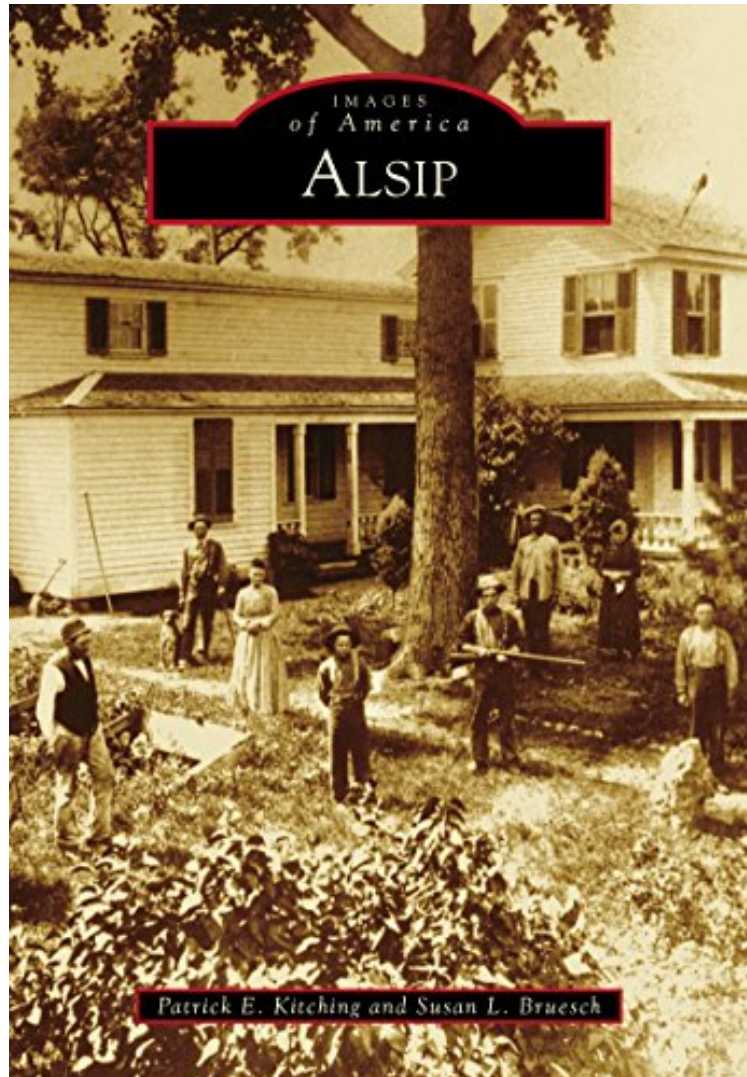


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**Patrick E. Kitching, Susan L. Bruesch : Alsip (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alsip (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. worth buying-good for all that it containsBy kpdrumswritessingsI grew up just blocks from the author, and still own property and return there often. I am glad to see all of the photos and the facts pieced together-and to see a photo of the "clay hole" before it was filled with water. There is an error that appears twice-the race track at Holy Sepulcher was not 1800-1805 (not really possible)...most likely 1890-1905? or 1900-1905?....The reason for the 4 instead of 5...The author(s) did a great job, with what they had. People provided photos and some information. Unfortunately, some things are lacking and some stuff omitted. It would be nice to know orientation (direction the photo is facing for instance) for some of the photos. There are also some businesses

and churches and organizations missing, and events ('67 snowstorm?). However-this is not the fault of the compilers/authors here-the book is based completely on what photos and information they were provided-they can't show or tell what they aren't given. Otherwise-this book is worth it for most of the photos alone-and the little bits of nostalgic history. Basically there is little to nothing about Alsip anywhere, so outside of a few facts, There was a lot in here that I knew nothing of-and I am a native of the place.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Now I know about AlsipBy LaVerneEnjoyed reading about the origins of the town where I now live. Extremely informative.

The village of Alsip got its name from the area's first big business, Frank Alsip's Brickyard. Although Alsip is now known for its tight-knit neighborhoods and large industrial community, it was not always so. Recorded area history goes back to the 1600s, when a Catholic mission stood at 122nd and Loveland Streets, and the first European settlers began farming the area in the 1800s. The historic farmhouse featured on the front cover was homesteaded by DeWitt and Amy Baxter Lane in 1835. Area maps identified this homestead as "Lanes Island" because it was surrounded by marshy swamps. DeWitt's father, Joseph, opened a smithy along a busy Indian trail that passed by Lanes Island and worked until he died in 1839. The tough-as-nails pioneers featured in Images of America: Alsip drained the swampland, which gave rise to a future of fertile farming, eventually leading to the first Village of Alsip board meeting, held on April 26, 1927.

About the AuthorWithout the aid of a historical society, authors Patrick E. Kitching and Susan L. Bruesch tracked down descendants of pioneer families to learn about the villagers's early years. Many of the photographs included in this book have not been published nor been seen outside of family photo albums. The authors are extremely grateful for the cooperation and help of residents.