

Mystery History: Where Was This Taken?

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This is one of the rare color photographs of Raleigh's second tiller, a 1958 American LaFrance 700 series shown turning a corner somewhere downtown. Could be fun to recreate. But where is there? Based on the tall buildings a few blocks behind the truck, it's perhaps one or two blocks east or west of Fayetteville Street? See what you think. Click to enlarge:



Just to be clear, are we helping you figure out where it is, or do you know and we're trying to guess? Do you know when this was taken?

rfburns - 02/16/12 - 16:27

This is the corner of Martin Street and Person. The tiller is traveling east on Martin and turning north on Person. Moore Square is on the right.

Donaldson - 02/16/12 - 19:09

My guess is maybe 1970s for the photos.

Martin and Person streets, eh? Giddy-yup! Those streets sure look different, via Google Street view, now! That must be the City Market a couple buildings down?

Legeros - 02/16/12 - 19:33

My money is on East bound on Martin, taking a left onto S. Person.

LJ - 02/22/12 - 18:54

Yep, I beleive that is part of the city market showing behind the truck. The parking spaces are angled differently now. Actually, there is still a white house near that intersection that resembles the one in the picure with a new roof on it.

LJ - 02/22/12 - 18:56

I think 70's is right for this picture, judging by the gaudy, oversize helmet shields that were added to the helmets in the late 70's, as well as the 70something model GMC van in the picture. Looks to be early morning, too. Okay, now I'm done. :)

LJ - 02/22/12 - 19:00

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