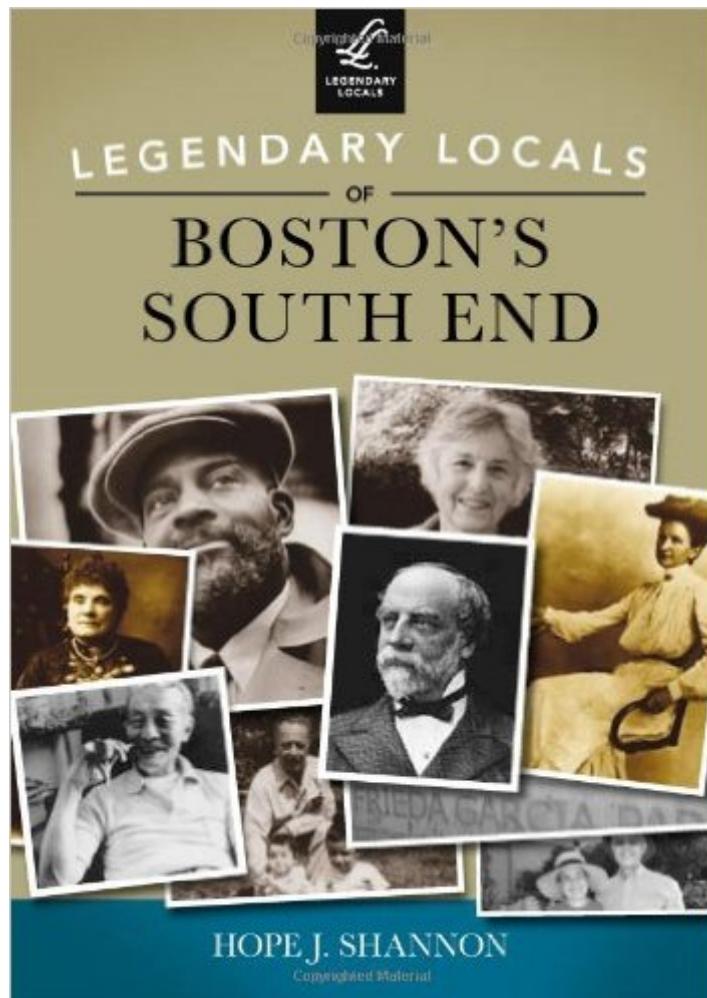


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# Legendary Locals Of Boston's South End



## Synopsis

From the South Ends early years as an upper- and middle-class residential district to its time as an immigrant and rooming house neighborhood and then to its recent urban renewal, residents have shaped its legacy and its place within the city of Boston. Locals have worked in common to make the South End a safe and vibrant community for over two centuries. Notables such as architect Gridley J.F. Bryant, preservation advocate Arthur Howe, and pedestrian advocate Ann Hershfang contributed immensely to the built environment. Residents like settlement house leader Robert Woods, immigrant and author Mary Antin, politician and activist Mel King, urban gardener Betsy Johnson, and lawyer Harry Dow, to name a few, shaped minds and lives alike. Add to their ranks artists like Allan Rohan Crite and Kahlil Gibran, jazz club owner Joseph Walcott, longtime restaurateurs such as the Foley and Manjourides families, and bar owner and gay rights advocate Leo Motsis and a true picture of the South Ends history and diversity begins to emerge.

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Good book if you are interested in some of the characters from the old South End neighborhood in Boston. The city is no where nearly as charming as those days. Boston use to be a great city, it's just become a city for the rich that has cleansed it from all it's seedy character. This is a good book if you are from the South End or are interested. My father is in this book so that was my main reason for purchasing. Got to stay loyal to family, for this I give it 4\*\*\*.

Hope Shannon's archeological background helped her dig deep into the chinks and crevices of the resurrected landfill that would become Boston's South End by the early mid-nineteenth century. In describing residents of an area known for its churches, schools, and institutions along with its night life and site of one of America's major settlement house movements, Shannon has captured the personalities of community activists, creators, academics, health workers, and entrepreneurs who, throughout turbulent decades of urban neglect and renewal, have loyally supported a diverse and colorful community. Enhanced by early and contemporary photographs, Shannon's research allows a cast of memorable characters tell their stories that have made the South End one of more fascinating and unique inner-city neighborhoods in Northeastern United States.

Hope Shannon is a gifted historian who understands the value of past as seen from the urban neighborhood level. Here she captures the South End of Boston, a transforming and transformative neighborhood that grew from a spit of land, and then though a massive landfill project in the 19th century, to a vibrant diverse neighborhood. Hope captures important historic and present day leaders through her detailed research and clear writing style.

Great overview of South End locals that gave back to this neighborhood. Well written. Buy it and learn about the South End of Boston.

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