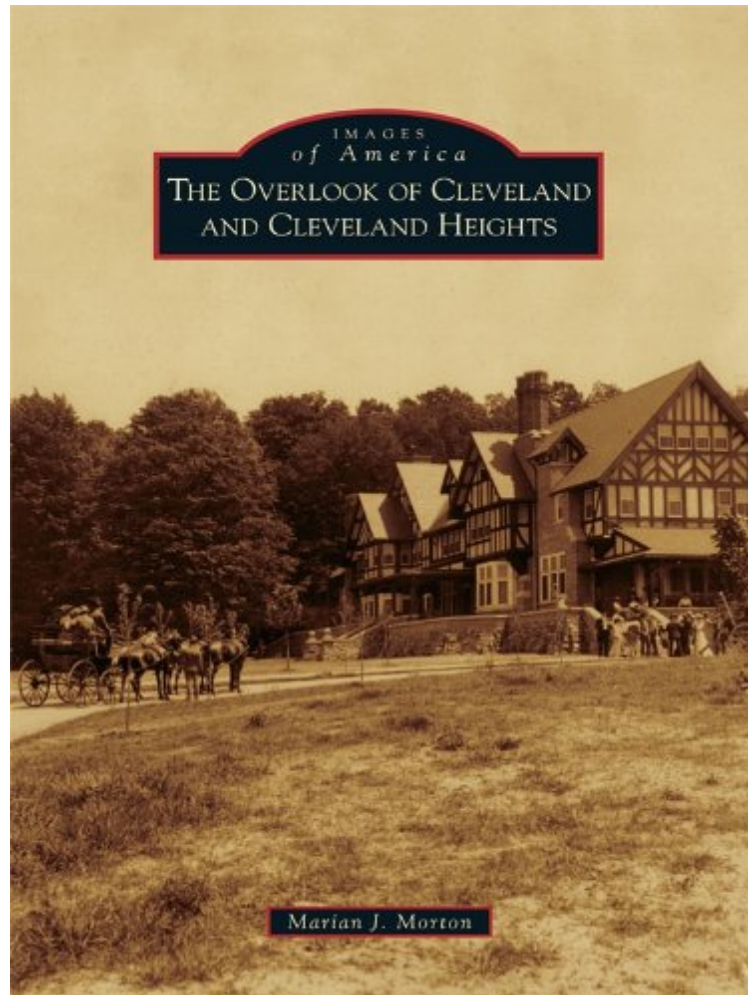


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Marian J. Morton : The Overlook of Cleveland and Cleveland Heights (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Overlook of Cleveland and Cleveland Heights (Images of America):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A SUPERB GLIMPSE OF CLEVELAND HISTORY By L'escribeIf you are a native or resident of the Cleveland, Ohio area, and interested in the various historical remnants of Cleveland, you will find this book invaluable. It is one of the Arcadia "Images of America" series of books, which focuses on a broad spectrum of cities in the United States. Most of these books give keen historical perspectives, through excellent photographs and narrative. If you are an historian, or simply curious about this great country of ours, do peruse this series. This book, "The Overlook", by Marian Morton, an excellent Cleveland Heights historian, who has authored two other books on Cleveland Heights, also in the Arcadia series, gives a keen representation of Cleveland history at the

turn of the century, namely, specific acreage in Cleveland Heights which denoted the pomp, power and privilege of the founders of Cleveland Heights. This property is found at the top of Cedar Hill and Euclid Heights Boulevard and was known as "The Overlook". At the turn of the century, many of Cleveland's top financiers, attorneys, physicians, and government officials resided in The Overlook, establishing their great mansions and estates as well as smaller buildings which housed servants and carriage houses. There are three mansions which have survived and are currently in use, as well as carriage houses which have been converted to residential homes; all are still standing today. The book also details the still unsolved 1910 murder of prominent attorney and co-founder of the Jones Day lawfirm of Cleveland, Mr. William Lowe Rice. Rice's estate, called Lowe Ridge, was located at the very zenith of The Overlook, where an apartment building stands today. The prime murder suspect, although never proven, was a Mr. John Hartness Brown, a business associate and nemesis of Mr. Lowe. John Hartness Brown's mansion still stands on The Overlook today, ironically, not far from Lowe Ridge. I won't delve into more detail, as this is only one portion of a fascinating trip into a lifestyle and era of incredible wealth and power struggles, in the infancy of Cleveland Heights history. Excellent. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nice to look at but not very scholarly. By banjoseth I'm sure this volume was assembled with the best intentions and contains more entries that are accurate than inaccurate, but these types of paperback picture books in general seem to be put together rather hastily, without the kind of oversight expected from a work of history. A case in point: on page 46, a caption quotes (or possibly misquotes) the Cleveland Architects Database under a view of 2733 East Overlook Road. The building shown replaced an earlier house at the same address and was still under construction when photographed for the Ohio Architect and Builder issue of June, 1904. Furthermore, the new house was never lived in by JGW Cowles, the owner identified in the caption. In October of 1903, shortly after the death of his first wife, Cowles had sold the unfinished building to his associate Virgil P. Kline, the lawyer the caption refers to as owning the house by 1917. The transaction is recorded in the Cuyahoga County Registry, as is its subsequent sale by Kline's trustees after his death in 1917, facts easy enough to check in the information age in which we live. Enjoy the pictures, but do your homework if what you're after is hard information!

Railroad tycoon turned real estate developer Patrick Calhoun named the premier residential boulevard of his Euclid Heights allotment the Overlook because of its location high on a bluff overlooking Case School of Applied Science, Western Reserve College, Lake Erie, and the city of Cleveland. By 1910, the boulevard was lined with the mansions of Cleveland's wealthy and powerful. Today, although traces of the Overlook's glory days remain, most of its great mansions are gone, replaced by apartment houses and the dormitories and fraternity houses of Case Western Reserve University. This is the story of that transformation.

About the Author The photographs in this book are gathered from the Western Reserve Historical Society, the archives of Case Western Reserve University and Ursuline College, the Special Collections of Cleveland State University, Nottingham Spirk Design, and other private collections. Marian J. Morton is Emeritus Professor of history at John Carroll University; this is her fifth book for Arcadia Publishing.