

Finding aid for the Birdseye photo album Collection 072

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Birdseye Veneer Company. (Escanaba (Mich.))
Title	Birdseye Veneer Company 35th Anniversary photo album
Date	1943
Extent	0.21 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Birdseye Veneer Company operated in Escanaba, Michigan during the first half of the twentieth century. The 43 8x10 photographs in the album, made in 1943, detail the processing of trees into sheets and rolls of veneer by the company. The images document the mechanical, animal and human power used in the process.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Birdseye Veneer Company was organized in 1912 to process trees into veneer at Escanaba, Michigan.

Scope and Contents note

The 43 8x10 photographs in the album detail the processing of trees into sheets and rolls of veneer by the company. The images document the mechanical, animal and human power used in the process as well as the firm's physical plant. The images provide views of techniques, machinery and transport of logs, veneer and waste. The album contains a brief narrative introduction. Since the album covers are clad with examples of the firm's veneer, they are retained.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department May 1988

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Library purchase, accession number 00.000

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Birdseye Veneer Company. (Escanaba (Mich.))

Geographic Name(s)

- Escanaba (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Logging -- Michigan
- Veneer industry -- Michigan

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Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Introduction to the album (3 sheets)	1	1
pages 1-11 (11 photos) Includes views of the plant (1 aerial), and felling of trees		
	Box	Folder
.1 Aerial View of Escanaba Plant of Birdseye Veneer Co.	1	2
.2 Cutting Veneer logs.	1	2
.3 Notching	1	2
.4 Falling of a Forest Giant	1	2
.5 Timber!!	1	2
.6 Sawing to specified lengths	1	2
.7 Checking annual ring growth	1	2
.8 Skidding veneer logs	1	2
.9 Loading logs in the woods	1	2

pages 12-22 (11 photos) Includes Log Handling

.10 Heavy pulling	1	2
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.11 The Log Yard and Equipment for handling	1	2
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pages 12-22 (11 photos) Includes Log Handling

	Box	Folder
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.12 Log Handling Equipment. Shows crane in the center with a bull dozer left and a tractor right, logs piled behind.	1	3
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.13 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling. Shows crane on a railroad track running into the horizon, with logs on either side.	1	3
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.14 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling. Shows box cars being loaded with a mechanical lifting devise. "Great Northern" on boxcar.	1	3
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.15 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling. Shows men left with a crane, lifting a log.	1	3
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.16 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling.	1	3
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.17 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling. Shows cut logs piled in front of a railroad track, with logs strewn in a field in the background.	1	3
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.18 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling.	1	3
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.19 The Log Yard and Equipment for Handling. Shows a man in a shirt, tie and hat, looking at the camera, with his right hand rest on a log.	1	3
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pages 23-33 (11 photos) Includes interior factory views of log cutting and...

.20 The Log Yard and Equipment for handling.	1	3
.21 Conveyor to drag saw	1	3
.22 Logs being drag sawn to lengths required on special orders.	1	3
pages 23-33 (11 photos) Includes interior factory views of log cutting and veneers		
	Box	Folder
.23 Hoisting Blocks from Boiling Vats.	1	4
.24 Log Peeling Deck in Tank Room.	1	4
.25 New 110" Coe Lathe in Operation with Flow of Veneers Going to Double Deck Clipper	1	4
.26 72" Lathe cutting Maple pin plank stock	1	4
.27 Dimension Clippers Sizing Sheet Stock	1	4
.28 Latest type drier	1	4
.29 Drying Veneer	1	4
.30 Merritt Dryad Drying Pin Plank Stock	1	4
.31 Double Cut-off saw sizing pink plank	1	4

pages 34-43 (10 photos) Includes factory and 1 office interior

.32 Flitching Mill preparing logs for Slicer and Veneer Saws	1	4
.33 Making Quartered Elm Flitches	1	4
pages 34-43 (10 photos) Includes factory and 1 office interior		
	Box	Folder
.34 Curly Birch Flitches	1	5
.35 Hauling Slabs from Flitching Mill	1	5
.36 Sawdust Tanks Steaming Flitches for Slicer	1	5
.37 Slicing Machines in Operation	1	5
.38 Sizing Clipper Squaring up Flitches	1	5
.39 Veneer Saw in Operation	1	5
.40 Bolter Saw Cutting Cores into Grating Lumber and Wood	1	5
.41 Crating Veneers for Shipment	1	5
.42 Storage Warehouse for Veneers Ready for Shipment	1	5
.43 Sales Office Birds Eye, Maple Suite in foreground.	1	5
	Box	Folder

pages 34-43 (10 photos) Includes factory and 1 office interior

6 album covers. (2 items, front and back wood covers)

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