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# Southwest Forest Industries Collection, 1955-1967 (some ca. 1921-1936)

**AHS-ND.855** 



# **Descriptive Summary**

Creator: Southwest Forest Industries

**Collection Name** Southwest Forest Industries,

**Inclusive Dates:** 1955-1967 (limited from, ca. 1921-1936)

**Physical Description** 18 linear ft.

**Abstract** Business records including: correspondence, log scaling records, reports

and studies, minutes, personnel records, newsletters and advertising literature, forestry maps, maintenance and equipment records, timber

contracts, forest unit maps, and company photographs.

Collection Number AHS-ND.855

Language English.

**Repository** Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff Archives

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# **Biographical Note**

Southwest Forest Industries, originally called Cady Lumber Company, was started in Flagstaff, Arizona [1924] by two Louisiana lumbermen. In 1935, the company was renamed Southwest Lumber Mills. The company was purchased in 1951 by a Texas business group headed by Jim Ben Edens. In the mid 1950's Southwest Lumber Mills bought out the Saginaw and Manistee Lumber Company. In 1960 the company changed names from Southwest Lumber Mills to Southwest Forest Industries. The company had several mill sites including Flagstaff and McNary, Arizona. From a total annual sales of \$9m per year in 1951, the company grew to annual sales of \$53 million by 1964.

# **Scope and Content Note**

The collection is approximately 18 linear of business records including: correspondence; log scaling records; reports and research studies; minutes and meeting summaries; personnel records; newsletters and advertising literature; forestry maps; maintenance and equipment records; timber contracts; and company photographs.

This collection is best characterized as the working documents of the Southwest Forest Industries company, with the office files left in their original provenance arrangement. Researchers should be aware of the implications of this type of arrangement, unexpected relationships of materials within a given folder is the rule rather than the exception.

The collection contains significant amounts of data collected in the process of "scaling" the timber, as well as political correspondence and Legislative Bill proposals, and includes efficiency study data and other personnel related records. Notable political correspondence includes thank you notes from Carl Hayden, Steward Udall and Barry Goldwater. Research records, minutes from various organizational meetings, budget and finance projections, and contract information all form a significant portion of the collection. Researchers may find the forest unit maps helpful in confirming documentary data regarding the location and volume of timber cut.

The collection also contains Southwest Forest Industries company photographs, as well as early photographs (ca. 1925) of Cady Lumber Company operations (later Southwest Forest Industies). The Cady Lumber Company operations images are the same as those in the Mrs. Benton E. Snoddy Collection (NAU.PH.644.1), which can be viewed at the Northern Arizona University, Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Image Database, url: http://www3.nau.edu/cline/collnamereferal.cfm? collection\_name=Mrs%2E%20Benton%20E%2E%20Snoddy.

# Organization

9 series. I. Legal Contracts/Wood Procurement. II. Statistical Data. III. Organization Records. IV. Financial. V. Correspondence, office files. VI. Personnel. VII. Equipment and Maintenance Records. VIII. Miscellaneous. IX. Photographs [See: AHS Photograph Collection #855].

### Restrictions

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See Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff archivist regarding employment records.

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#### **Related Material**

Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff, Photographic Collections, AHS #900 Arizona Lumber and Timber Company Collection, AHS #47 Arizona Lumber and Timber Company Collection, NAU #266 Saginaw and Manistee Lumber Company Collection, NAU #84

#### **Access Points**

# **Corporate Name(s)**

Cady Lumber Company--Archives. Southwest Forest Industries--Archives.

# Geographic Name(s)

Flagstaff (Ariz.) McNary (Ariz.)

#### Subject(s)

Logging--Arizona. Lumber trade--Arizona. Lumbering--Arizona. Sawmills--Arizona.

#### Genre Form(s)

Contracts.
Correspondence.
Financial records.
Office files.
Statistics.

# **Administrative Information**

#### **Credit Line**

Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff.

#### **Container List**

#### Series 1, boxes 1-3. Legal Contracts/Wood Procurement, 1955-1967

4.5 linear feet. Wood Procurement related materials: timber contracts and reports; timber scaling, shipping, and production records, 1955-1967.

Boxfolder

8/20/2015	Southwest Forest Industries, 1955-1967 (limited from, ca. 1921-1936)
2.1	Timber contract related inquiries and correspondence written to Bill Bailey and Robert Blaser, 1962-1963
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2.2	Contract, Henry Ryberg, 1962
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2.3	Timber Appraisals, 1961-1963
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2.4	Rough Draft "Forest Management Plan Black River Working Circle Apache Sitrgraves National Forests"; Office Memorandum, U.S. Government; Forest Service regarding S-plans, R-3, Sitgreaves National Forest, etc., 1949-1951
Box- folder	
2.5	Contracts for Timber Sales: Harris Park; West Unit; Smith Unit; Los Burros, 1954-1962
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2.6	timber contract; fire plan; appraisal and roads for Rim Unit, 1958-1962
Box- folder	
2.7	Contracts and sales, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1959-1961
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2.8	Pole sales: memorandum, information and correspondence, 1960-1961
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2.9	Timber sales: memorandum, correspondence, 1959-1961
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2.10	Contractor file: Robert Noth, 1962-1963
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2.11	Contract, log hauling, 1954
Box- folder	
2.12	Contract, timber sales for Coconino National Forest Units: Rim Unit; Harris Park; Sawmill Springs, 1960-1965
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2.13	Timber sales and contract materials for Sitgreaves National Forest, Far Unit, 1961-1966
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2/14 Contracts, timber bids for National Forest Units: Apache, Black River; Sitgreaves, Far Unit, Guineau Unit, West Unit, Los Burros, 1961-1964 Boxfolder 2.15 Timber contracts for Sitgreaves National Forest, 1960-1966 Boxfolder 2.16 Timber contracts for Apache National Forest and Coconino National Forest: Mexican Hay Lake; Rim Unit; Poverty Unit, Clover Burn Unit, 1961-1966 Boxfolder 3.1 Timber Contracts: contractors files, 1962-1964 Boxfolder 3.2 Timber contracts, option agreements for Snowflake, Arizona land, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.3 Maps, Compt. #'s 1-12 and 14,15 Heber W.C., ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.4 Report of Contractors: Flagstaff, Arizona area, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.5 Report of Contractors: Williams, Arizona, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.6 Contract; contractor information, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.7 Contractor information, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.8 Contractor information, ca. 1960 Boxfolder 3.9 Contractor information, ca. 1960 Series 2, boxes 4-5. Statistical Data, 1952-1967 [bulk]; also 1921-1952 [not inclusive] 3 linear feet. Timber production statistical data related to scaling/shipping weight of timber, timber plot studies, log inspection, etc. Box-

http://www.azarchivesonline.org/xtf/view?docId=ead/nau/AHS855.xmI&doc.view=print;chunk.id=0

Daily Reports, production and shipments data, 1960

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Pine, 1961-1965

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minutes, 1963-1964

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7.4 American Pulpwood Association: memorandum, reports, Board of Directors meetings and minutes, 1962-1964

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7.5 American Pulpwood Association: memorandum, reports, organization directory and by-laws, 1964-1966

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7.6 Bureau of Indian Affairs: letter, Cooley Mountain contract, 1963-1966

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7.7 Meeting of managers of the Wood Procurement Division; memorandum and reports regarding employee costs; minutes and announcements regarding finances etc., 1962-1965

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7.8 Advisory Committee meeting minutes regarding McNary, Arizona division, 1959-1961

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7.9 National Lumber Manufacturers Association and National Forest Products Association Law Information Service, newsletters, 1965

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7.10 Pacific Logging Congress: memorandum, financial statements, 1963-1965

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7.11 Pacific Logging Congress: financial data, Board of Directors minutes, 1964-1965

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7.12 National Lumber Manufacturers Association: discussion of 'Right of Way' negotiations with National Forest Service, 1963

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7.13 Wood Procurement Division: Minutes, memorandum, meetings, 1961-1965

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7.14 Wood Procurement Supervisory Management minutes, SFI Profit Conference, 1965

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7.15 Apache Railway Company: advisory committee meeting, minutes, 1959-1960

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7.16	Minutes of the Management Advisory Committee, 1955-1962
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7.17	Minutes of the Western Pine Association forest practices committee, 1961-1965
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7.18	Minutes of the District Managers meetings, 1962-1964
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7.19	Minutes of the Logging Meeting committee, 1963
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7.20	Indian Service: timber contract related correspondence with Bureau of Indian Affairs,
7.20	Fort Apache Indian Agency, Whiteriver, Arizona, 1961-1965
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7.21	Forest Service Roads: includes company written Bill proposals to U.S. Senators for logging road right-of-way legistation, 1961-1965
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7.22	Forest History Society newsletters, 1959-1960
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7.23	Central California Kiln Drying Club minutes and kiln drying related correspondence, 1960
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folder	
7.24	Chipping studies: "Report on the Fuel Value loss at McNary Plant due to Removal of Chipped Residue"; correspondence related to chipping issues, 1960-1963
Series	4, box 8, Financial: insurance, budget, inventory and capital expenditure, 1957-1966
	1.5 linear feet. Company financial and inventory records; insurance, budget, and capital expenditure
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8.1	Insurance information: correspondence, literature, etc., 1964-1965
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8.2	Production and inventory schedule, 1963-1965
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8.3	Inventory reports for: Corrigan, Flagstaff, Happy Jack, McNary and Maverick timber operations, 1961-1964
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Lions Club; Navajo Army Depot Colonel, Wayne L. Wood, etc., 1958-1961

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9.16	Correspondence, political and business. Senator Barry Goldwater, Steward Udall and Carl Hayden, signed letters of thanks, 1957-1960
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9.17	P.C. Gaffney files: personnel and business related, 1959-1960
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9.18	A.C. Hunt Files: comparative data on lumber values and memorandum, 1959-1960
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9.19	Activity Logs [daily diary] for: Bert Jennings, Dan Jones, Al Lindsten, 1964
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9.20	Memorandum and correspondence; statistical data regarding log movement, 1959-1961
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9.21	Alvin Lindsten files: activity and log inspection reports, 1961-1963
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9.22	Memorandum, business, 1964-1966
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9.23	Brian McKnight files: memorandum, McNary, Arizona advisory meeting minutes, 1961-1965
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9.24	W.L. Morris files: memorandum, 1959-1960
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folder 9.25	Southwest Lumber Mills correspondence regarding sales, contracts, and timber culling, 1954-1955
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9.26	P.G. Prud'homme files: memorandum and correspondence, 1959-1961
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9.27	E.L. Quirk files: memorandum, business correspondence, 1960-1962
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9.28	R.W. Rehfeld files: memorandum, wood procurement data, 1960-1961
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9.29	Snowflake Mills files: memorandum; report, "Progress Report on the Pulp and Paper Mill", 1961-1965
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9.30	W.W. Stevenson files: legal and business correspondence, memorandum, 1960-1965
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9.31	Supervisor's logs [hand written]: Bob Edens, Jim Pinneo, and Joe R. Sterle, 1964-1965
Box- folder	
9.32	Whiting Brothers correspondence, 1946-1963
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9.33	Memorandum regarding National Forest Units: Guinea and West Unit, 1961
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9.34	Mill Supply files, memorandum, 1959-1960
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9.35	K.J. Shill files: memorandum, accounting, accident report, 1960-1961
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9.36	Correspondence: miscellaneous business, 1936-1953
Series	6, box 10. Personnel, 1958-1968
	1.5 linear feet. Personnel records including, safety and accident reports; labor management relations; employment applications [restricted access, see archivist]; employee discipline; and overtime reports. All file folders are in there original provenience arrangement
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10.1	Accident reports, 1959-1960
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10.2	Accident reports, 1960
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10.3	Accident reports, 1961
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10.4	Accident reports, lost time, safety reports, 1963-1965
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10.5	Accidents: medical correspondence, 1962
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Schedule Performance Reports, 1966-1967

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11.9	Mobile equipment reports, 1963-1965
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11.10	Maintenance: capital expenditure, ca. 1960
Box- folder	
11.11	Railroad issues: diesel power ratings studies; railroad grade statistics; railroad yard building costs data; "Locomotive Tonnage Ratings" study by the Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation, etc., 1944 and 1952-1964
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11.12	Railroad related correspondence and legal agreements, 1959-1961
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11.13	Equipment: Wood Chippers, Locomotive related literature and purchase information, 1959-1961
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folder	
11.14	Newsletters: Two-Way Transmissions, related to two-way radios, 1964-1965
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11.15	Radio related materials: newsletters, daily logs, etc., 1961-1962
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11.16	Two-way Mobile Radio Daily Operating Logs, 1962-1964
Series	8, box 12. Miscellaneous files, 1955-1965 [bulk] and 1925, 1946
	1.5 linear feet. Miscellaneous files: fire plans; water outlook and snow surveys; property taxes; proposal for public relations program; student training program; tree measurement books; forest unit maps, etc All file folders are in there original provenience arrangement
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12.1	Property tax materials, 1961-1964
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12.2	Water outlook and snow surveys, 1965
Box- folder	
12.3	Weather reports and predictions from the National Weather Institute, 1963
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12.4	Fire plans for districts: Allan Lake, Bosque unit, Coconino, Heber, Iris Springs, Maverick; Timber sale information, 1961-1964
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12.5	Fire prevention plans, 1960
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12.6	Geological report, personnel seniority list, shareholder information, memorandum, and realty literature, ca. 1960
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12.7	"Proposal for Public Relations Program", paper, ca. 1960
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12.8	Company memorandum and production data, ca. 1960
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12.9	Joseph Sterle application cover letter [restricted access, see archivist]; summary of wood production [1961];insurance statement; legal correspondence; Wood Procurement data., 1964-1965
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	Memorandum; Fifth World Forestry Congress booklet; Hoo Hooter club correspondence; timber grade studies; wood glue data, 1956-1961
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12.11	Memorandum, correspondence, 1959-1961
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12.12	Memorandum and correspondence, 1960-1965
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12.13	Memorandum and correspondence, 1961-1965
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12.14	Political correspondence and Bill proposals; sawmill cut by specie data, 1958-1961
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12.15	Sales training schedule; telegrams; machine blueprints, 1959-1960
Box- folder	
12.16	Machine literature; timber sale agreement [1925]; forest pest (infestation) paper; staff meeting [1967]; union agreement; Northwestern Logger newsletter, 1925, 1960, 1963-1967
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12.17	Forest Products Research Society materials; reports, memorandum, correspondence, 1961-1965
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# Series 9. Photographs [For preservation purposes this series is housed with Photographic Collections]., ca. 1960 and ca. 1921-1936.

120 photographs. Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations including: logging, shipping, administrative staff, and lumbermill activities. Also photographs of the Arizona Lumber Company (Cady Lumber Company, aka: Southwest Lumber Mills) McNary, Arizona operations, ca. 1925.

Boxfolder

AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations, ca. 1960.

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Includes photographs of logging, shipping, and mill operations.

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations, ca. 1960.

#11-19

Includes logging, shipping, "chip pile", derailed train engine, and mill operation images.

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations, ca. 1960.

#20-29

Photograph of train derailment. African American workers are prominent in the images.

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations, ca. 1960.

#30-42

Photographs of train derailments; fire at the Mill (color, night image); Chip-pile of Snoflake, Arizona inventory.

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Southwest Forest Industries operations, ca. 1960.

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Company personnel; mill equipment; loading milled lumber.

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Cady Lumber Company operations, ca. 1925.

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Photographs from the Cady Lumber Company (aka: Flagstaff Lumber Company; aka: Southwest Lumber Mills) later the Southwest Forest Industies. These image are the same as those in the Mrs. Benton E. Snoddy, which can be viewed at the Northern Arizona University, Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Image Database, url:

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AHS.PH.855 Photographs of Cady Lumber Company operations, ca. 1925.

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