

Tennis Courts, Bluffton, Ohio.

The Bluffton

We Never Knew

Photographs from our first half century - 1861-1911

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Please enjoy the selection of photos in this scrapbook

“The Bluffton We Never Knew” sampler

Imagine living in a Bluffton you never knew.

A book released in time for Christmas by the Bluffton Icon takes you there.

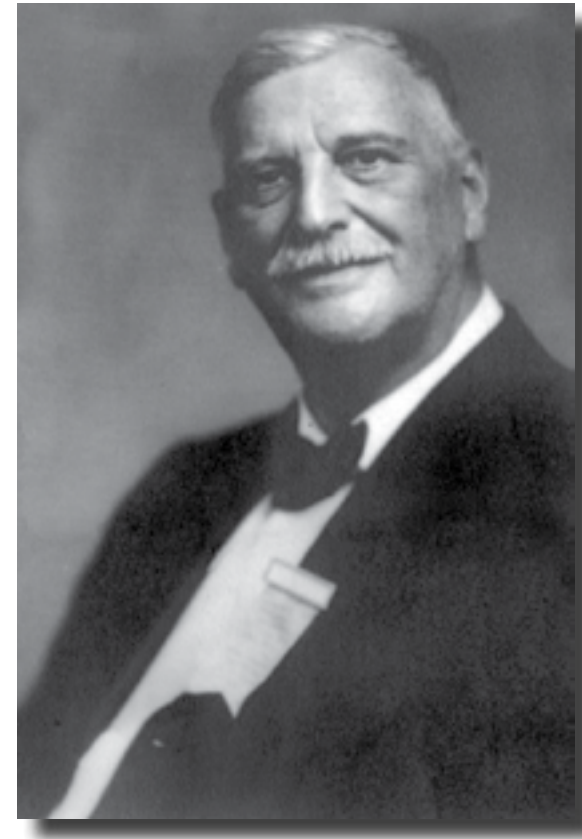
“The Bluffton We Never Knew,” photographs from our first half century, 1861 to 1911, is now at the printer. The book, with 198 pages, includes over 175 black and white photographs of Bluffton.

Most of the photos were taken by Bluffton pioneer photographer Will A. Triplett. Photos include Bluffton scenes, people, businesses, churches, Main Street, the college, railroads, early vehicles and residences from Bluffton.

Upon release, the book sells for \$19.95 plus tax. The book will be available in several Bluffton businesses and from the Icon. Advance sale copies are discounted now through the end of November at \$16.95 plus tax.

Photos in this sampler represent examples of photographs in the book. Each of these photos is described in greater detail in the book.

- Book cover and back cover design by Kat Luginbuhl -



**Will A Triplett
Pioneer Bluffton photographer**

The cover photo is a colorized post card of the Bluffton clay tennis courts - today Riley View Apartments.



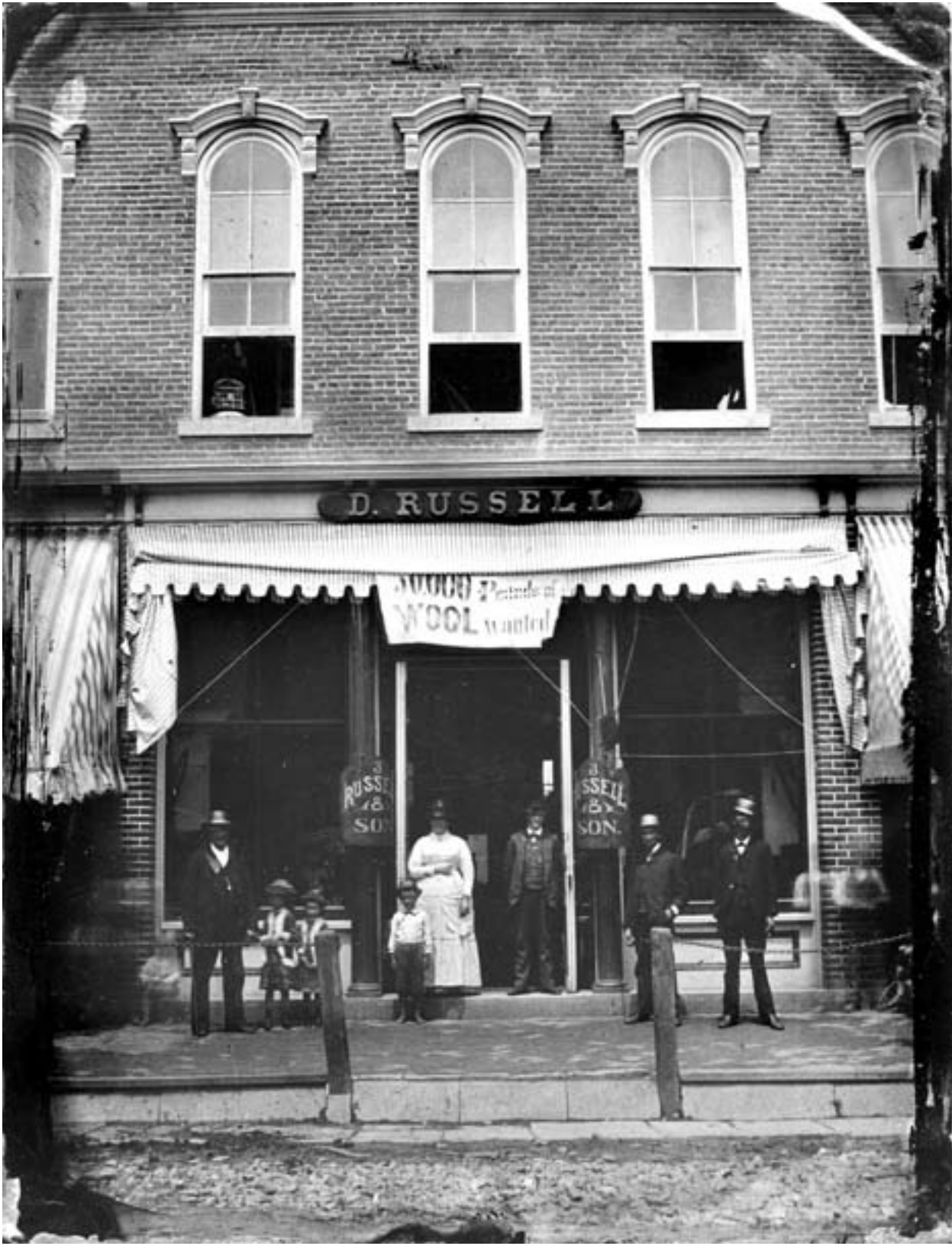
Bluffton elementary school class 1899-1900



Mitchell's Drug Store, 1908



Methodist Episcopal Church choir (Richard Boehr photo)



Russell Hotel on Main Street

Riley Street Bridge, Bluffton, O.



Arch Bridge on Riley Street



Group of Bluffton women



Buckeye quarry



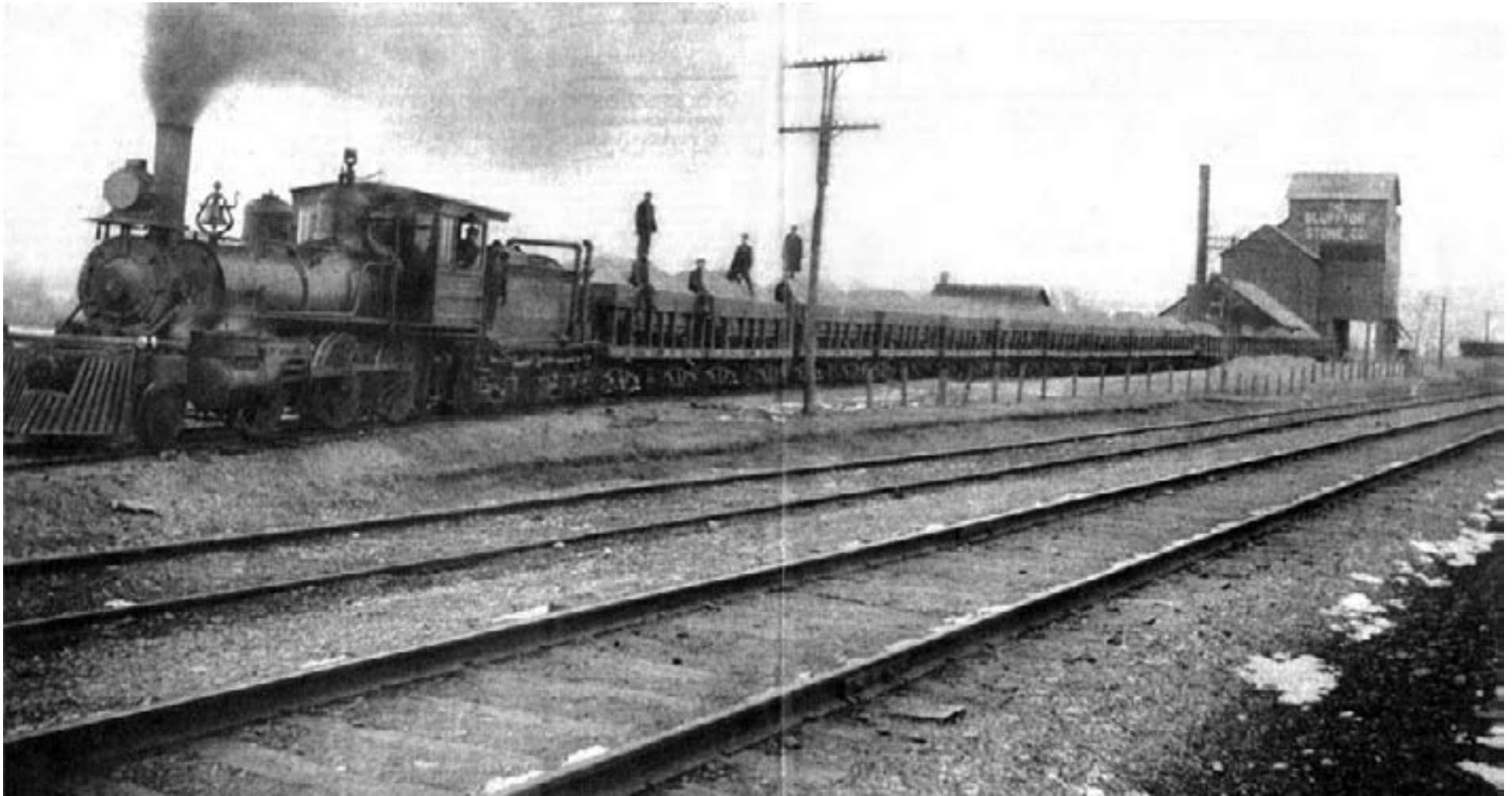
1904 Bluffton parade



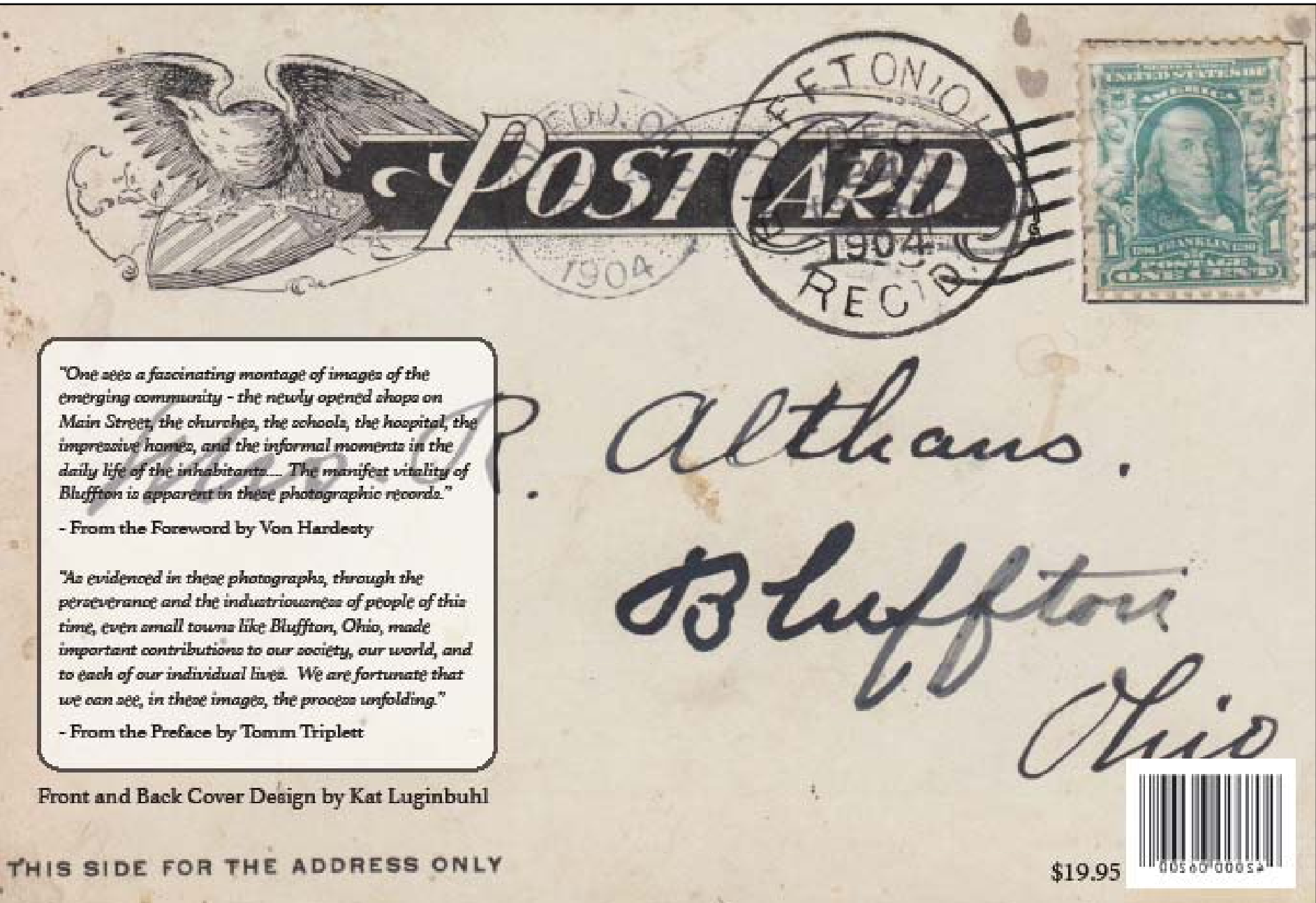
Diller family



Earliest known photo of Main Street from town hall clock tower (Allen County Historical Society)



Lake Erie and Western Railroad freight on the siding at the National Quarry



"One sees a fascinating montage of images of the emerging community - the newly opened shops on Main Street, the churches, the schools, the hospital, the impressive homes, and the informal moments in the daily life of the inhabitants... The manifest vitality of Bluffton is apparent in these photographic records."

- From the Foreword by Von Hardesty

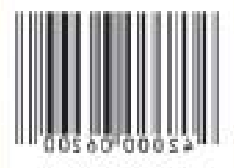
"As evidenced in these photographs, through the perseverance and the industriousness of people of this time, even small towns like Bluffton, Ohio, made important contributions to our society, our world, and to each of our individual lives. We are fortunate that we can see, in these images, the process unfolding."

- From the Preface by Tomm Triplett

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Back cover of "The Bluffton We Never Knew."