



Crew on Davis (King) Place, Spring 1921: left to right, front, 1. Harold Fairbanks 2. Morris Childs 3. Harold Carson 4. Harold Ladd 5. Wesley Ladd 6. Carroll Butler back, 7 Fred Childs 8. Leaman Turner 9. Rowe Palmer 10. Warren Butler 11. Carl Currier 12. Donald Wight 13. Shirley Gordon 14. Russell Turner 15. Chester Bean 16. George Dill 17. unknown 18. Orville Sanborn 19. the sawyer 20. Carl Hall 21. Fon Ladd 22. Ralph Webber 23. Lawrence Childs

SOME VIENNA LOGGING HISTORY

By Chester Bean

In 1914 or 1915 William Chadbourne started an extended series of logging operations in Vienna by buying the Fred Childs and Will Stone places now owned by Kenneth Meader and Ernest Briggs. He was interested only in the soft wood and logged both lots in a short time. Somewhere around a million feet of long logs in all.

The logs were hauled by horse sled in the wintertime to Porter's cove, placed on the ice, surrounded by a boom of logs chained together. When the ice melted the booms were towed by power boat aided by the wind as much as possible to the south end of the pond at the dam near West Mt. Vernon. There a "portable mill" was set up, the logs sawed and the lumber hauled to the road at the foot of the hill below Helen Cushman's and to trains at Readfield. Chadbourne was quoted as saying that if he was a good salesman he might get three hundred dollars for the best pine for window frames and similar work.

In the winter of 1919-20 the "Brown lot" just west of Seavey corner on the south side of the road was logged in a similar manner.

The following winter the lot listed on the 1879 map for H. C. Porter and owned in 1920 by James Davis was logged for both soft and hard wood. This was a large lot extending to the pond all the way to Lane's Brook.

The soft wood was hauled to one of the coves west of Porter's cove. One hemlock tree showed three hundred fifty countable annual rings. The "butt" log fitted nice on the four foot logging bunks with a small log for a trig on each side, and was a load for the team.

The hard wood of all kinds except ash was prepared on the lot for the skewer and dowel mill that was operating at Vienna Village. The trees, some of them rock maple thirty inches on the stump, were dragged full length to the edge of the lot. There logs had been installed as rollers. The trees placed on these rollers were advanced to a "drag saw" and cut to four foot lengths.

The drag saw in principle was a one-man crosscut saw (only larger) attached to an excentric and operated by a gas engine.

The four-foot cuts were rolled to a portable mill and sawed into four-inch thick plank. These were loaded onto twelve-foot wood sleds about one and a half cords each; hauled to the pond on the same road for the soft wood, across the end of the pond to the road at the "pond bridge." Two teams with a load each worked together and at the bridge the teams were "doubled up." The sleds were hauled to the top of the hill toward Mt. Vernon, then separated and taken from there to Vienna across Flying Pond.

One occurrence that caused some excitement occurred at the mill. The sawyer, the only man I believe not from Vienna or Mt. Vernon, was oiling the machinery under the mill when he got caught by the running belt and was stripped of all his clothes except shoes and socks. Fortunately his injuries were so slight he was back at work the next day.

HAZEL HOPKINS COLE SAID:

When I was a little girl living opposite the Aunt Betty's Corner school-house I watched the older children going to school and longed to go with them. I must have been about three. They had to tie me to the yellow rosebush to keep me from following the others to school. When I was four my cousin, Annie Dolloff, was the teacher and I was allowed to attend. I was hungry so I held up my reader for a screen and ate an apple behind it. Of course, I was caught. Annie Dolloff said, "Hazel, what would your mother say?" I was mortified.

Incidentally, the yellow rosebush to which I was tied is still living.

THE MOUNT VERNON ECHO REVIVED

In the 1880's the ladies of Mount Vernon had a good deal of get up and go. They decided the churches were not suitable places for entertainments. So they formed the Ladies' Hall Klub; printed a little newspaper, The Echo, semi-occasionally; and raised money by plays, sociables, and other gatherings. They proceeded to carry out their purpose which was to build a hall. They did it. Eventually, they turned it over to the Odd Fellows who, when it burned on August 18, 1914, immediately built the present IOOF hall.

Now we want to call attention to Mount Vernon, Past, Present and Future and to help us do this we shall print the MOUNT VERNON RE-ECHO occasionally.

Do you have any old Mount Vernon Echoes we could copy? Do you have local historical items, anecdotes, pictures or local news we could use in the RE-ECHO?

We believe with your help this project will be successful.

Margaret Webber

An advertisement in the Mount Vernon Echo of December, 1888 read:

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Gas or Ether carefully administered for the painless extraction of teeth.
