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LOCAL HISTORY BUFFS RELEASE COFFEE TABLE BOOK

A pair of historians from Cadiz have announced the release of their newest publication. *Mrs. Randolph, a small town portrait* is a 282 page coffee table book from the desks of Kim Fortner and Paul Fourshee.

Mrs. Randolph was a photographer in Cadiz, KY, and Sheridan, IN. She began her photography career at the young age of 17 when her husband purchased the studio of Quarles and Keates (rhymes with gates) in downtown Cadiz in 1893. She moved in 1914 to Sheridan, IN, and continued her photography business until her death in 1946. Ms. Fortner says, "Mamie Randolph is remarkable because she was a successful business woman in a man's world."

This attractive book includes a wonderful history of Mamie Randolph, and, it is interesting just how much history the authors were able to discover. Actually, Fourshee and Fortner are old hands at digging up history as they have worked for years researching and writing for the annual *Dining with the Dearly Departed*, a historical reenactment produced by Southern Kentucky Independent Theater.

The majority of the book is a delightful photo album of two small towns. The book contains over 500 pictures which were contributed from nearly 100 local family collections. The original pictures were obviously not color photographs; but, by publishing the book in full color, the authors have captured the wonderful essence of finding your grandmother's picture box in the attic.

While the photos are not organized in any particular sequence, the book has a flowing sense of order. The pictures are pleasingly arranged with captions for each photo identifying the subject and the picture's owner. Another asset, often overlooked, is a handy index.

The book can be purchased by contacting either of the authors at mrsrandolphbook@gmail.com. It is also anticipated there will be locations around town selling the book. The authors have created a web site for those interested: www.mamierandolph.com.

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Kim Fortner and Paul Fourshee, the authors of a coffee table book "Mrs. Randolph, a small town portrait," holding the design for the cover of their new book.