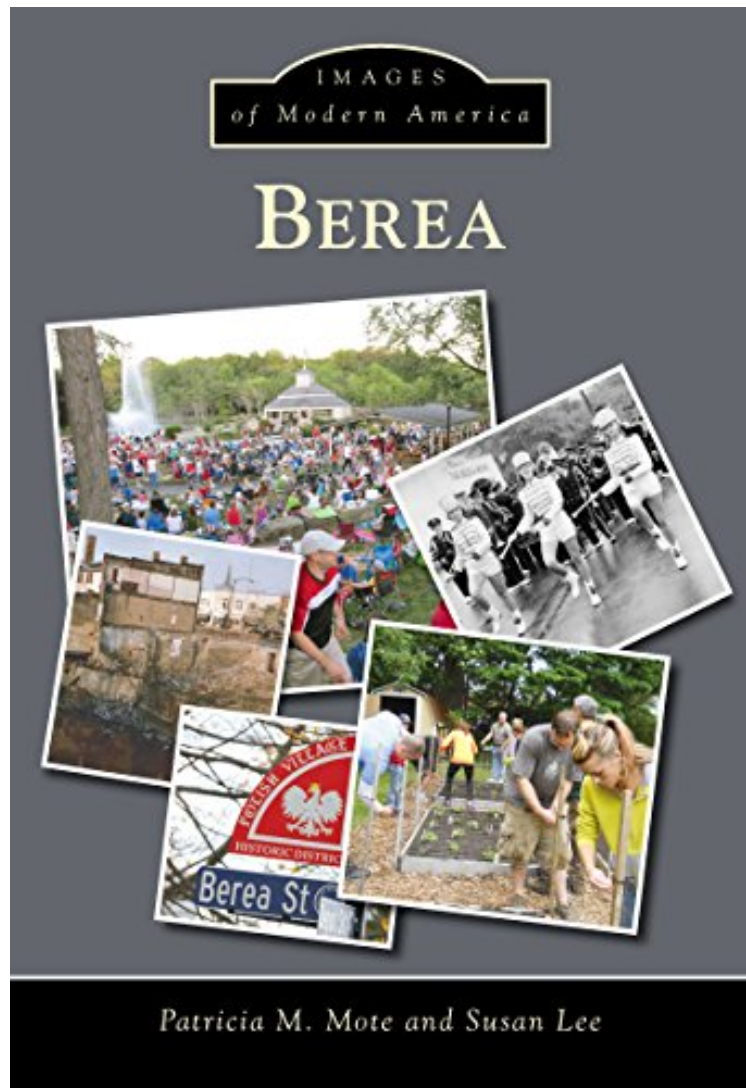


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Among southwest Cleveland suburbs, Berea, a community of 19,000, is unique. Berea was once called "The Sandstone Capital of the World," but the area's quarrying industry ceased in the mid-20th century. Immigrant

quarrymen and their descendants remained, adding an eclectic and resilient mix to the academic atmosphere. Where blasting once shook the quarries, a pleasant area of lakes, trails, and picnic spots now delights residents and visitors alike. The historic home of the town's first doctor enjoys new life as a bed-and-breakfast, contemporary architecture integrates a historic church as part of the university, a wind turbine generates power for the fairgrounds, and community gardens offer produce to local food pantries.

About the Author Patricia M. Mote, a member of the Berea Historical Society, has lived in Berea for nearly 30 years. Fascinated with "The Grindstone Capital of the World," she set her historical novel *Upon the Rock* (2004) in Berea in the 1890s. She also authored *Dorothy Fuldheim: The FIRST First Lady of Television News* (1997) and co-authored *Showers of Blessings: A Journal of Ohio Valley Life* (1993). Her research about Captain Edward J. Kennedy, a notable 19th-century Berean, won a posthumous Grindstone Award to his memory in 2004.