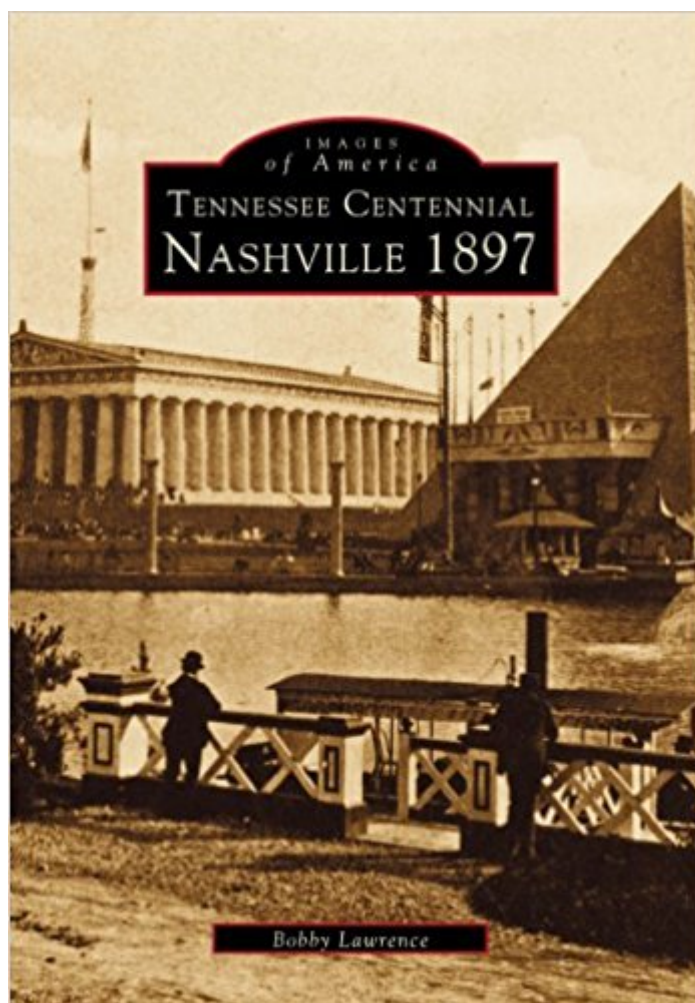


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# Tennessee Centennial: Nashville 1897 (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition, which celebrated Tennessee's 100th year of statehood, opened May 1, 1897, at Nashville's Centennial Park and enjoyed tremendous success during its six-month run. Citizens from all over Tennessee and the nation honored the state's history by sponsoring exhibits at the event, and thousands of visitors flocked to the fairgrounds each day to experience the excitement it offered. In this fascinating collection of over 200 images combined with informative, well-researched text, author Bobby Lawrence takes us on a journey into the past to relive the optimism and wonders of another time. Take a relaxing gondola ride on one of the park's four lakes or stroll the 200-acre grounds and visit a variety of buildings and exhibits featuring everything from ancient artifacts to scientific inventions, from on-site farms to international restaurants, from the thrilling Vanity Fair, a midway attraction comparable to today's amusement parks, to one of the first large displays of electric lights.

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Today, the Parthenon, a full-scale replica of the ancient temple that served as Nashville's exhibit hall, is all that remains of the 1897 Tennessee Centennial. Bobby Lawrence, a former history teacher, serves as historian at the Nashville Parthenon in Centennial Park. He has written numerous articles and worked on a documentary about the Tennessee Centennial; in 1997, he organized a

one-day historic festival celebrating the event's 100th anniversary. In Tennessee Centennial: Nashville 1897, Lawrence's affection for the wonders of yesteryear provides a living legacy for future generations to enjoy.

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