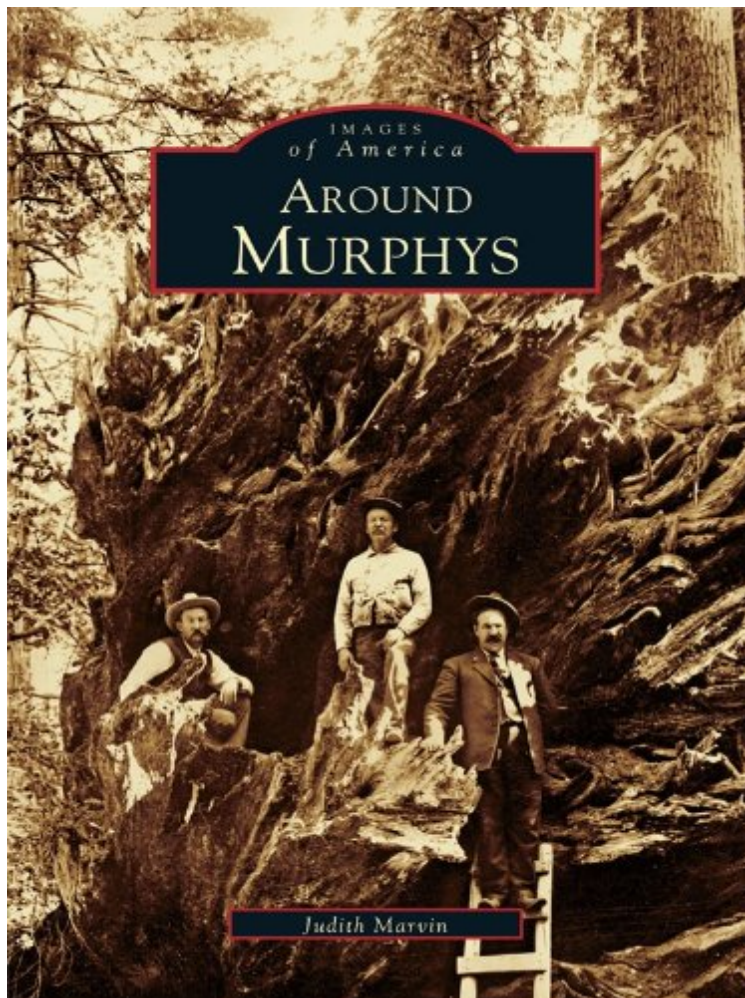


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Murphys is a bustling little town in the foothills—a town so popular that it won't be little for long. It's a favorite for weekend jaunts, and home to an eclectic group of people attracted by the natural surroundings, laid-back lifestyle, and, increasingly, world-class wineries. Originally named for the trading camp of John and Daniel Murphy, the area became a boomtown during the Gold Rush, and later hosted such notables as Mark Twain, Black Bart, Ulysses S. Grant, and Horatio Alger. Nearby, the majestic stands of redwood at Calaveras Big Trees State Park stand sentinel over the gullies and ranches of this area, which has changed much since the 1800s but still retains its compelling forested beauty.

About the Author Longtime Murphys resident and historian Judith Marvin presents here a captivating selection of images that detail the town's journey through time, along with that of surrounding communities like Dornington, Bear Valley, Avery, Douglas Flat, and Vallecito. Marvin, who for 11 years directed the Calaveras County Museum, brings a unique and studied perspective of Murphys' past and present. With these photos, and most of Murphys' homes and businesses still as they were, it's easy to imagine oneself walking these streets in the 1860s.