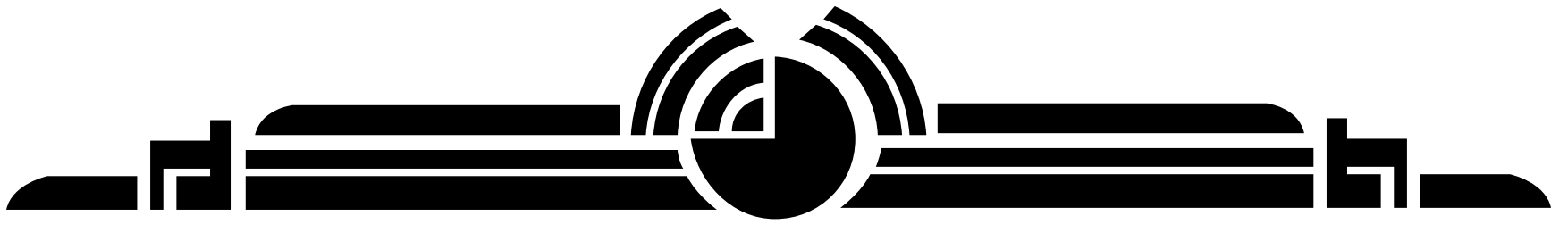


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Squirrel Hill Historical Society



What Makes Squirrel Hill Squirrel Hill?



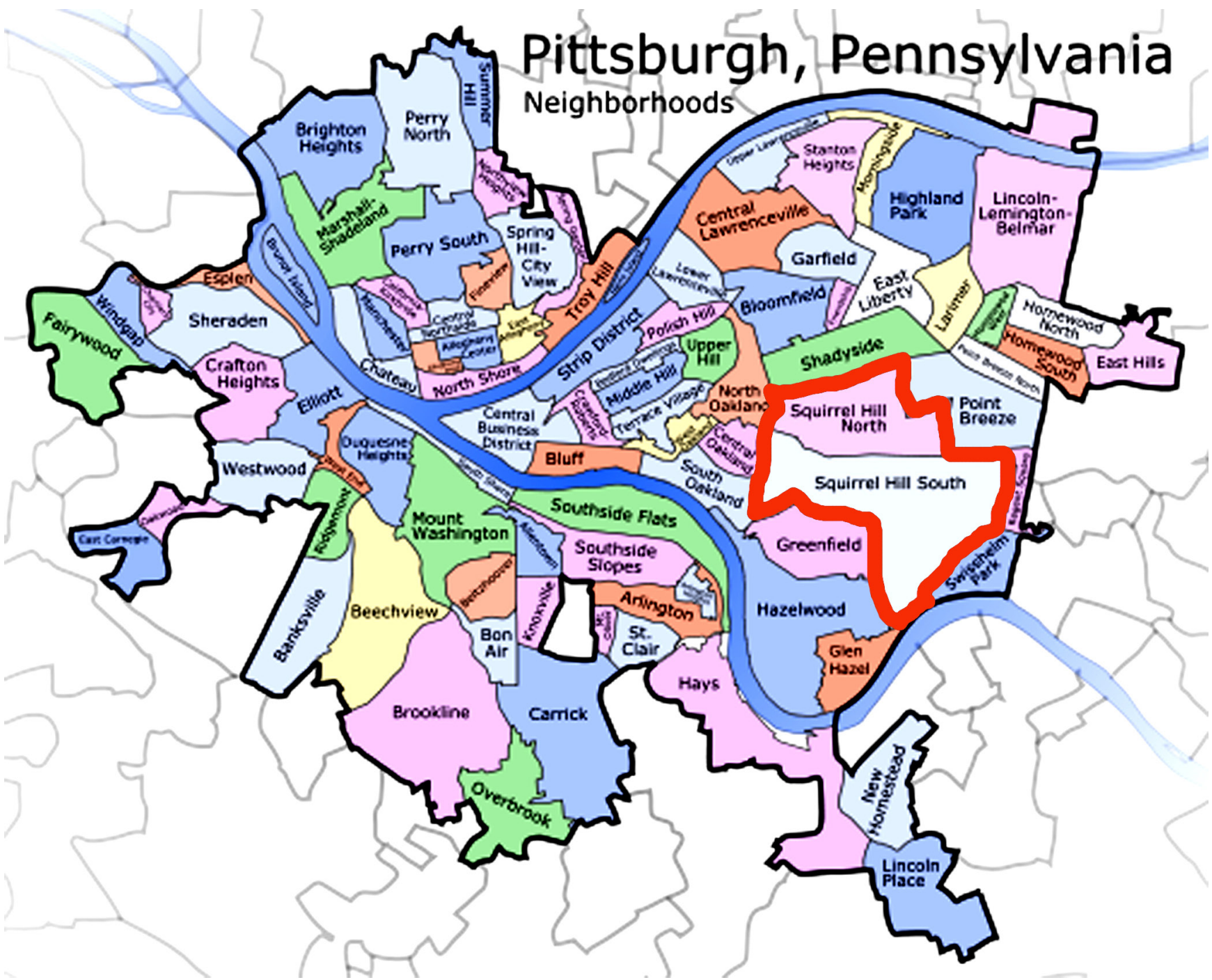
Read on to discover answers
to things you might have
wondered about Squirrel Hill.

If you have other questions, let the Squirrel
Hill Historical Society know at

historysqhill@hotmail.com

Where Is Squirrel Hill Located?

Squirrel Hill is on the eastern side of Pittsburgh. As you can see from the map, Squirrel Hill is Pittsburgh’s largest neighborhood.



What Are the Boundaries of Squirrel Hill?

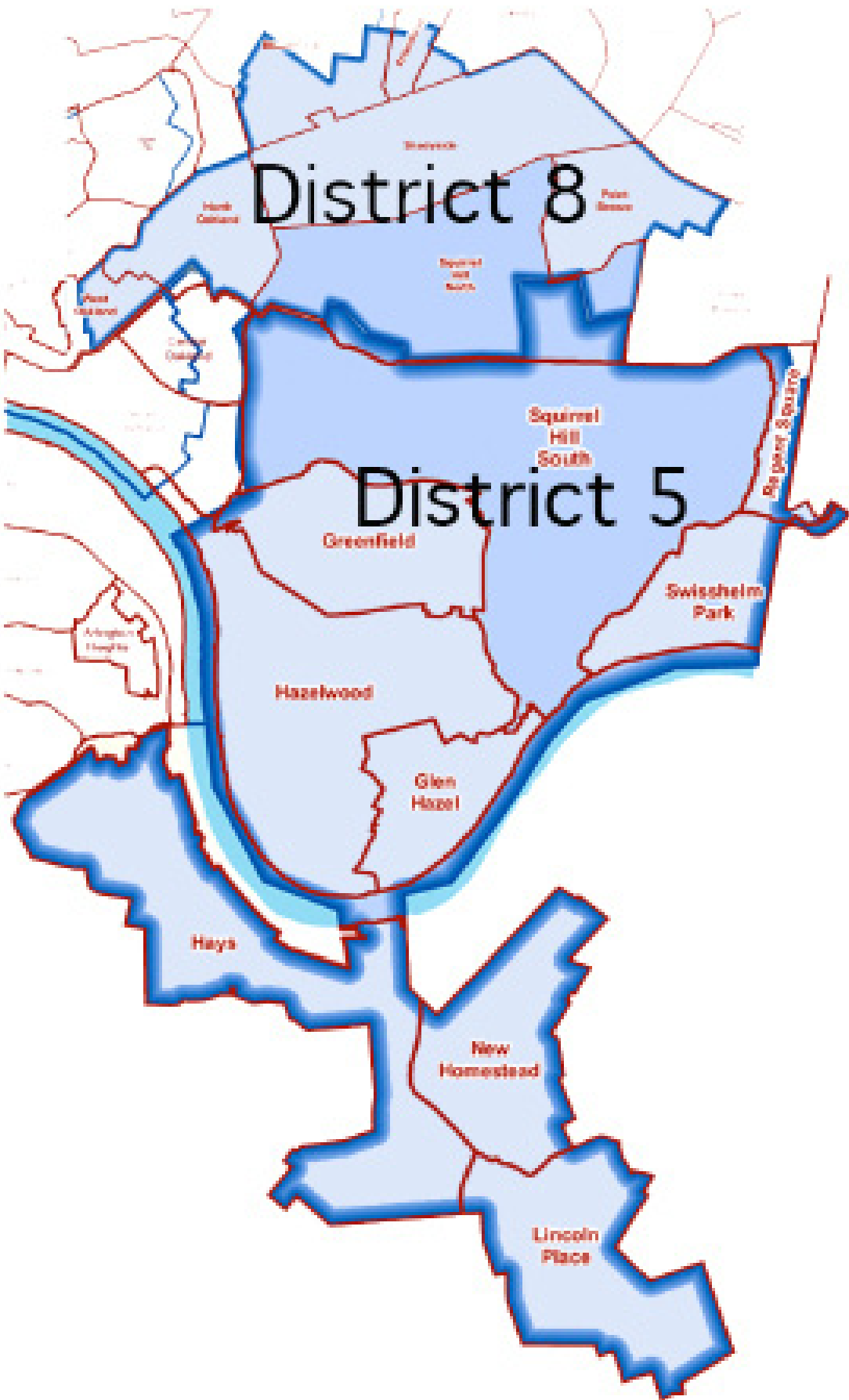
This map shows Squirrel Hill’s boundaries according to the City of Pittsburgh.



When and Why was Squirrel Hill Divided into North and South?

Squirrel Hill was divided into North and South when the City of Pittsburgh decided to draw neighborhood boundaries in the 1970s.

The effects of the division are apparent—Squirrel Hill North is mostly in City Council District 8, while Squirrel Hill South is in District 5.



How Big is Squirrel Hill?

Squirrel Hill North’s area is 1.22 sq. mi.
Squirrel Hill South’s area is 2.67 sq. mi.
That adds up to a total of 3.89 sq. mi.

How Many People Live in Squirrel Hill?

This chart shows the population of Squirrel Hill according to the 2010 Census.

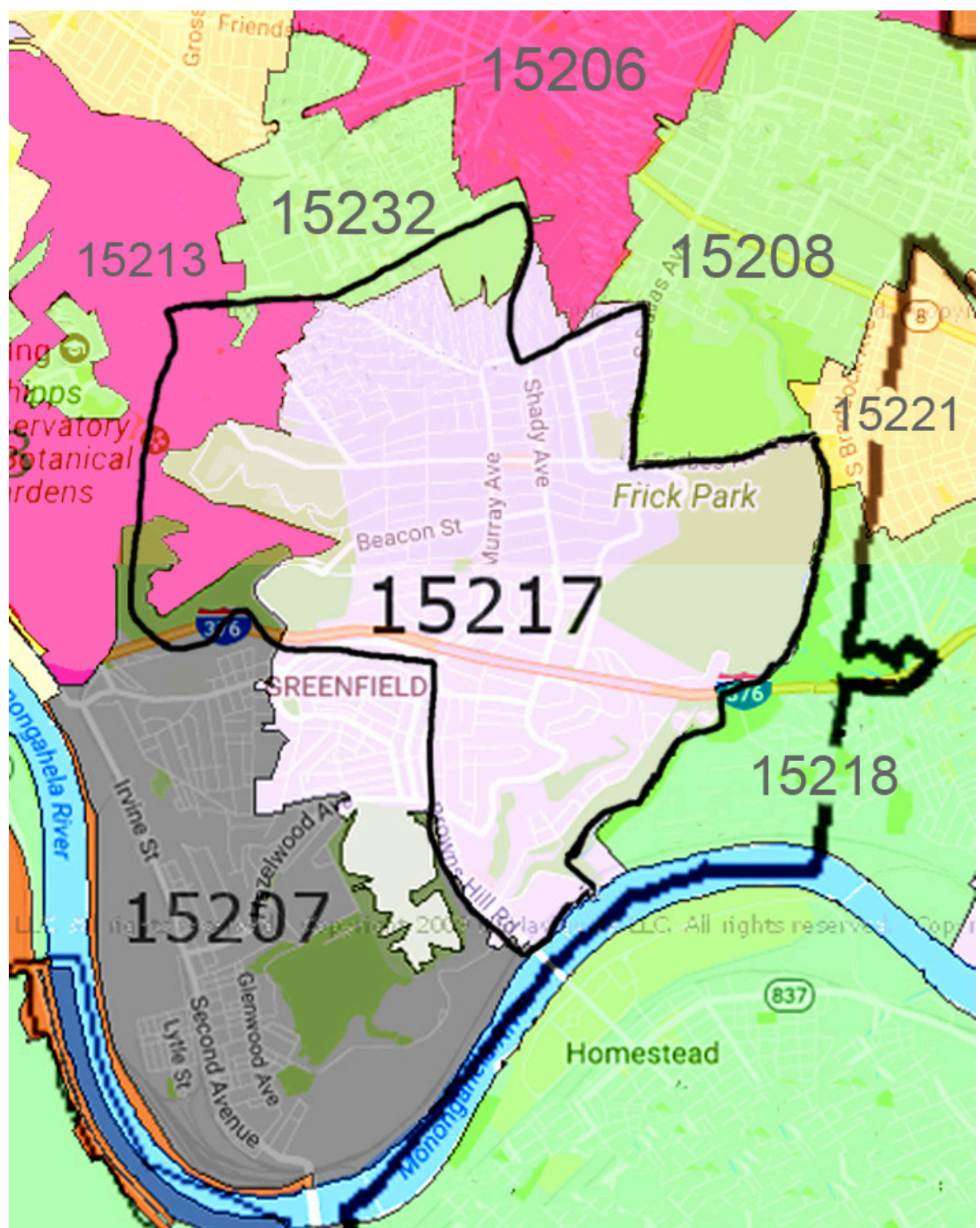
2010 Census Figures

	Squirrel Hill Total	Squirrel Hill North	Squirrel Hill South
Total Population	26, 473	11,363	15,110
White	20,919 (79%)	8,524 (75%)	12,395 (82%)
Asian	3,658 (14%)	1,935 (17%)	1,723 (11%)
African-American	855 (3%)	368 (3%)	487 (3%)
Other/Mixed	1,041 (4%)	536 (5%)	505 (3%)
Hispanic/Latino	957 (3.5%)	469 (4%)	488 (3%)

Does Having the ZIP Code 15217 Mean You Live in Squirrel Hill?

Yes and no. Most of the people living in Squirrel Hill have ZIP Code 15217, but so do people living in other neighborhoods. Also, some parts of Squirrel Hill have ZIP Codes 15213, 15207, and 15232.

Squirrel Hill's border is shown as a black outline. The thicker black line on the right side of the map is the border of the City of Pittsburgh.



What Are the Oldest Buildings in Squirrel Hill?

The oldest buildings in Squirrel Hill are two log houses in Schenley Park—the Martin House and the Robert Neill House. Both were built by Ambrose Newton in the 1760s.



Neill House



Martin House

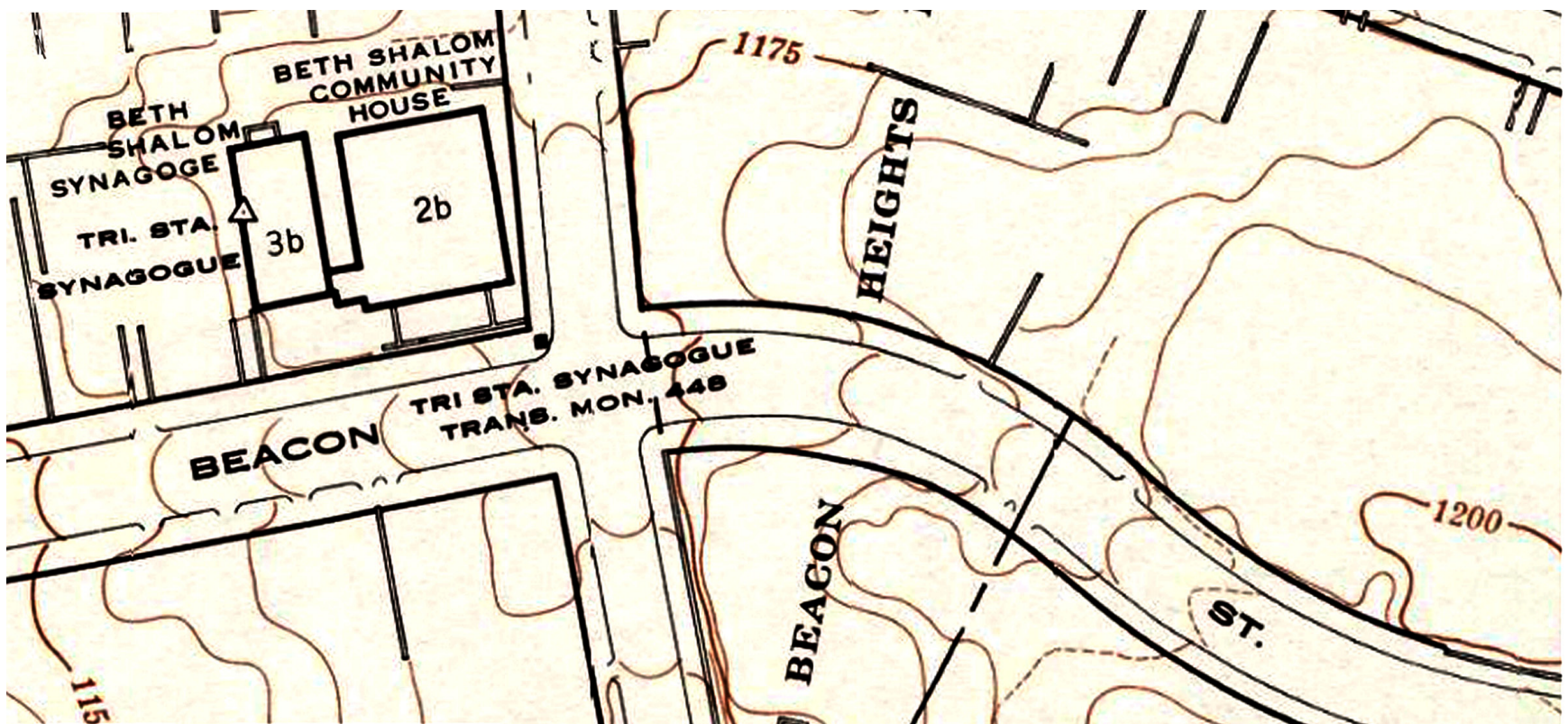
Turner Cemetery at 3424 Beechwood Boulevard is also very old. It dates to 1785. The remains of some of the earliest settlers of Squirrel Hill lie in the small graveyard.



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What Is the Highest Point in Squirrel Hill?

The highest point in Squirrel Hill is on Beacon Street a bit above the intersection of Beacon and Shady, up from Congregation Beth Shalom. It is 1,200 feet above sea level.



About This Display

We hope you enjoy this display of interesting facts about Squirrel Hill. Future displays will feature various topics of historical interest to the Squirrel Hill community.

Here are some of the topics members are researching at present:

- Squirrel Hill's Jewish history
- The history of Squirrel Hill's street names
- Compilation of art works that show scenes from Squirrel Hill
- History of Turner Cemetery, Squirrel Hill's oldest graveyard, the final resting place of some of Squirrel Hill's earliest settlers

Do you have a question about Squirrel Hill's history, wish to submit an item of historical interest for publication, suggest a topic for a speech, or give feedback? Send an email to historysqhill@hotmail.com or write to SHHS, 5638 Northumberland St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217.