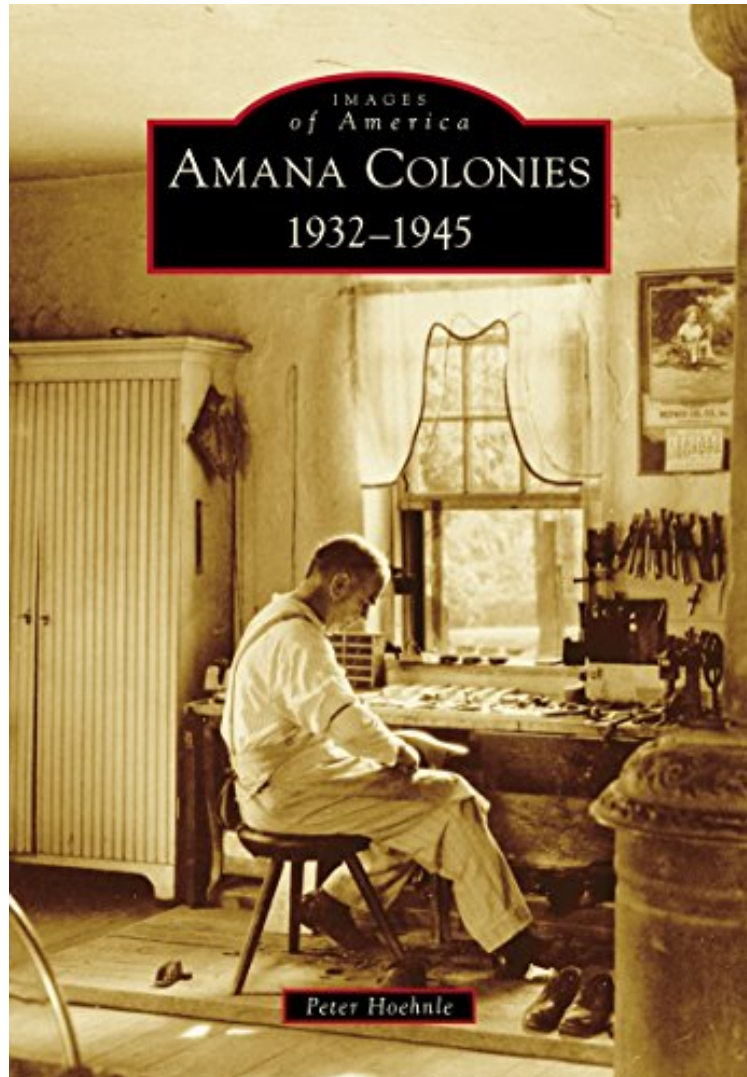


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About the Author Peter Hoehnle, PhD, is an Amana native who has written extensively on Amana and related communal societies. He is a past president of the Communal Studies Association and past editor of the journal *Communal Societies*. Images have come from the collections of the Amana Heritage Society and Amana residents.