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Two Rivers Wisconsin Tannery

It was in the Winter of 1851 that Cyrus Whitcomb came to Two Rivers to begin the erection of the tannery to become known as the Wisconsin Leather Co., the members of the firm being Cyrus Whitcomb, Rufus Allen, Sr., and Geo. W. Allen. Local Historian Robert Walkner discussed the tannery operations at Two Rivers, Wisconsin during the Forest History Association of Wisconsin Annual Meeting held September 2017, Menomonie, Wisconsin. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

These 10 Rare Photos Show Wisconsin's Logging History Like Never Before

At the turn of the 20th century, logging and forest products were Wisconsin's number one industry. First using the rivers and then extending the railroads, logging in Northern Wisconsin employed tens of thousands of men, created jobs and was the forerunner to the paper industry that's one of the state's most important today. The logging industry was fickle and once the most easily cleared and accessible forests were logged and expansion out west became possible, the industry changed its focus to the vast, virgin forests of the Northwest. [Read More](#)

Urban Trees Well-loved by Private Residential Landowners

MADISON -- Private residential landowners feel the most important benefits the trees in their yard provide are beauty, shade and cooling, improved air quality, privacy, and making their neighborhood a better place to live, according to the results of the recent Wisconsin Urban Landowner Survey. [Read More](#)

Aerial Imagery of Urban Forests Gives Bird's-eye View of a Community's Tree Canopy

MADISON -- Land cover data from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry program can help communities determine the current state of their urban forest, identify priority areas for tree planting and calculate the ecosystem values of their urban trees. [Read More](#)

The Revolutionary Role of Wood in our Future

Some people are just way ahead of their time. In the mid-20th century, when most people thought of wood as an archaic and low-tech material, Egon Glesinger foresaw the revolutionary role it would play in our future, described in his book *The Coming Age of Wood*. Scientists in the Northern Research Station's new Strategic Foresight Group developed a horizon scanning system to identify emerging issues and trends that could be game-changers. A theme that has emerged is the wave of amazing innovations in wood products that could prove Mr. Glesinger right. [Read More](#)

Tracking Forest Sustainability to Meet U.S. and International Goals

Sustaining the nation's forests to provide lasting benefits to the people of the United States is at the core of the USDA Forest Service's mission, and the agency is building the tools and data to support this mission. Specifically, Forest Service scientists actively monitor and assess the sustainability of the nation's forests through the Sustainability Assessment Program, an effort that gathers and tracks information on forest conditions across the country. This information in turn enables informed discussions about sustainability in domestic and international circles. [Read More](#)

A Look Back at George Washington's Birthday Trees

"Ten million monuments to a great man!" So went the call out from Charles Lathrop Pack and the American Tree Association to the American public. The "great man" was George Washington and the year was 1932 – the bicentennial of Washington's birth. Mired in the midst of the Great Depression, Americans were nonetheless still in the mood to honor their history. Activities took place across the country in celebration of America's first president, many of which were years in the making as President Coolidge had first established a commission to oversee the bicentennial of Washington's birth back in 1924. These celebrations included events, parades, and speeches, as well as the redesign of the quarter to feature the now-familiar profile of Washington on the front of the coin for the first time. [Read More](#)



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