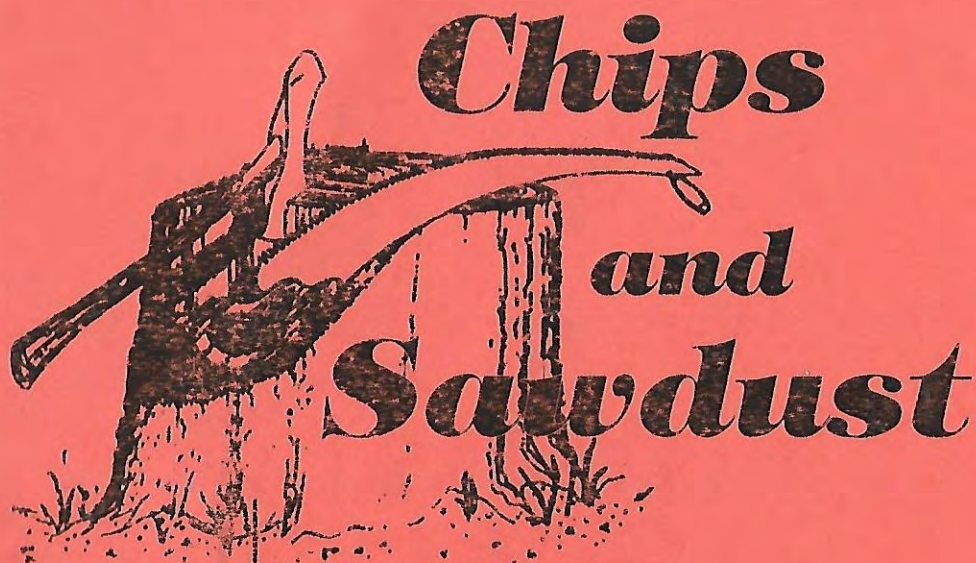


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From The President's Chair

Things continue to be busy with FHAW since the last issue of Chips & Sawdust. Probably most important to you is the Annual Meeting in Ashland. Thanks to the leadership of John Grosman and his wisdom to attain help from a number of people, we had a great meeting in a scenic and historical location with a very interesting

tour and marvelous facility for the meeting in the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. If you didn't get to go and have the opportunity to pass through Ashland, don't miss stopping to see what you missed. Our proceedings will give you some great coverage of the papers but you'll want to see the center. There were 16 different organizations involved with the planning and implementation of the meeting and some talented and dedicated people working on it. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL who participated!

But more has been going on. We continued to make the adjustments to the Board Executive and things seem to be well in hand. The critique on Learning from the Land continues on. We have recently received a letter from the WHS asking our participation in developing a different game for the Timber Section. We're working on the annual meetings for the next two years and developing meeting locations for three additional years.

One of our members, Sam Radcliffe, who owns the forestry consulting firm of George Banzhaf & Co. has gifted the oldest files of that company to FHAW for its archives. We are in the process of getting those files ready for cataloging and placing in the Archive. Our thanks to Sam for that thoughtful gift. George Banzhaf is a member of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. The firm has national prominence and those old files are rich in history. Archiving is a science and it will take awhile to complete the process.

AGAIN, I CAN'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY GO BY WITHOUT SOLICITING SOME WILLING WORKERS TO COME FORWARD TO HELP WITH THE INTERESTING WORK OF GETTING WISCONSIN'S FOREST HISTORY BEFORE THE PUBLIC. We could use some help in developing one or two new display boards and can always use some extra people to help man the display at various meetings. Publications are always appreciated for both the Chips & Sawdust and special publications. Take a look at the committee listed in the inside covers and let us know if you see a subject of interest.

Miles Benson

Lurking Cribs Once Helped Sawmills

By Michael Klein from Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

You could call it the revenge of the lumberjacks. More than a century ago, loggers built a series of gigantic log-and-rock cribs in Dells Pond as part of one of Eau Claire's biggest public improvement projects.

When the sixteen 12-foot-square cribs were built in 1878, they poked several feet above the water. Booms chained between them held back the logs sent from the northern pinelands to be cut up in Eau Claire's lumber mills.

But when a higher Dells dam was built in 1924, the water level in Dells Pond rose. Ever since then the massive cribs have lurked under the river's surface, making their presence known only by occasionally denting a boat's hull.

The cribs were revealed in their full glory 25 years ago when the water in Dells Pond was lowered so the dam could be repaired.

There was great argument over whether to build the Dells Dam, which raged for years before construction started in 1878. Opponents included lumbermen who didn't want the river's flow downstream impeded by a dam, which would stop lumber drives.

The cribs were originally built with raw manpower, horses and oxen. They were a small part of the gigantic Dells Dam project, which created better log storage facilities for the lumber mills that dominated Eau Claire's economy in its early years.

The plan called building a 16-foot-high dam, a cutoff canal across a bend in the river, and a mile-long canal from the Dells Dam to Half Moon Lake, where logs would be stored.

The dam created Dells Pond, a widening of the river where logs could be sorted.

A portion of the canal to Half Moon Lake tunneled through a small hill. Over 100 men were employed to build the tunnel, according to a newspaper account from November 1879. The upper end of the canal had to be blasted from the solid rock of the river's dells.

In addition, a flume to run logs was built on the west side of the dam, running along a shelf cut into the bank.

Today, the old dam is gone and the tunnel is sealed up. The cribs and the shelf where the riverside flume ran are the only remains of the massive project.

Dells Pond has become a haven for summer boaters, who like to dock on its sandbar islands and while away the summer days.

But while steering out to the islands, they're careful to watch the water. The past can still reach out and break a boat propeller.



Tales from the Old-Timer

Taken from the Peshtigo Times, August 3rd, 1994

THE PESHTIGO LUMBER COMPANY LEDGER

William A. Ellis came to Peshtigo in 1857 at the age of 29, the journey from Chicago taking him 13 days, as railroad service was not to become available for many years. The young man was given charge of the books of the Peshtigo Company, of which William H. Beebe was then president. Ellis later became president and general manager of the firm, by then known as the Peshtigo Lumber Company. Ellis and Beebe Avenues in Peshtigo bear the names of these pioneer lumber tycoons.

An old ledger maintained by Ellis that somehow survived the great fire of October 8, 1871 was in the possession of the late Bernard "Bun" Stehle for many years. Following the recent death of Stehle's widow, Dorothea, the family donated the precious old volume to the city of Peshtigo.

Two of Peshtigo's most knowledgeable historians, Robert Couvillion and Alderman Joseph Race, have poured over the book in recent months and derived a wealth of facts and insights about Ellis and the aftermath of the fire, in the form of Ellis' cryptic and unemotional bookkeeping entries.

There was a gap of about 8 days in entries following October 8, the date of the fire. When Ellis resumed his matter-of-fact bookkeeping routines, he took up where he had left off without a hitch. He documented receipts from insurance companies for losses the company suffered.

An entry for December 26, 1871, recorded a payment of \$6,880.50 from North British Home Insurance Company for stock destroyed on October 8, 1871. Another payment was for \$1,098.20 "for the contents of the old warehouse". An entry for Feb. 19, 1872, was a payment for loss of railroad stock and wares. A \$49,700 payment for the Woodenware Factory was entered Feb. 22, 1872.

Stock lost in the Chicago fire that took place the same date was compensated by insurance in the amount of \$6,037.50, as a company tug and barge were burned up at the dock in Chicago. Payment for ruined baling wire came to \$1,314.75. Couvillion believes he has found the remnants of that wire in a location near the city.

The big payoff, for \$100,000, was entered March 30, 1872, and was for the loss of the company sawmill.

Ellis noted a payment to Johan Schwartz of \$50 for burying the dead and to Hiram Hayes, \$28 for burying dead animals. These men must have been slow to submit their claims, as they were not paid until April 22 and April 26 of 1872. Many similar payments were recorded earlier.

Relief funds sent from other parts of the country were also funneled through the books of the Peshtigo Lumber Company, entitled "Relief Fund of Sufferers" and showed such entries as Elmira, NY, \$1,000 and Lowell, Mass., \$103.38.

Entries not connected to the aftermath of the great fire included one stating, "Expenses catching horse thief, cash \$28.00." Payroll entries contained such names as James Mellen, Sam Newton, William Phillips, Abraham Place, Oscar Peck, John Stuart, John Drees, Ferd Armstrong, J.F. Kelsey, W.A. Ellis himself, and his son E.D. Ellis. William Ellis was paid \$500 quarterly, or \$2,000 per year as president and general manager of the company.

A span of mules cost the company \$350, a set of harnesses \$63, and 8 yoke of oxen came to \$1,360. Three bobsleds and one cutter was \$172.

In a bitterly comic entry, Ellis recorded the purchase of "one horse, blind, lame and toothless," for \$125.

The stately house of William A. Ellis, a three-story mansion with an ornate cupola, stood on the west side of East Front Street when I was young. It was called simply "The Ellis House". After years of neglect it was torn down about 1950. Kids lucky enough to have climbed up the cupola said with wonderment "You can see for miles from up there". Tales were told of a large ballroom on the 3rd floor. Much of the fine interior woodwork was torn off and used as firewood by renters in the final years of the grand old home.



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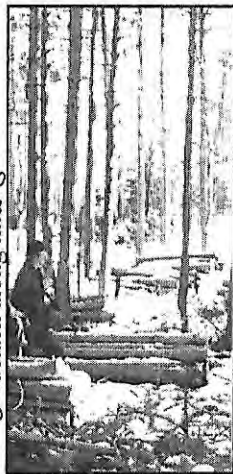
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Rosholt finds 'Rainbow' in life's writing

Taken From Stevens Point Journal, June 29, 2004

by Trudy Stewart

I stopped in to see Malcolm Rosholt last week when I went over to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King to talk with Henry Williams, who manages the all-volunteer Wheelchair Repair Shop there.

It's been awhile since I've gotten over to the Veterans Home, but like always, I felt a certain sense of awe as I drove onto the grounds. What a jewel it is, and not just for the beauty of its location on Rainbow Lake near Waupaca. The real estate value of its more than 300 acres must be astronomical, but its worth to Wisconsin veterans is beyond estimation.

To my estimation, Malcolm certainly is a state treasure and, without doubt, a local one. A number of people agreed with me, because he was named among the 2001 Notable Wisconsin Authors by the Wisconsin Library Association.

His first publication relating to Wisconsin history, "Town 25 north, a short history of Alban township and village of Rosholt, Portage County, Wisconsin," came in 1949. His "Our County, Our Story: Portage County, Wisconsin," recently was published as an electronic book and is available through the Portage County Public Library, McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University Library. The 600-page work originally was published in 1959 by the Portage County Board of Supervisors.

But Malcolm was writing and recording his impressions of people and places long before that. Born in 1907 in Rosholt, a village named after his grandfather, he spent most of his life there. But he also traveled and wrote about other parts of the world. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1931, then set sail for China. For six years he was a reporter and editor for an English language newspaper in Shanghai and covered the Japanese invasions of 1932 and 1937. In 1938, he returned to the United States and lectured on his experiences.

After the United States became involved in World War II, he volunteered for service and was commissioned by the Army Air Corps due in part to his knowledge of the Chinese language. In 1943, he returned to China and served two years as liaison officer for Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the famous Flying Tigers.

After a spell on the lecture circuit following the war's end, Malcolm settled again in Rosholt and founded Rosholt House Publishing Co. He worked as a newspaper editor for a while and made a bid for state Assembly, but he's dedicated time and energies to writing about state history in ensuing years.

Malcolm published more than 20 titles that are carefully researched and concisely written with plenty of charts, illustrations and photographs. Some were done in partnership with his wife, the late Margaret Rosholt, who was a librarian with Rosholt Schools for more than 20 years.

His subjects have ranged from logging, railroads and frontier life to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Malcolm was 86 and had just published a book (I think it was "Press Corps of Old Shanghai") the first time I interviewed him. I was fairly new to the newspaper and to the area so was not familiar with Portage County's most prolific book writer and native son.

I soon became a fan of his clear, clean writing style. But even more, I liked this man who had such a deep interest in the history of his home and such a depth of humor.

He once told me he tried hard to make it "big," on the lecture circuit, as a politician and in book publishing. I think he meant that he was aiming for national and international markets.

But in a situation where writers are said to be least appreciated in their own back yards (to paraphrase somebody who said that a whole lot better), Malcolm has achieved respect and repute with his peers and his public.

His most recent book released this year when he is 96 years old, is an autobiography, "Rainbow Around the Moon."

The last time I visited him, he was residing in the Veterans Home's Stordock Hall, a more apartment-like setting. Now he's living in McArthur Hall. He uses a wheelchair, so I'm not aware of how tall he actually is.

But he recognized me immediately, even though our meetings probably are fewer than 20, and talked about selling the home in Rosholt where our first interview took place. He and Margaret lived there many years.

He told me he's also at work on translation of an early Norwegian historian's book about early settlers from Norway in the Upper Midwest. It's slow going, he said, because he doesn't speak the language, so he has to do the translation with the aid of a Norwegian-English dictionary. He's also been having some trouble with his eyes.

He said he's also taking a liberal hand of the translation because the author, a man named Holand, always used as many words as possible to say a thing - even when one word would suffice.

A selected bibliography of books released by Rosholt House Publishing include:

- "The Battle of Cameron Dam," 1965
- "Nahkom, the Woman of Waupaca," 1974
 - "Pioneers of the Pinery," 1979
- "Days of the Ching Pao: A Photographic Record of the Flying Tigers," 1978
- "The Wisconsin Logging Book, 1839-1939," 1980 and 2004.
 - "Lumbermen on the Chippewa," 1982
 - "The Child of Two Mothers," 1983
 - "Claire L. Chennault: A Tribute," 1983
 - "Trains of Wisconsin," 1985
- "The Story of Old Abe: Wisconsin's Civil War Hero," 1987
- "Chinese Fairy Tales", edited by Malcolm Rosholt, 1998
- Letters home from Shanghai: Written by Margaret Rosholt;
Edited by Malcolm Rosholt, " 2000

Taken from EagleHerald, August 17, 1996 EAGLEHERALD FILES

100 YEARS AGO: The last log in the Main River drive was brought into the Boom limits yesterday. The drive was down the night before but the big crew was engaged in sacking them into the pond. The drivers, over 200 in number, will arrive here tonight. It was 59 days in coming down and every log was brought down.

50 YEARS AGO: A one-tenth inch rain here last night was insufficient for crop needs but it brought relief from the week-long heat wave. The mercury reached 90 late yesterday afternoon, one degree below the summer's high of 91 on July 18. Today's temperature reached 73 degrees by 1:30 p.m.

25 YEARS AGO: The annual 4-H Dress Revue is among the events to be held at the Near North Fair at Wausaukee. According to Carol Blackowiak, Marinette County summer agent, a wide array of fashions will be on display this year. All garments have been made by the girls that will model them.

5 YEARS AGO: The Peshtigo School District will have a new I.D. card system for this coming school year. The new system assures confidentiality of free and reduced price meals. In addition, there will be no lost lunch money tickets or long ticket lines.

FOREST HISTORY OF WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Board of Directors
~ 15 October 2004 ~

CALL TO ORDER: [Benson]

President Miles Benson convened the meeting at 10:00 am at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano WI.

Directors present:

Albrecht, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Connor, Einspahr, Grosman, Harm, Lambrecht, and Walkner.

Activity \Event Coordinators present:

Baumann, Connor, Einspahr, Gueller, Krog, Saemann, Shrake, Sohasky, Sydow, Walkner

MINUTES OF 14 MAY 2004: [Gueller]

President Benson asked for a review of the minutes of the 24 September 2004 Board of Directors meeting as well as for the 25 September 2004 Annual Meeting. Acceptance of the Board of Directors minutes were duly moved, seconded and approved. Acceptance of the Minutes for the 25 September 2004 Annual Meeting will be reviewed and voted upon at the 2005 Annual Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS : 2005 - 2007

The following Members of the Board of Directors of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin were duly nominated and elected to the following offices:

- President : Miles Benson
- Vice President : Robert Brisson
- Membership Secretary : Dean Einspahr
- Recording Secretary : Lawrence Gueller
- Treasurer : Thomas Albrecht
- Executive Secretary : Vacant

OFFICERS 2004-2006 :

The following Members of the Board of Directors of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin currently hold office until the Autumn of 2006:

- President : Miles Benson

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 2004-2006 :

The following individuals are currently service two-year terms as Members of the Board of Directors of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin until Autumn 2006:

- Tom Albrecht
- Robert Brisson
- Dean Einspahr
- Robert Walkner
- Eugene Harm informed the Board of Directors of his intent to resign from the Board effective 15 October 2004

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 2005-2007 :

The following individuals are currently service two-year terms as Members of the Board of Directors of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin until Autumn 2007:

- Karl Baumann
- Miles Benson
- Sara Connor
- Lawrence Gueller
- Don Lambrecht
- Randall E. Rohe declined nomination for a two-year term as Member of the

Board of Directors. This opened the position of Board of Directors Vice President, which Rohe had previously held, for selection.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY [Einspahr]

Being that Einspahr was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting. Membership numbers for the previous meeting were discussed.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY(S) [Benson & Gueller]

Benson distributed materials which he had received since the previous Board of Directors Meeting in July 2004, for individual member review.

REPORT OF TREASURER [Albrecht]

Treasurer Albrecht presented a report for the period July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004. Key values reported were:

Operating Receipts:	\$ 4,031.00
Operating Expenses:	\$ 1,483.00
Cash Assets:	\$ 54,396.00
Ghost of the Forest Receipts:	\$ 26,963.00

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the Minutes document.

Albrecht noted that, as the end of the year was approaching, the Operating Expense figure would increase substantially due to remaining receipt of outstanding Association expenses.

Albrecht also noted that the expenditures for the publication of "Chips 'n Sawdust" would increase due to the change in which the editing and publication of this periodical had undergone. Previously, Kurt Korten Hof had delivered all of the materials to the publisher in a "ready-to-publish" format whereas, currently the materials are gathered and presented to the publisher, Pioneer Publishing, for final editing and publishing. Review and approval for editing is being successfully accomplished by Sara Connor. This is a win-win trade-off as the time spent by the association for the publication details has been transferred to the publisher for a reduction in coordinating time spent by Association personnel. F HAW is trading time for dollars. This change in process has resulted in a much more regular schedule for the publishing and distribution of the periodical.

Albrecht finally noted, that as one presenter did not show for the Annual Meeting, the honorarium would be used to cover the costs of the replacement speaker.

In closing, Albrecht noted that his investigation into the "Virtual Bank" resulted in information indicating that this avenue of investment for F HAW as the "Virtual Bank" deals only with individuals. Albrecht was given voice approval by the Board for further investigations into potential investment opportunities for F HAW.

Acceptances of the Treasurer's Report was duly moved, seconded and approved.

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR REPORTS

ARCHIVES [Gueller]

All of the materials relative to the George Banzhaf & Company Collection have been received and are currently in the possession of Benson [33 Boxes] and Gueller [12 Boxes]. A complete list is attached as an addendum in addition to a copy of the deed to these materials from the donor. The original deed is stored with the Association's Minutes.

Preservation, registration and cataloging process is currently being negotiated with the University of Stevens Point Albertson Center for Learning Resources Archivist.

The ensuing discussion relative to the Archiving Process, costs and the need for the Association to retain ownership of the Banzhaf Collection resulted in the understanding that a sum of no more than \$2,500.00 would be available to Gueller and Benson for the proper preservation, registration and cataloging of this Collection.

Gueller to transport existing F HAW archives materials [other than the Banzhaf Collection] to the Albertson Center for Learning Resources on, or about, 28 October 2004.

AUCTION [Baumann w\Brisson]

The auction at the Annual Meeting proceeded very well with approximately 120 individual items available for attendees to bid on. The items included artifacts, documents, publications relative to nature and history. Gathering for materials for the 2005 Annual Meeting Auction has begun.

CHIPS 'N SAWDUST\WEBSITE [Connor]

Being that Connor was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting.

A minimum of four articles per year are necessary for the publication of C&S!

Mission Statement to be included [Gueller]

Each sale of the FHAW published book, Ghosts of the Forest, will include a coupon for the book One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry, to be offered for \$ 24.95. This is a reduction of \$2.50 from the published retail price. FHAW to receive \$5.00 per book sold which is sold via Chips 'N Sawdust for the next issue.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS [Rohe]

Connor Award: Being that Rohe was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting

Fixmer Award: Being that Rohe was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting.

EXHIBITS [Grosman Adamson]

The FHAW exhibits have been transferred from the former storage location in Tomahawk to Benson's basement.

Benson indicated the Association should consider developing multiple exhibits for storage at separate locations which would alleviate their transportation over long distances. Additional exhibits would enable the Association to make its presence known at multiple events held in divergent locations at the same date.

Benson volunteered to take care of the exhibits after he steps down as Association President.

FORESTRY HALL OF FAME [Lambrecht]

Mac McLaren's award has been forwarded to his daughter who resides in Virginia. To date, no response has been received from the daughter.

Mary Roddis Connor was submitted for nomination for the 2005 Award, by Lambrecht Nomination & Baumann Second. Approved by voice vote.

FHAW WEBSITE [Connor]

Being that Connor was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting

Mission Statement to be included in C&S [Gueller]

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PROCEEDINGS [Mann, Lambert w\Sydow]

Laura Lambert was in attendance at the Annual Meeting where she took notes and photographs. Lambert will serve as the guest editor for the "Proceedings for that Annual Meeting" with advisement from Mann.

Lambert will be recognized in a near-future publication of the "Chips 'n Sawdust" as well as an acknowledgement in the "Annual Proceedings".

Mann was very appreciative of the Association recognizing Lambert for her activities.

PUBLICATIONS [Rohe]

Ghosts of the Forest : Being that Rohe was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting.

A question was posed regarding sales of the Ghosts of the Forest. Albrecht responded that sales have slowed but that Rohe continued to actively sell the book via whatever means possible. Queries were forwarded regarding opportunities to get the book before the public's eye, however no new ideas were forthcoming at this meeting.

Ghosts of the Forest will continue to be offered in Chips 'N Sawdust, the FHAW Annual proceedings and on the FHAW Website.

A coupon for One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry, to be offered on the FHAW Website for \$ 24.95.

PUBLICITY [Krog] - Being that Krog was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP [Saemann]

Being that Saemann was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting. See New Business: **Randall E. Rohe Grant**.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2004 [Grosman] - Ashland

Consensus indicated that the Association's Annual Meeting was a great success in spite of last minute alterations regarding one presenter.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2005 [Einspahr] Sheboygan \ Greenbush

Being that Einspahr was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting. Benson reported that the planning committee meeting of 05 November 2004 remains scheduled and that everything is on track.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2006 [Connor] - Laona

Being that Connor was absent, no report was forwarded at this meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2007 [???] Madison

Investigations into meeting relative the Forest Products Laboratory at the UW-Madison continue.

No Event Coordinator has come forward for this activity.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2008 [???] Hermansville MI \ Florence County WI

Investigations into meeting relative the Hermansville Museum and the Wild River Visitors' Center at Florence WI, continue.

Hermansville lies between Escanaba and Iron which are approximately 40 miles apart.

No Event Coordinator has come forward for this activity.

ANNUAL MEETING : 2009 [???] ????????????

No investigations relative to the 2009 Annual Meeting have been developed. Benson is seeking to generate 5-year plans for these meetings to keep scheduling and details on track well into the future.

OLD BUSINESS : - Nominees are needed for the following awards:

- State Historical Society of Wisconsin **Local History Award**
- **Fixmer Award**
- **Connor Award**

NEW BUSINESS

Exhibits require attention. Benson offered to update and possibly increase number of exhibits.

Per Benson: Exhibits are primary exposure to FHAW. Additional exhibits would spread the word.

Discussion of scholarships led to the proposed establishment of the Randall E. Rohe Grant to be "awarded to individuals or organizations for preservation, research and publication of materials and works relative to subjects which cover the Forest History of Wisconsin". Establishment and details of Grant were duly moved, seconded and approved. Gueller to work on guidelines and details.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday 13 May 2005, at Wausau location to be announced.

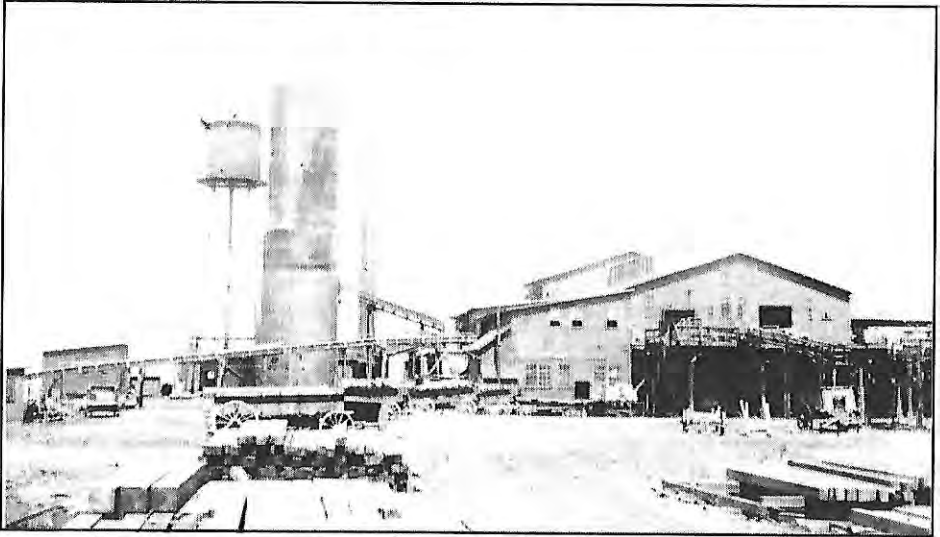
SCHEDULED JULY \ AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The scheduled Summer 2005 Board of Directors Meeting will be held July \ August 2004 at Earl St. John's Camp. Baumann to complete arrangements except provision for food.

SCHEDULED AUTUMN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Not scheduled at this time.

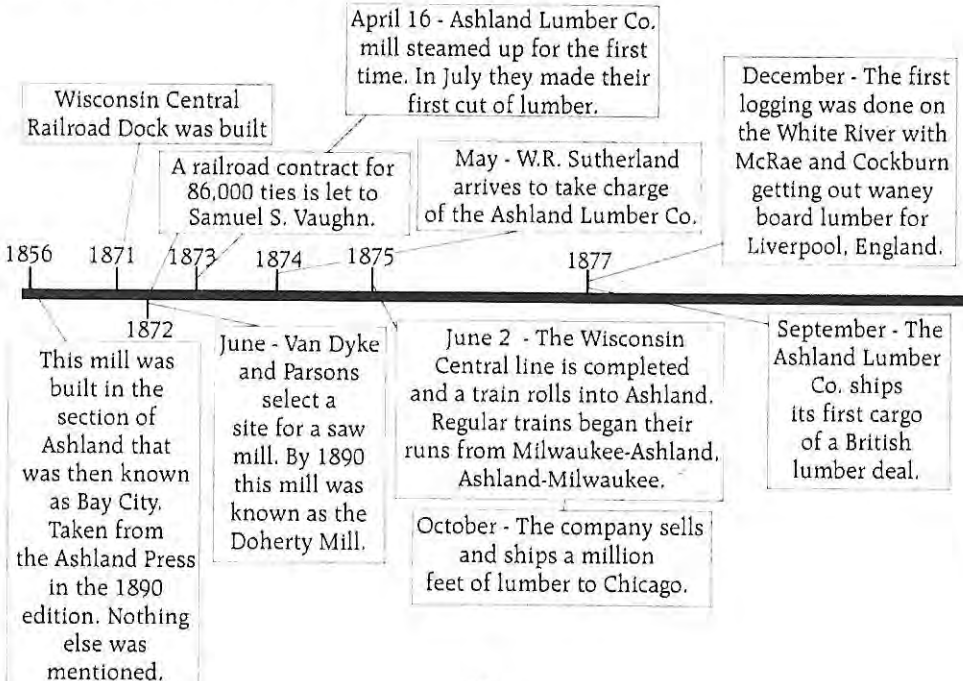
ADJOURNMENT - The 16 July 2004 meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm by consensus.

SAWMILLS OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

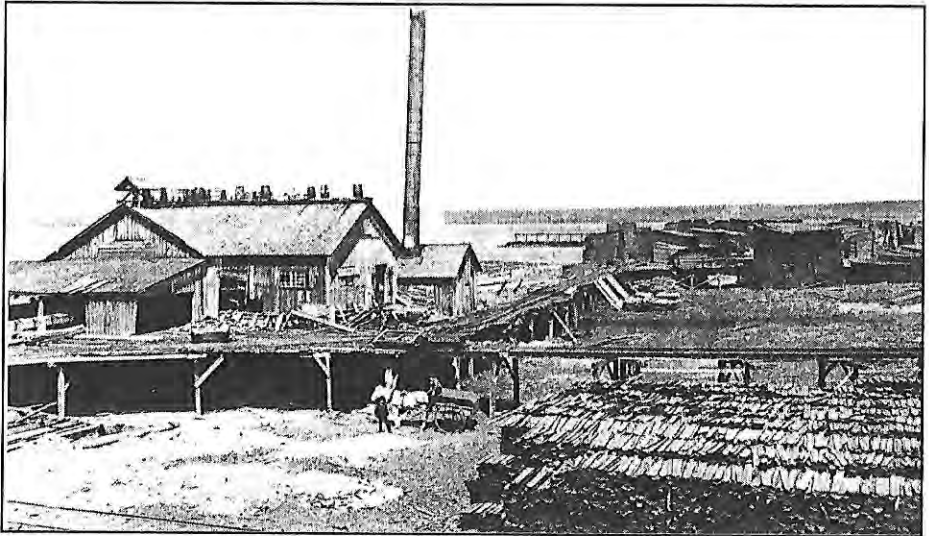


Schroeder Mill

by Edith C. Mahnke



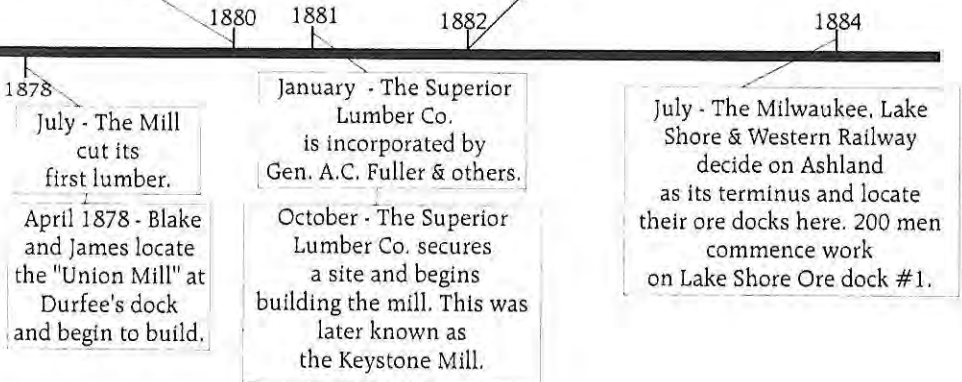
SAWMILLS OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN



Durfee - Union Mill

January - Ritchie and Mueller secured a site and began the erection of another saw mill. They were in operation by April 1881. This was later known as the Mowatt & Thompson mill. The final owner was John Schroeder Co.

June - W.L. Barber secures a mill site & erects the Michigan Lumber Co. saw mill. This later became the Sutherland Mill in 1890. The mill was completed by September and in October they made their first shipment of 2,000,000 feet of lumber. This mill was also known as Pope's Mill and finally became part of the John Schroeder Co. Mill.

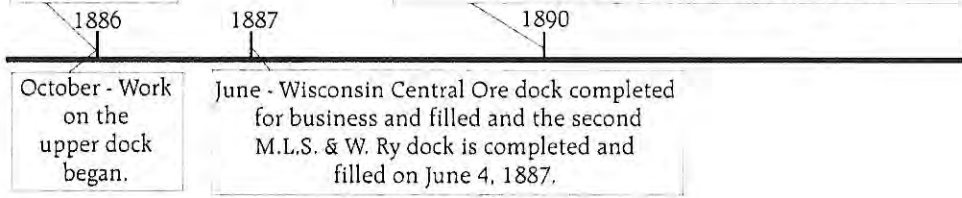


LUMBER & ORE SHIPMENT FROM THE MILLS AND DOCKS OF ASHLAND 1878-1892

		LUMBER CUT	LOG CUT	IRON ORE
Dec. 1878		1,000,000		
Oct. 1879		8,000,000		
March 1880			14,000,000	
Dec. 1880		16,000,000		
April 1881			24,501,000	
Dec. 1881		26,000,000		
Dec. 1882		40,000,000		
May 1883			68,000,000	
Dec. 1883		23,000,000		
Dec. 1884		50,000,000		
Dec. 1885		60,000,000		119,576 tons
March 1886			72,250,000	
June 1886				164,280 tons
July 1886				306,928 tons
Dec. 1886	yearly shipment	49,350,000		721,081 tons yr. shipment
Dec. 1887	yearly shipment	80,400,000		1,040,780 tons
Dec. 1888	yearly shipment	96,166,388		1,016,414 tons
March 1889			162,250,000	
Dec. 1889	yearly shipment	222,077,800		1,548,802 tons
Dec. 1889	lath	20,000,000		
Dec. 1889	shingles	36,856,750		
Dec. 1892	yearly shipment	285,000,000		2,227,407 tons

May
The foundation
for dock #2
was completed.

The E.A. Shores Lumber Co. completes
their mill and begins on the
summer lumber run. This mill was
brought to Ashland following disassembly of the
Cohasset Lumber Co. in Muskegon,
Michigan. This mill became the Barker & Stewart Mill
and ended as the Hines Lumber Co. mill.



October - Work
on the
upper dock
began.

June - Wisconsin Central Ore dock completed
for business and filled and the second
M.L.S. & W. Ry dock is completed and
filled on June 4, 1887.

Lesser known mills were the Weed Mill built in 1889, The East End Mill owned by D.A. Kennedy also built around 1889, The Lake Superior Lumber & Box Co. also known as Cook's Mill, and The Bay Shore Lumber Co.

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He has done photographic work and raised funds for the Wabeno Logging Museum. In 1997, he was primary author for the book *Wabeno's First 100 Years*. His crowning achievement, however, was the writing of *Cut & Run: Loggin' Off The Big Woods*, which was published in 2002.

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"Hi, pal. I'm 'Chopping Sam' Hobson.
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Jauquet Lumber Company

By Sara Connor

The Jauquet family came to Wisconsin from St. Denis, Belgium in 1856, and settled in Brussels, Wisconsin. The immigration pattern followed by the Jauquets was part of the New York - Great Lakes Belgium immigration experience. Settling in the Door County area as farmers, the Jauquets were to become part of the logging and lumber history of northeastern Wisconsin.

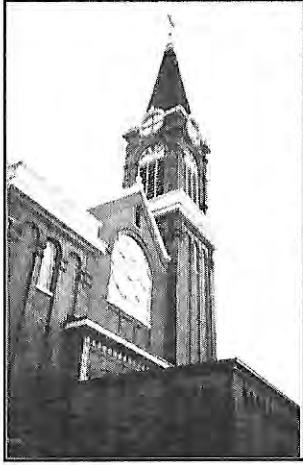
Joseph Jauquet arrived in Wisconsin with his family of four children, the oldest daughter, Rosalie, age nineteen, a fourteen year old son, Francois, a son Victor, age twelve, and younger son, Joseph, age eight.¹ Ethnic groups in the United States often followed immigration patterns to arrive at their destinations. "Arriving in New York City, [the Belgians] took the Albany-Buffalo road, sailed to Detroit, and took the train to St. Joseph, on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan."² Arriving in Milwaukee, they migrated northward along the Wisconsin lake shore. The railroad, relatively new in the 1850's, played a significant role in the Midwest settlement pattern.³ The Jauquets followed the New York - Great Lakes pattern.

In human geographical terms, there are "push factors" and "pull factors" of emigration. Belgium's population in the mid-nineteenth century was growing. At the same time, the country was experiencing continuous "crop failures in the 1840's and early 1850's."⁴ "Throughout Europe crop failures created a Malthusian crisis in European agriculture and emigration...Between 1850 and 1859 no fewer than 2,750,000 immigrants arrived in the United States."⁵ Feeding large families was more difficult. Regional unemployment occurred as transportation modes resulted in city expansion. An "industrial phase" promoted the "concentration of production and the enlargement of market areas"⁶ Farmers had choices of moving to the cities for employment or emigrating to new land.

The "push factors" of starvation and unemployment resulted in the "pull factor" of attractive inexpensive farmland in the United States. The Jauquet's attraction or "pull factor" was inexpensive farmland "at the government price of \$1.25 per acre."⁷ In addition, railroad companies were given land grants. Regional destinations in the United States occurred with the improvement in railroad transportation. Railroads "established immigration agencies to advertise the potential of these holdings. Indeed, companies often discounted all or part of the expense of transportation from the cost of land purchased by immigrants while through-tickets and group rates were provided from remote parts of Europe to newly settled sections of the country."⁸ American ships brought most of the immigrants before the Civil War. Also, Antwerp shipowners, sometimes scurrilous in their actions, had specific brochures about Wisconsin which lured farmers.⁹ Wisconsin would be an idyllic location for the potential ship passengers.

Another geographical factor was religion. The Jauquets were part of the "Belgian Catholic settlement [that] arose between Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay in Door County."¹⁰ Fifty immigrants from Belgium arrived in Wisconsin in 1853.¹¹ "By 1860, there were over 4,500 Belgians in Wisconsin... This area today remains the largest rural Belgian settlement in the nation."¹² Today, "many Belgian

descendants still reside in the 35 square mile area settled by their ancestors...farms have been in the same family for over 100 years."¹³ The farms have distinctive characteristics. The brick farm houses have architectural details, like the third story "bull's-eye" circular window, which are unique. Also, the bake ovens, structures attached to the kitchen, are equally unique. Some of the small road side chapels are still in use by the predominantly Catholic parishioners.¹⁴ The Jauquet family, having moved eventually to Green Bay, still attends St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Green Bay.



The life of a farmer was rugged and difficult. "By late 1857, immigration from Belgium was subsiding as families back home heard of the trials of frontier life."¹⁵ "The Belgian immigration to northeastern Wisconsin came to an abrupt halt in about

1858, when word reached the homeland of the physical and economic hardships and the cholera epidemic sweeping the settlement."¹⁶ The cholera epidemic decimated the population. In 1858, there were 7,500 Belgians in the Green Bay area.¹⁷ Entire families died within hours of contracting the deadly disease. The 1860 census shows 4,647 Belgians in the Green Bay area.¹⁸ Jauquet's young sons were in their prime and logging soon became their prime occupation. This was



A Jauquet Lumber Company Logging Camp in Sagola, MI, February 1905

accelerated by the 1871 Peshtigo Fire, which destroyed the Belgian community's shingle mills and "swept through Belgian settlements."¹⁹ By the 1890's, men were jobbers independently contracted with lumber companies. The Jauquet's began logging, as jobbers, in Sagola, Michigan in 1903 and established their company - Jauquet Brothers.

Not only in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, but in northern Wisconsin, the search for more timberland had begun by the lumbermen in the 1880's and 1890's. The Cleereman family, part of the Belgium emigration to America in 1854, had also become loggers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern Wisconsin. Logging in Brampton, the Cleereman brothers branched out from the Green Bay area, buying land in Forest County in 1889.²⁰ Living in Green Bay, William formed a partnership with his son, William, Jr., and John J. Jauquet (b. 8/18/1880 Sugar Bush, D. 4/13/1949) - his son-in-law.

The merger of the Cleereman and Jauquet families took place on June 29, 1910, when Julia Cleereman (b. 5/26/1884 Green Bay, d. 6/14/1947 GB) became the wife of John J. Jauquet. "They lived with her parents, William and Julia Cleereman at 1120 Willow Street (now University Avenue) in Green Bay. William Cleereman and Henri Cleereman lived next to each other in identical houses."²¹



One of the houses was sold in 1944 and Julia Jauquet died in 1947. Today, the houses have been moved to another location in Green Bay.

The new company, Cleereman-Jauquet Lumber Company began operating in 1913. "William Cleereman, Sr. provided the financing for the business and John Jauquet provided more of the onsite supervision and cruising experience."²² John Jauquet "was a woodsman, who logged with his brothers. He was vigorous and worked hard. He was a good Cruiser. He got along well with the Lumberjacks."²³ Shortly after the partnership formed, the Cleereman-Jauquet Lumber Company moved to Newald in Forest County, Wisconsin. John Jauquet worked and lived in Newald with William, Jr. and Mabel Cleereman.²⁴ He commuted to Green Bay by railroad "nearly every weekend. There was good passenger service at that point."²⁵ His wife, Julia, would travel to Newald on special occasions with the family.

Moving Cleereman and Jauquet Lumber Company to Newald, Wisconsin, William Cleereman bought more timber. "On May 20, 1913,...the purchase came from...the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and the Girard Lumber Company of Menominee, Michigan...Cleereman and Jauquet Lumber Company purchased approximately 1,800 acres of land around Newald for forty-eight thousand dollars."²⁶ They cleared the land, built a "cook camp and boarding houses for the crew", built barns, and built a house.²⁷ Today, the Jauquet's hunting camp, built in 1953, is located where there was a horse barn two and one-half miles south of

Jauquet Road in Newald. Jauquet Road was built in 1930. It was chosen for the horse barn because there was a creek to water the horses.²⁸ "When Cleereman and Jauquet began business, there were no roads leading to Newald; all transportation was by rail."²⁹ The railroad had reached Newald; in 1905. The logs were sent by rail to "various sawmills for cutting. The major mill was the J.W. Wells Lumber Company at Menominee," Michigan.³⁰ The Cleereman and Jauquet Lumber Company sawmill was not built until "sometime in the mid-1920's. Shortly thereafter, a shingle mill and lath mill were built adjacent to the sawmill. In 1934...a planing mill was built..."³¹ just north of the sawmill.

This was the era of big logging camps. The first Cleereman and Jauquet Lumber Company camp was called the "Double Bend Camp." It was used to log the initial land purchase by the company. In 1925, another large timber holding of 12,000 acres was "purchased from Girard Lumber Company, the land division of J.W. Wells. In 1927, White Star Lumber Company sold Cleereman and Jauquet Lumber Company their largest camp. It was east of Newald and operated for about ten years."³² The "Big Camp" had over 100 men. Both Robert Cleereman, Sr. and William Jauquet remember the camp as young boys. There was a pet pig, named Nancy, who liked sugar cookies from the Cookhouse.³³ "If you scratched her behind the ears, she would lie down. She had a sweet tooth. We [Bill Jauquet and his father] stayed in camp overnight at Christmas time - it was quite an experience!"³⁴

The most vivid remembrance of the logging camps is the Cookhouse. Walking inside and seeing the long tables set with dishes for the lumberjacks. "The cooks were always peeling potatoes! The donuts were very good, and so were the cookies! The food was wholesome. "Good cooks kept the men in camp. Most lumberjacks had nicknames. One lumberjack was called 'Crazy Pete'. He built a cabin on the hill west of the Bunkhouse and Cookhouse at the Big Camp. The cabin was solid logs and the other lumberjacks thought he was 'crazy' to build it. He lived there until he died." The men in the Big Camp sawed logs from the surrounding land sections and often walked into Newald on Saturday nights.

The Great Depression brought hardship and land loss to the lumber companies in Forest County. Cleereman-Jauquet sold their land to the government for 2-3 dollars an acre. They had no money to pay the taxes. William Jauquet attended St. Norbert's College during the depression. He appreciated his family's sacrifice for the two years of business training.³⁵ According to Francis Cleereman, Sr. the importance of hemlock could not be overstated. The CCC had hemlock specifications in their building construction. The only people with hemlock logs in their yard was Cleereman-Jauquet. They made a much needed profit during the depths of the depression.³⁶

Moving to Newald in 1937 following his college experience, Jauquet said, "There were three grocery stores in Newald. Three or four taverns also had been built. Newald was not that big because of the camps. It has not grown much." The company office "sold liniment - 'good for man or beast.' That really was on the label! "We also sold gloves, snuff, and cigarettes - tailor made - you had to roll them." Was Newald a "company town"? - Yes and no. Unlike many lumber company towns, where the houses had a distinct architectural style, the employees in Newald built

their houses in any architecture style and "built what they wanted. A few houses were built by Cleereman-Jauquet and the employees paid so much a pay day."³⁷ If labor supply was the determining factor, then Newald was a company town.³⁸

During WWII the lumber industry was trying to provide wood products for the ships, airplanes, and arms. Cleereman-Jauquet could only cut with the crews they had available. According to William Jauquet, many of the "older folks moved to Washington State to get into defense projects. They were building airplanes. The labor supply was short. It was tough going."³⁹ War brought technology advancement with two-man power saws and big trucks which would soon alleviate any manpower shortage.

The shortages of manpower were magnified with the shortages of gasoline, equipment, and parts. Cleereman-Jauquet was logging in Gibb City, Michigan. A considerable distance from Newald, trucking was out of the question for lack of supplies. Originally too small an operation to railroad log, they converted to railroad logging to move the logs to the mill. Interestingly, the operation was east of Gibb City, across from a Connor Lumber and Land Company landing.

The last Cleereman-Jauquet camp ended after World War II. It was the "Men's Camp" and located where Cleereman Industries stands today. William Jauquet's mother and the Cleereman women would patch the quilts in the camp and boil the blankets after the long winters. Sanitation in the logging camps was always a consideration.

After the logging camps ended, the loggers for the Cleereman-Jauquet mill and surrounding area were the local families. The sons were growing up and they became peelers, pulpers, and loggers. Many of the old time loggers and lumberjacks, who had immigrated to the United States were dying and this was the new generation of loggers.

Cleereman-Jauquet Lumber Company operated from 1913 to 1945. By the time the partnership was dissolved, William, Jr. had two sons, Francis, Sr. (b. 4/7/1923, d. 4/17/1999) and Robert (b. 1927 Newald -). William Jauquet and his father, John, operated Jauquet Lumber Company from 1945-1954. Operating the circular sawmill in Newald, they were cutting timber purchased in the split with Cleereman. They were also cutting U.S. Forest Service and some private land. Selective cutting techniques meant that "we not only had to meet the government requirements on U.S. Forest Service land, but we had to teach the Forest Service how to do selective cutting. They were greenhorns."⁴⁰ The U.S. Forest Service Nicolet National Forest had been established during the Great Depression the northeastern Wisconsin.

William Jauquet returned to Green Bay and established a retail lumber yard. He "had run out of timber contracts and it was becoming too expensive to compete for cutting contracts." Other companies, like Connor Lumber and Land Company and Goodman Lumber Company had their own forests and supply.

Establishing Jauquet Lumber Company - a retail lumber yard - "was tough going to start a business from scratch. I was the new kid on the block." Today,

Jauquet Lumber Company is, by William Jauquet's account, "the only full service lumber yard on the east side of Green Bay. We service contractors and industrial and commercial builders in a 150 mile radius." By "we," he means his two sons, Joseph and Jim, who have owned and run the business since 1994. William Jauquet (b. 4/16/1917) is 87 years old and goes to work every day at the lumber yard. He says, "Home Depot and Menards have their niche and we have ours."¹ William Jauquet's proudest achievement is having his business grow from one employee to thirteen, being successful making a living, and supporting his family. William Jauquet's family has five sons and two daughters.



He also has fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

William Jauquet has been active in the Green Bay community. He is an Elk and belongs to Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, and retired from the Men's Club of Green Bay. A member of St. Peter and Paul in Green Bay, he also attends church in the northwoods. When he is at his cabin, he attends church at St. Hubert's in Newald or St. Leonard's in Laona, Wisconsin.



William Jauquet's advice, wood knowledge, and customer relations are invaluable to his sons, Joe and Jim. William Jauquet has seen the advent of computers, composites, and wood derivatives. It is a "Yo-Yo business, and hard bidding on jobs. Nobody went broke if they make a few bucks."² The goal of Joseph and Jim? "To continue to provide customer service and pride in the forest products provided."

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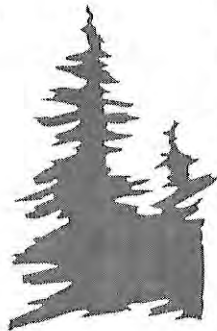
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