



# Transylvania Treasures Trivia Quiz

## QUESTIONS

We hope you have fun researching the answers and learning more about this wonderful area.

1. The Red House (now the Red House Inn) on Probart Street is considered the first house in Brevard. It was built in 1851, years before Transylvania became a county. It has served many functions over the years. Which of the following was NOT one of those functions?
  - a. School
  - b. General store/trading post
  - c. Railroad station
  - d. Pool hall
  - e. County courthouse
2. What year and from what two counties was Transylvania County formed?
  - a. 1861, Haywood and Henderson counties.
  - b. 1866, Jackson and Buncombe counties
  - c. 1861, Jackson and Henderson counties
  - d. 1866, Haywood and Buncombe counties
  - e. 1861, Jackson and Haywood counties
3. Naming the Town of Rosman has quite a history. Early on it was called Jephtha by the first European settlers. Then, the town was known as Toxaway. Later, the name was changed to Eastatoe to avoid confusion with the Lake Toxaway community. In 1905, industrialist Joseph Silversteen suggested the name Rosman, which was the combination of two names. From whence did the two names come?
  - a. Two business partners of Silversteen
  - b. Silversteen's children
  - c. Silversteen's two dogs
  - d. Mrs. Silversteen's two brothers
4. Several churches in the area were founded by visitors from other areas, such as the lowcountry of South Carolina. One of these churches burned to the ground on Christmas Eve 1925. The new church was enlarged and built over the original church's graveyard. Name that church.
  - a. Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
  - b. Sacred Heart Catholic Church
  - c. Bethel "A" Baptist Church
  - d. St. Philips Episcopal Church
5. The Brevard Music Center has a wonderful history that continues to enrich our community to this day. Who founded the Brevard Music Center, originally a summer music camp for students at Davidson College?
  - a. Henry Janiec
  - b. James Christian Pfohl
  - c. Bessie Whittington
  - d. Henry Carrier
6. Southern heiress Lucy Camp Armstrong Moltz loved the Lake Toxaway area. She persuaded her first husband, George Armstrong, a Savannah shipping magnate, to build a summer home for her on Lake Toxaway. It is now the Greystone Inn. What year was "Miss Lucy's" summer home completed?
  - a. 1925
  - b. 1905
  - c. 1915
  - d. 1895

7. Born in Russia, Joseph Silversteen moved to Pennsylvania with his mother to be with family in the 1880s. Drawn to the tanning industry, he and his new bride moved to Western North Carolina in 1902 where all the necessary resources for a successful business of this type were readily available. They settled in what is now Rosman and founded several businesses. Champion Park in Rosman is on the site of one of those businesses. Which one?
- a. Rosman Extract Company
  - b. Toxaway Tanning Company
  - c. Gloucester Lumber Company
  - d. Gloucester Company Store
8. Believe it or not, in spite of shallow waters, unpredictable weather, logjams, beavers and low-hung bridges, a steamboat traveled the French Broad River for a short time in the 1880a. What was the name of that steamboat?
- a. Transylvania Traveler
  - b. Mountain Lily
  - c. La Belle Rive
  - d. Willie
9. One of the 250 waterfalls in Transylvania County was named by Dr. F.A. Miles, owner of the Caesar's Head Hotel in 1882. Miles based the name on the legend of a Cherokee maiden. His version of the legend was that the maiden and her lover were being pursued through the forests. Their trail took them across the top of a waterfall. The maiden's foot slipped, and both she and her lover fell to their deaths. What waterfall is named after this maiden?
- a. Maiden Hair Falls
  - b. Bridal Veil Falls
  - c. Connetsee Falls
  - d. Hooker Falls
10. Speaking of waterfall safety, which of the following are included on the waterfall safety checklist, provided by Transylvania County Tourism?
- a. Do not swim or wade upstream near a waterfall.
  - b. Stay on marked trails and observation areas.
  - c. Watch for slick rocks around waterfalls.
  - d. Always keep an eye on children and pets.
  - e. All of the above
11. During the Cold War, the site of the current Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI) was used by the US Department of Defense to intercept Russian satellite communications. The Russians, in return, regularly took satellite photos of the tracking station facility and campus. As a joke, what "message" was painted on the 4.6m radio telescope to tease the Russians spies?
- a. McDonald's Golden Arches logo
  - b. A skull and crossbones
  - c. A smiley face
  - d. "Kilroy was here."
12. The English Chapel UMC, established in 1860 and located in Pisgah National Forest, is so named because
- a. The services were conducted, not in the local dialect, but in the King's English.
  - b. The Rev. A.F. English was the first minister.
  - c. Its location is on the twisting Davidson River. The direction of objects caught in the river's flow sometimes go backwards, making them look like they "have some English" on them.
  - d. Bishop Francis Asbury so missed England, his home country.
13. Brevard native Moms Mabley (Loretta Mary Aiken) was a trailblazing comedienne. Which of the following is NOT on her resume?
- a. Was part of the "Chitlin Circuit" of the African-American Vaudeville
  - b. Was oldest guest host on Saturday Night Live
  - c. Worked with Zora Neale Hurston on the Broadway revue *Fast and Furious*
  - d. Was the first woman comedienne to be featured at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem
  - e. Was the subject of a documentary directed by Whoopi Goldberg

14. Which of the following is NOT currently available at the Transylvania Farmers' Market?
- Winter hours (Saturdays, 10am-12pm)
  - Double SNAP Food Bucks
  - Curbside pick-up
  - Port-a-Potties
  - Hand sanitizer
15. In 1914, George Vanderbilt's widow, Edith, sold a large portion of the Biltmore estate to the US government for \$5/acre. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson, established Pisgah National Forest (PNF), which included the land sold by Mrs. Vanderbilt. PNF now covers more than 500,000 acres. Approximately how many of acres were sold to the government by Mrs. Vanderbilt in 1914?
- 456,000 acres
  - 87,000 acres
  - 53,000 acres
  - 27,000 acres
16. In 2018, Headwaters State Forest (HSF), a 6,730-acre conservation project located in the southern part of Transylvania County, was open to the public. This forest is currently best suited for hearty hikers, hunters and anglers. Which of the following statements is TRUE with regard to HSF at this time?
- Public restrooms are available.
  - There is cell phone service.
  - Only foot travel is allowed - no horseback riding or mountain biking.
  - Hunting and fishing are not allowed.
  - Dogs are not allowed.
17. DuPont State Recreational Forest (DSRF) is known as a mecca for mountain bikers and waterfall enthusiasts. Which of the following can be said about this area treasure?
- Parts of the *Last of the Mohicans* (1992), *The Hunger Games* (2012) and *Max* (2015) were filmed in DSRF.
  - Triple Falls, High Falls and Bridal Veil Falls are located in DSRF.
  - DSRF almost became a vacation home development.
  - All of the above
18. Gorges State Park is a located in the western part of Transylvania County. Opened in 2009, it incorporates a portion of the long-distance Foothills Trail and touches Lake Jocassee at the South Carolina border. Trails and campsites continue to be developed at this relatively new state park. About how large is Gorges State Park?
- 5500 acres
  - 6500 acres
  - 7500 acres
  - 10,000 acres
19. Within the mountain known as Devil's Courthouse is a cave where legend says the devil holds court. Cherokee lore has a different take. According to the Cherokee folklore, the cave is
- the resting place of deceased mountain badgers.
  - the dwelling place and private dancing chamber of the slant-eyed giant Judaculla.
  - the source of life-giving energy for the whole world.
  - a secret place for young braves to party (a "tsa-go").

20. On June 17, 1929, the first talking movies were shown to amazed crowds in Brevard. Brothers Vern and Ted, who owned the theater on the corner of Main and Caldwell Streets, later bought the building next door and opened a second theater with air conditioning. What was the name of the *first* theater, and how did it get its name?
- The Co-Ed Theater, so named because men and women were allowed inside.
  - The Davidson Theater, named for the college about an hour away.
  - The Falls Theater, named for the numerous waterfalls in the county.
  - The Clemson Theater, named for the original owners and their “sons.”
21. The local paper Transylvania Times (TTimes) has been a rich, integral part of the community since its founding (as the Transylvania Pioneer) in 1887. There are many stories about the paper including which of the following:
- At one point, the TTimes was located in Times Arcade Alley, where local ruffians tossed the printing presses out the second-floor window.
  - The current location of the TTimes was once an auto repair shop.
  - There is a printing press “graveyard” under the lower floor of the current location.
  - All of the above.
22. The mission of the White Squirrel Institute is “the preservation and conservation of Brevard’s white squirrel population and wildlife. To support licensed wildlife rehabilitators in their efforts to save injured white squirrels and wildlife in Transylvania County.” The institute was started in 1997 and inspired by the work of its founder, an associate professor of biology at Brevard College. Who was that?
- Robert Glesner
  - Paul Porter
  - Cary Boshamer
  - Pisgah Pete
23. We are so lucky that our county is surrounded by magnificent scenery and unparalleled natural features: iconic forests, ageless rivers, granite monoliths and dramatic waterfalls. Sadly, tons of garbage is left behind in our forests, rivers and streams every year. Transylvania County Tourism recently launched a campaign to encourage and empower visitors to the public lands not only to pack out their own trash but to pick up any other trash they see. The name of this campaign is
- “Aw, Come On!”
  - “Don’t Be Trashy”
  - “Leave It Better”
  - “Wait...You Dropped Something!”
24. Transylvania County is known to be very dog friendly. Water bowls are outside of many of the shops and businesses. Dogs are allowed in many stores. Opening soon, is a public dog park, located on 2.7 acres of land near the Brevard Sports Complex on Ecusta Road. Which of the following is NOT a feature of the new dog park?
- a “dog wash”
  - doggie disco music
  - agility fields
  - double entry gate
  - pollinator border

