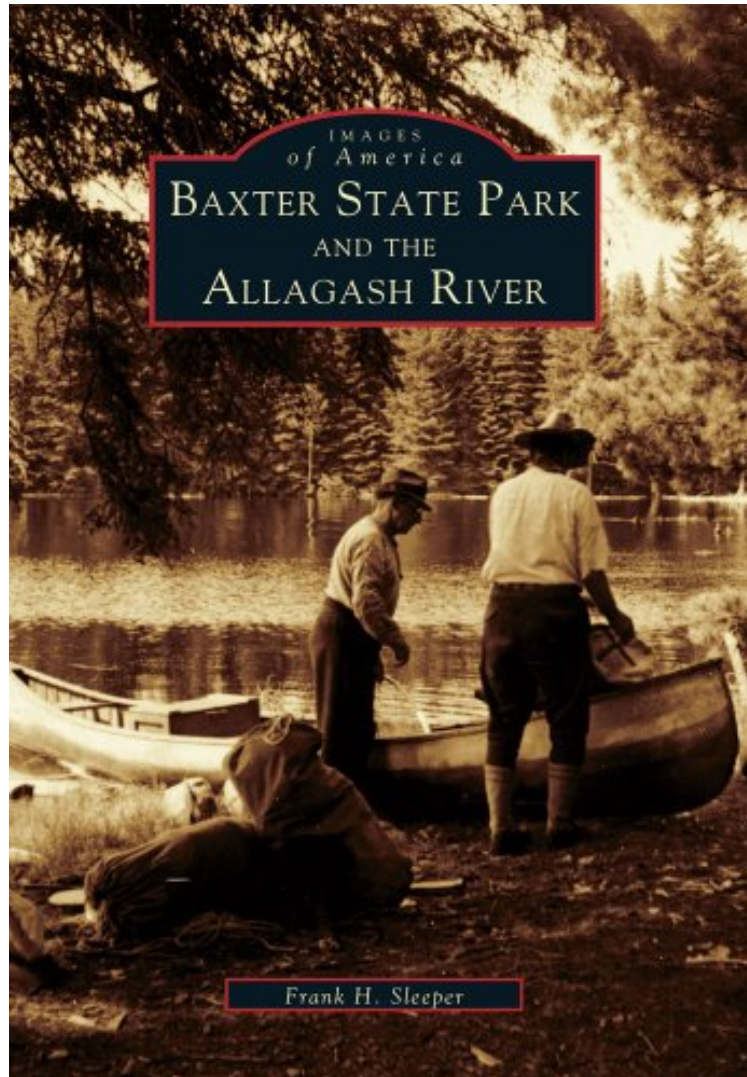


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About the Author Frank H. Sleeper has authored numerous titles in Arcadias Images of America series. In this history, he has captured the picturesque beauty of two of Maine's most visited sites. For more than thirty-seven years, Sleeper was a reporter and columnist for Portland newspapers. He has also served as a correspondent for Time Incorporated magazines. A Maine historian and preservationist, he is proud to present this photographic history of two of Maine's most distinctive treasures.