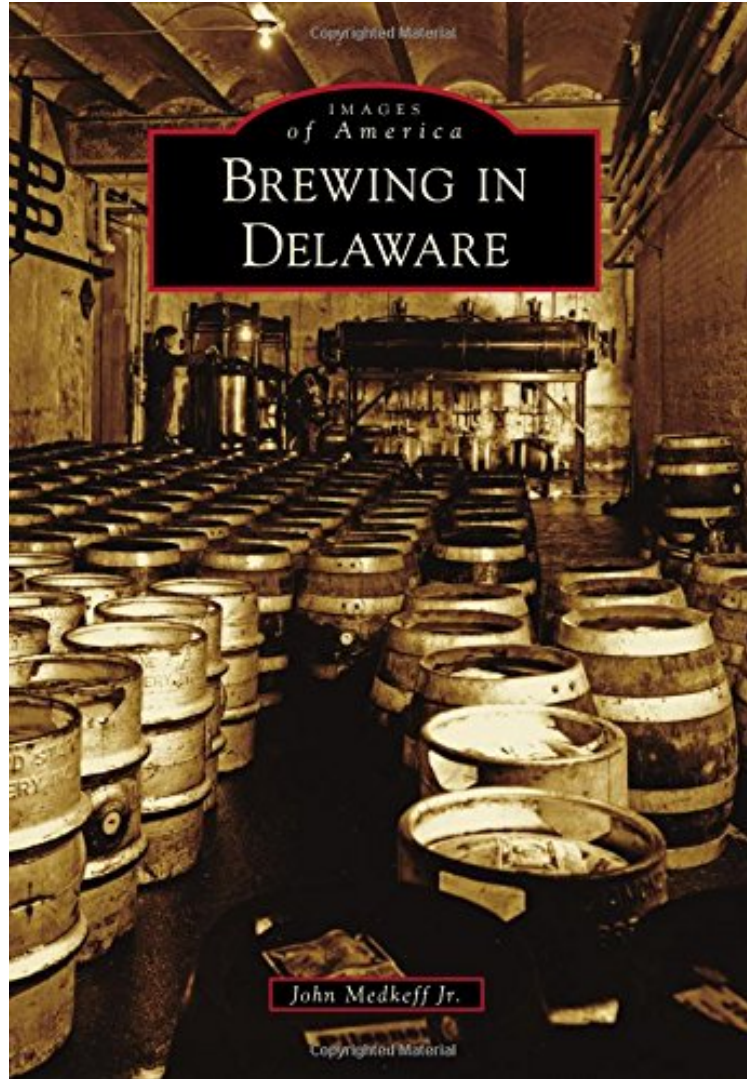


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About the Author Author and native Delawarean John Medkeff Jr. has been researching and writing about Delaware's brewing history since 1996. Using images from public and private collections, *Brewing in Delaware* uncovers the fascinating rise, fall, and rebirth of brewing and the culture of beer in the state, from the landing of the Swedes until the present day.