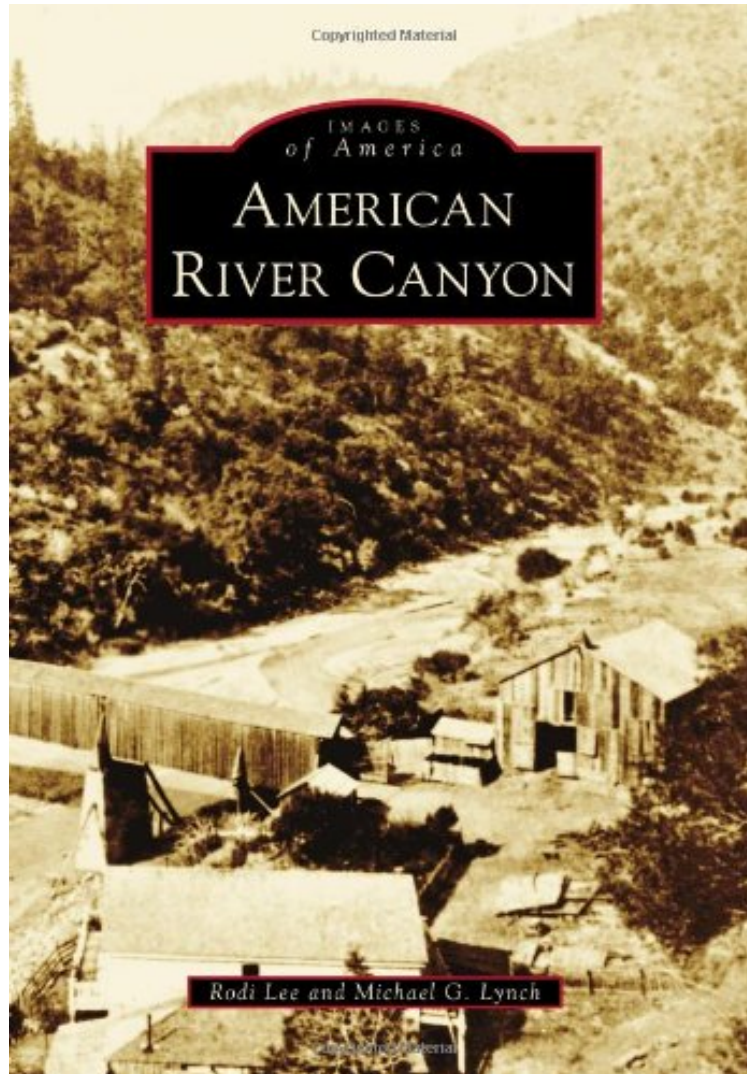


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presently known pictures of seven of the bridges. Reamers Dam was the first dam built in the canyon in 1865. Birdsall Dam was the second oldest dam in the canyon. It was constructed in 1880 and operational until 1954. The book has a list of private toll road companies and the locations of their operations. The nine mile Colfax Iowa Hill Road was described as the steepest, narrowest, and roughest road in the state. It opened in 1854. Some of the pictures in this book include pictures of the following: A photo of the mining town of Maine Bar along the American River in 1858, other photos from the 1800s, pictures of dams, and pictures of Lake Clementine.

The American River Canyon below Auburn is seen as a natural and scenic area but still contains signs of an extensive historical past. This includes historic bridges and bridge sites dating back to the 1850s. The 1849 Gold Rush brought 75 years of mining that ended after massive dredges worked the river for its gold in the 1910s. Unique to the canyon is the Mountain Quarries Railroad, which traveled its way across 17 trestles and an elegant, still-standing concrete bridge to reach the main line in Auburn. The long-stalled Auburn Dam is the latest incarnation of earlier dams, like the 1890s Birdsall Dam that diverted water for 50 years through the North Fork Ditch to communities downstream.

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