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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1927-1931

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English .

Abstract

Contains 36 B&W photographs of loggers (including African-American and child workers) cutting trees in North Carolina, Virginia, and unspecified locations. Some photos have hand-written or stamped information on the back explaining the techniques being used and identifying them as "West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co."

Creator

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company

source

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Purchased from Green Valley Auctions, Inc. in March 2000.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company was incorporated in 1898 by William Luke and sons. Through the twentieth century it grew into a multinational wood products corporation and changed its name to Westvaco. At the end of the twentieth century it became MeadWestvaco.

Scope and Content

Of the 36 black-and-white photographs in this collection, 25 carry identification on the back that specifies locations in North Carolina (Moravian Falls, Crutchfield, Sanford) and Virginia (Newcastle, Fort Union, Naruna, Rhoadesville, Gordonsville, Burkeville), dates the photos from 1927 to 1931, and explains the techniques of cutting, peeling, and axing out knots of poplar and pine trees for pulpwood that are demonstrated in the photos. In a few cases the comments on the back criticize poor practices, indicating that the photos may have been intended for training purposes. "West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, Tyrone, PA" is stamped on some photos; on the return address of the envelope in which the photos were housed, however, "Tyrone" has been crossed out and "Covington, VA" written in. Nine photos show African American workers; two show very young workers.

Keywords

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Photographs
Green Valley Auctions, Inc.
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Other Formats Available

All photographs have been digitized and are available online via [JSTOR](#).

Arrangement

The photographs are housed in one folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company Logging Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5053

Unit Date 1927-1937

Mixed Materials [1000886583] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Three men at a sawmill, two of whom are using cant hooks to move a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31190

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Shenandoah Valley Railroad train cars at a depot

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31191

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Four men work to saw a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31192

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Two men standing with five stacks of logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31193

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Two men preparing to cut down a tree

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31194

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Two men using hand tools to peel bark

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31195

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man standing next to stack of pulpwood logs standing on their ends

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31196

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Pulpwood left lying on the ground will take up water, and become mouldy and dirty. It pays to stick wood up on end, or rick it up loosely as soon as it has been peeled. It is then in shape to dry out well so that large loads may be hauled. Freight charges on wet, soggy, or green wood are high. To pay freight on useless water involves a loss for someone to sustain. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Two men stand in front of pulpwood logs in a criss-cross stack

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31197

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): May pulpwood cutters throw the trees criss-cross to keep them up off the ground. Each tree is peeled thoroughly as soon as felled, and left in full tree lengths until the wood is dry. Then it is sawed up and hauled to the railroad. The wood is handled the least number of times, dries quickly, and is always off the ground. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man standing next to a low-cut stump

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31198

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Cutting stumps low saves timber in the biggest part of the tree. Then again, cutting a low stump will often allow you to make an extra stick at the top of the tree. Low stumps make it east to get wagons or trucks thru the woods or cuttings. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone Pa.

One man and one boy demonstrate cutting low stumps

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31199

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Cutting stumps low saves timber in the biggest part of the tree. Then again, cutting a low stump will often allow you to make an extra stick at the top of the tree. Low stumps make it easy to get wagons or trucks thru the woods or cuttings. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Two men sawing a log with one man in the background

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31200

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man peeling bark from a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31201

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Both the outer bark and inner skin may be taken off slick and clean during the

peeling season. Note the large pieces of bark that have been readily removed. (next sentence crossed out) The trees have been felled "criss-cross" up off the ground, for convenience in peeling, as well as to hasten seasoning of the wood. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa. (handwritten) Why work all stooped over? It is usually possible to cross trees well off the ground.

Man standing in criss-cross stack of logs while holding ax with another man in the background

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31203

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): They say, "Well trimmed is half peeled." It is true that much of the discouragement in peeling comes from tools striking knots or limbs that should have been chopped off close to the body of the tree. In fact, the trimmer should strike in with his axe just below the junction of limb and tree, leaving no projecting snags to catch the peeling tool. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man standing by a log and holding a bark peeling tool

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31202

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man removing bark around a knot with an ax

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31204

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Whether bark is on a smooth surface, or encased around a knot, it makes dirt in the paper if allowed to remain on pulpwood. It pays to put the wood in first-class shape as the trees are cut, rather than later on, when the knots are dried hard and the bark tight. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Two men using tools to peel bark from a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31205

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Both the outer bark and inner skin may be taken off slick and clean during the peeling season. Note the large pieces of bark that have been readily removed. The trees have been felled "criss-cross" up off the ground, for convenience in peeling, as well as to hasten seasoning of the wood. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Stacked logs with man and horse in background

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31206

Unit Date 1927 July 11

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Max Fleischer job. Gordonsville, Va. 11 July '27.

Man standing beside a stack of stripped pine logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31207

Unit Date 1931 June 8

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): One of Wm Allen's men with "stripped pine" near Burkeville, Va., 8 June '31.

Man standing near several stacks of logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31208

Unit Date 1928 September 10

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Near Rhoadesville, Va. 10 Sept. '28. Small trees left for cuttings later.

Man standing near several stacks of logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31209

Unit Date 1928 September 10

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Near Rhoadesville, Va. 10 Sept. '28. Small trees left for cuttings later.

Three men in suits and hats standing outside

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31210

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man standing near several stacks of logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31211

Unit Date 1928 September 10

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): On W. C. Newman [illegible] job, near Rhoadesville, Va. 10 Sep. '28. Small trees left for cutting later.

Hat placed on top of a high-cut stump

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31212

Unit Date 1928 March 20

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Stump peeled and then cut high enough to interfere with hauling. J. H. Clarke's place near Naruna, Va. 20 March, 1928.

Two men standing among felled and peeled logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31213

Unit Date 1931 June 10

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Peterson & Black Fork Union, Va. 10 June '31.

Four men standing among felled and peeled logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31214

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Pulpwood left lying on the ground will take up water, and become mouldy and dirty. It pays to stick wood up on end, or rick it up loosely as soon as it has been peeled. It is then in shape to dry out well so that large loads may be hauled. Freight charges on wet, soggy, or green wood are high. To pay freight on useless water involves a loss for someone to sustain. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Two men standing among felled and peeled logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31215

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Many pulpwood cutters throw the trees criss-cross to keep them up off the ground. Each tree is peeled thoroughly as soon as felled, and left in full tree lengths until the wood is dry. Then it is sawed up and hauled to the railroad. The wood is handled the least number of times, dries quickly, and is always off the ground. West Virginia Pulp & Paper, Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man splitting a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31216

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man splitting a log

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31217

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): Sticks that must be split will yield most readily to an outfit made up of a ten-pound splitting hammer and three or four iron wedges. If there is much splitting to be done, about \$3 invested in the right sort of tools should be well worth while. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man using tool to peel bark from felled tree

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31218

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Man sitting on pile of felled and peeled logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31219

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): A good way to peel large poplar is to saw the trees in 5 foot blocks. Then split the bark along one side, stepping on the edge of the bark and tramping it off as the block is rolled down hill. With smaller trees, an ax is used to ring the bark every 5 to 8 feet. Then it is pried off in sections with the ax. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man using tool to peel bark from felled tree

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31220

Unit Date circa 1927-1931

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (typed): A good way to peel poplar is to saw the trees in 5 foot blocks. Then split the bark along one side, stepping on the edge of the bark and tramping it off as the block is rolled down hill. With smaller trees, an ax is used to ring the bark every 5 to 8 feet. Then it is pried off in sections with the ax. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Wood Dept., Tyrone, Pa.

Man using ax to peel bark from felled tree

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31221

Unit Date 1931 June 1

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): A. L. Duncan Newcastle, Va. June 1, 1931.

Man standing among piles of stacked logs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31222

Unit Date 1927 July 19

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): R. E. Farmer pine Crutchfield, N. C. 19 July '27.

Field near Moravian Falls, North Carolina

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31223

Unit Date 1927 April 22

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): Near Moravian Falls, N. C. 22 Apr. '27.

Man cutting log with an ax

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31224

Unit Date 1929 April 26

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): J. W. Gilliam job near Sanford, N. C. 26 Apr. '29.

Man using ax to peel bark from felled tree

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31225

Unit Date 1931 June 1

Scope and Contents

Text on photo (handwritten): A. L. Duncan Newcastle, Va. June 1, 1931.