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- Newsletter with full-color photographs
- Monthly electronic FHAW news brief, *Woodchips*



From The President's Chair

Dear Friends,

The first snow has arrived and the wind is out of the North!! Happy Halloween!

It has been just a month since the annual conference in Park Falls! Sue Holm, from the Park Falls Chamber of Commerce, came by to say hello at the Northwoods Supper Club! Thank you Sue for all of your work on our behalf in helping with suggestions and locations!

Our conference got off to a bang with our auctioneer and FHAW member, Mr. Russ Kirchmeyer! FHAW member, Jerry Poprawski from Michigan travelled a long way – again! Bringing us terrific artifacts for the auction! Thank you!!

Thank you to Flambeau River Paper Company for hosting the conference at their headquarters! The tour of the paper mill was an incredible experience! The pulp became paper almost magically before our eyes through the process with huge rollers, water, steam with resulting paper combinations.

Thank you to the speakers, Dale Heikkinen of Prentice on the Heikkinen Prentice Loader, Brad Pagels from Eagle River on retracing the Roddis Line, Tom Pestka from Ontonagon, Michigan, on the History of Logging in the Northwoods.

We owe the Price County Historical Society huge thanks! Board President, Bev Drayton, their treasurer, and board members went out of their way to show us their museum, including the "Old School House." They had special exhibits for us to view, including photographs! FHAW member, John Boettcher's artwork of historic logging scenes were on display. His work is terrific! The historic collection of logging photos in the Park Falls area included so many Harvey Huston Roddis Line photos. Dale Heikkinen was interested in Prentice photos. The Schoolhouse rang true with so many members saying, "I remember using this pump...or these books, ...or this desk...I remember the ink wells..." Thank you for your time and effort Karen Baumgartner of Phillips and long time Price County Historical Society past board member, who joined us and added to our knowledge too!

Our tour continued to Mr. Kirchmeyer's own museum and visit

to his Bed and Breakfast in Phillips! What a collection, history, and display of artifacts with a running commentary on all aspects of logging history! Thank you for the tour!

The Friday night fish fry at the Bay Harbor in Phillips was a welcome respite and conclusion to the day.

The optional Saturday trip to the Round Lake Dam was a beautiful Fall day. Confusion and apologies were sent by the breakfast restaurant!! The restored logging dam is a fascinating example of logging ingenuity! Those who visited had an interesting experience!

The Green Bay Packers are almost half way through their season. Bucky Badger is doing more pushups – UW 56, Illinois 32! Thanksgiving is right around the corner. As you plan for the holidays and Christmas, give a membership to the FHAW to your friends and family!!

Welcome back to the Board, Bob Brisson, who is Emeritus! Our membership is our top priority. For those of you that were not at the annual conference, you will now be able to view the lectures. The digital age has come to FHAW! Don Schnitzler has added "Woodchips" to our growing digital contact, as well! Thank you, Don!

Sincerely,

Sara

W.D. Connor Induction into Hall of Fame

W.D. Connor, Sr. was inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Friday, August 16th at the Camp 5 Museum complex in Laona, Wisconsin surrounded by Connor descendants and forest history enthusiasts.

Tom Albrecht the chairman of the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters Hall of Fame Committee introduced the participating organizations and explained that Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding contributions to Wisconsin forestry.

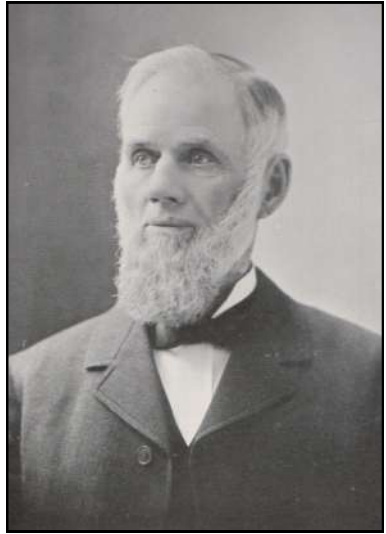
Historical re-enactor, Mark T. Nelson, appeared as W.D. Connor talking about his life. Mary Connor Pierce then shared memories of her grandfather.

Video presentation is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ke7ddej>



Does Anyone Know L.O. Rumery?

Editor's note: This question was posed during the recent FHAW Conference when a lithograph of L.O. Rumery went up for sale during the auction. So that everyone knows about him, this article was taken from the Daily Northwestern, (Oshkosh, WI) 17 Mar 1913 for your information.



*L.O. Rumery, 1827—1913
Oshkosh Lumberman*

Lyman Oliver Rumery, one of the last of the lumbermen of the old school, passed away at his residence at 53 Merritt street at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Had he lived until April 28, next, he would have been eighty-six years of age. Since last fall his advanced years had begun to tell heavily on his remarkable constitution, eighty-five years of a life that was more than usually active. During the winter he had been confined to his bed more or less of the time, and each day for the last two weeks he exceeded the time allotted him on this earth by the physicians in charge. Death was due to a natural decline, there being no ailment, no organic trouble, merely the long expected approach of the inevitable. When death came this morning all of the seven living children were at the bedside, J. P. Rumery of Chicago, Miss Carrie Rumery, Mrs. Charles A. (Susan) Wakeman and L. O. Rumery Jr., all of Oshkosh, Mrs. J. Howard (Lydia) Clement and Mrs. Francis S. (Daisy) Underwood, both of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Lewis Hamilton (Josephine) Gunnell of Arlington, NJ. There are surviving besides these sons and daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A resident of Oshkosh since 1854 and one of the most active and successful of the city's earlier business men, the deceased was long one of the prominent figures about town. Over a generation ago he was elected as alderman from the Fourth ward, the Democrats of that district voting him into an office which he accepted, and in which he served faithfully for one term. He was a staunch Democrat, and one of his last trips downtown last fall was for the purpose of casting his vote for Woodrow Wilson, now

President. The Oshkosh Lodge of Elks, No. 292, mourns the loss of its oldest member, oldest in point of years of age, he having formerly been a member of the old Union club. Many of the men who are fond of hunting and fishing trips such as those which Mr. Rumery had taken year after year, owed their excellent sport to him for originally stocking Evergreen stream, a tributary of the Wolf river, with the trout that afford such excellent sport there.

Lyman O. Rumery was born at Calais, ME, April 28, 1827. On December 9, 1851, he was married to Miss Nancy Smith, at Balleyville, ME, and after fifty years of a happy married life the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the present residence, December 9, 1901. Mrs. Rumery passed away nine years ago, in the month of May. Mr. and Mrs. Rumery came west in 1854. Settling at Oshkosh, Mr. Rumery was one of the first to engage in the logging business, a part of the time independently and at other times with others. Mr. Rumery became president of the Wolf River Boom Company, which handled vast quantities of timber for sawmills here and at other points below the Wolf. The company was organized with a capital of \$50,000 but met with reverses. In 1871 it reorganized with L. O. Rumery as manager, and the next year all outstanding obligations were fully paid, for under Mr. Rumery's practical guidance the company enjoyed the most prosperous year of its career, handling some 207,000,000 feet of logs. Mr. Rumery continued at the head of this company practically until the logging business "played out" in this section of the state. From 1870 to 1880 he was a member of the firm of Kellogg, Rumery & Co., and later interested in the Loper & Rumery firm, which owned large tracts of valuable timber in Minnesota. He was also a member of the Sawyer Cattle company which conducts a cattle ranch in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumery resided at the corner of Mount Vernon and Merritt streets since about forty yeas ago. More recently a handsome residence was erected. Mr. Rumery was a man of quiet, retiring disposition and of few words. He was always active and solicitous of the welfare of his family and friends. His family received the bulk of his attention. He was charitably inclined, doing many kindly acts of charity in his quiet, unostentatious manner.

The funeral is to be held Wednesday afternoon. There will be services for the family and friends at the home, 53 Merritt street, at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. N. Jamieson of the First Methodist church will be the pastor in charge. The burial at Riverside cemetery will be in private. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

FHAW Introduces New Monthly Publication *Woodchips*

The first issue of the FHAW *Woodchips*, an electronic monthly newsletter was delivered to FHAW members' email addresses on September 1st. The electronic format enables the association to deliver FHAW news, upcoming events and selected articles related to our Wisconsin forests and the interest of our members in a timely and economic manner.

Hyperlinks embedded into *Woodchips* allow readers to enjoy featured video and audio presentations of interest with just a simple click of their mouse. If you couldn't attend a FHAW event, with this new format you might be able to watch a video recording of it from the comfort of your home. Just as the association might share recorded events, FHAW members can also share links to their local events that may be of interest to other FHAW members. Just contact your editor to make those arrangements.

Besides links to available audio and video presentations, other hyperlinks will take you to full articles of items in the news from local, state, national and even international forestry and environmental organizations.

Finally an attempt will be made to include in each issue of *Woodchips* a link to one, two, or three upcoming Wisconsin events that might be of interest to FHAW members.

While *Woodchips* will be delivered once a month, the FHAW newsletter, *Chips and Sawdust*, will continue to be distributed quarterly. There may be some content overlap between the two publications, just to keep everyone informed of association activities, but that duplication is anticipated to be minimal.

If neither the September or October issues of *Woodchips* was delivered to your e-mail's inbox, chances are the FHAW does not have a current e-mail address in our records for you. To receive past issues of *Woodchips*, and ensure delivery of future issues too, send your e-mail address to FHAW editor, Don Schnitzler, at schnitzler.donald@charter.net.





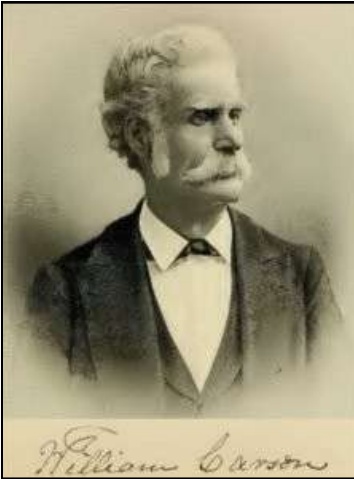
From the Newspaper Archives



Passing Of The Pines In The Chippewa Valley

(continued from Chips and Sawdust, Volume 38, No. 3)

Pioneers Won and Lost



It is somewhat difficult to select from the long list of capable lumbermen of the Chippewa valley in pine lumbering days those of special note, but any list made up should include those enumerated below. Of the pioneers of the forties, two outstanding figures were William T. Carson and H.S. Allen. The former carried on his earliest operations on the Eau Galle, a tributary of the Chippewa, flowing into it near Durand.

Probably the earliest Chippewa valley lumbering records in existence are contained in an old combined journal and ledger kept by Bradley & Richardson, who were evidently jobbers for Carson & Eaton. A typical account is that of James Sargent, which included such charges as the following: "To one bearskin cap \$1; one buffalo robe, \$4.75; one deck playing cards, 50 cents; etc." Whiskey was a lead item, this being charged in lump sum amounts as "245 drams whiskey, \$15; 4 pints whiskey, \$1; 126 drams whiskey, \$8.80." On the other side of the ledger account Sargent was credited with 183 ½ days labor at \$20 a month, or \$145.15.

After closing up his lumber camp interests in Eau Galle, Mr. Carson moved further up the Chippewa. When Smith & Buffington incorporated as the Valley Lumber Company Mr. Carson bought a heavy interest in it and later became its president. He left a large estate.

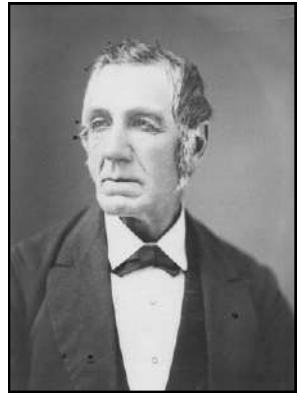
H.S. Allen began his lumbering career at what is now Menomonie later moving to Chippewa Falls, where for many years he was a leading figure. Still later in life he lost most of his wealth.

It was in the five years from 1855 to 1860 that the greater number of prominent and successful early lumbermen came on the Chippewa.

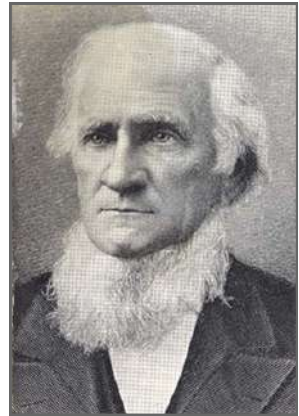
Penniless Boy Rises to Top

Daniel Shaw, who came on the Chippewa from Maine in 1856, in the writer's opinion was the most typical lumberman on the river. Although he did not attain the wealth of some, no other prominent lumberman was more highly respected and none became so closely associated with his employees. Mr. Shaw spent much of his time during the winter months visiting his logging camps, and for many years took personal charge of log driving operations. He died in 1881 and was succeeded as general manager of the company by his son, Eugene.

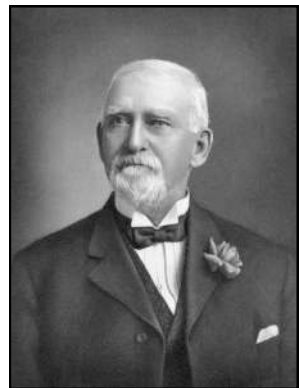
Without question the most capable and successful lumberman on the Chippewa was O. H. Ingram, who died only four years ago, leaving the largest estate of any resident in the valley. His capabilities developed early in life. His father died when young Orrin was 12, leaving the boy as the principal support of his mother. He worked for his board and got some schooling, and at 17 took employment in a sawmill. A few years before his death, Mr. Ingram told the writer some of his early experiences. His first sawmill job was the running of a hand edger, at \$13 a month and board. Within two years he was placed in charge of the mill. By the time he was married at 21, he was a capable mill-



*Hiram Stores Allen
(1806 -1886)*



*Daniel Shaw
(1813-1881)*



*Orrin H. Ingram
(1831-1909)*

wright, and on completion of a mill contracted to saw lumber for the owner at 75 cents a thousand.

By working early and late, and his young wife boarding most of the mill crew, he cleared the sum of \$3,000 for his year's work, a just unheard of sum for a young man in those days. The sawmill owner wished to renew the contract for another year, but at 60 cents a thousand instead of 75 cents. In the meantime the head of a large lumbering concern across the line in Canada, with a line of mills and with steamships for export, had spotted young Ingram's work and the result was that he was engaged as general superintendent of mills with a salary of \$4,000 a year in gold. The following year it was advanced to \$5,000.

(Editor's note: The above is another portion of the first installment of an article from the pen of W. W. Bartlett, early historian from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The full story appeared in both the Milwaukee Journal and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram during February 1923, the remainder of the first installment will be completed in future issues of Chips and Sawdust)



**38th Annual Meeting of the
Forest History Association of Wisconsin
September 12–14, 2013
Park Falls, Wisconsin**

Beautiful autumn weather, with cool brisk evenings followed the next day by blue skies and sunshine, greeted FHAW members to Park Falls and the 38th Annual Meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Activities kicked off on Thursday evening with time to visit old friends and get-acquainted with new friends over a great meal at the Northwood Supper Club at Fifield. This year's annual auction, besides featuring logging artifacts and memorabilia included a couple of unexpected thing-a-ma-jigs and whatchamacallits, all of which proved entertaining for attendees.

Saturday's activities started with a tour of the Flambeau River Paper Company plant. Members saw up close the paper making process from beginning to end and were impressed by the com-





Brad Pagels

pany's many improvements making the plant more energy efficient and environmental friendly.

Following the tours, FHAW members attended presentations given by Brad Pagels on the Roddis Railroad Line; Dale Heikkinen on the Prentice Loader; a preview of Tom Pestka's logging documentary, "From Crosscut Saw to Computer Cutting"; and Russ Kirchmeyer on the Hines Lumber Company.

Attendees then toured the Price County Historical Society where they had an opportunity to view the museum's display of logging artifacts, railroad memorabilia, old farm equipment and more.

Then a short bus ride into the country side, the group visited the home of Russ Kirchmeyer. Here they had an opportunity to look at his extensive collections of logging and farming artifacts. Each piece has a story and Russ was happy to share those with us too.

For some the conference ended with the Friday night fish fry at the Bay Harbor Restaurant. Another great meal by the way. But ten FHAW members also visited the Round Lake Logging Dam on Saturday morning before heading home.



Dale Heikkinen



Tom Pestka



Russ Kirchmeyer



A small sample of items displayed by Russ Kirchmeyer for the FHAW members to enjoy during their recent visit at Park Falls.



Watch For Details
As They Become Available

2014 FAW Conference
Goodman, Wisconsin

Annual Financial Report

Forest History Association of Wisconsin
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Operating Receipts

	2011-12	2012-13
Dues	\$3,060	\$2,250
Donations, Unrestricted	405	50
Donations, Restricted (Scholarship**)	1,470	200
Annual Meeting	3,375	2,340
Auction	1,041	383
Sales	99	55
Interest Income	231	177
Total Receipts	\$9,681	\$5,455

Operating Expenses

Printing	\$1,283	\$990
Postage	376	389
Operations	1,841	977
Annual Meeting	3,623	2,087
Auction	37	0
Total Expenses	\$7,160	\$4,443

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**Cash Assets 6-30-2013
Interest Income**

	Interest	Cash
Associated Bank Checking		\$5,078
Money Market (0.10%) (Monthly)	\$17	5,131
CD # (1.55%) closed 9-1-2011		
CD # (0.60) opened 9-1-2011 closed 5-13-2013	160	
Total	\$177	\$10,209

**Cash Assets 6-30-2013
Investments**

	5-13-2013	6-30-2013
T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds		
Capital Appreciation	\$20,000	\$19,806
Emerging Markets Stock	10,000	\$9,148
International Stock	10,000	9,454
New Horizons	20,000	20,152
Total Investments		\$58,560
Total		\$68,769

****Restricted Donations (Scholarship Fund)**
(held in MM account)

John Saemann 2011	\$600	
Don Lambrecht 2012	970	
George Banzaf & Co. 2012	500	
Misc. Donations 2012 -2013	200	
Total Scholarship Fund (8-8-2013)	\$2,270	

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