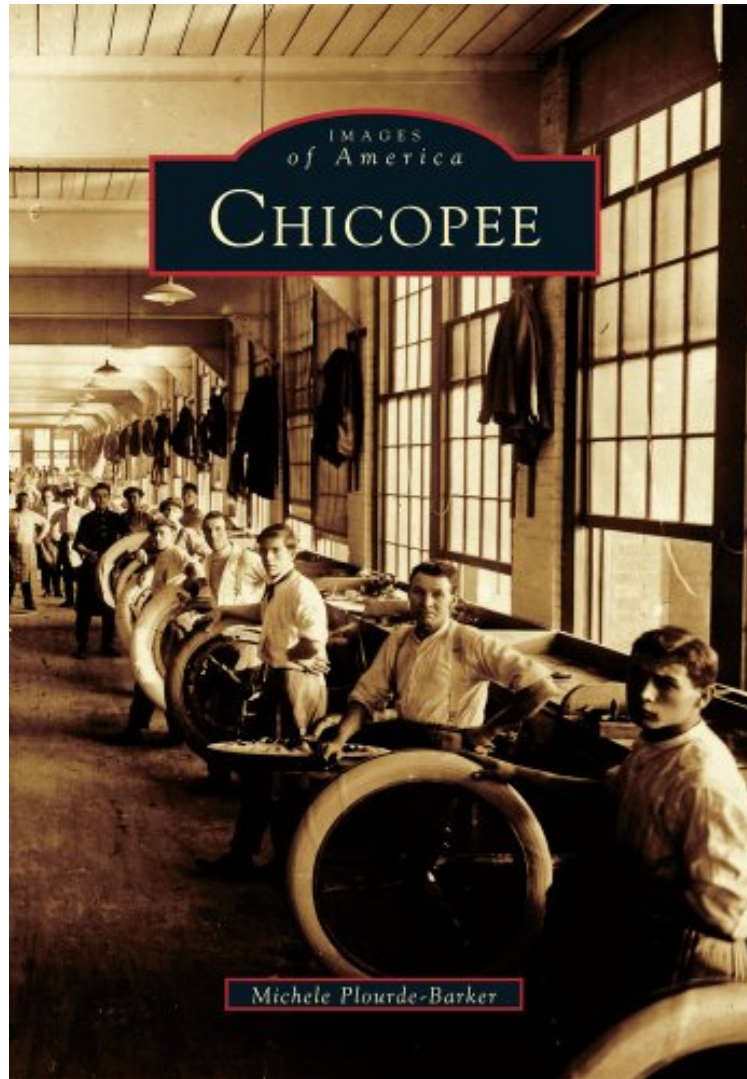


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About the Author Author Michele Plourde-Barker works in the library of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. She was a founding member of the Chicopee Historical Society, from whose collection many of the images in this book have been drawn. Other institutions that provided images for use in Chicopee include the Chicopee Public Library and the Edward Bellamy Memorial Association. Photographs have been drawn from private collections as well. Residents will surely cherish this comprehensive and vibrant portrait of life in Chicopee.