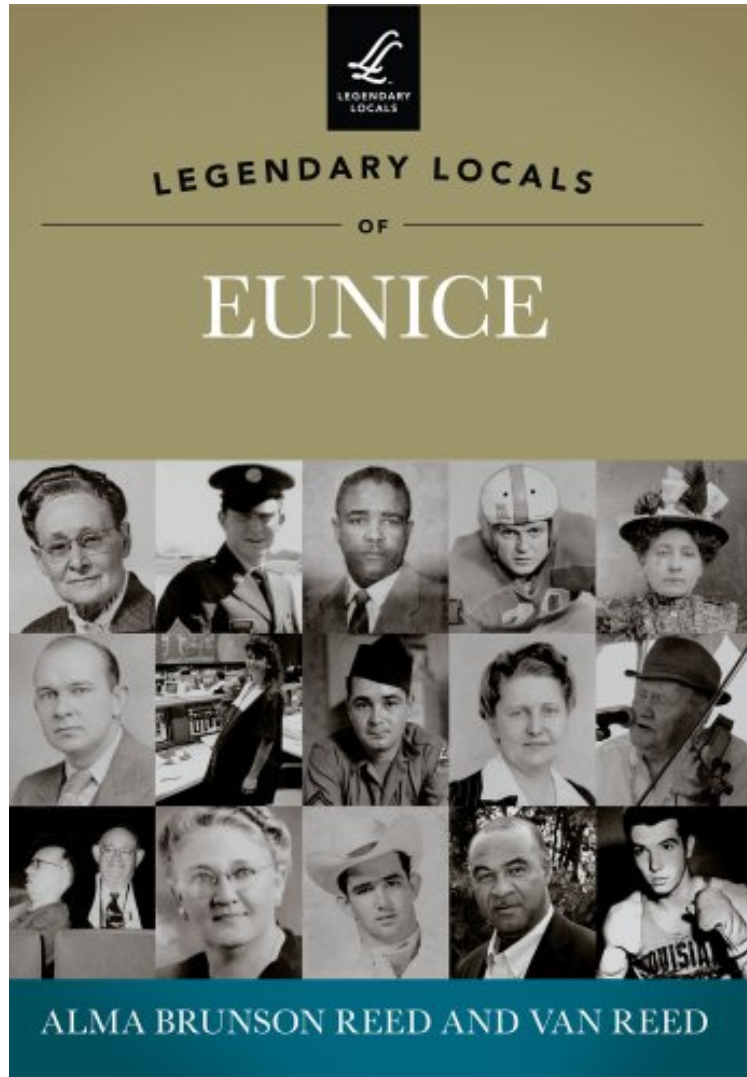


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Long before C.C. Dusonrealtor, sheriff, and state senatorestablished his town on the Louisiana prairie, Cajuns, Europeans, and Native Americans had forged homes on the isolated site. Then in 1894, Dusons city auction enabled numerous ethnic groups to buy lots in the new town. Railroad construction brought Anglo, African-American, and Irish laborers, while Lebanese and Jewish merchants saw retail opportunities in Eunice. Fearful of war rumors in Europe prior to 1914, German families immigrated to prairie farms. In 1929, Italians arrived as theMississippi Rivers flooding disrupted their lives. By the 1930s, the Tepetate oil field was discovered south of Eunice, creating fortunes for Anglo workers. Men from nearby World War II military bases often settled in Eunice after marrying local girls. Eunice saw new arrivals as petrochemical plants and pipelines began construction in the 1950s. The diverse traditions of newcomers blended with the dominant Cajun culture, resulting in the rich gumbo of citizens lives. Legendary Locals of Eunice celebrates some individuals who have contributed to the vibrantand diverse culture of Eunice through the years.

About the AuthorAlma Brunson Reed and Van Reed, descendants of Colonial Louisiana settlers, have also authored Eunice, in Arcadia Publishings Images of America series. The Reeds are proud of Eunice and its colorful and unique residents. Images donated by area families and the Bevan Brothers Historical Collection comprise this book.