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**Images of America  
Roane County**

The "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing started in 1990 as a way for communities across the United States to preserve and share their history.

"From Samuel To Ruby" was the caption on a recent article by Editor, Jay Cooper, in the Roane Co. newspaper, The Times Record, describing the new book in this series "Roane County" sponsored by the Roane County Historical Society. The 204 photographs contained in the book, authored by Arcadia native, Jack Nida, span the years from Samuel Tanner's cave to Col. Ruby Bradley's heroism and all the decades in between. Tanner became Spencer's first settler in 1912, and Bradley, a Roane native who died in 2002, was

the most decorated woman in U.S. military history.

Old photos for the book were solicited from several private collections and an appeal to the public in January, 2007 resulted in many photos being submitted. Tracy Board scanned most of the photos submitted using specifications and formats set out by the publishers. Captions for the photos were researched by author, Jack Nida, and historical society members, Carol Board and Carol Cronin.

Leafing through the completed book's pages offers a glimpse into life as it was before most current Roane Countians were born. The book is divided into eight sections - The Early Years, Timber, Industry, Oil and Gas, Roads and Transportation, Schools & Churches, Commerce and Industry, and People of Interest.

The cost of the book is \$19.99 (plus WV sales tax for in-state customers). Copies of the book will be available for sale at the Genealogy Fair on Sept. 22, and may also be purchased by mail from the Roane Co. Historical Society, or on-line, directly from the publisher at [arcadiapublishing.com](http://arcadiapublishing.com).

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