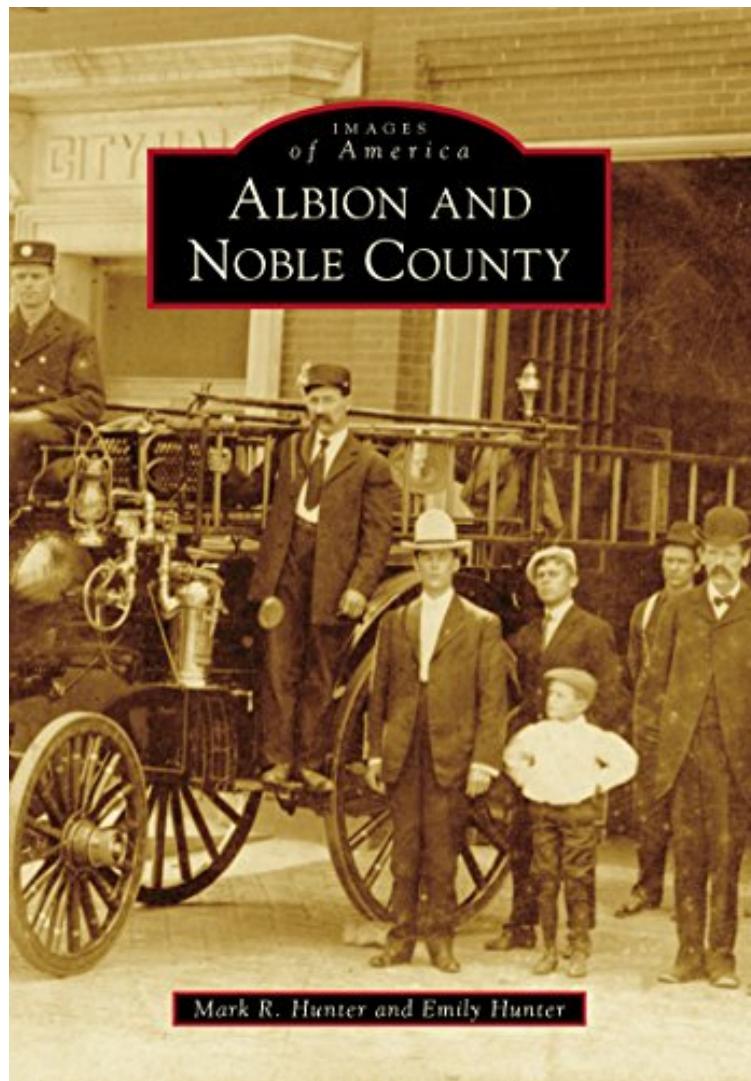


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Named after Indiana's first US senator, Noble County was formed in 1836, just eight years after the first recorded

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