

MONONGAHELA CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Monongahela City is a gentle, residential community located 17 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. With origins dating back to 1769, it is the oldest settlement in the Monongahela Valley. The town takes its name from the Monongahela River, called "sliding banks" by the ancient Adena people. In the early 1700s, Joseph Parkison and the DeVore brothers built competing ferries on the Monongahela, and pioneers started their westward journeys here. It was in Monongahela City that the turning point of the Whiskey Rebellion occurred, carborundum was discovered, European immigrants arrived to work the mines and mills, and the Anton brothers manufactured miners' lamps that were sold around the world. Monongahela is the birthplace of countless leaders, including the 31st US Army chief of staff, inventor of the Nerf football, an NFL hall of fame quarterback, a winner of the National Book Award, and the first federal judge in Pennsylvania to go through the merit selection process.

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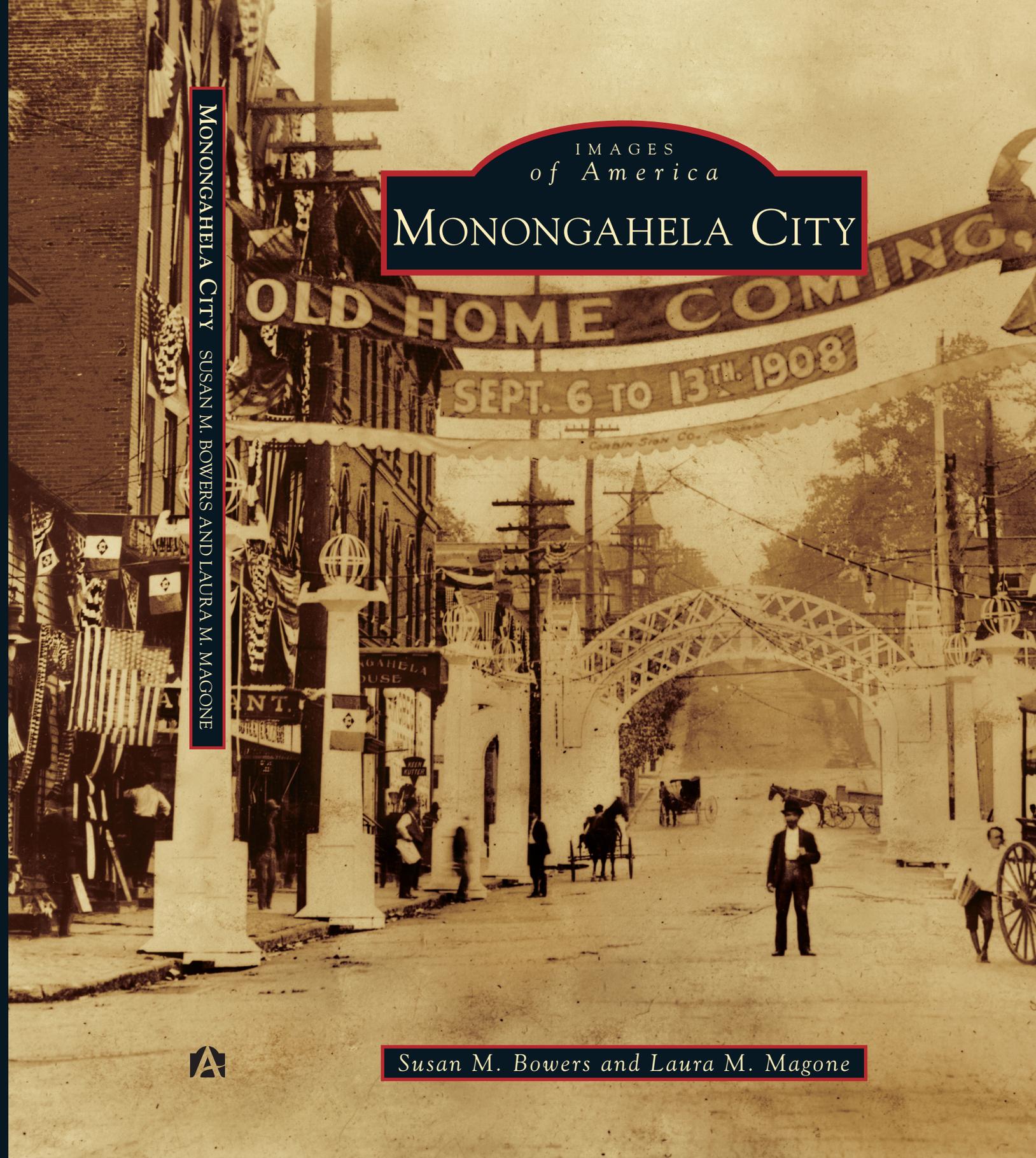


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