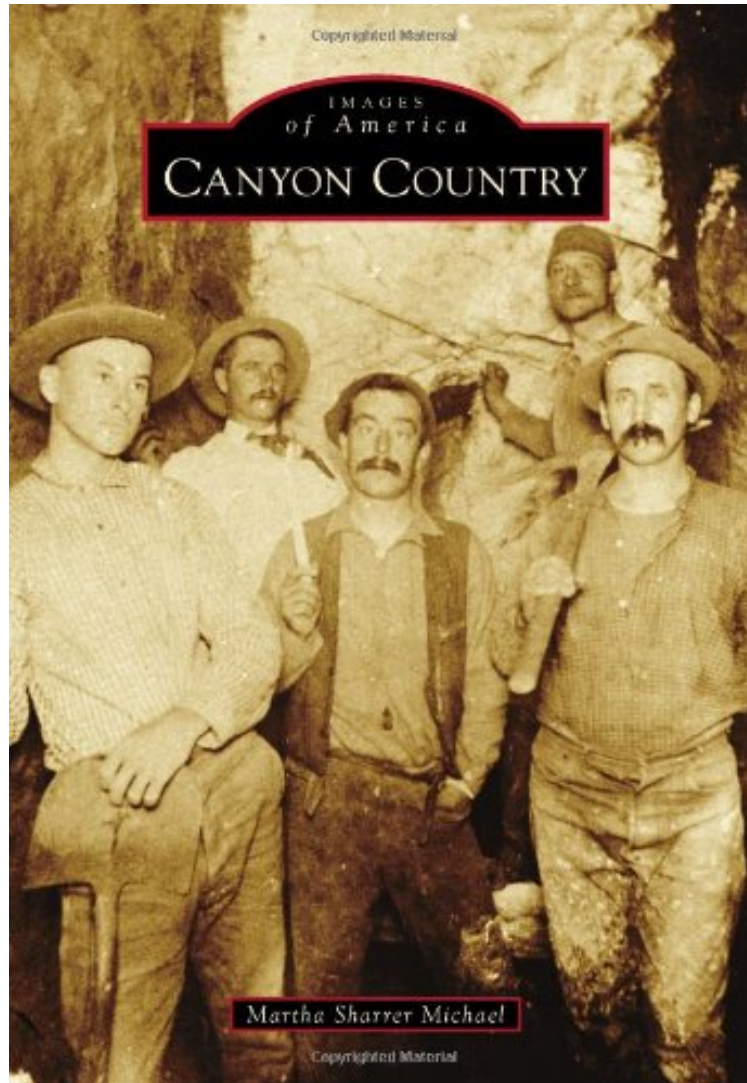


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Located in northern Los Angeles County in the Santa Clarita Valley, Canyon Country was once the ancestral home of

the Tataviam people, who were the areas first inhabitants as early as 500 ad. The first recorded American resident was Col. Thomas Mitchell, who established the areas first school in 1872 with his wife, Martha. In 1876, when Southern Pacific Railroad president Charles Crocker drove in the golden spike that connected Northern and Southern California at Lang Station, Canyon Countrys significance as a crossroads community began. The town also became a section of US Route 6, the longest transcontinental highway. Today, Canyon Country is a blend of old and new, juxtaposing hundred-year-old ranch houses with 21st-century golf courses and providing locations for Hollywoods newest depictions of the Old West.

About the Author Author Martha Sharrer Michael is the editor of Canyon Country magazine and has been a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley for 16 years. She tells the story of Canyon Countrys history, which spans approximately 1,500 years, using safeguarded photographs from the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society and dozens of other sources. Her depictions lasso the bounds of Canyon Countrys enduring spirit with striking images featuring residents who have always embraced their unique and localized identity.