

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

In 1845, the Missouri State Legislature created Nodaway County out of the rolling Platte Purchase lands added to the far northwestern corner of the state. Within a decade, small communities emerged—the largest of them was the county seat of Maryville, which was platted in 1845 and started out as a frontier settlement. The intersection of two railroad lines in Maryville in the early 1870s brought traffic and commerce and later made it a center of education with the addition of the Fifth District Normal School in 1905. Superior regional agriculture, diverse local manufacturing, and progressive education helped to build a vibrant and durable community that, while similar to hundreds of others throughout the Midwest, fills lives with the rich experiences of communities in constant transition.

Images of America: *Maryville* features photographs from the collection of the Nodaway County Historical Society in Maryville, the archives of Northwest Missouri State University, and private collections. Michael Steiner is a professor of history at Northwest Missouri State University and the president of the Nodaway County Historical Society. Brent Trout is a graduate student in history at Northwest Missouri State University.

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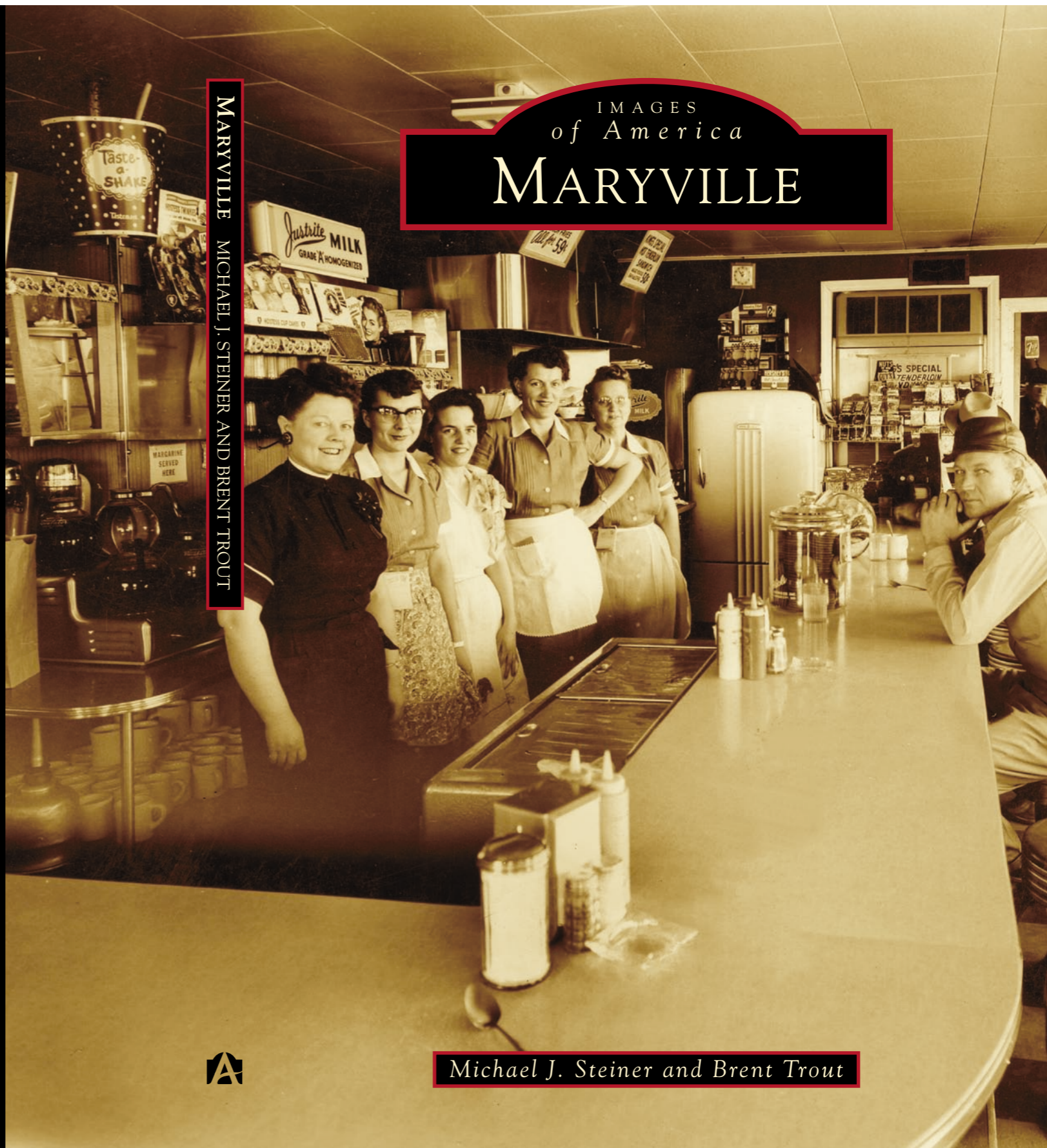


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