In 1883 the Town of Asheville expanded and made the City of Asheville. The circle boundary was discarded, additional territory being annexed at the Northeast and West. At the same time a strip of territory in the shape of a half moon, lying East of Beaucatcher Mountain was dropped from the corporate limits.

In 1886 the city secured its water supply from the old pumping station on the Swannanoa River near where the present Asheville Recreation Park is located. In the year 1902 the present North Fork sixteen inch main was built, and in 1920-1921 the Bee Tree line was built. Both lines bring an ample supply of water into the city.

In 1905 the Corporate limits of Asheville were again extended, making the city's area 5.60 square miles, or the same as the city's present area lying on the East side of the French Broad River. In 1915 the Commission Form of Government was adopted, and in 1917 West Asheville was included in the corporate limits. West Asheville at that time was incorporated, so the move in 1917 was a merger of two incorporated cities, rather than a boundary expansion. In 1929 by vote of the people the city limits were again extended giving a total area to the city of 17.2 square miles. In the 1935 session of the Legislature, by special bills, a portion of the annexed area was removed from the city limits, giving the city in 1935 a total area of 14.7 square miles.

Type of Community.

Asheville is located in Western North Carolina in the mountainous section termed "The Land of the Sky". In its development the city to all extent possible has followed the ridges but the city is from rolling to mountainous throughout. The original City of Asheville was located on the East side of the French Broad River. Between the river on the West and Sunset Mountain on the East was not a great distance and of necessity the city extended North and South. The present extreme North city limit line is at the foot of a mountainous section while to the South towards Hendersonville, North Carolina, is a fairly level plateau. The section West of French Broad River was originally a separate incorporation called West Asheville and the two were merged in 1917.