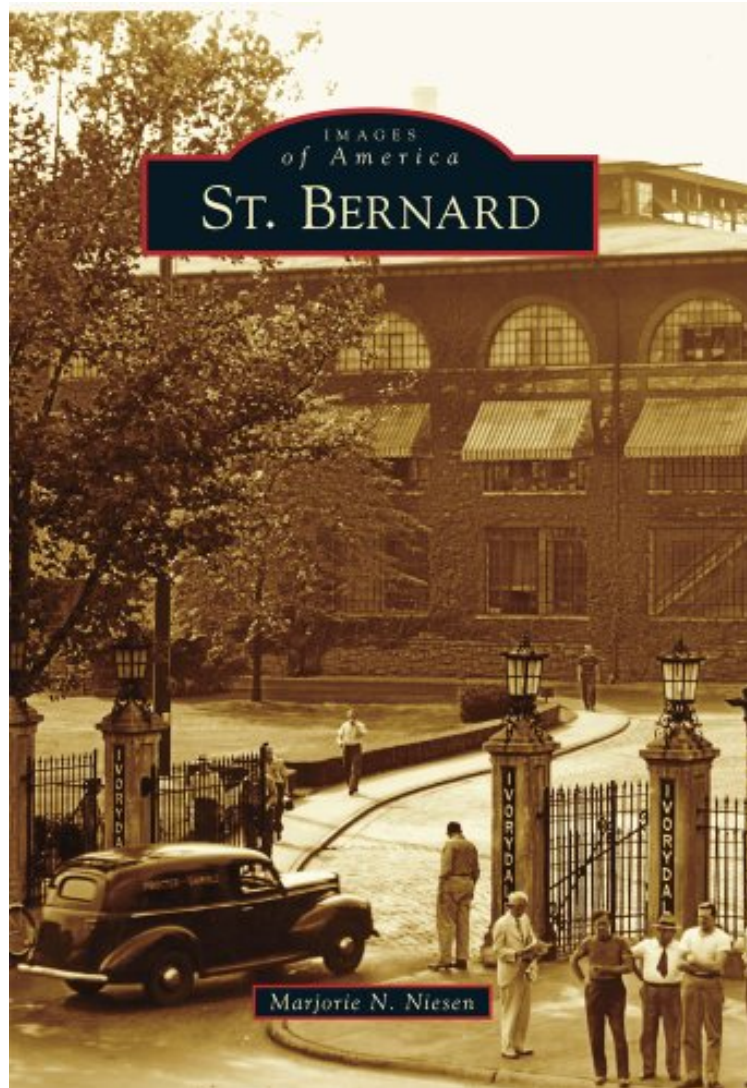


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In 1793, John Ludlow settled and built mills along Mill Creek in a hilly, forested area 10 miles north of Fort

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About the Author Marjorie N. Niesen, longtime resident of St. Bernard, was cochairman of the 1978 centenary village project with local volunteers, cofounded St. Bernard-Ludlow Grove Historical Society, and was appointed historian by former mayor Barbara Siegel. Her ongoing research of local history continues as a volunteer with Cincinnati Museum Center Heritage Programs.