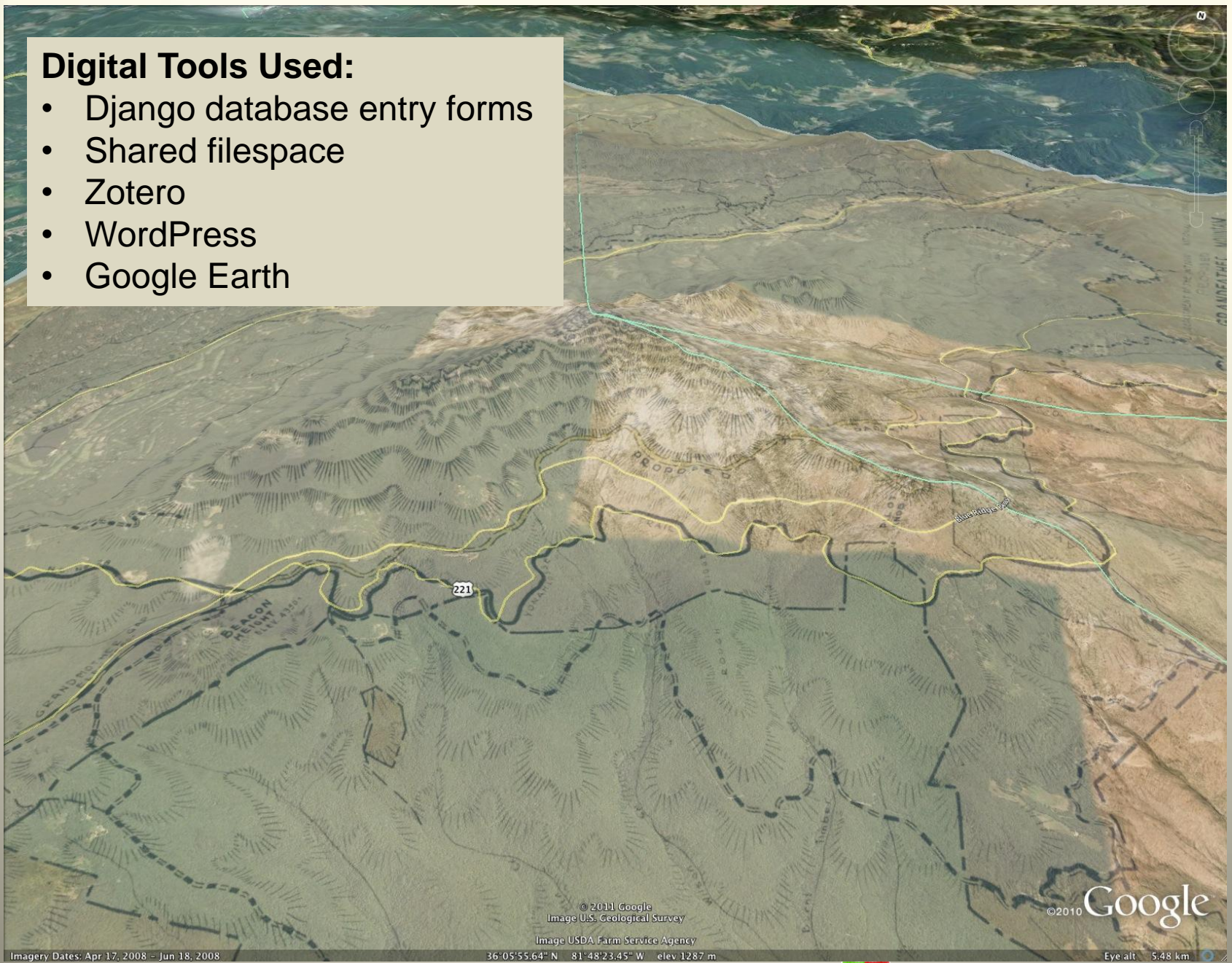
Ca1950 Historic map, Grandfather Mountain section
Courtesy Blue Ridge Parkway

Support from Library:

•Careful advance setup
•Joint planning
•Access to digitized matl's
•Access to database
•Detailed instructions:
- • System access
- • Creating metadata
- • Google mapping tools

•Ongoing meetings/monitoring

Other Support:

•Graduate assistants (funded from two different grants)
•"Lab" time

2. Creating Metadata

Once you can view an image on your computer, you can being creating metadata about (describing) the image in the project's database. The Driving Through Time database makes use of software called Django, and our database is hosted on the library's intranet. In order to log in to the Django database, you will have to do the following

- • be on campus OR use the Cisco VPN client (more info and instructions here),
- • log in to the intranet, and
- • log in to the actual database.

To get to the database, go to the following URL:

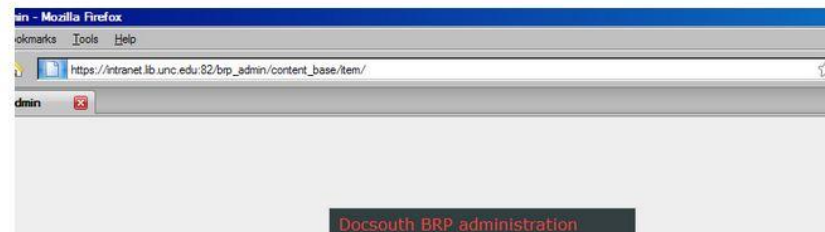https://intranet.lib.unc.edu:82/brp_admin/content_base/item/

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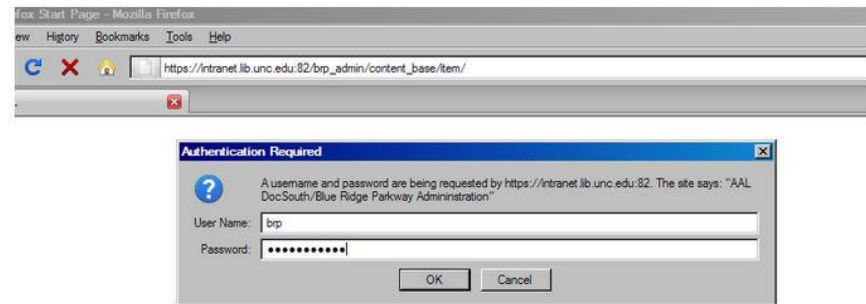
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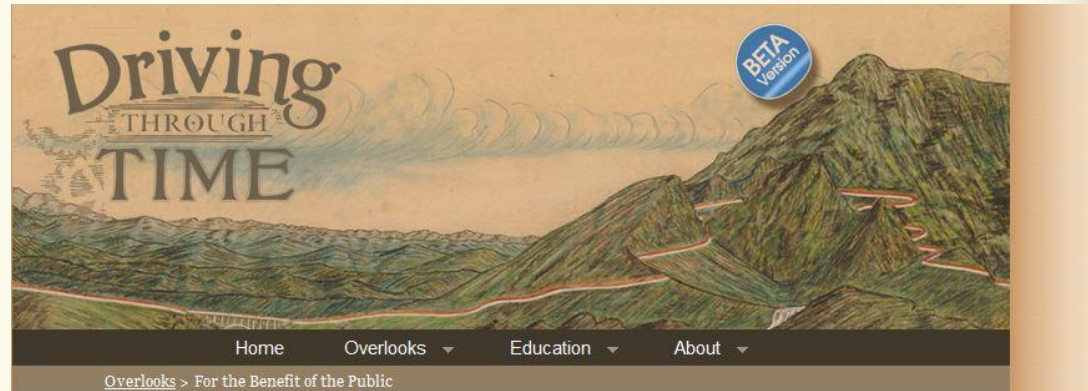
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Outcomes

For Students:

- Primary source research experience
- Exposure to a variety of technological tools
- Behind-the-scenes view of digital libraries
- Exhibit development with a mixture of media
- Historical analysis and writing for publication

For Library:

- Over 2000 items described
- Maps and other materials for overlooks identified
- Overlook drafts created

Technology Challenges and Issues

- Database
- File/system access
- Metadata inconsistency
- Visualization tools did not work easily
- Zotero/collaboration tools troubles
- WordPress

For the life of me I was never able to figure out how to get my kml file from my computer to the web
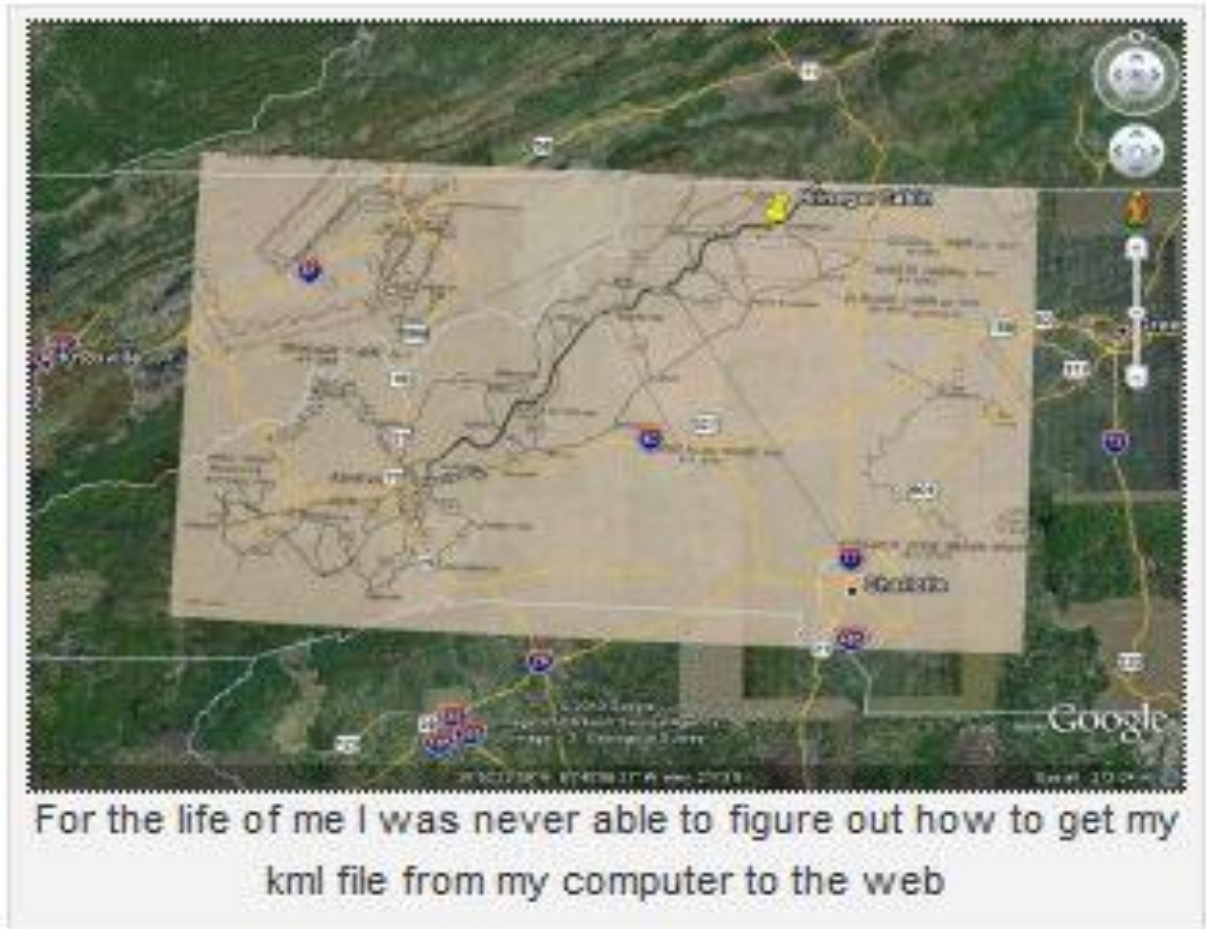
Other Challenges

- Accuracy and consistency.
- Technology + content = overload.
- Student discomfort.
- Labor and time intensive for all.
- Role of library in educational mission.
- Who is serving whose aims? Is this for library, for students?
- Co-creation and shared authority: scholar, library, students.

"The idea is to fit the Parkway into the mountains as if nature has put it there."

Stanley Abbott
Chief Landscape Architect of the Blue Ridge Parkway
First Parkway Superintendent, 1937-1944