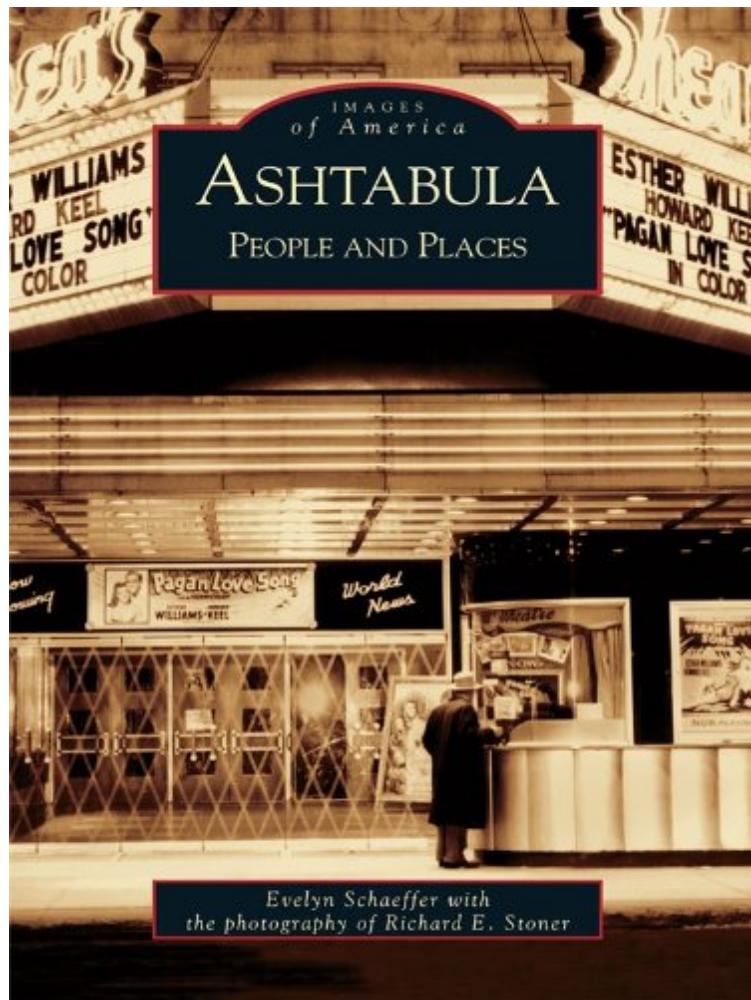


Ashtabula: People and Places (Images of America)

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Post-World War II Ashtabula was a major Great Lakes port with a thriving downtown. Local photographer Richard E. Stoner began taking photographs of the growing city in 1938, and for the next 58 years, his lens captured Ashtabula's businesses, industries, and citizens. His commercial accounts ranged from the harbor's Pinney Dock and Transport Company, to Main Avenue's locally-owned Carlisle-Allen Company department store, to Ashtabula's major war industries. Dick Stoner's earlier photographs capture the Ashtabula that once was, including the week-long Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1953. His later photos record the beginnings of fundamental change in our way of life. Also included in this volume are some pre-1930s photographs by Vinton N. Herron, whose work Stoner purchased when Herron retired. For Ashtabulans, this is a family album. For others, it is a look at a bygone time in Midwest America.

About the Author Evelyn Schaeffer, former Peace Corps volunteer and high school English teacher, has lived in Ashtabula County since 1978. Evelyn and her husband have raised their family in one of the earliest homes in Austinburg Township. Local history has always been one of her interests, and researching and restoring her own home inspired her interest in the history of Ashtabula County as a whole.