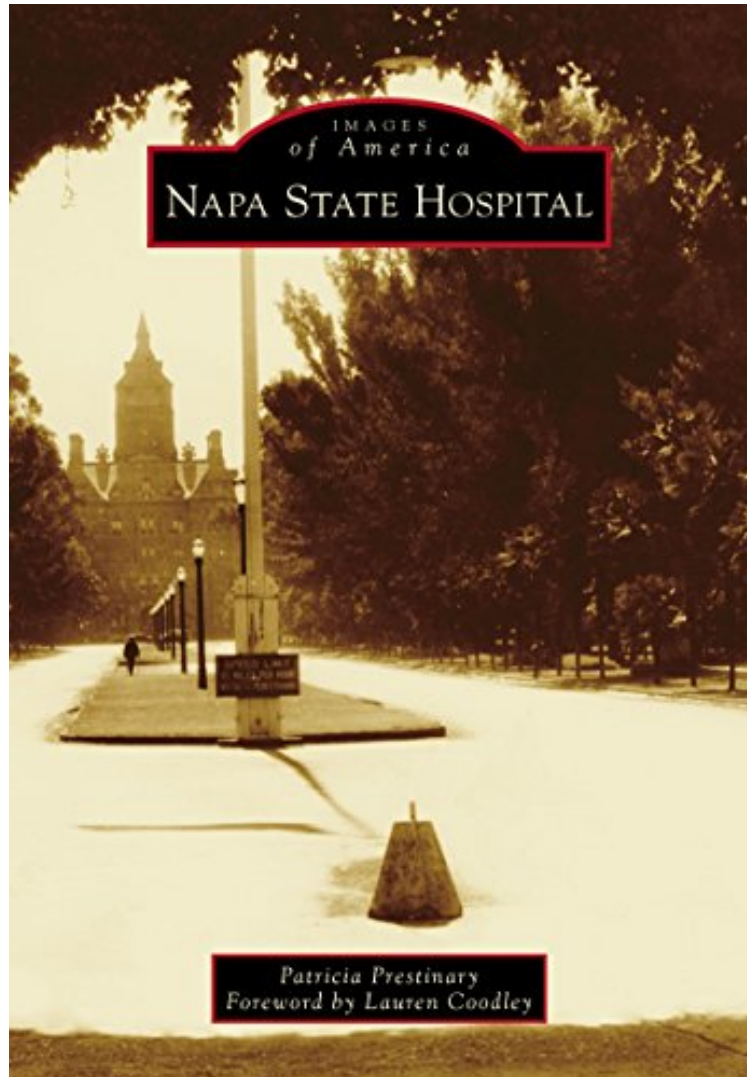


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About the Author Patricia Prestinary is a librarian and archivist who discovered the history of the Napa State Hospital through her volunteer work with the Napa Historical Society and Napa County Landmarks. The images in this collection come from the Napa Historical Society, California State Library, the Napa State Hospital, the Bancroft Library, and the personal collections of former staff members, among others.