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### Water-Powered Sawmill with Vertical Saw

The first mechanical operated saws used in Wisconsin were the frame saw or sash saw that also occasionally was called the gate saw. The early mills all used saws of this type. By the 1840s the development of the mulay saw, which operated exactly like the gate saw, had a lighter framework and hence could be operated at the same speed with less power. In this video, a water-powered sawmill with vertical saw, tram and wooden waterwheel. four-foot wooden under-shot waterwheel powers the saw mill. There is also a wooden, horizontal flutter wheel that washes out the saw dust and powers the log tram back into its original starting position. This 12-minute video shows your the beginning and end of the saw mill process. The miller employees all the action necessary to make the saw mill run. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Reclaiming Henry David Thoreau, Forest Historian

The bicentennial of the birth of Henry David Thoreau this month comes at an auspicious time. Given the political climate we live in, his essay “Civil Disobedience” resonates today more than it has in nearly a half-century. I break no new ground in saying that the man has much to say to us 155 years after his premature passing about our changing environment as well. As Gordon Whitney and William Davis noted thirty years ago in their article “Thoreau and the Forest History of Concord, Massachusetts”: “Although Thoreau was noted primarily for his philosophy, he was also an acute observer of the natural scene, much more than his self-appointed title, ‘inspector of snowstorms and rainstorms,’ might suggest.” [Read More](#)

#### Nurse Logs: Healers of the Forest

Even though they’re dead, they are not gone — trees find a way to help each other out postmortem. Introducing the nurse log. Defined as fallen trees that provide “ecological facilitation” as they decay, nurse logs offer seedlings shade, nutrients, water and protection from disease and pathogens, thus nurturing and making way for the new generation. [Read More](#)

#### Wisconsin Authors Bring To Life Conservation Civilian Corps Camps From The Great Depression

The young men who served in Wisconsin's Conservation Civilian Corps during the Great Depression come to life in a new book detailing the camps throughout the state. The stock market crash of 1929 led to massive unemployment rates in the United States. By 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt assumed office, more than 12.8 million Americans were out of work—more than one-fourth of the country's total labor force. In response, Roosevelt asked Congress to establish the CCC to recruit thousands of unemployed young men and put them to work in what was essentially a peacetime army. [Read More](#)

#### Meier's Oak, Price County

Some trees may not be historic in the most limiting sense of the word, yet their stories throw small but illuminating shafts of light on the times in which they lived and the people who “owned” them. Such a tree is the Big Oak that may still stand on the Meier homestead in Price County, near Ogema. [Read More](#)

#### E. M. GRIFFITH AND THE EARLY STORY OF WISCONSIN FORESTRY (1903 - 1915)

This is a unique trek back into history. For it is reported by one who has been there. The author worked with, discussed with, and dreamt with E. M. Griffith. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

Event	Location / Dates	Cost	Notes
<p><b>2017 Tree Farm Field Day</b></p> <p>By <b>Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee</b></p>	<p><b>When:</b> Saturday, August 12, 2017 8:00 am—3:00 pm</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Pittsville High School 5459 Elementary Ave Pittsville, WI 54466</p>	<p><b>Individual \$20</b></p> <p><b>Couple \$30</b></p>	<p><a href="#">More Information</a></p> <p>Purchase ticket(s) at link above</p>



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With this issue of Woodchips, we will start listing the full URL to each hyperlink on a second page. If needed, the URL can be copied and pasted into your web browser address bar (also known as location bar or URL bar).

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## Links shared in this issue of Woodchips

### **Water-Powered Sawmill with Vertical Saw**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMM1z2EwK6M&t=603s>

### **Nurse Logs: Healers of the Forest**

<https://www.americanforests.org/blog/nurse-logs-healers-forest/>

### **Wisconsin Authors Bring To Life Conservation Civilian Corps Camps From The Great Depression**

<http://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-authors-bring-life-conservation-civilian-corps-camps-great-depression>

### **Meier's Oak, Price County**

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/EveryRootAnAnchor/documents/042-MeiersOak.pdf>

### **E. M. GRIFFITH AND THE EARLY STORY OF WISCONSIN FORESTRY (1903 - 1915)**

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestmanagement/documents/pub/FR-170.pdf>

### **2017 Tree Farm Field Day**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-tree-farm-field-day-tickets-35573607618?aff=es2>