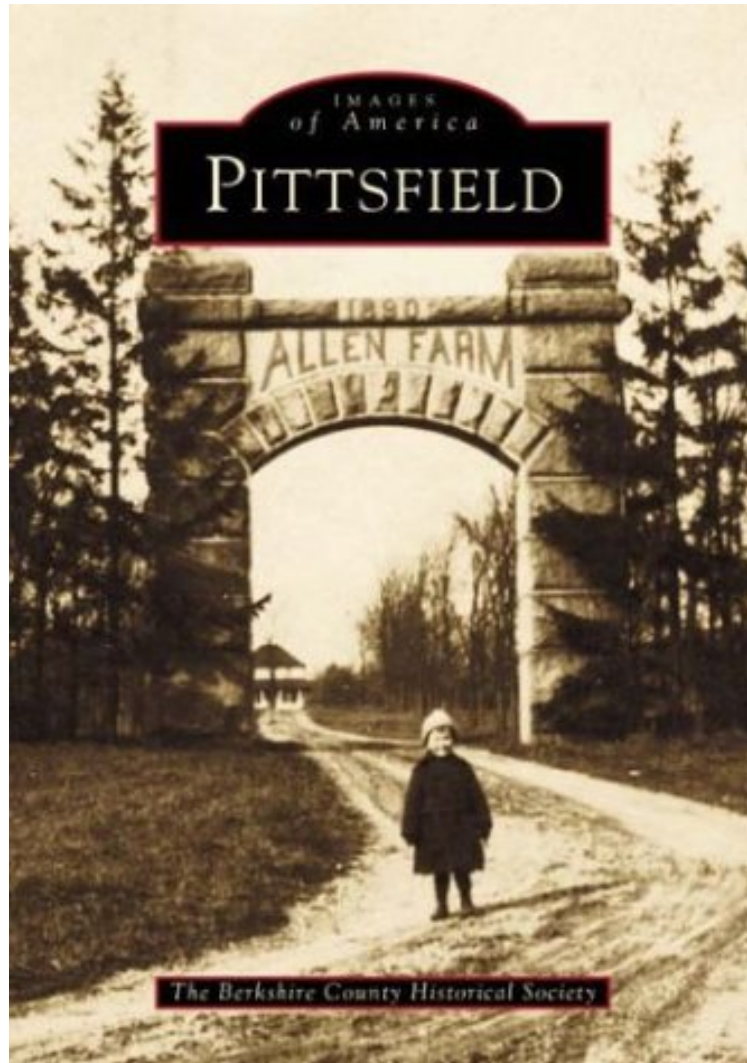


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About the AuthorThe Berkshire County Historical Society has compiled these exciting images dating from 1760 to 1950 from their own extensive collection. The society hopes that residents and visitors alike will enjoy this unique history.