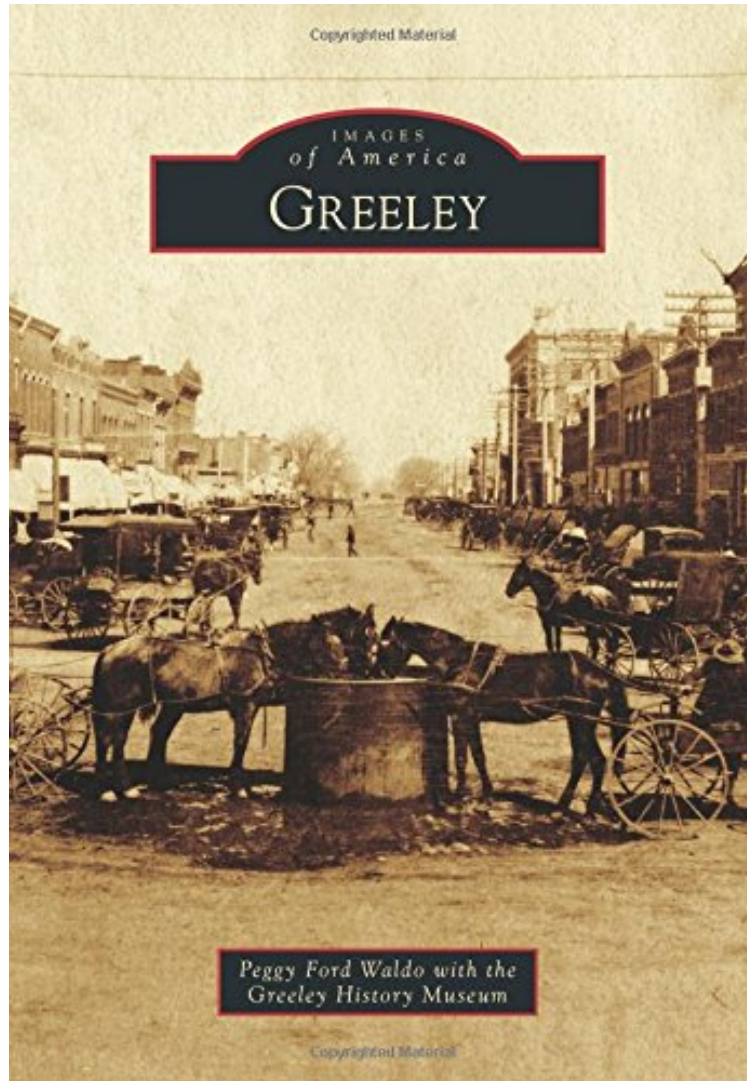


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Author Peggy Ford Waldo and colleagues at the Greeley History Museum's Hazel E. Johnson Research Center have selected images that illuminate Greeley's history and development.