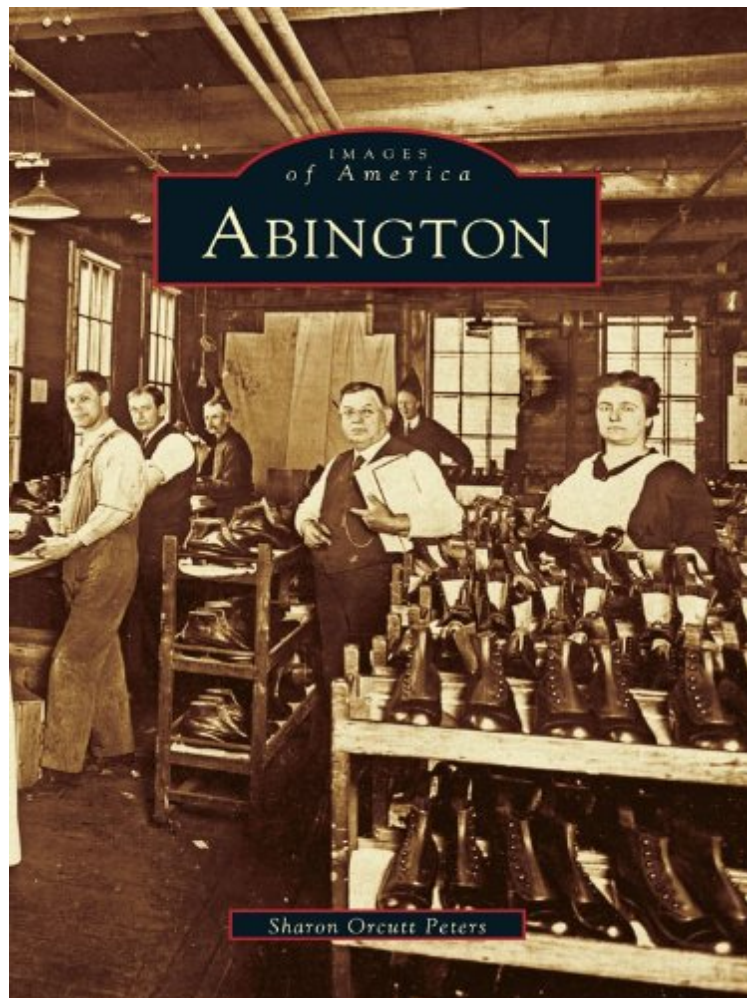


## Abington

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**Sharon Orcutt Peters : Abington** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Abington:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Abington, Mass.By Nancy E. KaneThere are some pretty good photos in the book. However, the organization did not seem to extend beyond the main divisions. The photos are in no chronological order, alphabetical, or any other order I could discern. I WAS pleased to find photos of the metropolis of "downtown" North Abington as I remember it. It's disappointing that there was no mention of the library being in the Standish Building, which it was for some years.

Throughout Abington's history, its central location between Boston and Plymouth has been a vantage point that has been reflected in both work and play. It is Abington that provided the white-oak planks for the USS Constitution, and the town's Island Grove Park had national significance during the abolitionist movement. Abington was founded and

built around the mills and then grew with the times to become a focal point for the thriving shoe industry. Many wealthy industrialists and capitalists have left their mark with brick and mortar. Their mansions still line the streets, and their lives shaped Abington forever. Abington presents an illustrated portrait of what it was like to live and work in the town during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It presents vivid images of the townsfolk, the shoe factories, and the old roads through Abington. The book includes images of John L. Sullivan, heavyweight boxing champion, and of the Buffum automobile, built on Centre Avenue. With photographs from the Abington Historical Commission, the Dyer Memorial Library, the Historical Society of Old Abington, and personal collections, Abington is sure to evoke memories of a bygone era.

About the Author Author Sharon Orcutt Peters is a member of the Abington Historical Commission and a resident of Abington. She is also a freelance writer who has produced works pertaining to South Shore history. With the help of many, including Abington organizations and private residents, she has compiled this intriguing town history for all to enjoy.