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Abstract

Building inventories, photo Xeroxes and indexes, street maps, taped interviews and summary reports of a historic buildings survey of Keystone by the WVU Public History Program in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Unit of the WV Dept. of Culture & History. The study of this McDowell County community provides "a basic architectural history of one southern coal town". Additionally, the oral histories and narrative report provide a more complete history than contained in typical building inventory forms. Keystone (originally Cassville) acquired its name from the company which opened the first mine there in 1892. This town, along the Norfolk & Western Railroad line, prospered up to the time of the Great Depression, and it was noted for its various neighborhoods of Blacks, immigrants and wealthy as well as a part of town, called "the Cinderbottom", that was a thriving red light district.

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