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## The Early Years

Asheville was founded in 1797 by John Burton, a Revolutionary War veteran. The town was originally called "Morristown" in honor of Burton's friend and fellow soldier, General George Washington. However, the name was later changed to "Asheville" in honor of Samuel Ashe, the governor of North Carolina at the time.

In the early years, Asheville was a small and isolated mountain town. However, the town began to grow rapidly in the late 19th century, thanks to the arrival of the railroad. The railroad made it possible for Asheville to ship its goods to distant markets, and it also brought tourists to the city.

## **The Gilded Age**

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a time of great prosperity for Asheville. The city became a popular destination for wealthy tourists, who were drawn to its beautiful scenery and mild climate. Asheville also became a center for the arts and culture, and it was home to a number of famous writers, artists, and musicians.

One of the most famous people to live in Asheville during this time was George Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt was a wealthy industrialist who built the Biltmore Estate, the largest private home in the United States. The Biltmore Estate is now one of Asheville's most popular tourist attractions.

## **The Great Depression and World War II**

The Great Depression hit Asheville hard, and the city's economy suffered. However, Asheville began to recover during World War II, when the city became a center for the production of war materials. After the war, Asheville continued to grow and prosper, and it became a major center for tourism and manufacturing.

## **The Modern Era**

In recent years, Asheville has become a thriving cultural and economic center. The city is home to a number of colleges and universities, as well as a number of museums, theaters, and art galleries. Asheville is also a major

center for the craft beer industry, and it is home to a number of award-winning breweries.

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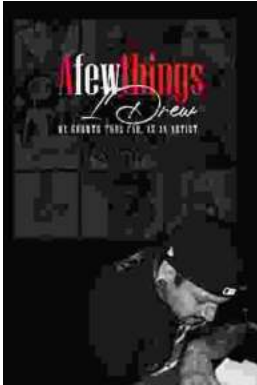
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