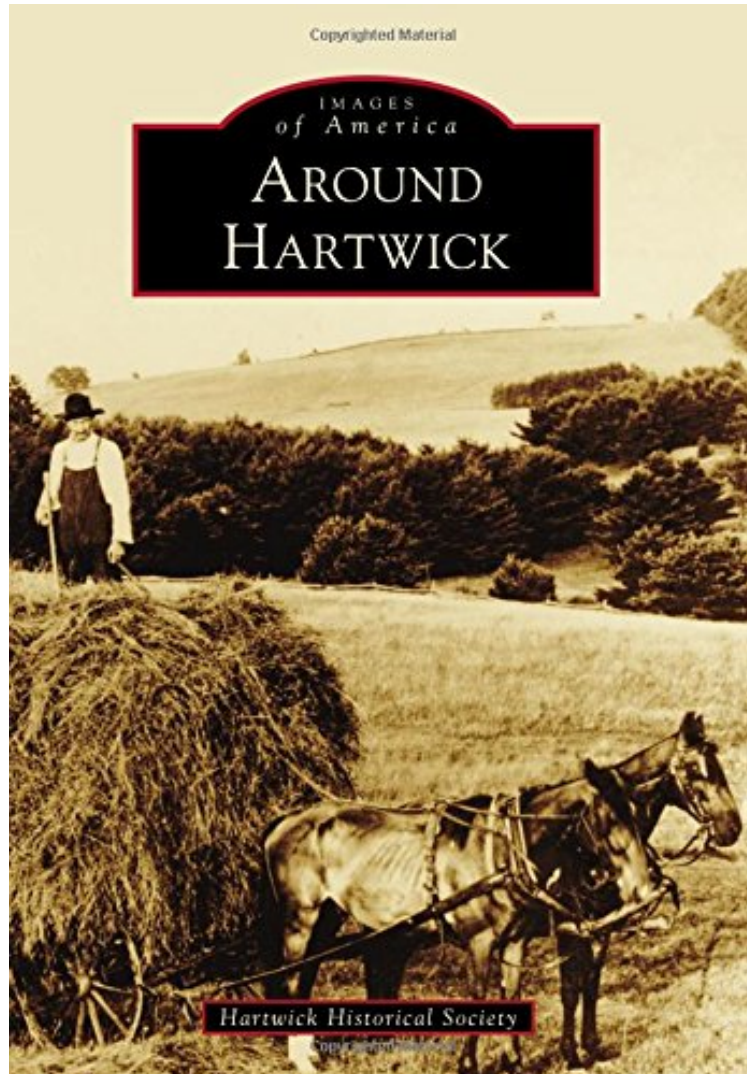


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About the Author This book is the combined effort of several Hartwick Historical Society members with a love of local history and the desire to share it with others. The majority of images come from the historical society collections, along with the generous addition of others from friends and neighbors in the Hartwick community.