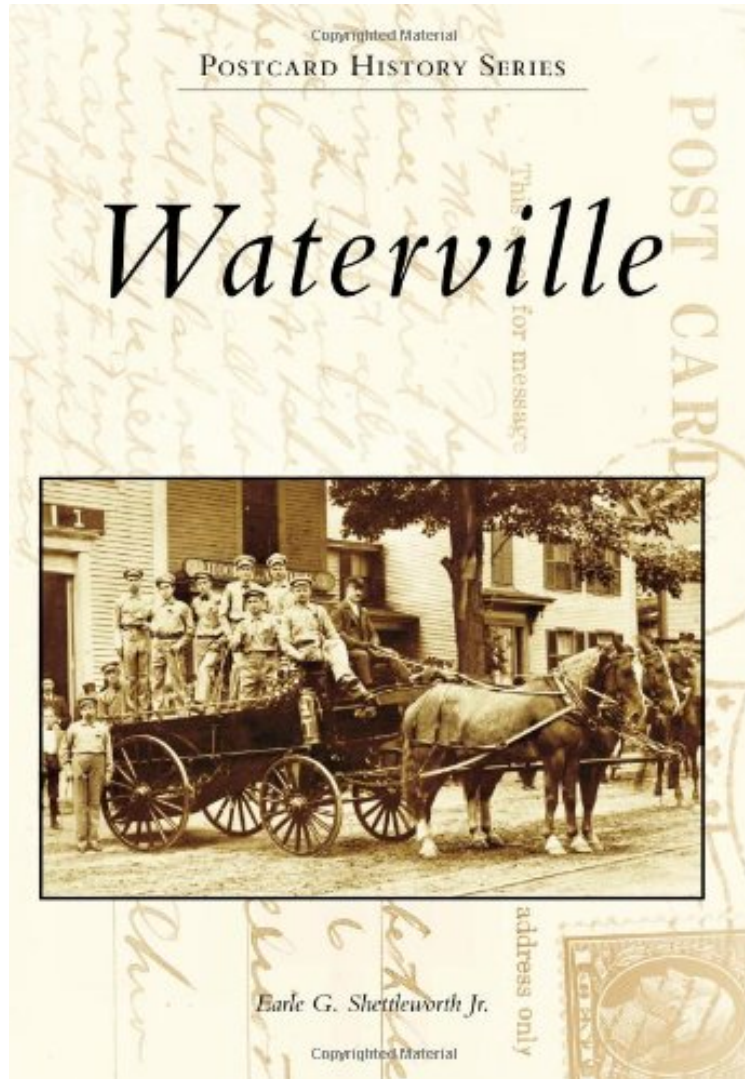


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included lumbering, farming, and shipbuilding, and the community's location in the state made it a railroad center. In 1813, Baptists founded Colby College, considered one of the nation's most prestigious liberal arts colleges. It has transformed Waterville into a true college town focused on preserving its heritage through preservation and downtown revitalization efforts.

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