

Glenn Pease 1941\42 Diaries - Logging

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The logging Dad was doing here was drawing logs from where they were cut to a landing or skidway. Then they could be loaded on a truck and taken to a mill. He was using a wooden scoot, drawn by a pair of greys names Dick and Harry [photo below], which he bought in 1940. 'Fauver's' likely refers to land on the hill south of Camp Pemigewassett, owned and operated by the Fauver family. This land abuts, or nearly so, the Sherburn\Pease farm, so perhaps Dad would have gone over through the sugar place to get to the logging site. Based on his note on 1\4\42, he may have at first driven the scoot back and forth each day and then made a different sled, leaving the scoot in the woods. Howard says that Fauver also owned land across the road from the pond\Camp, and that the logging may have been there, on the old Rollin's place.

I expect that he loaded the logs on the scoot by himself or with the help of one other person. He would then roll them off by himself and return for another load. I have no idea now many trips he could make in a day. It would depend on how far and how big a load.

When he was drawing maple, he drew about 200 ft. a day, which I think must mean linear feet, as for this to be board feet, it would mean only 3-4 logs. So, assuming logs ten feet long, this would mean 20 logs a day. Depending on diameter, this would take 2-4 loads.

From Harry, 7\13\16: Dad [Gerald] said Grandpa [Glenn] always recorded logs in board feet, never in linear feet. There may be a lot reasons why the board foot totals for some days seemed relatively small, i.e., he was cutting maple which took a lot longer to saw than soft wood, we don't know how far he had to travel, he may have been working up the tops for fire wood too, and he may have only been logging part of the day.

The scoot [photos below] was two parallel runners, about four feet apart, with two bunks, crosswise, holding the runners together. Each runner would be 'shod' with two pieces of hard wood, a few inches thick, held on with wooden pegs, or possibly iron runners bolted on but more likely wood. The wooden shoes would wear out over time and then be replaced without having to make a whole new scoot.

11\15 Went over and got my scoot.

11\16 Went down to Ed Currier's got some scoot shoes.

11\17 Work on scoot.

11\18 Work on scoot Warren [*Chase*] fixed some chains for me.

11\22 Began logging for Bert Noyes down on Fauver's. \$8.00 a day. [*Man and team*]

11\24 Logging all day.

11\25 Logging

11\26 Logging all day.

11\27 [*Off for Thanksgiving dinner at Aunt Dorice Pease's, Wentworth.*]

11\28 Logging

11\29 Logging Got pay \$40 5 days

11\30 Put 2 shoes on Dick

12\2 Bert [*Mason*] came out finished shoeing my horses. [*Bert Mason's blacksmith shop was just east of the soccer field at the Street.*] Bob [*Donnelly*] and Warren started making me a scoot. Logging

12\3 Logging

12\4 Logging Bob finished scoot.

12\5 Logging
12\6 Logging Got pay \$45.
12\8 Logging all day.
12\9 Logging
12\10 Logging
12\11 Logging
12\12 Logging
12\13 Logging Got pay \$48.
12\15 Logging
12\16 Logging Bert [*likely Noyes*] came here to board tonight.
12\17 Logging
12\18 Logging Another team came to work today.
12\19 Logging
12\20 Had my horses shod A.M. Logging P.M.
12\22 Logging
12\26 Logging
12\27 Logging Got pay \$28.
12\29 Logging
12\30 Logging
12\31 Logging

1\3\42 Logging
1\4 Fixed up a sled to go to work with.
1\5 Logging all day.
1\6 Logging
1\7 Logging
1\8 Logging
1\9 Logging
1\10 Logging
1\11 Walter [*Mack*] brought out my horse shoes. Shod horses all around 2 1\4 hrs.
1\12 Logging
1\13 Finished up for Bert at noon. Began getting out maple for Fayn Anderson P.M. 115 ft.
1\14 Getting out maple 201 ft.
1\15 Getting out maple 223 ft.
1\16 Getting out maple 210 ft.
1\17 Getting out maple 193 ft. Bert paid me \$20.
1\21 Got out maple A.M. 104 ft.
1\23 Went down and got our 33 ft. more maple. 1,079 ft. in all.



Loading logs onto a scoot, from a YouTube video by Thayer.



Here is a scoot near the woodpile next to the Sherburn\Pease barn, c. 1950, likely similar to the one Dad used in the early 40s.



This is taken in the field south of the farm buildings. The tree under the horse's nose is the Macintosh tree in the lane, looking southeast toward the 4-Acre Field.