

# A Guide to the Harrisonburg Flood Photographs, 1949 August 15 SC 0384

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**Abstract**

Seven black-and-white photographs documenting the August 15, 1949 flood in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

**source**

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

**Creator**

The Lee Studio (Harrisonburg, Va.)

**Extent**

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder 7 black-and-white photographs 4" x 5"

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**Acquisition Information**

Purchased from Green Valley Auctions in July 2024.

**Processing Information**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Biographical / Historical

On August 15, 1949, several hours of rain and thunderstorms caused significant flash flooding in downtown Harrisonburg and led to Blacks Run overflowing. A total of 5.49 inches of rain was reported in Harrisonburg for the day with a weekly total nearing 10 inches.

## Scope and Contents

Seven black-and-white photographs documenting the August 15, 1949 flood in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Businesses featured in the photographs include Safeway, Troy Laundry, Powell's Taxi, Daily News-Record, Bear Auto Parts, Gulf Station, Berry Lumber, and Denton's (rear view with second floors collapsing). Flooded streets include W. Market St. and Liberty St.

Prints are stamped on the back: "Photograph by The Lee Studio Harrisonburg, VA."

## Related Materials

The photographs in this collection are duplicates of the following photos held by Rocktown History: Photo0325, Photo0326, Photo0328, Photo0330, Photo0338, Photo0543, and Photo0544. The photographs are part of Collection 001.

## Keywords

Photographs

Floods -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Flood damage -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Natural disasters -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

# Bibliography

Hanson, Raus McDill. *A Quarter of a Century of Weather Records on Madison College Campus, Harrisonburg, Virginia, (1942-1966)*. Harrisonburg, Va: Madison College, 1967.

# Provenance

The photographs are duplicates of those held by Rocktown History (formerly Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society) and may have been deaccessioned from their collection. The photographs were originally stored in an envelope labeled "Flood of 1949 Harrisonburg Duplicates."

# Description of Subordinate Components

## **Harrisonburg flood photographs**

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