

History of Cornwall Told Through Photographs

Local authors team up on new book

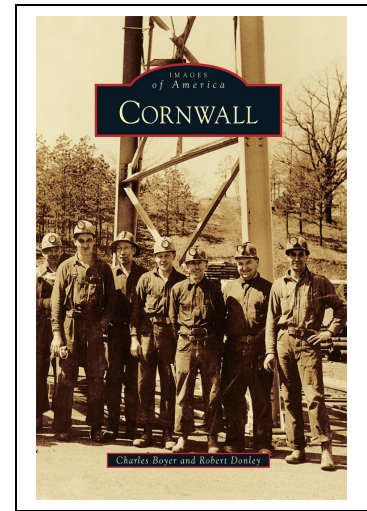
The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is *Cornwall* from local authors Charles Boyer and Robert Donley. The book boasts more than 200 vintage photographs and memories of days gone by.

Cornwall was founded in 1737 after a tremendous amount of iron ore was discovered in three hills. Mining started in earnest in 1742 when a charcoal furnace was constructed in Cornwall to smelt the iron ore. Operations of open pit and underground mining continued for more than 230 years until June 1972 when Hurricane Agnes flooded the mine. The iron ore was used to cast cannon and shot for the Continental army and later to construct our country's buildings, bridges, and infrastructure.

Vintage images culled from area archives illustrate the mining history, community culture, and development of the borough of Cornwall.

Highlights of *Cornwall*:

- Cornwall is the longest continuous operating mine in the country.
- They mined iron ore for iron and steel to be used in ten wars.
- The charcoal fueled iron furnace built in 1742 by Peter Grubb is the only remaining intact charcoal furnace in the country.
- The stone houses built in the mid 1800's to house the miners are still intact although they are now private homes.



Charles Boyer and Robert Donley were raised in Cornwall, graduated from Cornwall High School, and have been lifelong residents of the Cornwall area. Boyer is a third-generation miner with decades of mining experience, and both Boyer and Donley have a profound interest in preserving the history of the mine and community. The images presented in *Cornwall* are from the collections of the authors and local residents.

Cornwall

by Charles Boyer, Robert Donley

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