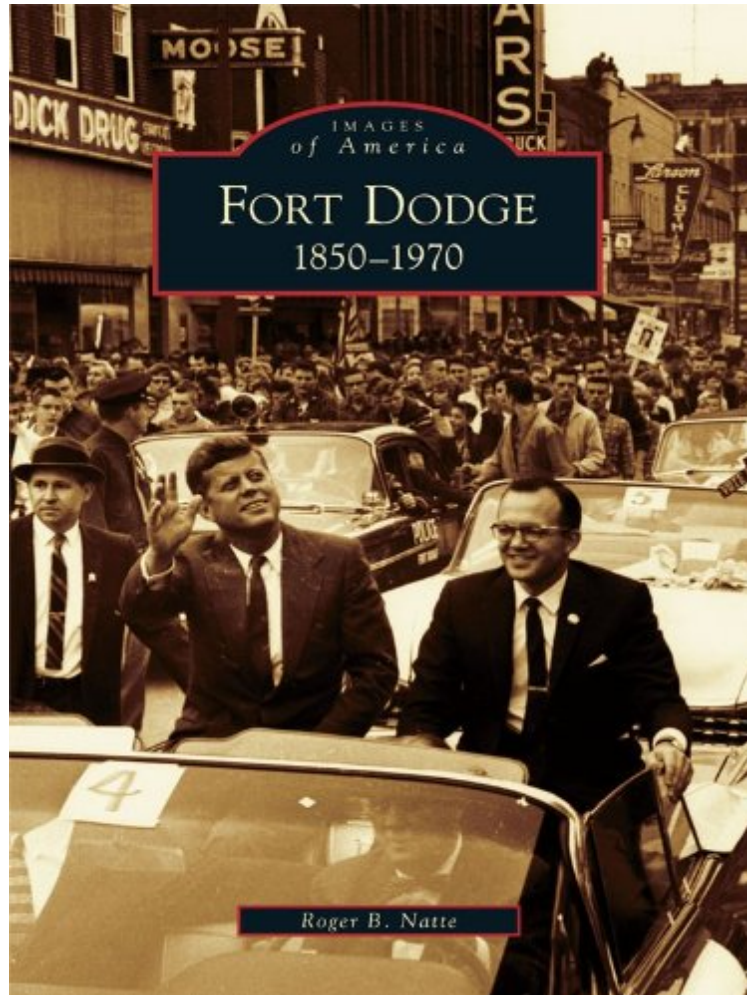


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Roger B. Natte : Fort Dodge: 1850 to 1970 (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fort Dodge: 1850 to 1970 (Images of America):

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the music house, but could find nothing to speak of until today. Thanks to author Roger Natte, this book answered our quest, in part anyway, about the location of the piano's beginnings in our hometown. And, interesting enough (to us anyway), Czerny, as we call her, has joined our household to live out "our golden years" in Omaha (where she was found). Upon our recent purchase of a home, our daughter insisted that Czerny be moved from her place to ours; our home is located in Omaha's historical district. "Czerny belongs here", she said. Sure enough, Czerny now beautifully sits in our living room, and we have the added pleasure of "live music" when our daughter visits. Beshert. It was meant to be. When considering the composer Karl King "back in the day", we'd like to imagine that he and "our Czerny" encountered one another at Early Music House ... a nice thought anyway. Either way, I'm thankful for Roger Natte taking on the task to publish this excellent book, a quality publication--well written and displayed. Without it, I'd still be wondering the whereabouts of Czerny's early beginnings. Last, but not least, I recommend this book, as a former Dodger, to anyone desiring to "walk down memory lane". It's filled with treasures of yesteryear. Give it a try. Enjoy!

Fort Dodge was founded in 1850 as a military post to police the Iowa frontier. A subsequent land boom created fortunes that were reinvested in the local economy. The town soon earned the nickname "Mineral City" because of the extensive deposits of coal, gypsum, limestone, and clay. By 1900, the city was a rail center and the world's largest producer of gypsum products. With a highly diversified economy, the city prospered and by World War I was able to claim to have more skyscrapers per capita than any other city in the Midwest and beautiful public buildings designed by some of the nation's leading architects. Between 1900 and 1925, Fort Dodge enjoyed the role as an important political center and the home of two U.S. senators, the director of the U.S. Mint, the solicitor of the Department of the Treasury, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, and the first presidential press secretary and speechwriter. Sons and daughters of the community went on to establish national reputations in art, music, literature, science, and journalism. Images used in this volume come primarily from the archives of the Webster County Historical Society and were chosen to represent the changing character of the community from 1850 to 1970.