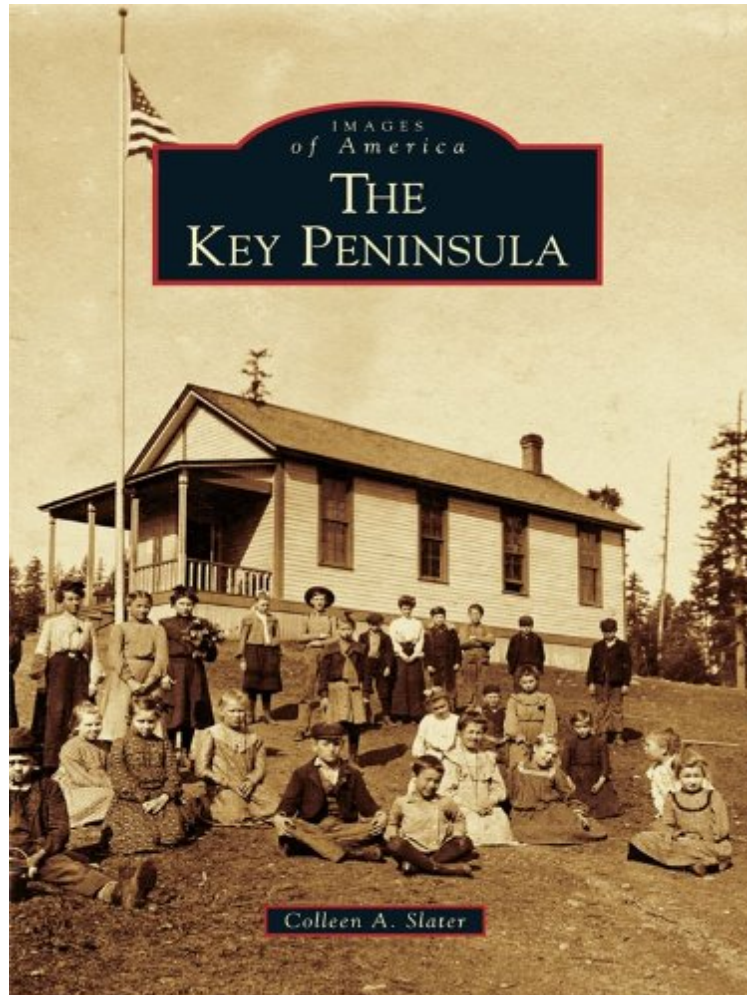


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My ancestors story in print
By Marilee J. Austin
After typing my great grandmothers madian name into the internet, what a shock it was to click on a link and have my great great grandfathers picture pop up onto the screen. After scrolling through several pages, his story about being one of the early settlers of Vaughn Washington was written in this book. Since my mother had already done a genological search on her grandfather, I was interested in reading about what information the author had to say about him. By the way, my great greatfather was Alfred VanSlyke and his daughter Nellie, my great grandmother also had her picture and background information of her life mentioned in this book. I always enjoyed going out to Vaughn to visit her and pick apples from her small orchard and playing on the beach. Our family, grandparents, uncles and great aunts and uncles always went to Vaughn to have a combined celebration of my folks anniversary and Nelligs birthday. I was so impressed with the book, that I ordered 2 more, one for my sister and my nephew. Submitted by: Marilee Austin

(Olympia, Washington)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A little treasure of a bookBy kim schaumburgColleen Slater has done her homework in compiling a historical account of the settlement and growth of a small but beautiful peninsula on Puget Sound in Washington State. This attractive book is an amalgamation of rare historical photographs and concise, informative narrative. A must read for both Pacific Northwest residents and history buffs.

The Key Peninsula is a scenic finger of land that stretches south between Case and Carr Inlets in Washington State. Few people lived there before 1850, although Native Americans fished and hunted from temporary villages. Several communities, each with a unique history, took root near the various bays and inlets of the peninsula, and by the 1890s, many areas bustled with schools, post offices, mills, churches, and stores. Logging, orchards, and chicken farms supported these early pioneers. Cut off from the mainland, the waters of Puget Sound provided transportation. The famous Mosquito Fleet carried products such as fruit, seafood, chickens, eggs, and butter to Olympia, Tacoma, and Seattle until the advent of the ferries and, later, the bridges. Many of today's "oldtimers" are just two or three generations distant from the original hardy settlers, but the area's residents are proud of the heritage of this unique place they call home.

About the AuthorAuthor Colleen A. Slater is a local writer and historian who grew up in Vaughn. In this volume, she has gathered photographs and stories from the Key Peninsula Historical Society museum and from private collections to illustrate the history of the individual communities as well as that of the larger Key Peninsula community.