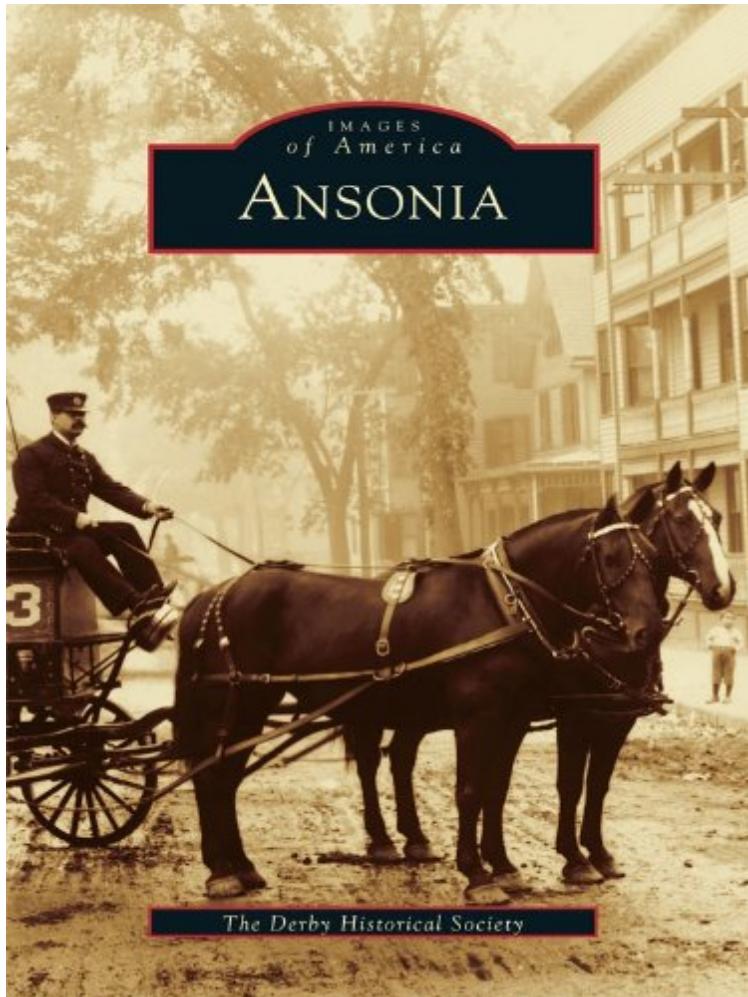


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The town of Ansonia is situated at the foot of Connecticut's Berkshire Hills, above the confluence of the Housatonic and Naugatuck Rivers. This manufacturing village was named for its founder, Anson Phelps, a businessman who played a prominent role in the community. Ansonia shares its earliest history with the neighboring town of Derby, of which it was a part until 1889. Ansonia has been called the Industrial Heart of the Naugatuck Valley. Yet, as you will see inside, its history is rich beyond its industry. Ansonia highlights the town's wonderful old homes and churches. This one town had 25 churches at one time. The book follows the town through good times as well as hard times, such as the Blizzard of 1888 and the Flood of 1955 and the redevelopment days that followed.

About the Author The Derby Historical Society has selected 212 photographs and explained them in this clear and concise history. The majority of Ansonia's images are from the society's own collection, amassed during the past 50 years; other sources include the Ansonia Library, local police and fire departments, and many generous individuals. Ansonia offers the sights, scenes, landscapes, and experiences of earlier people who loved and shaped this community—a truly enriching opportunity.