



Guide to the Harold Frodsham Photographs, 1922

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Title

Harold Frodsham Photographs (P 271)

Dates

1922 (inclusive)

Creator

Frodsham, Harold.

Summary

The Harold Frodsham Photographs consist of images of lumber mills in Oregon taken by Frodsham in 1922 during a tour of lumber mills in Oregon and northern California. The images include exterior and interior views. Frodsham was employed by the Red River Lumber Company in Westwood, California in the 1920s and 1930s.

Quantity

0.01 cubic foot, including 21 photographs (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Harold Frodsham was general manager of the commercial and mercantile departments of the Red River Lumber Company in Westwood, California, from the mid-1920s until 1934, when his position was eliminated. Frodsham, from England, died in Susanville, California in 1958; he had lived in Westwood and Susanville since the early 1920s.

The Red River Lumber Company was organized in 1883 in Minnesota and began acquiring northeastern California timberland in 1894. The Company began construction of Westwood, its company town in southwestern Lassen County, California, in 1912; the lumber mill at Westwood was essentially completed by 1918 and operated until the mid-1950s.

Content Description

The Harold Frodsham Photographs consist of 19 images taken by Frodsham of the interiors and exteriors of lumber mills in Oregon during a tour of mills in Oregon and northern California. The prints are 3.5 x 5.5 inches and are annotated with detailed descriptions. There are duplicate prints for two of the images. The collection includes images of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company (Springfield), Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company (Bend), Pelican Bay Lumber Company (Klamath Falls), Shevlin-Hixon Company (Bend), and Silverton Lumber Company (Silverton). The photographs depict hauling equipment, stackers, and conveyors. The collection also includes one image of Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Camp 1 in central Oregon where Ponderosa pine is being logged.

All of the images are available online in the [Oregon Explorer Digital Collection](#) of historic photographs.

Preferred Citation

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Custodial History

These photographs were acquired by the donor's father-in-law as part of Frodsham's estate after his death.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Archives by Carole Steele in 2008.

Related Material

The OSU Archives includes numerous visual images of lumbering operations and sawmills in Oregon, especially in the [Gerald W. Williams Collection](#) and the College of Forestry Photograph Collection (P 061). The [Red River Lumber Company Records](#) are part of the T.B. Walker and Family Papers at the Minnesota Historical Society and include materials documenting Frodsham's role as a general manager in Westwood, California.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Booth-Kelly Lumber Company .
Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company.
Pelican Bay Lumber Company (Klamath Falls, Or.)
Shevlin-Hixon Company.

Topics

Lumbering--Machinery--Oregon.
Lumbering--Oregon.
Sawmills--Oregon.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.