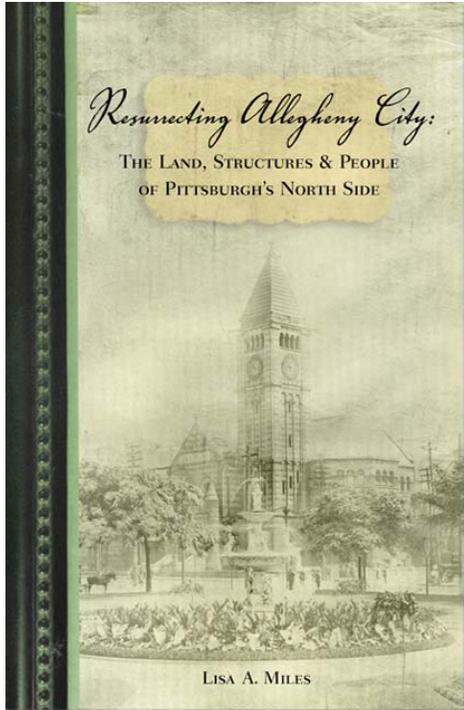


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“The largest amount of material in the state on the cultural and social history of a region” describes the recently-unearthed archives of Allegheny City. They inform this book, along with much else, to give perhaps the most proper look, finally, to this lost city, this society that was Allegheny. This work is also the first to both look in-depth at the natives who first put down footpath and peopled it, and, filled with significant maps, to search out the long transformation of the land, which was remarkable witness to so much history. Though now part of Pittsburgh for one hundred years and counting, the hills and valleys, woods and runs, burial ground, and overlooks and sunken islands are all imprints of the numerous catalysts that happened here.

This portrait of a place tells a tale from earliest time to even present day—tracing land-plot histories, showing a forward-moving society of the 1800s still centered around a town square of the 1790s, presenting life within pre-twentieth century homes, and even addressing the new millennium. *Resurrecting Allegheny City* explains why, in 2007, many Pittsburgh Northsiders are sacredly tied to their neighborhood, their historic homes, and the very land upon which they find themselves rooted. They are defined, still, by Allegheny City.

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