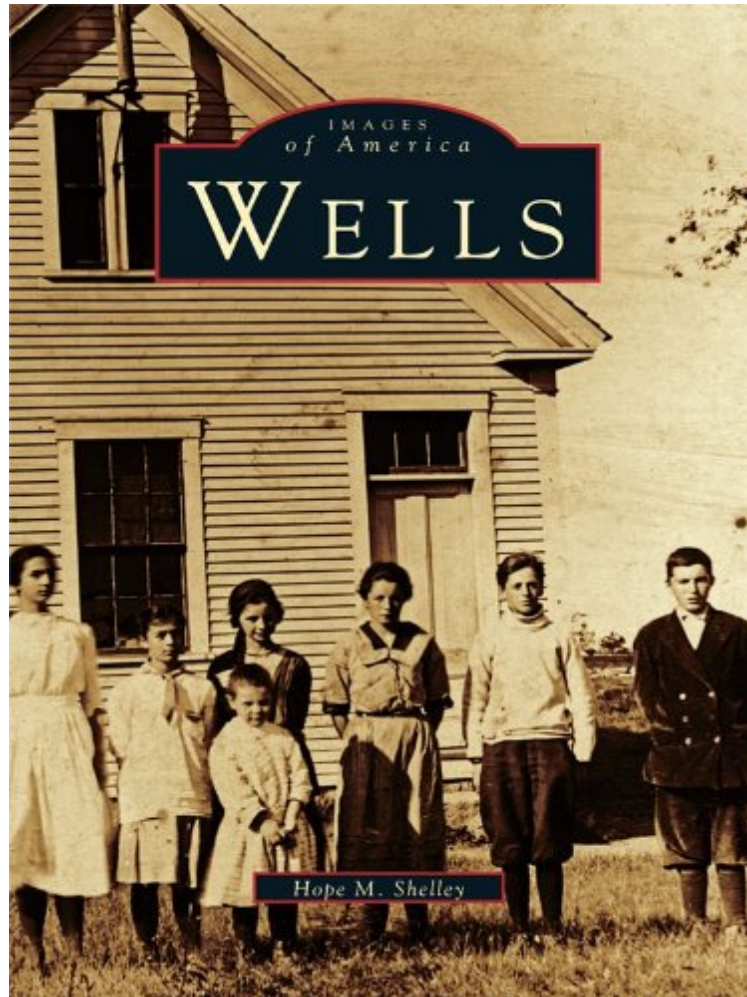


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Wells has a history as fascinating as it is long. Blessed with tremendous natural resources, this enticing place attracted native people and then European fishermen and traders long before Edmund Littlefield established the first permanent mills on the banks of the Webhannet River in 1640. Wells incorporated in 1653 as Maine's third town, and since then more than thirteen generations of New Englanders have nurtured their families by reaping the waves of the Atlantic or toiling on the furrows of their farms. The early settlers were independent Yankees striving to make a living, but they created small communities grouped around the traditional institutions of the blacksmith shop, the store, the church,

and the one-room school.

About the Author Looking at each school district in turn, Hope M. Shelley combines a wealth of images with detailed information to tell the story of this dynamic and yet proudly traditional community from the dawn of photography to the mid-twentieth century. Hope M. Shelley is a native of Wells and curator at the Wells Historical Society and Museum. With this book she has created a learned and compelling visual history that will earn a lasting place on the shelves of area homes and be treasured by resident and visitor, young and old alike.