

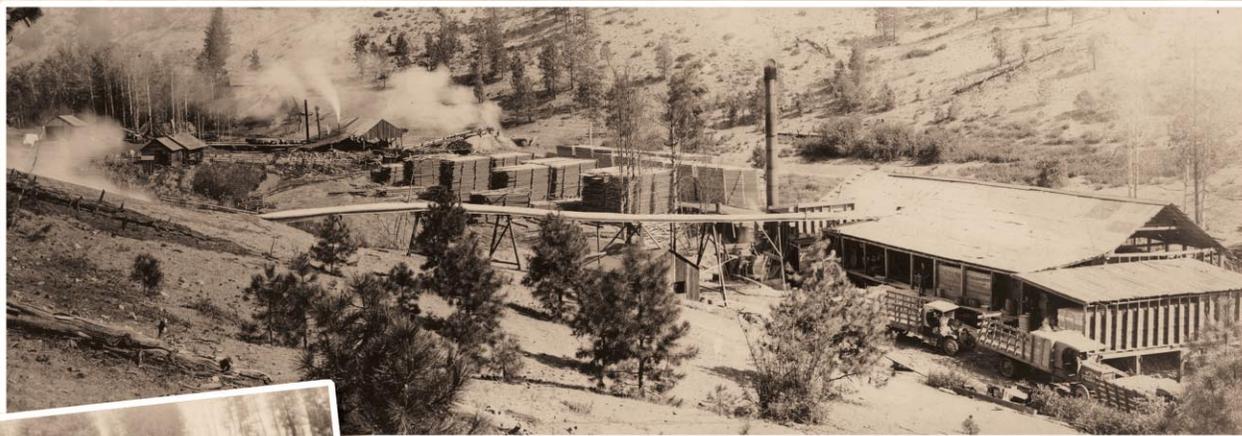


# DISCOVER THE FOOTPRINTS...

Vast pine forests and a swift-flowing river attracted timber industry entrepreneurs, contributing to settlement of the valley.

"By 1931, most of the timber had been cut in the Muddy Creek area. The company bought the Bonar place at the mouth of the Mad River for the site of their new mill. By 1932, they had built a fine new mill complete with box factory and lumber storage, and later a veneer plant. Also, they built the office and homes for all the men, and the bridge across the Entiat River. Dad built a new modern home overlooking the Mill and the orchard. A school house was needed so we donated an acre of land by the Ranger Station and they built a fine two-room schoolhouse."

*-Thelma Harris Cooper.*



In 1921 my Dad and brother moved their lumber mill from Mills Canyon to Muddy Creek, two miles from the main Entiat Highway. They built a fine sawmill and box mill; a tram for hauling the logs; and lumber to be piled... They built 30 or 40 homes for the men; bunkhouse, office and schoolhouse - all of them with running water and electricity from the mill. They were not painted on the outside, but most of them were real nice on the inside."

*-Thelma Harris Cooper*

"The first box factory was built in the [Gray] sawmill at the mouth of the river in 1916. Before that first saw mill burned, the Kellogg Mill was built just a mile or two above it. Gray and Kellogg used to argue over whose logs they were when they'd drive them down the river and they got into law suits over that."

*-Albert Long.*



"I can tell you those were exciting days when the men used to run logs. The river drops about 50 feet each mile and the Bateau [boat] would race over the swift water and when the logs piled up in a jam, the men on the boat worked with their poles and peaveys to loosen them. As the jam was broken, a yell would go up and they'd pole like mad to push clear. Camps were set up along the bank where the men could eat, and moved down river as the drive passed. People came to watch. They'd line the banks to share the thrills of the spectacle and then they'd join the men at meal-time."

*-Hetty Bonar.*



"Everything is humming on the Entiat. The Kellogg Lumber Co. is making preparations to erect a big sawmill and dam up the Entiat River. A large force is at work clearing land, cutting trees and hauling logs and doing other work necessary to the erection of a first-class sawmill."

*-Newspaper article, 1912.*