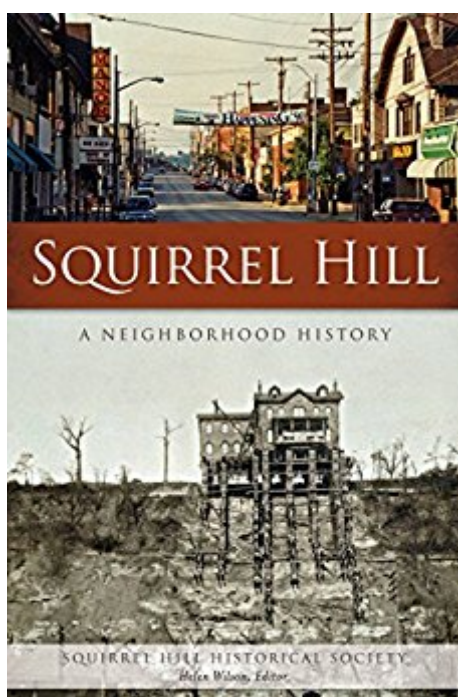


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# Squirrel Hill: A Neighborhood History (American Chronicles)



## Synopsis

Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood began on the frontier of western Pennsylvania 250 years ago and developed into a vibrant urban community. Early settler John Turner, half brother of renegade Simon Girty, survived capture by Native Americans and experienced firsthand the change from dangerous wilderness to established farming community. Wealthy landowners Henry Clay Frick and Mary Schenley bestowed Squirrel Hill its grand public parks. Hyman Little, Herman Kamin and countless others moved to the hill and made it Pittsburgh's premier Jewish community, with a tightknit cluster of synagogues, temples and a thriving business district. The Squirrel Hill Historical Society and editor Helen Wilson explore the fascinating history of one of Pittsburgh's historic neighborhoods.

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This book is a treasure. It presents the history of Squirrel Hill, the crown jewel of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods. The book enriches the historical record of Squirrel Hill's diverse past. Edited by Helen Wilson, the book traces the

neighborhood's past to its geological formations and the cultural heritage of Native American, French and British settlers. Later settlers included Jewish immigrants, making Squirrel Hill the heart of Pittsburgh's Jewish community. Historian Barbara Burstin has written an informative chapter on the neighborhood's Jewish history. Michael Ehrmann, President of the Squirrel Hill Historical Society, has chronicled the local shops, restaurants and businesses that long-time resident will remember with fondness. Wayne Bossinger describes notable landmarks. Betty Connelly writes about the vision and accomplishments of real estate developer Thomas Watkins. The book displays methodical organization, comprehensive research and clear writing. The photos make the stories spring to life. The book will educate and entertain. Michael Ehrmann entices readers with hints of topics for future publications. Patience will likely reward readers.

This is a fantastic book! Thank you to the Squirrel Hill Historical Society, Helen Wilson and all of the contributors. This is a great resource about one of Pittsburgh's greatest neighborhoods. I highly recommend the book! John K.

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