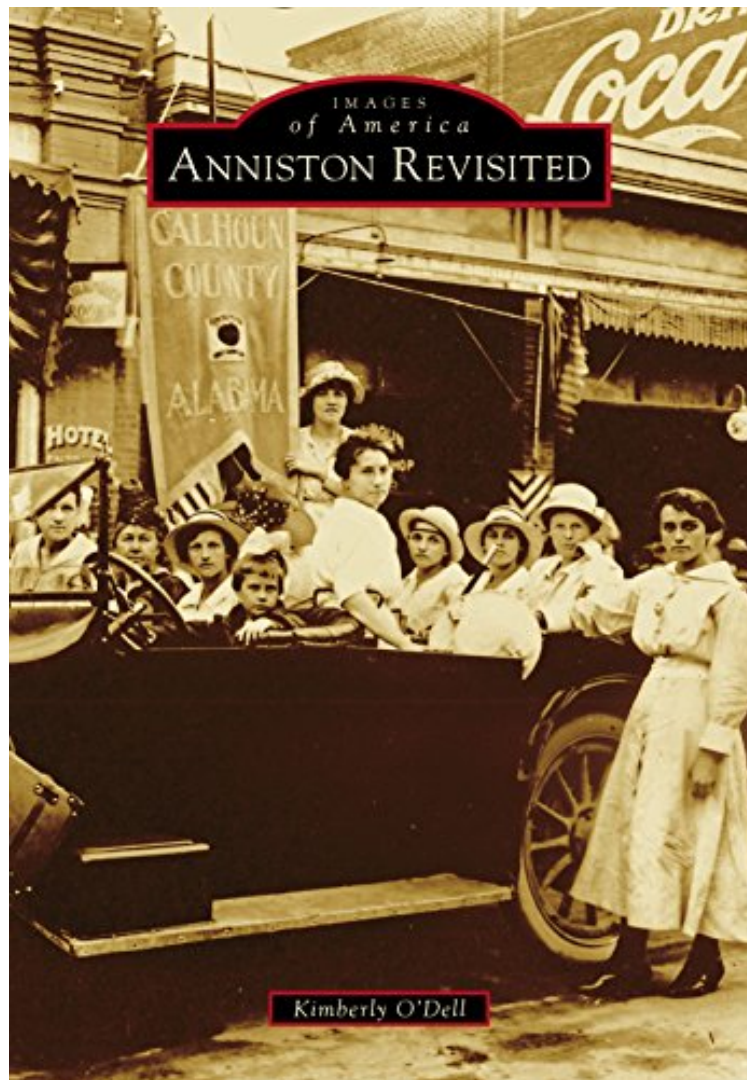


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history, I say give it a try. After all, Anniston has a special place in our history, having been known as "The Model City".

Nestled in the Piedmont region of the Appalachian Mountains, the small farming community of Pine Ankle was established in the 1830s on the former lands of the Creek Nation. In 1872, industrialists Samuel Noble and Daniel Tyler purchased the land for their Woodstock Iron Company, and in 1883 the town was opened to the public as Annies Town. It grew rapidly, and by the early 20th century Anniston was not only the seat of Calhoun County, but also home to numerous textile and iron industries as well as a thriving military complex. The vintage photographs in *Images of America: Anniston Revisited* showcase the daily lives of Annistonians and Fort McClellan soldiers during a time when Noble Street was a bustling urban center. Annistons homes, schools, and community centers are featured, along with the expanded downtown area and Fort McClellan, to paint a vivid portrait of The Model City.

About the AuthorLocal historian and educator Kimberly Orsquo;Dell has drawn images from the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun Countysquo;s Banks Collection and Russell Brothers Collection, as well as several private collections. This new volume joins *Images of America: Calhoun County* and *Images of America: Anniston* to explore an area rich with history.