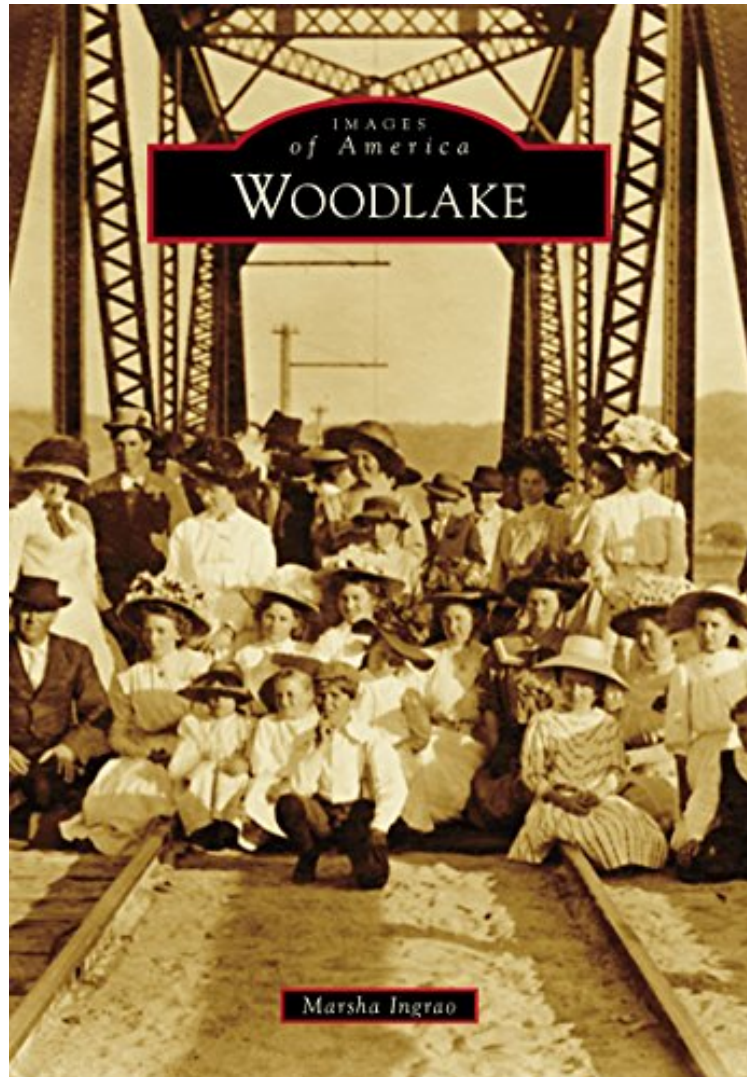


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settlers established farms and ranches, which attracted Los Angeles millionaire Gilbert Stevenson when he arrived in 1907. Approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on October 3, 1911, the world-class tourist town named Woodlake grew from Stevenson's imagination into reality. Led by the strong sales personality of its founder, Woodlake grew quickly, yet it remained a Western town, retaining reference points to the early communities that visitors would not find on signs. Visitors to Woodlake today will find Woodlakeans still doing what attracted Gilbert Stevenson: raising cattle and growing citrus within protection of the Sierra Nevada and foothills.

About the Author Author Marsha Ingrao, a Woodlake resident and former history consultant, shares her love for Woodlake and its past through this evocative publication, a reminder of Woodlake's exotic past. All author's proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Woodlake High School Foundation.