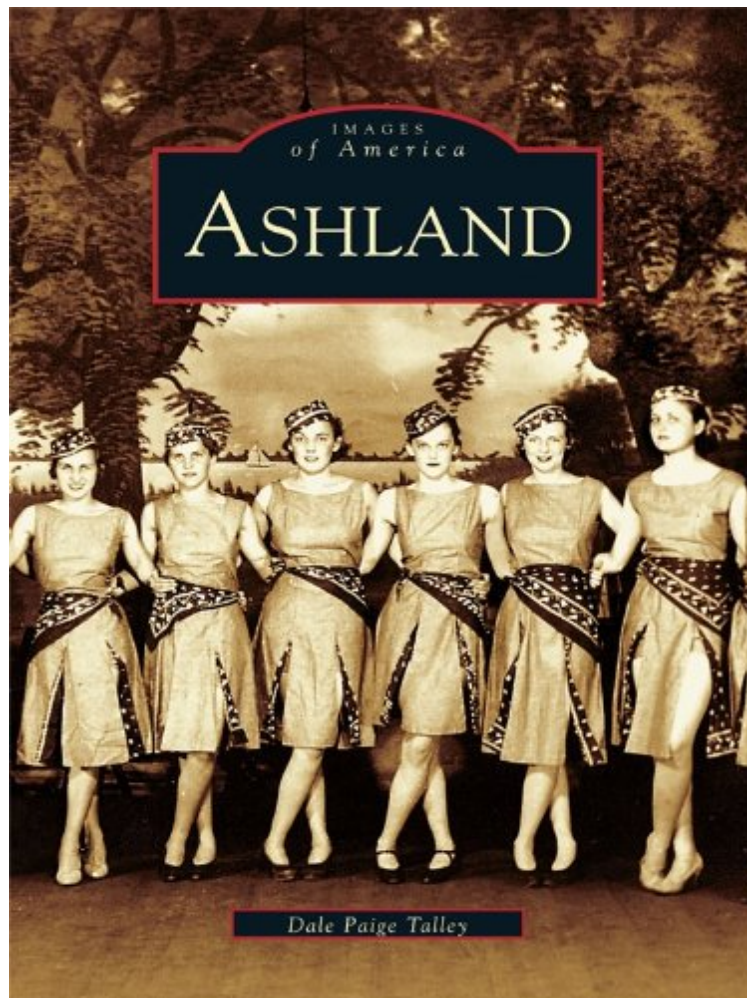


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In 1837, the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad laid its iron-capped wooden rails from Richmond to Aquia Creek. There, passengers could meet a stagecoach that would transport them to the railroad-owned steamship line and cruise up the Potomac to Washington. In between their outset and destination was a boggy, overgrown area known as the Slashes, which seemed the perfect rest stop for weary travelers during the 1850s. The region was renamed Ashland, after native son Henry Clay's home in Kentucky. By 1867, the Civil War had brought economic collapse and a resultant depression, and as a town that had relied on revenue from gambling, horseracing, and other

leisure activities, Ashland faced serious challenges to its very existence. Randolph-Macon College, originally in Mecklenburg County, made a deal with Ashland that would save both the town and the nation's oldest Methodist college by reestablishing its campus along their railroad tracks.

About the AuthorThrough vintage photographs, diaries, and articles from the pages of the Herald-Progress, the venerable weekly published continuously for more than 100 years, Images of America: Ashland captures the days gone by. Author Dale Paige Talley, an amateur historian with a deep affection for Ashland, has compiled more than 200 photographs and illustrations that depict the life of this railroad town.