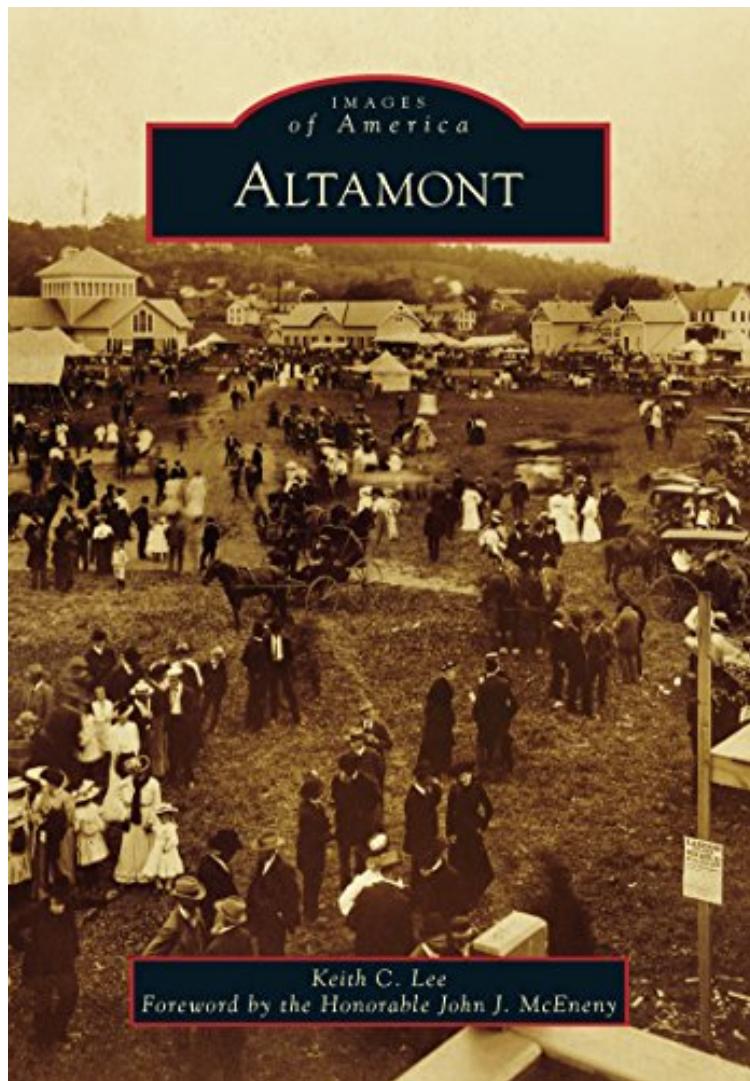


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About the AuthorKeith C. Lee, an Altamont resident for nearly 30 years, has done extensive research on the history of the homes and businesses of the area. He has utilized the villagers' archived collection of photographs, documents, and historical records to craft this visual history.