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Creator

Pardee-Curtin Lumber Company

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Scope and Contents

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Series 1) Bills Payable & Bills Receivable:

Box 10; Bills Payable & Bills Receivable; 1889-1899; One book with Bills Payable in front and Bills Receivable in back; Braxton County operations. ; Bills Payable (1889-1899); Bills Receivable (1891-1897) ; not paginated

Series 2) Cash Books:

Box 21; Cash Book; 1899-1905; Payments on account; Company expenses; Sutton operations mainly but makes some reference to the Cherry River Mill (Curtin); Gives names of several employees; Driving expenses.; Mar. 2, 1899 to July 1, 1905; 299 pages (1-286 used)

Box 13; Cash Book; 1902-1912; Company expenses; Shows when certain logging camps were in operation.; June 2, 1902 to May 31, 1912; 240 pages (2-239 used)

Box 21; Cash Book; 1906-1911; Company expenses; Does not provide much useful information; Repairs; Supplies; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation.; Nov. 2, 1906 to May 31, 1911; 160 pages (1-158 used)

Box 13; Cash Book; 1912-1924; Pardee & Curtin Supply Company: Financial records of company store system; Debits and Credits on facing pages.; June 1, 1912 to Apr. 30, 1924; 300 pages (2-299 used)

Box 14; Cash Book; 1914-1915; Company expenses; Gives names of many employees. [Various items of interest]; June 18, 1914 to Nov. 13, 1915; 300 pages (1-299 used, with some blank)

Box 14; Cash Book; 1915-1917; Company expenses; Gives names of many employees. [Several items of interest]; Nov. 13, 1915 to Jan. 31, 1917; 300 pages (2-293 used, with some blank)

Box 15; Cash Book; 1917-1918; Company expenses; Gives names of various employees. [Various items of interest]; Feb. 1, 1917 to June 29, 1918; 300 pages (2-299 used, with some blank)

Box 15; Cash Book; 1918-1919; Company expenses; Gives names of many employees; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation. [Various items of interest: see pp. 23, 219 for "salary of Italians" {railroad track crew}]; July 1, 1918 to Dec. 18, 1919; 300 pages (1-299, with some blank)

Box 16; Cash Book; 1919-1921; Company expenses; Gives names of many employees; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation. [Various items of interest]; Dec. 18, 1919 to June 13, 1921; 300 pages (2-299 used, with some blank)

Series 3) Cashier's Check Registers:

Box 6; Cashier's Check Register; 1910-1911; Checks numbers 24450 to 34449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; May 17, 1910 to Apr. 29, 1911; not paginated

Box 6; Cashier's Check Register; 1911-1912; Checks numbers 34450 to 44449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Apr. 29, 1911 to Apr. 11, 1912; not paginated

Box 7; Cashier's Check Register; 1912-1913; Checks numbers 44450 to 54449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Apr. 11, 1912 to May 2, 1913; not paginated

Box 7; Cashier's Check Register; 1913-1914; Checks numbers 54450 to 64449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; May 2, 1913 to Apr. 9, 1914; not paginated

Box 8; Cashier's Check Register; 1914-1915; Checks numbers 64450 to 74449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Apr. 9, 1914 to Aug. 6, 1915; not paginated

Box 8; Cashier's Check Register; 1915-1916; Checks numbers 74450-84449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Aug. 6, 1915 to Sept. 12, 1916; not paginated

Box 9; Cashier's Check Register; 1915-1922; Checks numbers 1 to 4749 (Union National Bank). Gives names (people and companies) of recipients, dates, check numbers, and amounts; but does not indicate for what checks were issued.; Feb. 26, 1915 to Aug. 31, 1922; not paginated

Box 9; Cashier's Check Register; 1916-1917; Checks numbers 844450 to 94399 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Sept. 12, 1916 to Sept. 1, 1917; not paginated

Box 10; Cashier's Check Register; 1917-1918; Checks numbers 94450 to 100449 (Empire National Bank). Only dates, check numbers, and amounts are given.; Sept. 1, 1917 to Dec. 7, 1918; not paginated

Series 4) Check Registers and Records:

Box 5; Check Register; 1900-1908; Cherry River Mill (Curtin Mill): Gives names of employees in the early part of the book; Contains names of companies paid but little information about items purchased.; Aug. 8, 1900 to May 30, 1908; 160 pages (1-160 used)

Box 5; Check Register #2; 1906-1908; (5 loose papers) Curtin Mill: Gives names of several employees. ; July 14, 1906 to May 8, 1908; 240 pages (1-215 used)

Box 17; Check Record; 1911-1914; Company expenses, Curtin, W.Va.; Checks issued for supplies; P & C Supply Co.; Railroad; Machinery; Hominy Mill Mine (p. 11); Shows when certain camps were in operation. ; June 1, 1911 to Nov. 30, 1914; 160 pages (1-158 used)

Box 17; Check Register; 1914-1919; Company expenses; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation; Shows various supplies purchased. ; Dec. 1, 1914 to Mar. 31, 1919; 160 pages (1-160 used)

Box 17; Check Register; 1919-1923; Company expenses; Supplies; Timber; P & C Supply Co.; Railroad

construction and repairs; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation. [Camp #57 is last one mentioned. Various items of interest]; Apr. 3, 1919 to Aug. 31, 1923; 160 pages (1-159 used)

Series 5) Day Book:

Box 2; Day Book; 1916-1928; Company's supplies from company stores; Other expenses and income; Railroad; Various camps, Mills. [Rather interesting in places]; July 26, 1916 to Dec. 31, 1928; 405 pages (3-297 used; 1-2 are missing)

Series 6) Journals:

Box 27; Journal #1; 1889-1893; (5 loose papers); Log expenses; Elk Island Boom Co.; Timber purchases; Land purchases; Holly River Boom Co.; Devereux Splash Dam; Sutton Mill expenses; Live stock; Rankin's Camp expenses. ; May 6, 1890 to June 30, 1893; 794 pages (1-783 used)

Box 29; Journal #3; 1889-1893; Company expenses and income; Lists considerable information but not in an easy form to interpret; Shows some of A. Pardee's (deceased) stock and investments as transferred to his son Barton Pardee.; Nov. 12, 1889 to May 12, 1893; 504 pages (1-207 used)

Box 2; Journal #1; 1890-1898; Barton Pardee's real estate and timber transferred (sold) to the Pardee & Curtin Lumber Co. ; Mar. 19, 1890 to May 27, 1898; 360 pages (1-17 used)

Box 28; Journal #2; 1893-1896; Company expenses and income; Elk Island Boom Co.; Hands accounts; Driving expenses; Log expenses; Lumber; Grassy Creek Improvement (to help log drives); Labor; Boomage; Holly River Coal Co.; Whiting's Camp.; July 3, 1893 to Jan. 31, 1896; 598 pages (1-582 used)

Box 30; Journal #4; 1898-1905; Company expenses and income; Log expenses; Hands accounts; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation.; May 18, 1898 to Aug. 25, 1905; 600 pages (1-600 used)

Box 31; Journal; 1902-1911; Company expenses and income; Salaries; Labor, Logging; Logs, Railroad; Railroad construction; Mill construction; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation. [Reference to a "portable mill" (p. 49)]; Mar. 18, 1902 to Feb. 28, 1911; 600 pages (1-600 used)

Box 32; Journal #2; 1911-1916; General expenses: Salaries; Labor; Rents; Railroad construction; Logging; Mill; P & C Supply Co; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation; Gives names of several employees.; Mar. 1, 1911 to Oct. 31, 1916; 600 pages (1-599 used)

Box 33; Journal #3; 1916-1924; Curtin, W. Va. operation: Lists daily expenses; Shows dates when particular logging camps were in operation; Salaries; Board; Rents; Logging costs; Railroad; W. L. McCourt (logging contractor); Panther Creek and Gauley River coal mines. ; Nov. 2, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1924; 598 pages (1-594 used)

Series 7) Ledgers:

Box 23; Ledger #3 ; 1889-1893; Payments to and from individuals and companies; Expenses; Bills receivable; Loss & gain; Lath & picket sales; Valley River Boom Co.; Mill property; Boom stock; Curtin & Durbin Co. ; Nov. 12, 1889 to May 12, 1893; 500 pages (1-225 used, with some blank)

Box 24; Ledger #1 ; 1890-1896; Cash, Bills payable/receivable; Log account; Elk Island Boom Co.; Devereux Splash Dam; Left Fork Holly; Holly River Boom Co.; Boomage; Rents; Planing mill; Driving expenses; Estate of A. Pardee; Grassy Creek logging; Lumber shipped.; May, 1890 to Apr., 1896; 800 pages (1-777 used, with some blank)

Box 25; Ledger; 1896-1901; (22 loose papers); Payments to/from individuals and companies; Few details given except dates and amounts; Some references to boxcar numbers of shipments of lumber. ; May 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1901; 600 pages (1-600 used)

Box 26; Ledger; 1900-1908; Consists largely of individual accounts for items purchased at company stores; Interesting because of types of goods sold and their prices.; Aug. 18, 1900 to Sept. 14, 1908; 752 pages (1-695 used, with some blank)

Series 8) Petty Cash Books:

Box 1; Petty Cash Book; 1898-1910; Although listed on its cover as a "Petty Cash Book," this is more similar to a ledger insofar as it deals with some lumber, labor, etc. expenses but provides considerably less emphasis on office supplies as in the 1911-38 petty cash book. ; Aug. 18, 1898 to Jan. 1, 1911; 298 pages (36-298 used)

Box 1; Petty Cash Book; 1911-1938; Office expenses: Stamps, Cleaning; Notebooks, etc.; Continuation of Petty Cash Book 1898-1911; Somewhat interesting since it shows the prices of various items.; Jan. 1, 1911 to Dec. 31, 1938; 124 pages (2-121 used)

Series 9) Sales Books and Shipping Books:

Box 3; Shipment Book #2; 1900-1904; Cherry River Mill (Curtin Mill): Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Aug. 9, 1900 to Mar. 19, 1904;

119 pages (1-119 used)

Box 22; Sales Book #5; 1902-1905; Sutton Mill and Palmer Mill: Sutton Mill -- Apr. 1, 1902 to Oct. 28, 1905 (pp. 1-86); Palmer Mill -- Apr. 1, 1902 to Oct. 27, 1905 (pp. 87-159) (Palmer Mill records start at the back of the book and work forward.) Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Apr. 1, 1902 to Oct. 28, 1905; 159 pages (1-159 used)

Box 12; Sales Book #4; 1907-1909; Cherry River Mill (Curtin Mill) and Coal Siding Mill: Cherry River Mill (Curtin) -- Aug. 1, 1907 to Feb. 27, 1909 (pp. 1-110). Coal Siding Mill -- Aug. 2, 1907 to Feb. 27, 1909 (pp. 111-151) Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Aug. 1, 1907 to Feb. 27, 1909; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 18; Lumber Purchase; 1908-1919; No specific mill indicated. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Nov. 5, 1908 to Mar. 31, 1919; 79 pages (1-79 used)

Box 12; Sales Book #5; 1909-1910; Cherry River Mill (Curtin Mill) and Coal Siding Mill: Cherry River Mill (Curtin) -- Mar. 1, 1909 to June 30, 1910 (pp. 1-105). Coal Siding Mill -- Mar. 1, 1909 to June 30, 1910 (pp. 107-151) Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Mar. 1, 1909 to June 30, 1910; 152 pages (1-105, 107-151 used)

Box 11; Sales Book #6; 1910-1913; Hominy Mill: Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; June 8, 1910 to Sept. 30, 1913; 150 pages (1-149 used)

Box 20; Sales Book #6; 1911-1912; Curtin Mill and Coal Siding Mill: Curtin Mill -- Sept. 1, 1911 to Aug. 30, 1912 (pp. 1-115). Coal Siding Mill -- Sept. 1, 1911 to Aug. 30, 1912 (pp. 116-151). Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Sept. 1, 1911 to Aug. 30, 1912; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 20; Sales Book #7; 1912-1913; Curtin Mill and Coal Siding Mill: Curtin Mill -- Aug. 29, 1912 to Sept. 30, 1913 (pp. 1-111). Coal Siding Mill -- Sept. 2, 1912 to Sept. 29, 1913 (pp. 112-151) Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Aug. 29, 1912 to Sept. 30, 1913; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 20; Sales Book; 1913-1915; Curtin Mill and Coal Siding Mill: Curtin Mill -- Sept. 30, 1913 to Apr. 10, 1915 (pp. 1-112). Coal Siding Mill -- Oct. 1, 1913 to Apr. 9, 1915 (pp. 113-151) Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Sept. 30, 1913 to Apr. 10, 1915; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 19; Sales Book; 1913-1917; Hominy Mill: Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Oct. 1, 1913 to Dec. 29, 1917; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 11; Lumber Purchases; 1914-1919; Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; May 18, 1914 to Oct. 18, 1919; 152 pages (1-24 are missing; 28-99 used)

Box 18; Sales Book; 1917-1919; Curtin Mill and Coal Siding Mill: Curtin Mill -- Nov. 27, 1917 to Oct. 17, 1919 (pp. 1-120). Coal Siding Mill -- Nov. 17, 1917 to Oct. 27, 1919 (pp. 121-151) Coal Siding records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Nov. 27, 1917 to Oct. 27, 1919; 152 pages (1-151 used)

Box 19; Sales Book; 1918-1923; Hominy Mill and Deer Creek Mill: Hominy Mill -- Jan. 1, 1918 to Nov. 28, 1923 (pp. 1-105). Deer Creek Mill -- Dec. 30, 1921 to Nov. 30, 1923 (pp. 107-151) Deer Creek records start at the back of the book and work forward. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Jan. 1, 1918 to Nov. 30, 1923; 152 pages (1-151 used; p. 106 blank)

Box 3; Shipping Book; 1925-1930; (7 loose papers) This book shows the transition from Curtin (Nicholas Co.,

W.Va.) to Bergoo (Webster Co., W.Va.). Curtin Lumber Yard -- June 1, 1925 to Sept. n.d., 1927. Bergoo Lumber Yard -- Sept. 4, 1928 to July 31, 1930. Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks. [Forgot to list page numbers for each lumber yard]; June 1, 1925 to July 31, 1930; 159 pages (1-159 used)

Box 4; Shipping Book; 1930-1935; (7 loose papers) Bergoo Mill: Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks.; Aug. 2, 1930 to Dec. 10, 1935; 159 pages (1-159 used)

Box 4; Shipping Book; 1936-1938; (6 loose papers) Bergoo Mill: Lumber Shipped including the following: Date; Our Order No.; Their Order No.; Folio; Car No.; Consignee; Amount; Destination; Kind; Grade; No. of Pieces; Size; Length; No. Feet; Price (at Mill / Delivered); Total Cost; Remarks. Note: Pages 141-147 -- orders shipped to W.Va. Pulp & Paper Co.; Jan. 1, 1936 to Oct. 18, 1938; 159 pages (1-129; 141-147 used)

Separated Materials

Photographs have been separated to the photograph collection, except for the panoramic photograph of the Hominy Mill Site, which was added to A&M 4168, the Panoramic Photos Collection.

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