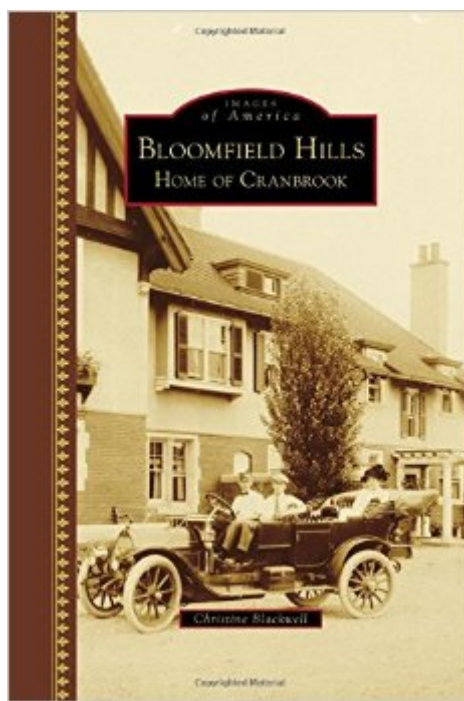


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# Bloomfield Hills (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Bloomfield Hills is an affluent suburban city located 20 miles north of downtown Detroit. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, much of the areas rolling farmland was purchased by wealthy Detroit residents who had first discovered the hills when they went touring northward in their new horseless carriages. Seeking refuge from Detroit's summer heat and crowds, the newcomers built weekend homes that ranged from elaborate farmhouses to large manor estates. Philanthropists George Gough Booth and his wife, Ellen Scripps Booth, envisioned more than a manor house for themselves, however, and built what is now a National Historic Landmark, the Cranbrook Educational Community. In 1932, Bloomfield Hills incorporated as a city. The city retains its mystique as an enclave of elegant living and exceptional schools, but its history also includes instances of poverty and mayhem. It is all here in *Images of America: Bloomfield Hills: Home of Cranbrook*.

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## Customer Reviews

The author got a few things wrong about Cranbrook, but I enjoyed adding this photo book to my collection. I'm left pondering the significance of a single small volume in which appear photos of my mother (as a high school grad), Bob Seger, Aretha Franklin and Roger Penske. I was hoping for more prose, however. Much of the book looks like a collection of photos I've already seen in the Cranbrook Archives.

This book is a fascinating visual history of Bloomfield Hills, located 20 miles north of Detroit, from its beginnings in the early 19th century to the mid twentieth century. It is evident that Blackwell has done considerable research to document the evolution of rolling farmlands into an affluent city where businessmen, entertainers, artists and architects thrive. Her book is a tribute to those pioneering families with vision, effort and generosity who created this work of art known as Bloomfield Hills. Cranbrook, its educational treasure with a high-ranking private school and institutions, has been chosen as a National Historic Landmark.

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