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Farming in the Valley: 2011 Oral History Project

The following is a transcript from one audio clip in the **Sense of Community/Community Events** section. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/community-events.htm> to view the entire page. *Willis Meyers participated in Northampton's homecoming celebration every year as a child in the 1920s and 30s. Willis describes the food, games, and other festivities.*

Northampton's Homecoming

“The big thing was the Homecoming, and that was once a year. ‘Course everybody in the township would come to that. They’d go into the Falls, in town, and have the merchants donate prizes, you know. They had different games and they was a prize for every game like horseshoe pitchin’ and baseball, and everything you can think of, they had. Of course horseshoe was a big deal at that time, you know. ‘Course, their contests would be for different age kids, you know. They had races and . . . but what they did, they’d have a feed sack and one leg would be in the feed sack of each person, and they call that a three-legged race, you know. So that was a big deal, too.”