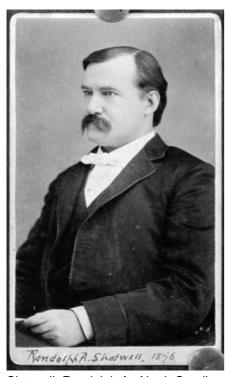
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The Asheville Citizen-Times was founded as the Asheville Citizen in 1870 by
Randolph Abbott Shotwell [2], who conceived the newspaper [3] as a voice for Conservative [4]-Democratic [5] politics. After
the Western North Carolina Railroad [6] reached Asheville [7] in 1880, the circulation and influence of the Citizen grew with
the town. It became a daily in 1885. Over the next several decades the newspaper, as the only morning daily west of
Charlotte [8] and Winston-Salem [9], was a consistent advocate of economic progress in the Mountain region [10].

Over the years, the *Citizen* experienced a number of changes, becoming one of the first newspapers to have <u>dinotype machine</u> [11] in the state. It changed ownership many times until 1930, when then-owner Charles A. Webb formed the Asheville Citizen-Times Company with Don S. Elias, publisher of the afternoon *Asheville Times*. One Sunday edition of both papers was consolidated under the name *Citizen-Times*, although the editorial staffs remained separate and followed independent policies. The *Citizen* continued to support regional development, especially concerning the <u>Great Smoky Mountains National Park</u> [12] and the <u>Blue Ridge Parkway</u> [13]. In 1954 the Peace family of South Carolina acquired the company and in 1969 consolidated it with the Greenville News-Piedmont Company and Southeast Broadcasting Corporation to form Multimedia, Inc. In 1991 the *Citizen* and the *Times* merged into one newspaper, the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, and four years later Multimedia, Inc., was purchased by the giant communications corporation, the <u>Gannett Company</u> [14].



Asheville Citizen-Times building, circa 1951. Image from the North Carolina Digital Collections.

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