

# South Holland Images of America: A Visual Journey Through History

South Holland, Illinois, is a vibrant and diverse community located just south of Chicago. The city has a rich history dating back to the 1800s, and its many historic landmarks and attractions tell the story of its past.

In this article, we will take a visual journey through South Holland's history, using images from the book "South Holland Images of America" by author and historian John R. Lundin. This book is a collection of over 200 vintage photographs that provide a glimpse into the city's past.



## South Holland (Images of America) by Kandace Blevin

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## The Early Years

South Holland was founded in 1849 by a group of Dutch immigrants. The city was originally known as "Holland" and was part of Thornton Township. In 1894, Holland was incorporated as a village, and in 1925, it was incorporated as a city.

The early years of South Holland were marked by rapid growth. The city's population grew from just over 100 people in 1850 to over 1,000 people in 1900. This growth was due in part to the city's proximity to Chicago and its many industries.



## **The Roaring Twenties**

The 1920s were a time of great prosperity for South Holland. The city's population continued to grow, and new businesses and industries were established. The city also saw the construction of many new homes, schools, and churches.

One of the most significant events of the 1920s was the opening of the South Holland Country Club. The country club was a popular destination for

both residents and visitors, and it helped to put South Holland on the map.



The South Holland Country Club in the 1920s.

## **The Great Depression**

The Great Depression hit South Holland hard. The city's economy was devastated, and many businesses and industries were forced to close. The city's population also declined as people moved away in search of work.

Despite the challenges of the Great Depression, South Holland remained a close-knit community. Residents pulled together to help each other through the tough times.



## **World War II**

World War II had a major impact on South Holland. Many of the city's young men were drafted into the military, and the city's factories were converted to produce war goods.

South Holland also played a role in the war effort by hosting a number of military training facilities. The city's residents also donated generously to the war effort.



South Holland during World War II.

### **The Post-War Years**

The post-war years were a time of growth and prosperity for South Holland. The city's population grew rapidly, and new schools, churches, and

businesses were built. The city also saw the construction of a new city hall and library.

In 1960, South Holland annexed the neighboring village of Thornton. This annexation made South Holland one of the largest cities in the south suburbs of Chicago.



### **The Present Day**

Today, South Holland is a thriving community with a population of over 22,000 people. The city is home to a diverse population and a variety of

businesses and industries. South Holland is also a popular destination for tourists, thanks to its many historic landmarks and attractions.

The images in this article provide just a glimpse into the rich history of South Holland. To learn more about the city's past, be sure to read "South Holland Images of America" by John R. Lundin.

## About the Author

John R. Lundin is a local historian and author who has written extensively about the history of South Holland. His book, "South Holland Images of America," is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the city's past.

Lundin is a lifelong resident of South Holland and has a deep love for his community. He is a member of the South Holland Historical Society and has served on the city's Landmarks Commission. Lundin is also a regular contributor to the South Holland Journal, the city's local newspaper.



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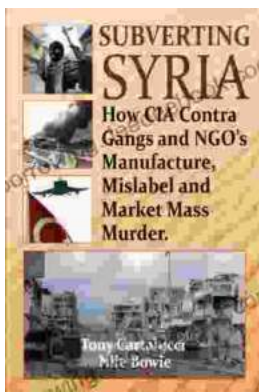






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