

# Carolina Wood Turning Company: Bryson City Cemetery Connections

By: Don Casada

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# A very likely incomplete list of CWT employees buried at the BC Cemetery

Jeremiah Shank

Jessie Shank

Thurman Leatherwood

IK Stearns

Joe Stearns

Queve Woody, Sr

Ralph Woody

Earl Monteith

Harry Seay

WR Hupp

Inez Calhoun

JR Warren

Walt Martin\*

John Millsaps

Ernest Welch

Bob Abbott

Willard Wheeler

John W Dorsey

\* Currently no marker

# The period surrounding the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a time of incredible change for the area

Rail service reaching the area in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century enabled access to area timber resources

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location – start date</u>	<u>Inc. State</u>
▣ Kitchens Lumber	Twentymile Creek - 1906	PA
▣ Montvale Lumber	Eagle Creek – 1905	SC
▣ Ritter Lumber	Hazel Creek - 1904	OH
▣ Norwood Lumber	Forney Creek - 1910	WV
▣ Champion Fibre	Noland to Luftee - 1907	OH
▣ Whitmer-Parsons	Raven Fork – 1909	WV, DE

**They came, they sawed, they swept the land clean. And then left.**

A notable exception: Alarka Lumber Company. Principal investors included President *Arthur Brooks, M.C. and Lois Brooks Close* (owners of what would later be M.C. Close Hardware – now Clampitt Hardware), and *Jack Coburn*. All are buried in the Bryson City Cemetery.

**NOTE: Names listed throughout in white italics are buried in the BC Cemetery**

# Before them all was Bryson City Pump Works, which came and set down roots

- ▣ Incorporated on December 5, 1903
- ▣ Corporate headquarters: Bryson City, North Carolina
- ▣ Three hundred shares of stock at \$50/share
- ▣ Subscribed stock holders (all of Bryson City) and acquired shares:
  - *Jeremiah Shank*      121 shares
  - E.J. Wheeler            48 shares
  - J.W. Talley              43 shares
  - W.R. Burritt             71 shares
  - John Dillon              17 shares



# Eugene J Wheeler received two patents while working for Bryson City Pump Works

## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

EUGENE J. WHEELER, OF BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA.

COMBINED AUGER-HEAD AND REAMER.

No. 879,075.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Feb. 11, 1908.

Application filed September 5, 1907. Serial No. 391,504.

## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

EUGENE J. WHEELER, OF BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA.

BORING-MACHINE.

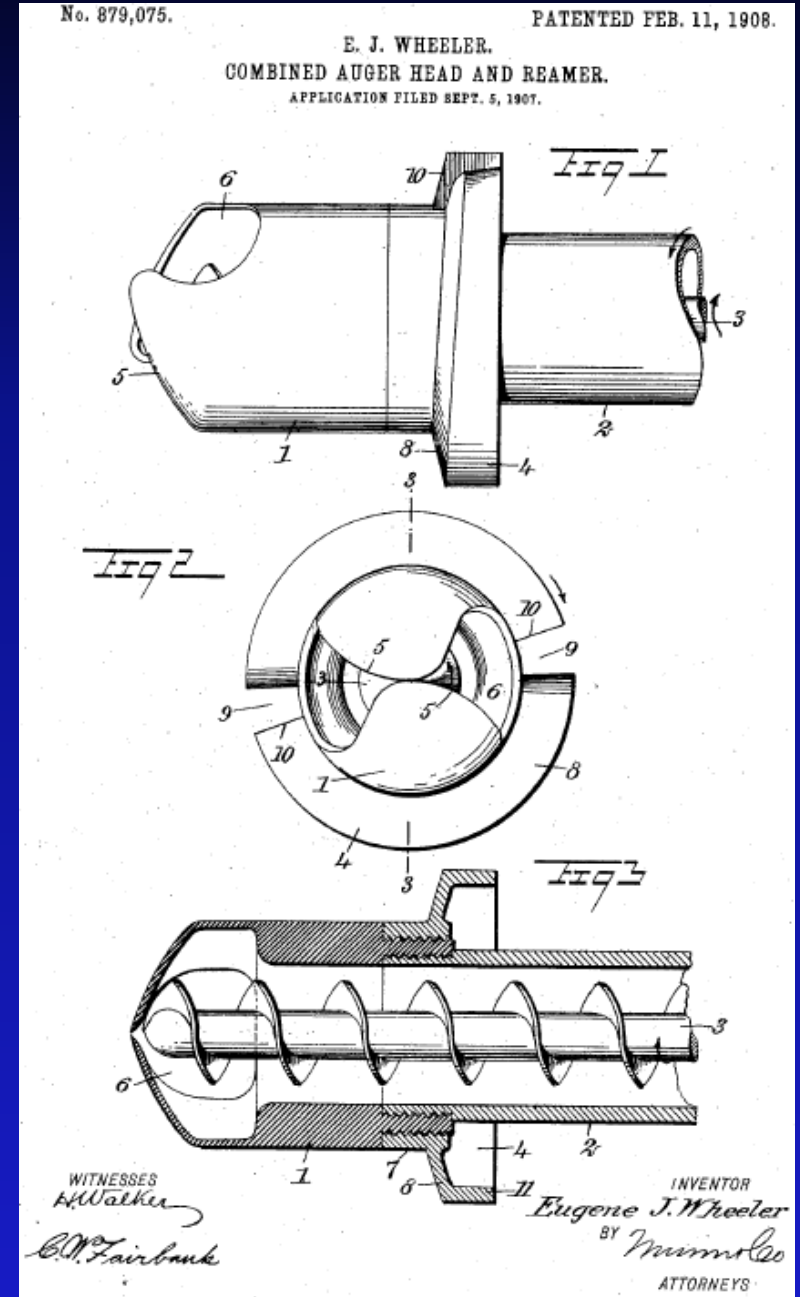
No. 858,430.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented July 2, 1907.

Application filed April 7, 1906. Serial No. 310,532.

While there have been patents issued to natives of Bryson City, these may be the only patents issued to someone living in our fair town at the time.



## Bryson City Pump Works business (per incorporation charter)

- ▣ “That the business of said corporation shall be the dealing in and manufacture of wood pumps, porch columns, wood turnings of all kinds, rough and dressed lumber of all classes and kinds, building materials of all kinds, shingles, furniture and all kinds of implements, utensils and other articles made and manufactured from wood or a combination of wood and metal, and the building and repairing of machinery of all kinds.”
- ▣ “Said corporation shall have full power to own and operate saw mills, planing mills, shingle mills, dry kilns and all other machinery and apparatus necessary and convenient for the successful conduct of their business. Also full power to buy, sell, lease and own real estate including timber lands and standing timber.”

## Excerpts from a letter of congratulations in 1964

“I remember as a very young attorney I was called upon by *Mr. J. Shank* to prepare a Charter for the parent Company, known as the Bryson City Pump Works Company.”

“I have appreciated their integrity and the part the Company has played in carrying the economy of our County through various recessions of the past sixty-one years, always meeting its obligations and furnishing employment for our citizens and a home market for their timber. In fact, it has been our most important industry, and I again wish to congratulate the Company for its unusually fine record and wish it many more successful years.

Sincerely,

*S.W. Black*

President, Bryson City Bank

# The "Pump Works" name came along with Jeremiah Shank

J. SHANK, President.

G. M. McCARTY, Vice-President.

J. C. A. LEPPLEMAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

A. WILKIN, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer.

CONSOLIDATED PUMP WORKS,  
MILLINGTON, TENN.  
AND  
TOLEDO, OHIO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps,  
Rubber Buckets, Etc.,  
Door and Window Screens,  
Porch Columns, Wood Turnings.



# Consolidated Pump Works wood pumps

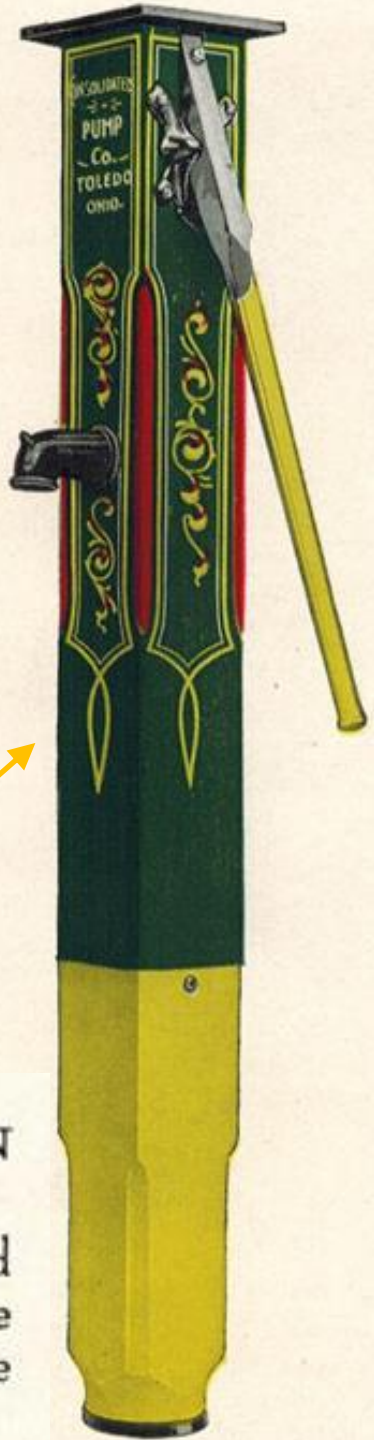
Made from #1 grade southern yellow poplar

“Unlike the northern, or hard white poplar, it will stand exposure to sun and rain without check or decay.”



**IRON BOUND PATTERN**

Heavy iron bands above and below spout effectually prevent splitting at spout hole. The greatest selling Wood pump ever built.



**STANDARD SQUARE PATTERN**

This is the standard pattern of wood pump and does not differ from the iron bound except it does not have the bands at spout.





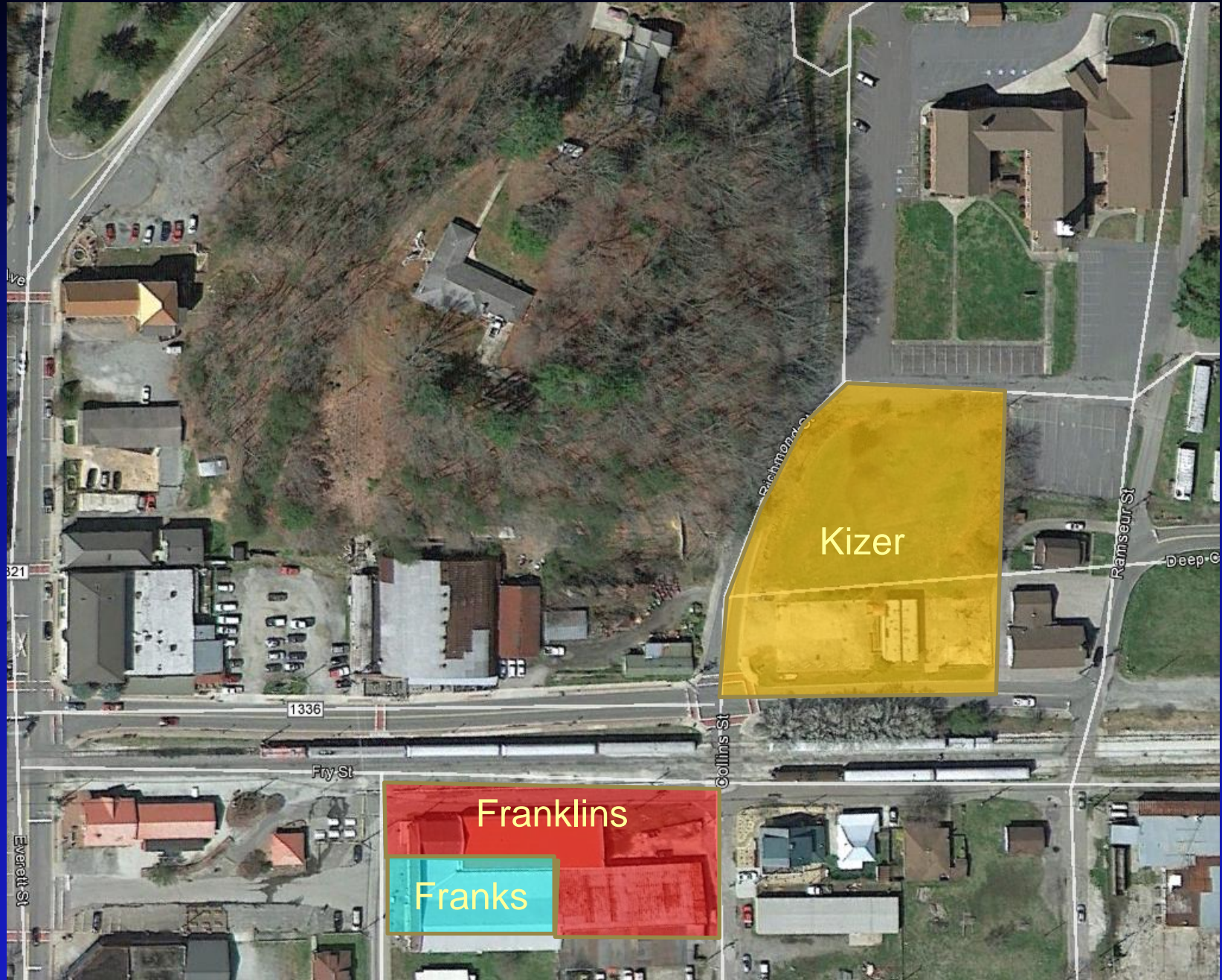
# Location of the original (view of today)



*A.J. and Sallie Keener Franklin to Jeremiah Shank and EJ Wheeler (June, 1903)*




# Additional properties were acquired in 1904 and 1907

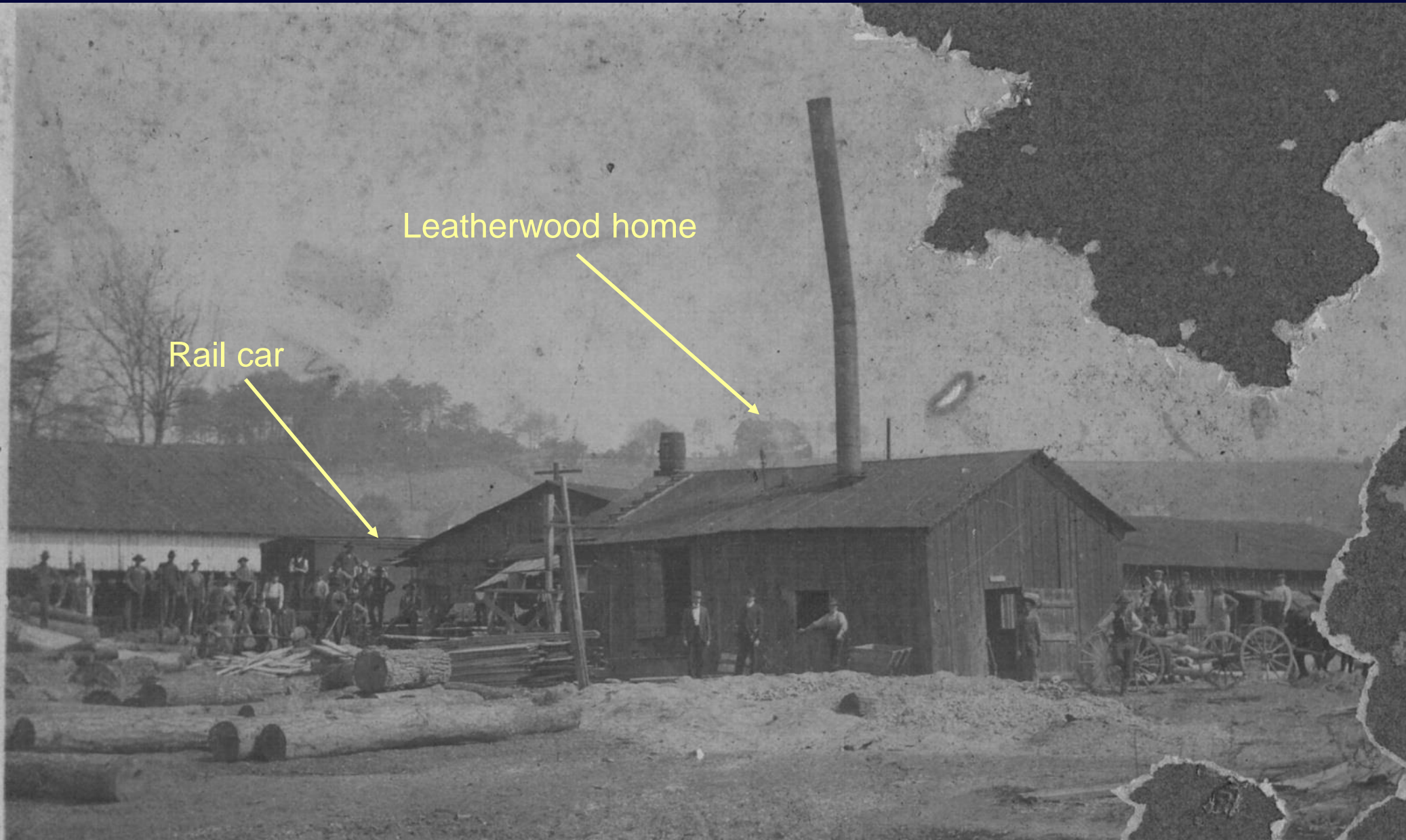




# The Kizer property, south of First Baptist, had previously been used for manufacturing work

- ▣ In 1902, W.W. Kizer of Pennsylvania sold the property to Moore and Dickson of Buncombe County for \$1,033.34
  - ▣ The Kizer to Moore/Dickson sale noted that it included:
    - Engines
    - Boilers
    - Excelsior machines
    - Saws
    - Fixtures and other machinery of whatever sort
  - ▣ Moore & Dickson sold to BC Pump Works in 1904 for \$900
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# Bryson City Pump Works (photo courtesy of Carol Cochran)

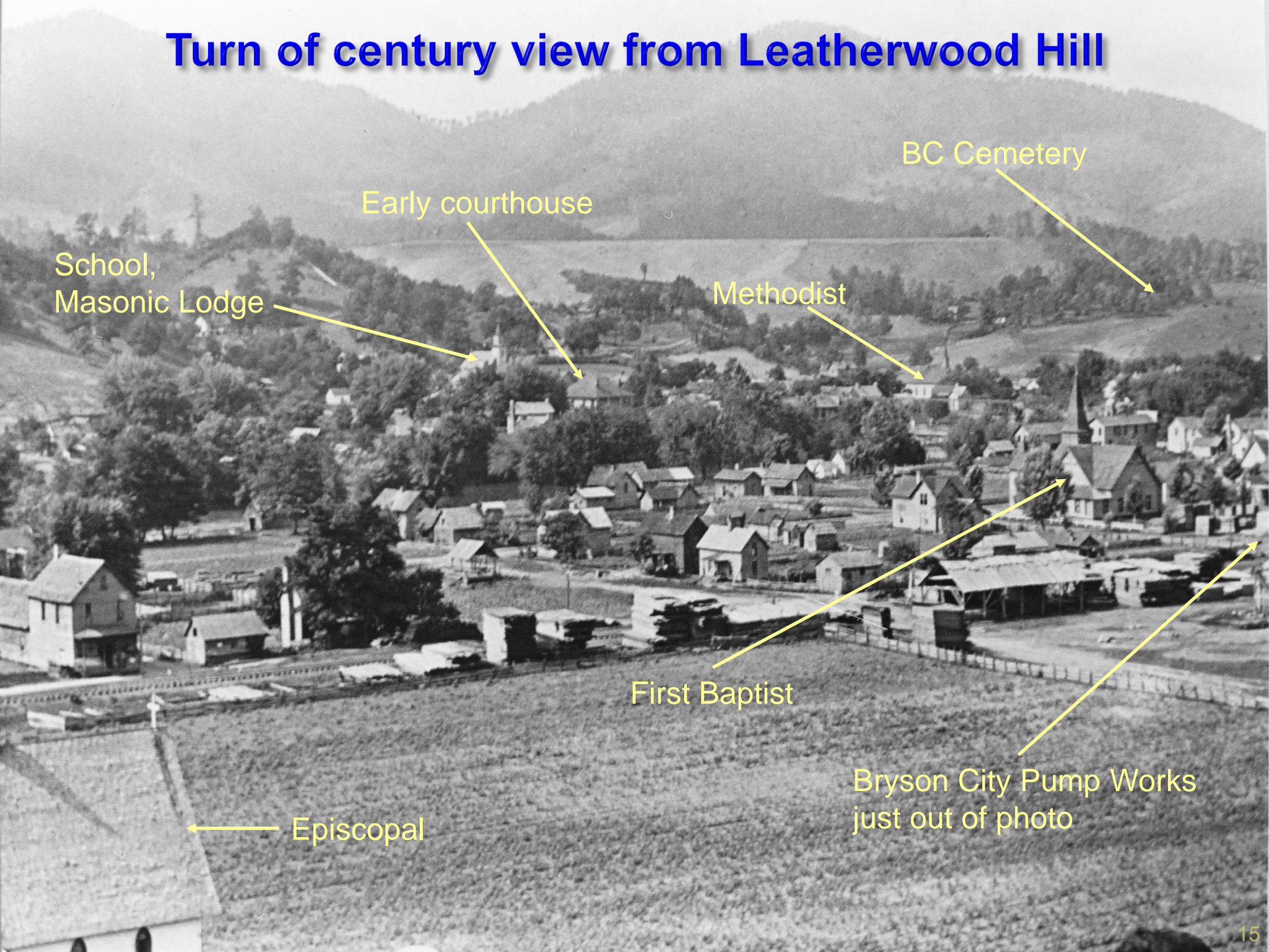


Rail car

Leatherwood home



# Turn of century view from Leatherwood Hill



School,  
Masonic Lodge

Early courthouse

Methodist

BC Cemetery

First Baptist

Episcopal

Bryson City Pump Works  
just out of photo

## It was a heady time for Bryson City

“Bryson City now owns its electric light and power plant and is making special efforts to land manufacturing industries. The water supply is one of the best in the state and a good fire department has been organized. Sewer lines have been laid in the principal streets of the town and a good band has been organized to give summer concerts.

The Bryson City Pump Works, which manufactures columns and liquor logs, is now running day and night in order that it may keep up with its orders, the output being shipped to all portions of the United States.”

Asheville Citizen, January 27, 1913



# Asheville Citizen, November 30, 1921

A number of interesting and unusual industries have located in Swain county, but probably the most unique of all is the Bryson City Pump Works. They manufacture several side lines, such as wood pump tubing, tanners liquor logs, and miscellaneous wood trimmings, but the chief product is solid bored colonial porch columns.

The uniqueness lies in the fact that this is the only concern in the United States making columns from solid logs. Poplar logs from all parts of Western North Carolina are shipped to Bryson, where they are bored the entire length for lightness, strength, and to pre-

vent splitting. Next the bark is turned off by semi-automatic lathes, wood trimmers, finishing trimming and shaping the shafts in hand lathes. Next they are painted with white metallic paint and air-seasoned for three months, sandpapered, smoothed and given a second coat of paint before crating.

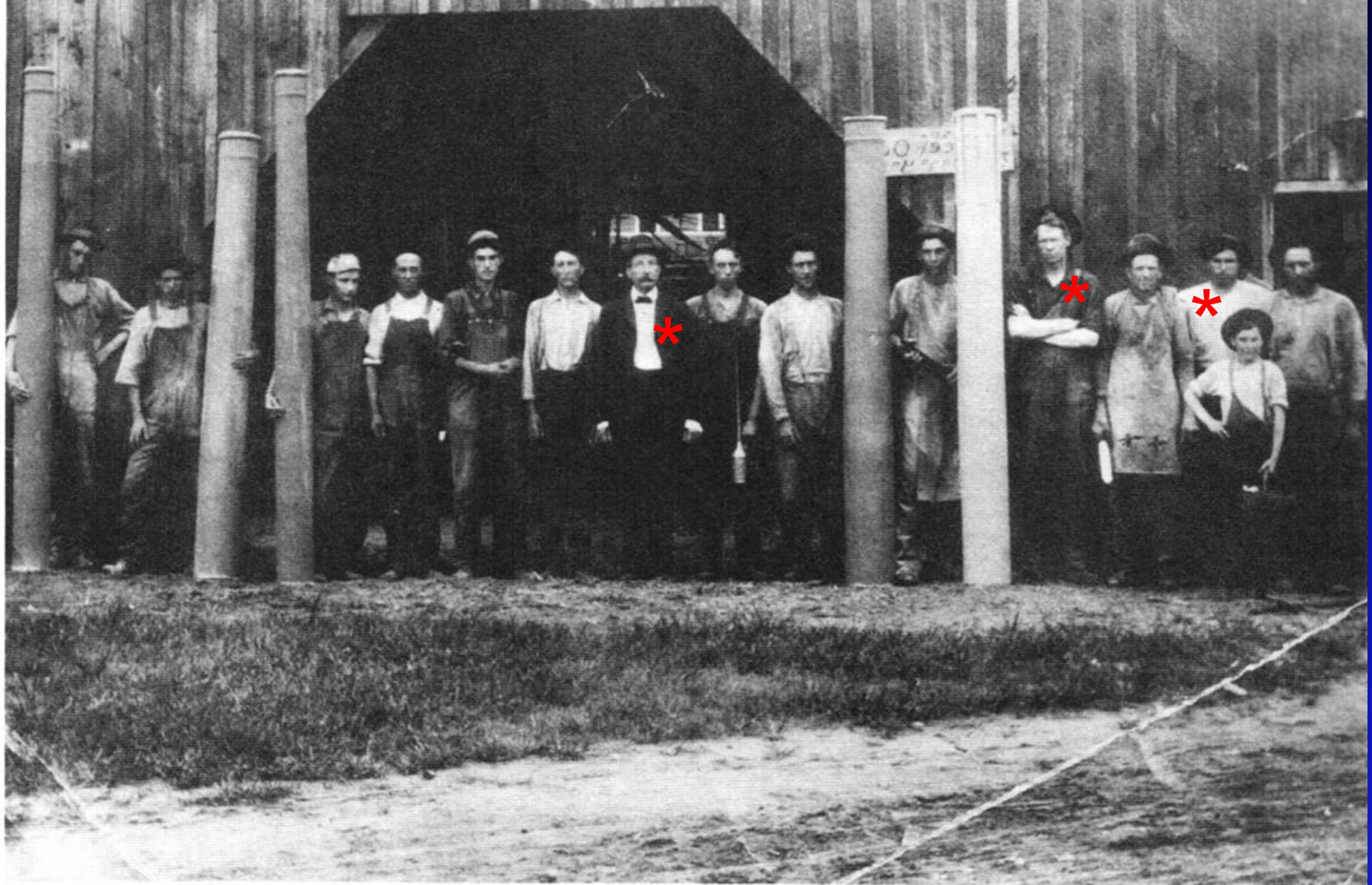
Mr. Shank, the president of the concern, has been in the business for 40 years, half of which time has been spent in Bryson City, and no little amount of the city's progress is traceable to his work. He and the men with him pride themselves in the quality of their work, and the columns manufactured at Bryson are in demand for homes over Carolina and as far north as Massachusetts.

# There was extensive use of local timber; Some examples

- ▣ Alarka
- ▣ Peachtree
- ▣ Hornbuckle & Shut-In
- ▣ Couches Creek

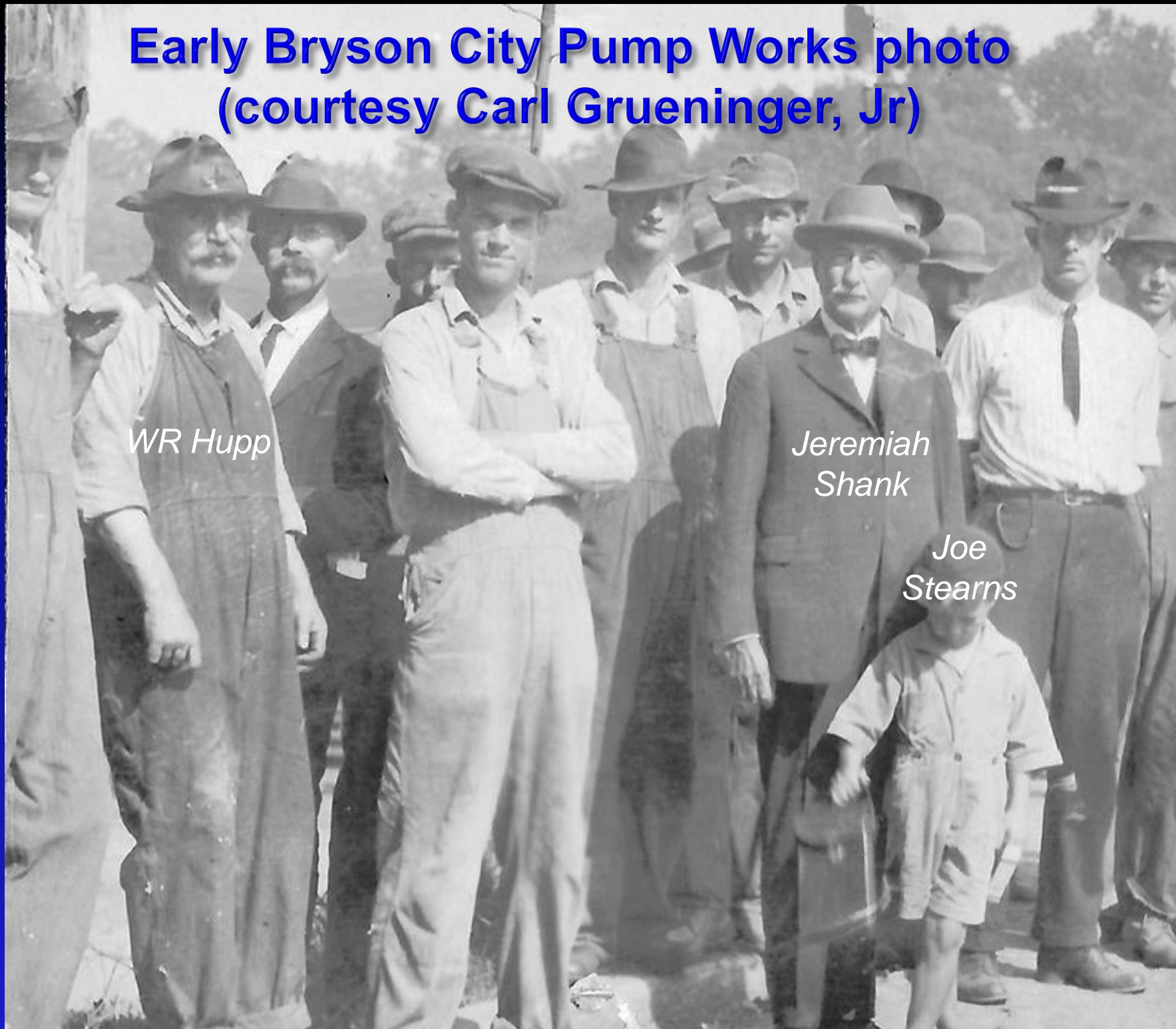


# Bryson City Pump Works, circa 1910 (Swain County Heritage)



Left to Right: Thurman Medford, [Bob Abbott], Charlie Wall, John Barnes, John Wall, [Jeremiah Shank], Louis Cunningham, Lum Medford, Ansel Hall, Cloyd Thomas, [John Millsaps], Mark Brendle, Estes.

# Early Bryson City Pump Works photo (courtesy Carl Grueninger, Jr)



*WR Hupp*

*Jeremiah  
Shank*

*Joe  
Stearns*



Do you know of a place where some of those porch columns  
are still being used?

See if you recognize any of the following sample  
(Note: many more were shown in presentation; size is  
reduced for web materials)

Well, there's here:





and





and





and





and





and





and





and





and





and here





**Four generations: Joe and I.K. Stearns, Miss Jessie Shank, Jeremiah Shank (early 1920s)**



Photo courtesy of Theo Stearns



# *Jeremiah, Helen Shank*



Photos courtesy of Carl Greuning, Jr

## The family had diverse professions, e.g. 1910 census:

- ▣ Jeremiah Shank: Manufacturer of wood columns
- ▣ Helen Shank: Keeping house (and chickens)
- ▣ Jessie Shank: Bank Bookkeeper (the Bryson City Bank)
- ▣ Nell Shank: High school teacher
- ▣ Marie Shank: Stenographer (custom work)
- ▣ Irving Stearns: Student



# In 1910, I.K.'s local education was almost finished...

*I.K.* was in the first graduating class of Bryson City High School (1911), along with Nina Gibson, Ora Hughes, and Walter Hughes

(Re-enactment photo, courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr)

*Walter Hughes and Ora Hughes* were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins, both natives of Oconaluftee.



By 1925, the company was completely owned and run by the Shank family, and changed its name that year

NORTH CAROLINA,  
SWAIN COUNTY.

WE, J. SHANK, J. L. SHANK, H. M. SHANK, and I. K. STEARNS, of Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina, being all of the stock holders of the Bryson City Pump Works Company, a corporation, organized under the laws of North Carolina, do hereby assent and agree to change the name of said corporation to Carolina Wood Turning Company

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the

18th day of September, 1925.

J. Shank, (Seal)  
H. M. Shank, (Seal)  
J. L. Shank, (Seal)  
I. K. Stearns, (Seal)

*J. Shank* = *Jeremiah Shank*  
*H.M. Shank* = *Helen Mary Shank* (Jeremiah's wife)  
*J.L. Shank* = *Jessie Lenore Shank* (daughter of Jeremiah, Helen)  
*I.K. Stearns* = *Irving Kip Stearns* (grandson of Jeremiah, Helen)



# This was also when the company moved below town

NORTH CAROLINA.  
SWAIN COUNTY.

THIS DEED. made this the 16th day of April 1925, By W.P. Thomasson and Wife Lizzie Thomasson. of Swain County, State of North Carolina. Parties of the First Part; to the Bryson City Pump Works Company. a Corporation. organized and Created under the Laws of the State of North Carolina. party of the Second Part; WITNESSETH. that the said Parties of the Second Part in Consideration of the Sum of \$3,000 to then Paid by the said Party of the Second Part, the receipt of which is Hereby acknowledged. have Bargained and Sold, and by these Presents do Grant, Bargain, sell. and Convey unto the said Party of the Second Part. its Successors and Assigns, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land in Charleston Township, Swain - County North Carolina. bounded and Described as Follows; . . . A portion of the Tract of Land Conveyed by J.W.Cline and Wife to A.H.Elmore, by Deed Dated December 11. 1906. and Recorded in Book no. 29, page 445, records of Deeds, reference to which Deed is hereby made, for a location of part of the Boundaries of the Tract therein Conveyed;

Beginning at a Black Gum on the North Bank of Tuckaseegee River, the S.W. Corner, to a Tract of Land Conveyed by John Shuler to T.D. Bryson by Deed Dated June, 13 1868. and Recorded in Book No. 6 Page 203, records of Deeds. Thence in a Straight line and Right angles to the North Shore Line of said River, to the Center or Thread of said River; thence down said River with its Center or Thread line South 77 West, 92 poles; thence Line and at Right angles to North Shore of Line of said River to a Water or River Birch on the North Bank of said River in the Line of the Big Bear Reservation. being the Lemons Corner; thence with the Line of big Bear Reservation, North 209.6. Feet to a Point in the Center of the Main Line of the Southern Rail Road Tract, as now Located and Operated; thence leaving the Line of said Big Bear Reservation, and With said line of said Railway in an easterly direction 1511.5 Feet to a Point in the Center of said Main Line of said Railway in the in the West Line of said T.D. Bryson's Tract, thence Leaving said Railway and with the Line of said T.D. Bryson, tract, South 6. West 509 Feet to a Place of Beginning; Subject to any rights of Sou. R. R. Co. for rights-of ways



# *IK Stearns* assumed management responsibilities in the 1920s; his interests and talents were many



All photos taken by *IK* (or *Betty*) Stearns; courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr.



# Favorite photo 1: *T. Walt Martin* and George Shope



Photo by *IK Stearns*, courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr.

## Favorite photo 2: Casada couple, married 27 days



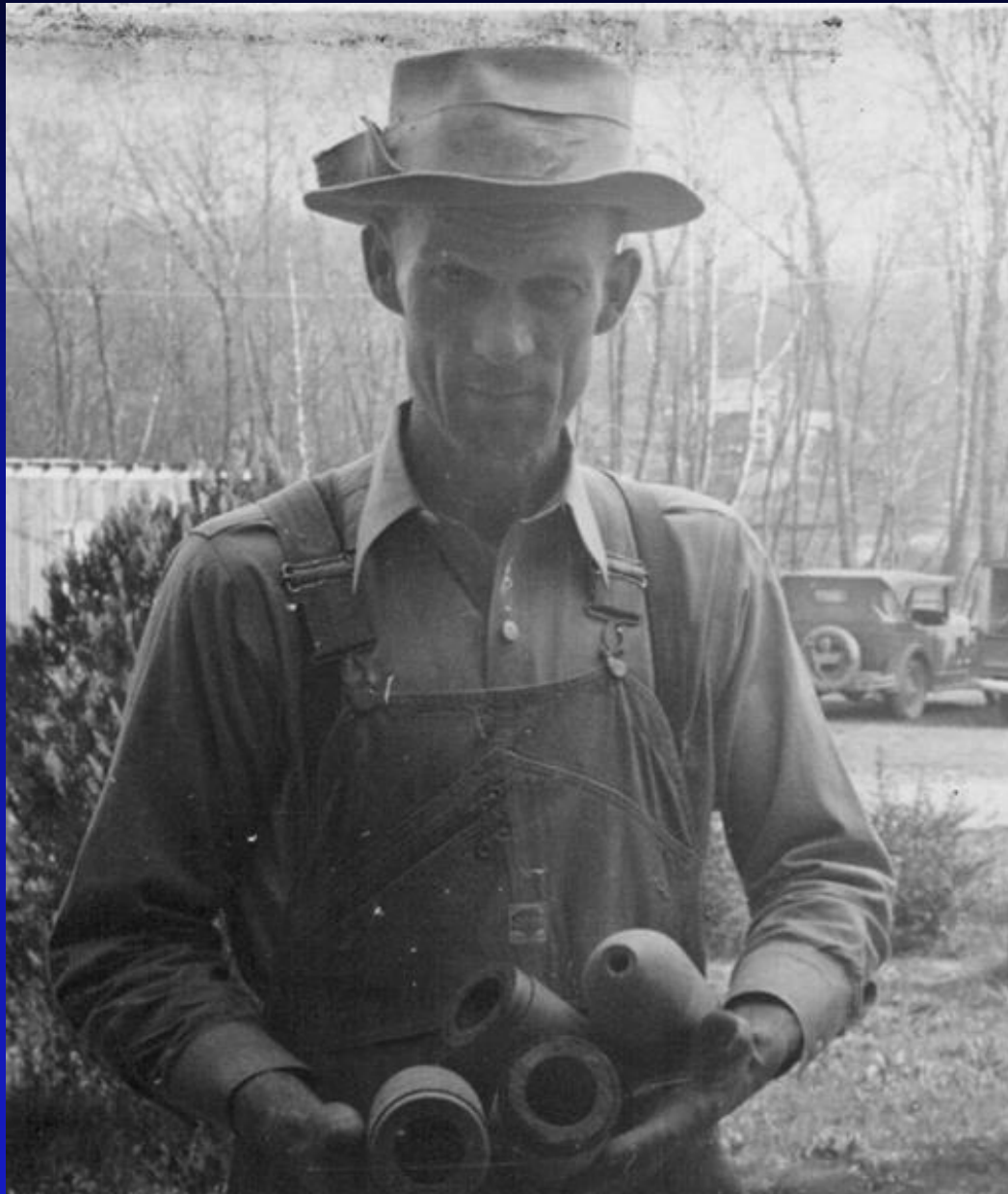
Photo by *IK Stearns*, courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr.



# WW2 period at Carolina Wood Turning

- ▣ Full-time war production
- ▣ Floatlight or flare bodies for the Navy (approximately 36,000,000) and shell supports, ammunition containers for the Army
- ▣ Also produced these materials during the Korean War and later

*Ralph Woody with flare bodies*  
Ricer rollers were another specialty turning





**It wasn't all Camelot wonderful, of course**

## From AC Times of November 24, 1942

“Funeral services for *Irving Kip Stearns*, 47, who died at 9 o'clock Saturday night following a brief illness, will be conducted at the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in the Bryson City Cemetery.

Active pall-bearers will be: Carroll Wright, Claude Patterson, *Ralph Woody*, Commodore Casada, Horace Wiggins and John Wikle, all of Carolina Wood Turning Company.

Honorary pall-bearers will be H.S. Pos, of Enka, E.C. Gordon, Asheville, Jarrett Blythe and Clyde M. Blair, Cherokee; Ansel Hall and Sam Wiggins, *Dr. D.R. Bryson, Stanley W. Black, Dr. Kelly E. Bennett, Queve Woody, McKinley Edwards, and Zenas Hyatt*, all of Bryson City.



## Accidental death of Clayton Thomas (11 Jan 1912)

S. W. Black, an attorney of Bryson City, who returned to his home yesterday, after spending a few days here, told of a peculiar accident that occurred at Bryson City a few days ago in which Clayton Thomas, a young man known all over the county, lost his life.

Young Thomas was employed at the factory of the Bryson City Pump works, where thousands of porch columns and caps and bases are turned out every month. He was turning the bases when one of them split and a part of it flew and struck him on the forehead, fracturing his skull. He lived about four days after the accident.

The caps and bases, as well as the columns, are turned by hand but the lathes are necessarily run at a high rate of speed. It is thought that he had speeded up his lathe too fast or that he might have set his chisel too deep. It is no uncommon thing for the wood to burst while it is on the lathe but this is the first serious accident that has occurred there and for this reason it is thought that he must have speeded up the lathe.

Young Thomas was a man of excellent character and had many friends all over the county.

Bob Thomas is Clayton's grand nephew; Clayton's brother *Cas Thomas* and sister *Christena Thomas Woody* are buried in the BC Cemetery



*Queve Woody, Sr* lost part of an arm in an accident  
(but it didn't stop him from fishing)



Photo courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr



***Miss Jess, at age 69, assumed the company reins, which she held until her death on February 1, 1947***



Photo courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr

*Miss Jessie L. Shank* died at her home in Bryson City, Saturday morning, February 1, 1947 at 8 o'clock.

The funeral was held at the Bryson City Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon. Out of respect to *Miss Shank*, all business houses closed their doors for the two hour period of the services.

Active pall-bearers were: Commodore Casada, *Ralph Woody*, Clyde Sherrill, Horace Wiggins, Shuford Stevenson, George Monteith, William Medford, and Sam Wiggins.

Honorary pall-bearers were Ansel Hall, *Dr. D.R. Bryson*, Dr. Harold Bacon, *Stanley W. Black*, *J. Robert Long*, *Queve Woody*, Carroll Wright, John Wikle, Aaron Prevost, Claude Patterson, *McKinley Edwards*, *Dr. Kelly Bennett*, Chan Gordon (Asheville) and Alex Eulenberg (Chicago)

Miss Shank was born in Miamisburg, Ohio, October 14, 1873. When she was nine years old, her family moved to Tennessee. She was a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio in 1896.



*Joe Stearns, Miss Jess Shank, IK Stearns at CWT, ~ 1935*



Photo courtesy of Theo Stearns

# Joe Stearns died a year after Miss Jess

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

<b>I. PLACE OF DEATH:</b> (a) County <u>Swain</u> (b) Township <u>Charleston</u> (If in town limits, leave blank) (c) City or town <u>Waynesville, N.C.</u> (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL) (d) Street, hospital or institution _____ (e) Length of stay in hospital or institution _____ (Yrs., mos., or days) in this community _____ (Yrs., mos., or days)		Registration Dist. No. <u>87-50</u> Certificate No. <u>7</u>	
<b>2. HOME (USUAL RESIDENCE) OF DECEASED:</b> (a) State <u>N.C.</u> (b) County <u>Swain</u> (c) City or town <u>Waynesville, N.C.</u> (d) Street or R.F.D. _____ (e) Is place of residence in corporate limits? <u>yes</u> (f) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A.? _____ years.		<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATION</b> 20. Date of death <u>2-27-48</u> 19 <u>48</u> at <u>7:30 A.M.</u> 21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from <u>Jan 30</u> 19 <u>47</u> to <u>Feb 27</u> 19 <u>48</u> and that I last saw him alive on _____ 19____ Immediate cause of death <u>Hemorrhage of rectum</u> Duration <u>5 hrs</u> Due to <u>Cancer of rectum</u> <u>6 mo.</u> Due to <u>Cancer of tongue</u> <u>1 yr.</u> Other conditions _____ (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) _____ Major findings: _____ Of operations _____ Of autopsy _____ 22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following: (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____ (b) Date of occurrence _____ (c) Where did injury occur? _____ (City or town) _____ (County) _____ (State) (d) Did injury occur about home, on farm, in industrial place, in a public place? _____ (Specify type of place) While at work? _____ (e) Means of injury _____	
3(a) FULL NAME <u>Joseph Stearns Stearns</u> 3(b) If veteran <u>old war</u> name war <u># II</u> 3(c) Social Security No. <u>2</u>		045-B	
4. Sex <u>M</u>	5. Color or Race <u>W</u>	6(a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced. <u>married</u>	
6(b) Name of husband or wife <u>Jean Stearns</u>		6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive <u>28</u> years.	
7. Birth date of deceased <u>3-12-1916</u> (month, day and year)			
8. AGE: Years <u>30</u> Months <u>11</u> Days <u>16</u> If less than one day _____ hrs. _____ min.			
9. Birthplace <u>Alexa, Tenn.</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)			
10. Usual occupation <u>Lumberman</u>			
11. Industry or business _____			
FATHER	12. Name <u>J. K. Stearns</u>		
	13. Birthplace <u>Ohio</u>		
MOTHER	14. Maiden Name <u>Laurie Nicholson</u>		
	15. Birthplace <u>Ohio</u>		
16(a) Informant's Signature <u>Thurman Leatherwood</u>			
(b) Address <u>Waynesville, N.C.</u>			
17(a) <u>Burial</u> (b) Date thereof <u>3-2-48</u> (Month, day, year)			
(c) Cemetery <u>Waynesville</u>			
(d) Location <u>Waynesville, N.C.</u>			
18(a) Funeral director <u>Morris Funeral Home</u>			
(b) Address <u>Waynesville, N.C.</u>			
19(a) <u>3116</u> Filed		(b) <u>C. H. Coppening</u> Registrar	
23. Signature <u>H. L. Bacon</u>		Date signed <u>2/28/48</u>	



*Thurman Leatherwood* assumed management responsibilities for a while



*Nell Shank Leatherwood and Thurman Leatherwood*  
Courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr



# LEATHERWOOD GIFT TO AID SWAIN STUDENTS

Swain County students are the beneficiaries of a bequest announced this week by Thurman Leatherwood of Bryson City in the establishment of a \$100,000 endowment fund at Western Carolina College.

Mr. Leatherwood, as executor of the estate of his late wife, Mrs. Nell M. Leatherwood, said terms of her will provided certain stocks, bonds, and cash in excess of \$80,000, and he added gifts of his own to round out the figure.

Earnings from the permanent endowment are specified for use of needy qualified students of Swain County who wish to attend Western Carolina College. In the event there should be none from Swain County in any given year, the money may be used for students from other western counties.

The Leatherwood family has long been known for its support of education in Western North Carolina. In 1904 R. L. Leatherwood, the father of Thurman Leatherwood, donated the land on which the Bryson City school is located. As a Senator in the 1893 General Assembly, he was instrumental in obtaining the first state appropriation for the school

which grew into Western Carolina College. Later, Thurman Leatherwood attended school here under Professor R. L. Madison's administration. Mrs. Leatherwood herself was a native of Ohio, educated at Western College in Ohio and

the University of Michigan. She taught first grade in Swain County for many years.

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**ENDOWMENT** — Thurman Leatherwood of Bryson City presents to Dr. Paul A. Reid, president of Western Carolina College, documents indicating an endowment fund of \$100,000. The late Mrs. Nell M. Leatherwood had left more than \$80,000 to the college for the benefit

of Swain County students, and Mr. Leatherwood added gifts of his own to bring the figure slightly in excess of \$100,000. Others shown are, left, Jerry Rice, principal of Swain High School and right, Robert L. Leatherwood III, attorney for the transaction.



# Swain County Hospital stands on land donated by *Jessie Shank* (after her death)

SWAIN COUNTY

THIS DEED, made this the 14th day of October, 1948, by NELL M. LEATHERWOOD, and husband, THURMAN LEATHERWOOD, of Swain County, North Carolina, and MARIE SHANK, unmarried, of Buncombe County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, To SWAIN COUNTY HOSPITAL, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, party of the second part,

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT, WHEREAS, JESSIE L. SHANK, the sister of the Grantors above named, prior to her death, made an offer to donate the lands hereinafter described to be used as a site for a community Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been raised and made available for the construction of said Community Hospital and the party of the second part has been duly chartered and empowered to accept title to said property and to construct and operate said hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Grantors herein, being desirous of carrying out and complying with the expressed desire of their said sister, JESSIE L. SHANK, do make this conveyance pursuant thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the said parties of the first part have given, granted and conveyed, and do, by these presents, give, grant, and convey unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever, all of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Town of Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina, and being bounded and described as follows, viz:

Of course the story of Carolina Wood Turning is far more than just that of the family which created and oversaw its operation for well over half its life; it's a story of many folks who were integrally involved in the operation over decades



# Plant staff photo, circa 1930 (courtesy Reva Blanton)







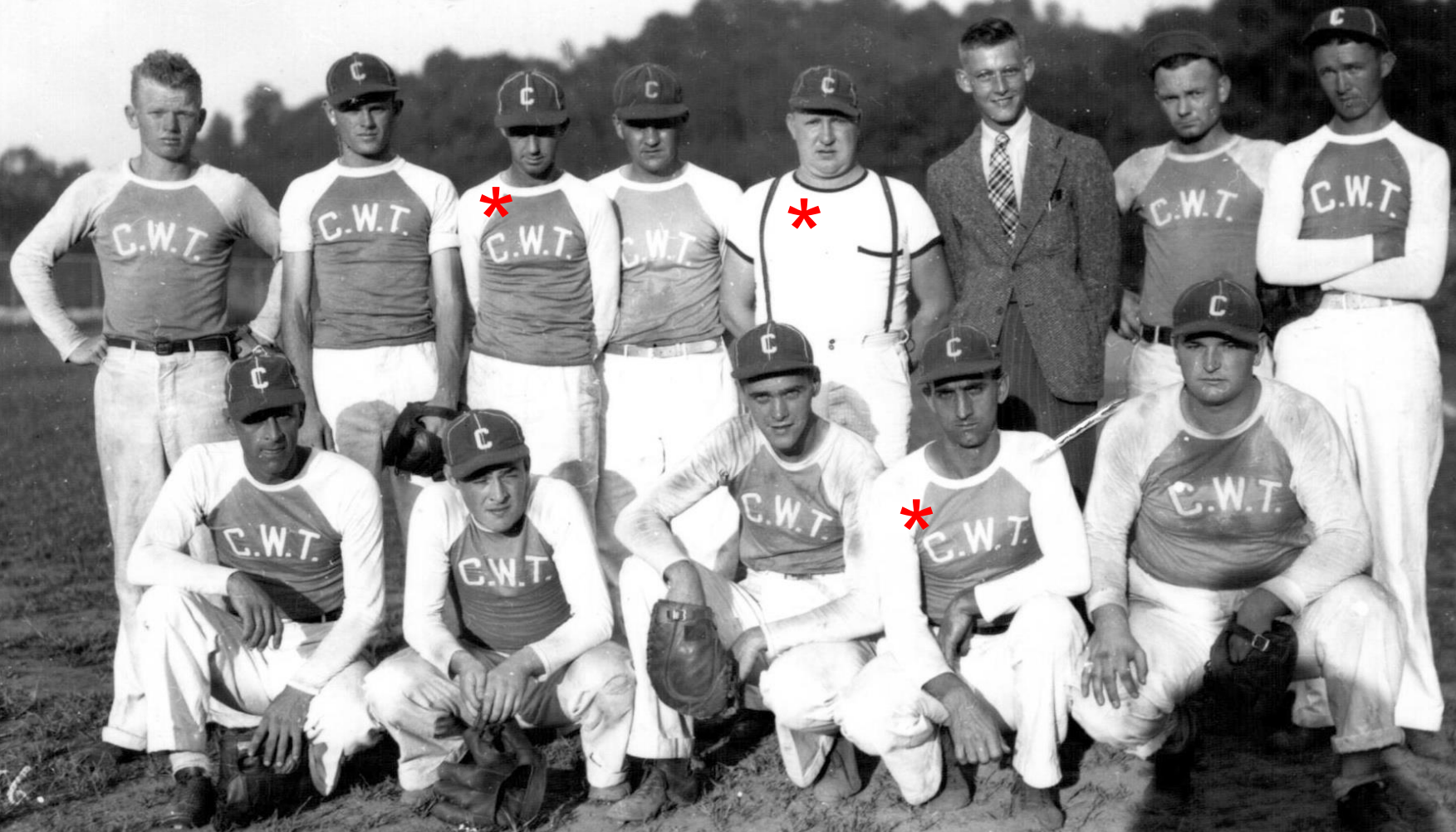


# Management, foremen





# Sports was a significant interest for many



D56.

C.W.T. Co. Soft Ball Team. 1940.

© K.E. Bennett.

Front (L-R): Babe Cole, Ray Wright, Ken Anderson, *Earl Monteith*, Clifford Crisp  
Back: Jack Williams, Bob Wright, *Harry Seay*, Carroll Wright, *Ernest Welch*, Queve  
Woody (Jr), Red Medford, Commodore Casada

The plant was sold on December 31, 1986

## NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1986, by and between

### GRANTOR

SINGER FURNITURE COMPANY,  
a Corporation organized and  
existing under the laws of the  
State of Delaware

### GRANTEE

WESTCHESTER INVESTMENT CORPORATION,  
a Corporation organized and existing  
under the laws of the State of  
North Carolina

It was a sad ending, but a good lifetime's run: 83 years, 26 days, and for over half of that time it was essentially a family business.



Here's something that's withstood the years  
So proud and free from guilt  
Give a smile and say, with shoulders back  
"Boys, that's what me and Shorty built."

