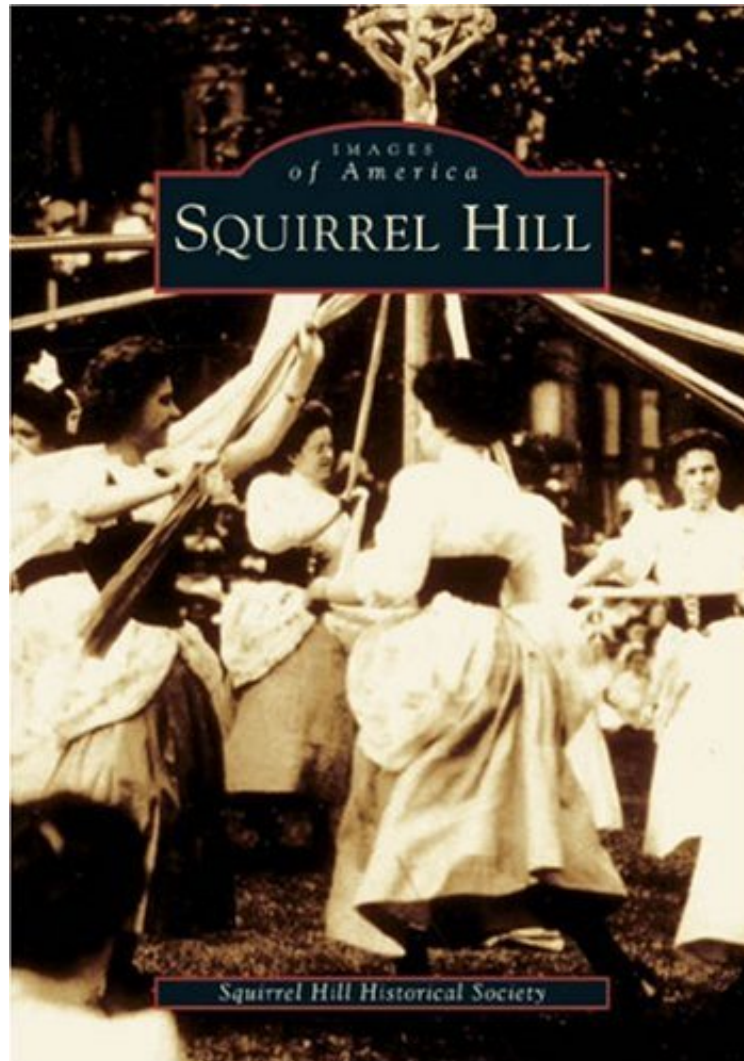


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About the Author The Squirrel Hill Historical Society is a volunteer membership organization that was founded in 2000 to explore and celebrate the history of the neighborhood. The society is actively compiling an archive of local historical documents, and the development of this book represents an exciting and important step in this mission.