



SHADOWS OF A BYGONE ERA

Echoes of the past can be found in every corner of Monroe County. Incredibly, the county has more than one hundred lost towns across its fifteen townships. Some of these towns have notorious histories, such as the murderer who founded a village and the town that robbed its own citizens. Some succumbed to tragedy, including one that was swallowed up by the water and a resort town that disappeared. Others were simply absorbed by another state. Local historian and author of *Hidden History of Monroe County, Michigan* Shawna Mazur collects the stories behind these vanished communities, revealing where these towns were located, how they grew and why they disappeared, often without a trace.



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