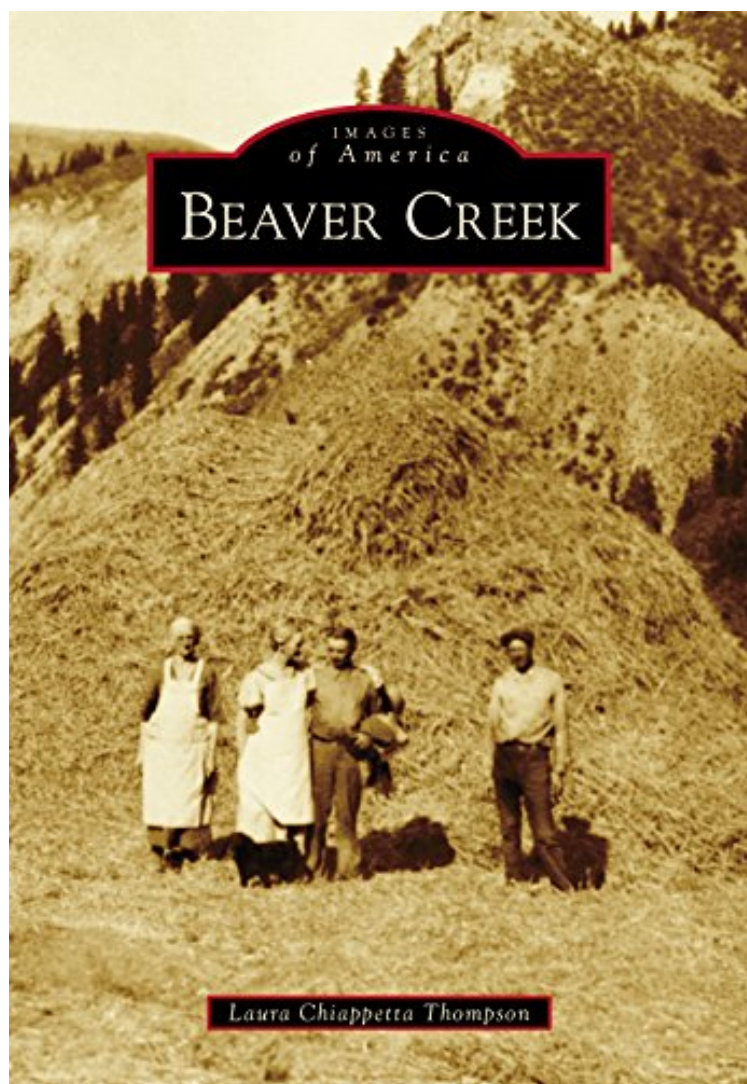


Beaver Creek (Images of America)

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Laura Chiappetta Thompson : Beaver Creek (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beaver Creek (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Vail and Beaver Creek ski area beginnings. By PG Powel Jr. Wonderful book. If you love to ski, and ever skied Vail and Beaver Creek, you will appreciate this historical perspective in the evolution of one of the world's premier ski areas from the humble agricultural beginnings years ago. Fascinating! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed the history portion of this book. By Rebecca I enjoyed the history portion of this book. However it bounced around a bit and the flow could have been better. My copy (Kindle) also was hard to read at times because the names of people in the photographs rolled into the text... right in the middle of sentences? I'm not sure if the hard copy has this issue.

Since 1883, Beaver Creek has attracted adventurous individuals. The allure of precious minerals brought miners to the valley, and many stayed after the illusion of striking it rich began to fade. Those folks homesteaded and farmed or ranched. Ranching flourished for a few families until the early 1970s. Two men credited with developing the Vail ski area set their sights on the Beaver Creek drainage for a new ski resort. Political battles over permits stretched from Denver to Washington, DC. In addition, environmental issues burgeoning in the early 1970s added another layer of complexity to the proposed ski area. Dark days were looming as interest rates hit 18 percent and a recession hit the national economy. A silver lining in all the turmoil at the fledgling resort occurred when former president Gerald R. Ford bought one of the first residential lots, making Beaver Creek his address. The original visionaries goal to build a world-class resort was on its way to completion after years of challenges.

About the Author Author Laura Chiappetta Thompson received unlimited access to photographs from local archives to compile this book. A former digital media director, Thompson enjoys the great outdoors with her husband and Labrador retriever.