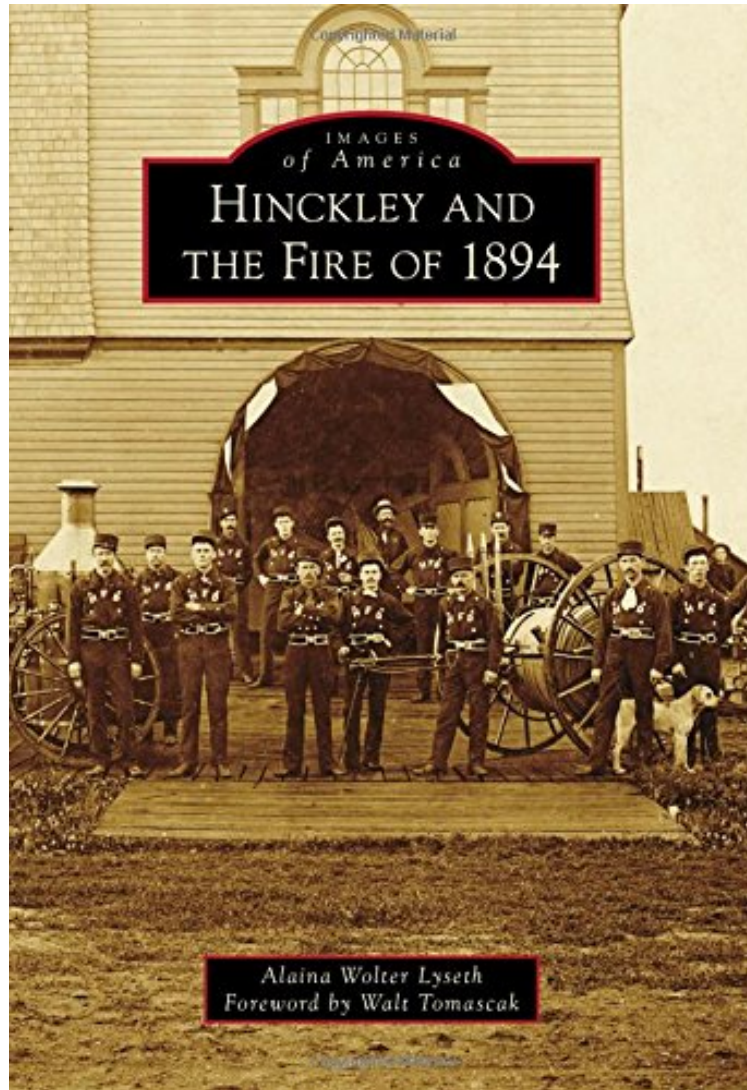


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About the Author Alaina Wolter Lyseth has roots in Pine County that date to when her Swedish ancestors immigrated here in 1906. Lyseth became a permanent resident of Hinckley in 1985, and when her 13-year-old son needed information for a genealogy project, she started digging for answers and has not stopped. She has lived in many places, but Hinckley and its history have always been touchstones for her. She is a member of the Pine County Genealogical Society and the Pine County Historical Society and also volunteers at the Hinckley Fire Museum.