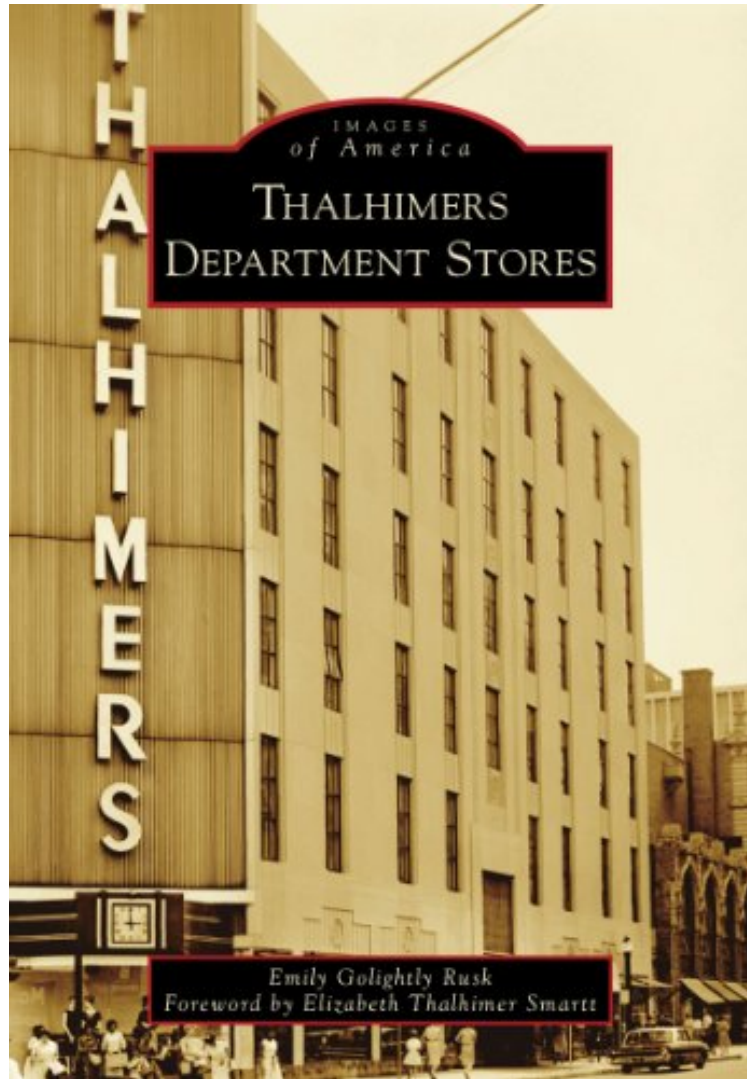


## Thalhimers Department Stores (Images of America)

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great old photos!By veggietooI worked at the main, downtown, Thalhimers department store in the late 1960s-early 1970s, and the photos brought back lots of memories! Was nice to be able to show them to family! :)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fond Memories in picturesBy History BuffThe author did a wonderful job compiling this book. There are lots of picture and they bring back old memories of shopping at Thalhimers It was always a special day to go shopping and then eat at there. I wish the author had included recipes of some of the memorable dishes such as the chicken salad, popovers and deviled crabs. Can't forget their candy department. We could not have a wedding without their creamy mints.3 of 3 people found the

following review helpful. Department Store CollectorBy AndrewAs a collector of books on Department Store History, I found this book to be very enjoyable. The abundance of photos advertising included, coupled with explanatory text was as if the author was talking about their personal scrapbook. Richmond was so lucky to have a store of this caliber for 150 years.

Thalhimer's was founded in Richmond in 1842 by German Jewish immigrant William Thalhimer as a humble dry goods store. It expanded over the years to become a 26-store chain across the Southeast under the leadership of William's great-grandson, William B. Thalhimer Jr. It boasted the latest in clothing, shoes, and accessories for the entire family, the most modern of housewares, and gourmet foods and baked goods, including the iconic six-layer chocolate cake. Through decades of dramatic political and social change, Thalhimer's stood strong, guided by the overarching philosophies of honesty, integrity, quality, and service. Loyal and devoted employees were the heart of Thalhimer's, becoming part of the extended Thalhimer family. Sadly, in 1992, as a result of retail consolidation, the Thalhimer name was dropped and the flagship downtown Richmond store closed. A 150-year legacy ended, leaving behind cherished memories, stories, and images.

About the AuthorLongtime Thalhimer's shopper Emily Golightly Rusk is a freelance historian with special interest in Richmond's past. She and Elizabeth Thalhimer Smartt, the sixth generation of the department store family and author of *Finding Thalhimer's*, have spent years researching the Thalhimer family and store. The images used in this book come from the Thalhimer family collection, the Valentine Richmond History Center, and the Virginia Historical Society.