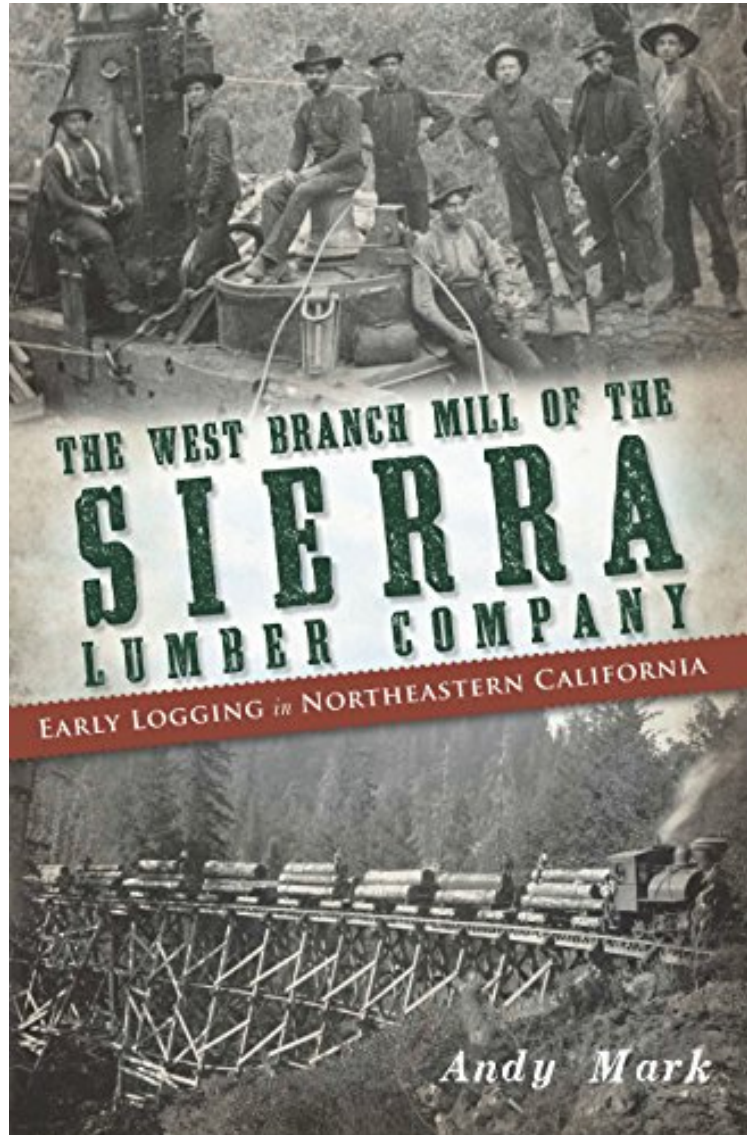


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read. It is not just for history buffs, though the stories about Dr. Enloe and journalists who took wild rides on logging flumes are a part of history. There are 50 plus photos and maps that allow the reader to immerse themselves in the era. Andy Mark's enthusiasm for research and ability to tell a tale make this local history fun to read, and at 125 pages, including index and notes, *The West Branch Mill of the Sierra Lumber Company* will leave you wanting more.

In the late 1800s, the green gold of California's inland timber belt included the long-coned sugar pine and cinnamon-dusted ponderosa pine of Big Chico Creek Canyon. Tucked into the steep terrain of present-day Butte and Tehama Counties, the bustling West Branch Mill logging operations moved timber from the foothills east of Chico to waiting markets in Sacramento, Marysville and San Francisco. Local author Andy Mark recounts the lesser-known history of the West Branch Mill, recalling a time when resident physician Newton T. Enloe treated the daring men who faced daily peril, John Bidwell's bumpy and sometimes treacherous Humboldt Wagon Road was essentially the only route to town and Big Chico Creek was lined with an elevated flume running lumber and ambulance rafts.

About the Author Andy Mark is an outdoor enthusiast and local history buff. It was the combination of these two interests that inspired him to explore Big Chico Creek Canyon and read through old newspaper clippings to uncover the story of an logging community that existed over one hundred years ago in this rugged and now relatively remote area. Andy works as a statistical consultant and data analyst, and is acknowledged in books and scientific publications for his contributions. He is a member of the Butte County Historical Society, and wrote an article, titled "1859 Butte Creek White Settler-Indian Conflicts," that appeared in the society's spring 2010 edition of the *Diggin's*.