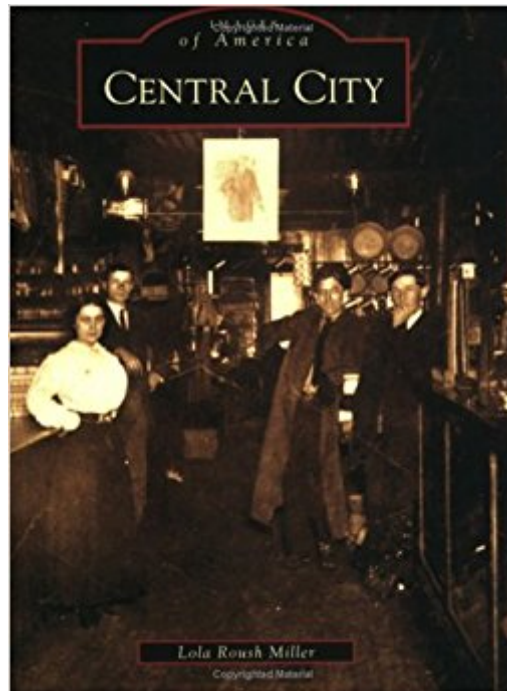




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# Central City (WV) (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

In 1893, a few businessmen purchased some land just west of Huntington, West Virginia, to develop a new community. Eventually, Central City—as it was called—bustled with industry, thriving on the five major factories that became the nucleus of the small city. Because of the booming job market, the community grew: families settled; homes, schools, and churches were built; and a government was established. When Central City was annexed into Huntington in 1909, the old industrial town all but disappeared, losing its own identity and rich history. Luckily, Central City's heritage was saved in the late 1980s, when a reunion for early families was organized and funds were allocated by the City of Huntington for the community's rebirth. Today Old Central City is touted as the Antique Capital of West Virginia and hosts Old Central City Days annually to commemorate the vibrant heritage of this almost-lost West Virginia town.

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As a child, I always enjoyed going on vacation to the East Coast and passing through so many

small towns in our oldest states. You can see courthouses, factories, churches, schools, and other buildings that, despite the business or indifference of those who pass through them, have a story to tell. Lola Miller has captured those stories. The Old Central City portion of Huntington, WV was in danger of being lost until this work appeared and ensured the preservation of this national treasure. It chronicles the city with a personal perspective through hundreds of photographs with insightful commentary. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to spend an afternoon escaping to an old Virginia town.

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