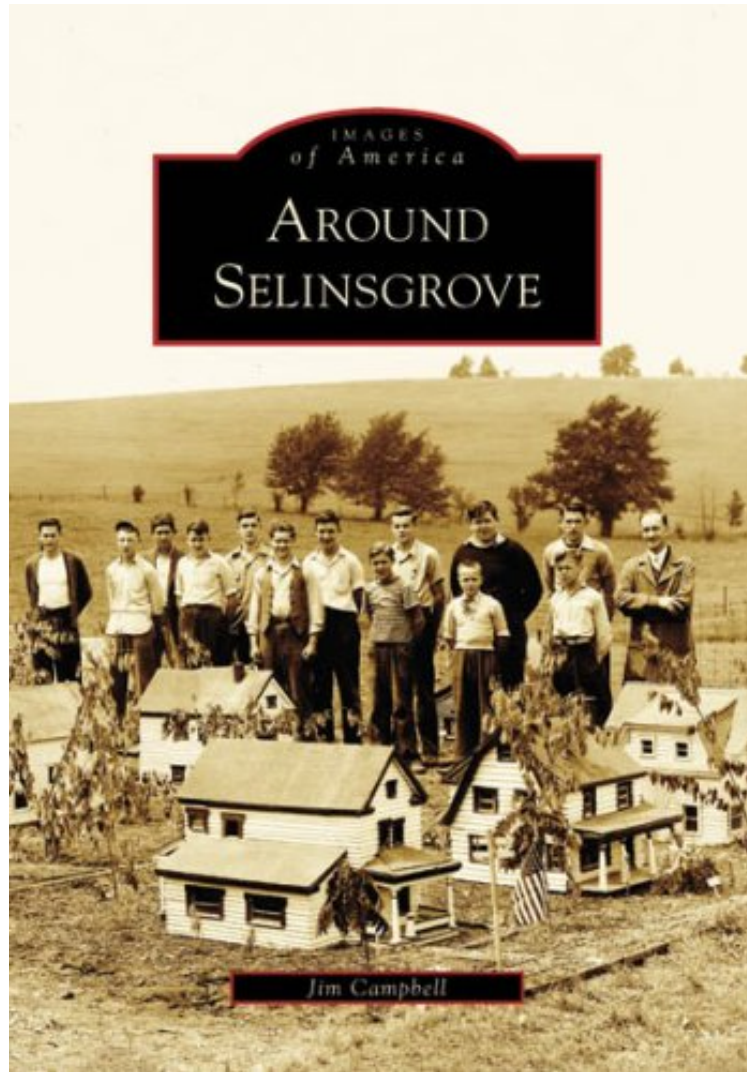


## Around Selinsgrove (Images of America: Pennsylvania)

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**Jim Campbell : Around Selinsgrove (Images of America: Pennsylvania)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Around Selinsgrove (Images of America: Pennsylvania):

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While Selinsgrove is typical of the many towns located along the shores of the Susquehanna River, it has cultivated its own identity as the home of Susquehanna University, founded in 1858 as the Missionary Institute and later becoming

one of the nations first coeducational colleges. Prior to the Pennsylvania Canal, several Selinsgrove mills were vital in the worldwide flour trade, where wheat was ground into flour and floated on arks downriver to Baltimore. For most of the 20th century, Rolling Green Park was a leading recreational attraction, and for over 60 years the Selinsgrove Speedways sprint car races have caused spectators to hail it as the fastest half-mile dirt track in the East. What truly makes Selinsgrove and the surrounding area prominent is the unique individuals that have marked its history. Through more than 200 photographs, many previously unpublished, *Around Selinsgrove* depicts the places and people who have made these communities into what they are today.

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Imagine learning the history of Selinsgrove through the eyes of those who made it. Through an assembled series of postcards, portraits and family photos, nearly 150 years of history is unveiled in "*Around Selinsgrove*," written by local author Jim Campbell, of Shamokin Dam. The book, a latest edition from the "Postcard History Series" by Arcadia Publishing, uncovers how Selinsgrove residents worked, lived and had fun in the late 19th Century and during much of the early part of the 20th century. "As always, I've really enjoyed digging out the images and getting to know people I've not known before or not known well," said Campbell, who has authored three previous "Postcard History Series" books relative to Snyder County history. "I'm always amazed by the trusting generosity of people in parting temporarily with treasured family photos in many cases." More than 120 pages are filled with images that depict life at the factory, in the band, at the playground, on the river, in church, at home and along the Susquehanna River. Included are scenes from Selinsgrove's centennial celebration in 1953, the Isle of Que Mills operating in the late 1890s and images of the 1936 flood. Among the rare images include the 1944 blaze that destroyed the Bogar Lumber Company on North Water Street, famed football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. leaving the Susquehanna University sidelines for the last time in 1952, and the Clements Ferry navigating the Susquehanna River near Blue Hill in 1900. "This book concentrates on mainly the Selinsgrove area and pays special tribute to Susquehanna University's 150th year celebration with the longest chapter in the book," Campbell said. "Overall, there are 100 SU-related images. A tribute to Selinsgrove veterans, especially those of the Greatest Generation who served in WW II, is another feature I'm of which I'm quite proud. In gathering their pictures I had a renewed sense of the sacrifices they made for us and our country." Campbell makes an appearance himself, standing next to NFL Hall of Fame quarterback and current FOX football commentator, Terry Bradshaw, in the 1970s when Campbell worked on the sidelines with the Pittsburgh Steelers. "I hope this latest book, along with the three previous, will spark an interest in our heritage among young readers," Campbell said. "Also, I think former residents who have moved from the area would be interested in the remembrances provided by the book." The book is available for \$19.99 at area bookstores or through Arcadia Publishing at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com). All proceeds go to benefit the Snyder County Historical Society. About the Author Jim Campbell has again partnered with the Snyder County Historical Society to compile photographs and information for this informative look at the Selinsgrove areas history. Campbell is the author of *Images of America: Snyder County*, *Postcard History Series: Snyder County*, and *Snyder Countys Sports Heritage*. Proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the historical society.