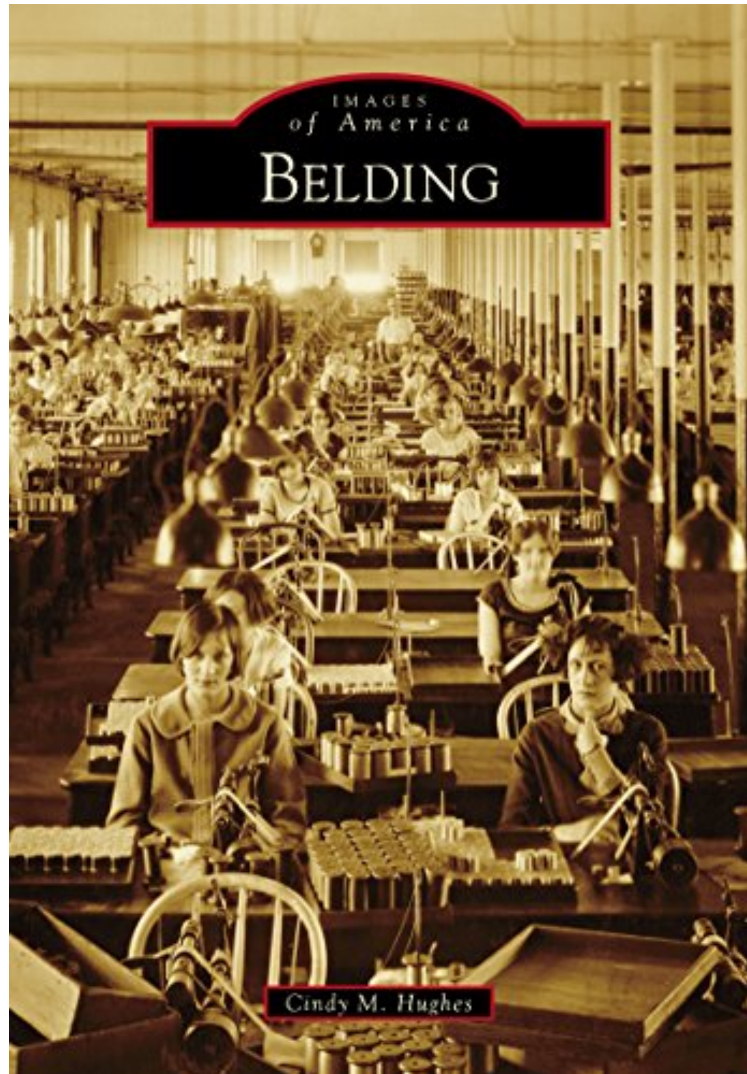


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alone employed more people than all other area factories combined. With the brothers controlling 90 percent of the American silk market, Belding became known as "Silk Capital of the World."

About the AuthorCindy M. Hughes is a lifelong resident of Belding. Her family first settled in the area in 1849. Johnson Road was named for her great-great-grandparents. At ages 17 and 19, respectively, her grandmother and great-aunt came from Denmark to work in the Belding silk mills. Most images in this book are from the collection of the Alvah N. Belding Library.