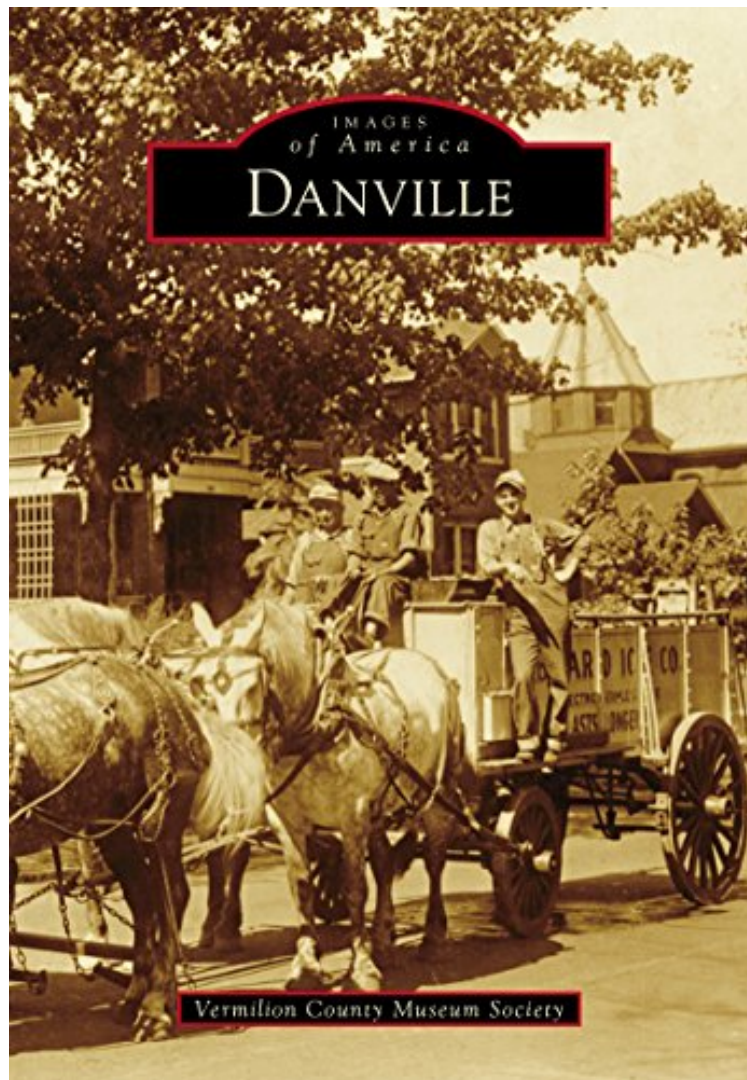


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Named after early pioneer and fur trapper Dan Beckwith, Danville was a dream realized when the first town lots were

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About the AuthorIn 2014, the Vermilion County Museum Society celebrates its 50th anniversary. In commemoration of this event, the images included here have been selected to reflect the history of Danville during the last century. Care has been taken to include photographs that have been recently placed in the museum's archives, enabling readers to add to their existing knowledge of Danville history, bringing it forward into the 21st century.