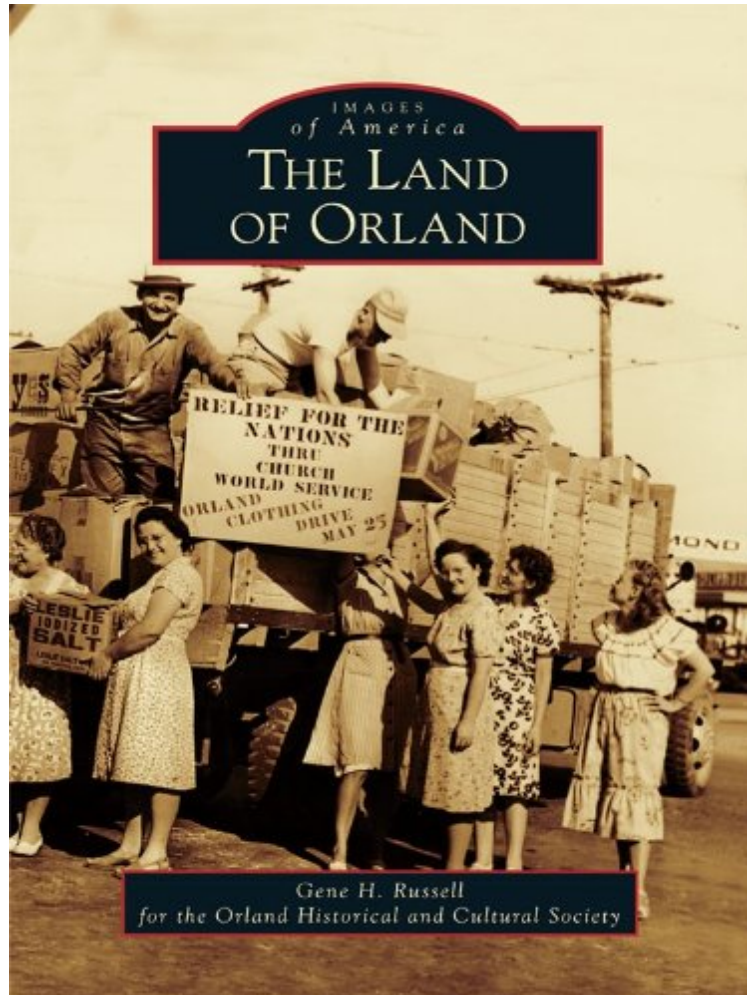


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**Gene H. Russell : The Land of Orland** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Land of Orland:

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The Land of Orland dates from the pre-Gold Rush 1840s when Granville Perry Swift selected the area for the adobe headquarters of his vast cattle operation. The naming of the town took place in 1875 when three men--who could not agree on a name--put their choices on slips of paper and the name "Orland" was drawn from the hat. Orland saw a great influx of development in the 1910s with the completion of the Orland Irrigation Project" the first federally funded irrigation project on the West Coast. With water available at reasonable prices, small dairies and orchards sprang up around the town. Promotional efforts brought new families into the community. Vintage photographs from these "good old days" give a lasting picture of Orland's agricultural heritage.

Title: Russell named Orland Person of the Year  
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No one was surprised when Mayor Bruce Roundy announced the 2009 Orland Person of the Year Award at Saturday's July Fourth celebration in Vinsonhaler Park. Gene Russell, affectionately known as "Doc" because of his doctorate in education, accepted the award with humility. After the ceremony, he told the Orland Press-Register, "There are some impressive names on the list. It's an honor to be in the same class as those people." Among those people was Russell's father, J.A. Russell, who was named Person of the Year in 1980. He said he knew for sure that he was getting the award when his children and grandchildren started showing up. Russell's wife Shirley let them in on the secret, so they traveled from Washington and Oregon to attend. Also at the ceremony were his mother-in-law Fern Sliger and sister-in-law Florence Burdick. Russell is getting used to collecting honors. Just one week before, he received an award for individual merit from the Conference of California Historical Societies. An Orland native and graduate of Orland High School and California State University, Chico, Russell taught industrial arts at OHS until he retired in 1999. Since then, he has focused his attention the region's history. He has written five books and innumerable articles about Orland and the surrounding region. His latest book, "The Land of Orland," is part of the Images of America series from Arcadia Publishing. The book chronicles the town's history from the pre-Gold Rush 1840s to 1965, using vintage photographs from the Alta Schmidt House Museum on Fourth and Yolo streets and other local collections. "I always thought my legacy would be my books," he said. "The Land of Orland," \$20, is available for purchase at the Alta Schmidt House Museum, from Russell or online bookstores. About the Author Dr. Gene Russell is the current president of the Orland Historical and Cultural Society, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2007. A native resident of the Land of Orland, Russell has selected the best images from the Alta Schmidt House Museum and local collections for this visual voyage into the community's roots. He has also produced the Orland's Colorful . . . series of books on the town's unique history.