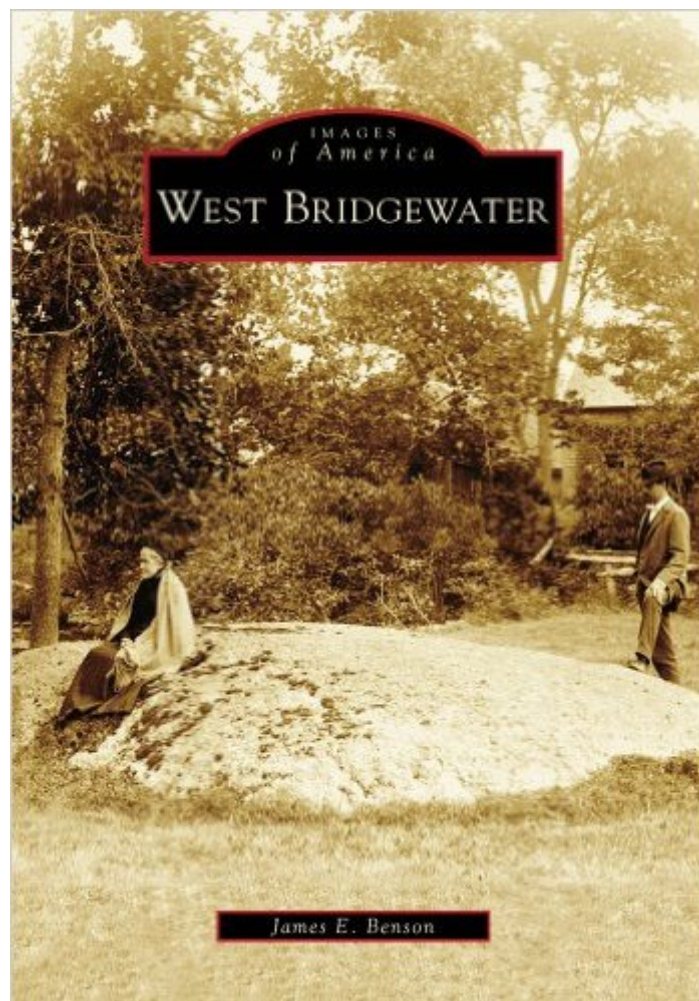


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## Synopsis

Incorporated on February 16, 1822, West Bridgewater was once the geographic center of Old Bridgewater, an area consisting of what is today Brockton, East Bridgewater, and Bridgewater. The West Parish, as West Bridgewater was called at the time, became the political, religious, and industrial center of the region. In 1774, Capt. John Ames established his shovel works in the town and manufactured the first steel shovels in America. The site of his manufactory is today War Memorial Park, considered the first industrial park in America. The town is also home to the Reverend James Keith Parsonage, the oldest existing parsonage in the United States. Through a collection of vintage images from the late 19th through the mid-20th century, West Bridgewater depicts the town's simple agrarian lifestyle that can still be seen today in its open spaces, family farms, and Colonial historic prominence.

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Thoroughly enjoyed reading this book - saw so many names that rang a bell to me. There even was a picture of my dad in the book. He and his brother had a dairy farm which we kids grew up on. I thought it was very well written.

West Bridgewater is where I was brought up and schooled her broad and old history is one of the oldest in the country. This book gave a ride back to the Mayflower.

This is a very nostalgic book about West Bridgewater, Mass. The historical info about how the town was formed is very good. I'm glad I bought it.

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