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Denver Blizzard of 1913

It snowed in Denver last night and into this morning. Probably our biggest one of the year, in the metro area at least. It reminded me of how snarled the city becomes when even just a few inches touches down and sticks to the street. People drive either too slow and cautious or not enough and too fast. This snowstorm also reminded me of the Colorado blizzard of 2006 where the city recorded six inches or more of snowfall two weekends in a row and also the record-setting blizzard in 2003, where almost 32 inches fell. Driving to work, I wondered what was the worst snowstorm in Denver's history.

According to the [National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office](#), the greatest amount of snowfall from one storm was 45.7 inches from December 1-6, 1913 (with 37.6 inches recorded between December 4-5th 1913). Very interesting!

With this information in hand I dug around in the [Library of Congress](#) and [American Memory website](#) and found some great photographs of the 1913 blizzard.

Here's a [Stereoscope](#) image Keith created of an image found of the snow that day in 1913. It attempts to create a "3D" image by blurring two images together. It sort of works, I guess.

And here's some more pictures found on the Library of Congress website:



Two men walk on the sidewalk in front of the State Capitol Building cleared of deep snow from the December 1913 storm, Denver, Colorado.



Men unload their wagons of snow brought from the downtown area to Civic Center grounds, Denver, Colorado. The 1909 Public Library and residences show in background.



Traffic struggling through deep snow, Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Some pretty interesting pictures. Makes me happy I'm not dealing with that mess right now. Finals week is this week, let a blizzard come next week!

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