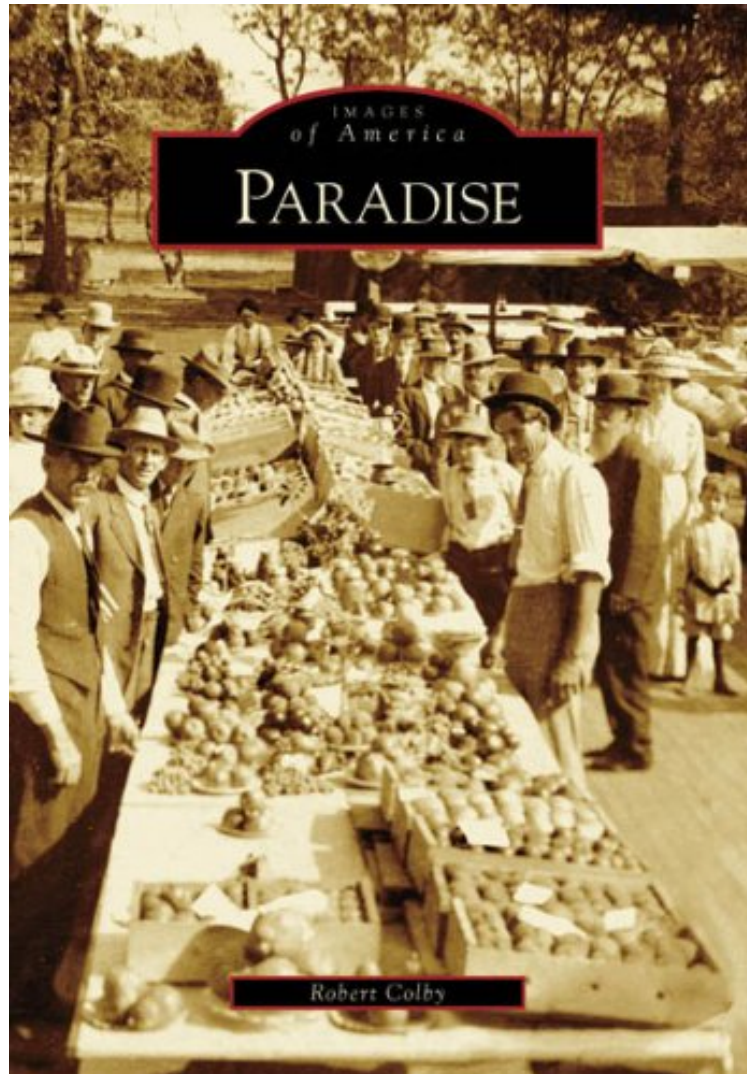


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It was more than 150 years ago that Uncle Billy Leonard took refuge from the hellish heat in the shade beneath a Ponderosa pine, breathing in relief to his companions: Boys, this has got to be Paradise! Or so the story goes. Yet it is no fiction that the settlement grew to be more than just a stop on the way from Oroville or Chico to the gold country. Although Paradise was surrounded by mines, it had little gold itself. Disappointed miners made a living cutting timber, working at one of the sawmills, or hacking out homesteads in the foothill forests. Diamond Match Company built a railroad to its sawmill, locating the depot a mile west of town in what was sometimes called New Paradise. For generations before houses began to replace its orchards, Paradise was an apple-growing center, home to harvest festivals that are echoed in today's annual Johnny Appleseed Days.

About the Author Author Robert Colby, who recently coauthored the Images of America volume Magalia to Stirling City, is a longtime editor of the historical journal Tales of the Paradise Ridge. His insights illuminate this path through the history of a town where a welcome sign reads, You Are Ascending into Paradise.