

Tom Stoddard and his sons, Dan, Bill, Roy, and Calvin, bought out James Stoddard's interests in 1915. Early in 1920, the mill was sold to the Island Park Lumber Company with the Stoddards retaining some stock. The Company included Geaorge Brunt, D.E. Mathbun, George Cope, and Dr. Hollister, Idaho Falls.

This Company operated the mill one year and part of 1921, building both a big barn and a big debt.

The mill remained idle the rest of 1921 and all of 1922. A Mr. Smead of the Idaho-Montana Timber Company leased it for 1923 and Tom Stoddard logged for him.

The Stoddards repossessed the mill in 1924 and continued the Mill Creek operations until 1926 when they moved it to Bootjack Pass. The east face of Mt. Sawtelle and Henry's Lake area were logged.

"Lay off of it if it makes you sick." That's James (Scotty) Hutchinson's advice to you. It came from a man who at 83 was still drawing top wages sawing logs for the Stoddard Lumber Company on the Targhee National Forest in Idaho.

Scotty, was without question, the oldest active logger in the United States. He was sharp as a tack with a Scottish brand of humor still in bloom.

Not to be content with a full days work in the woods cutting logs and sawing them into lumber, he spent his evenings sharpening saws for the company or making trinkets out of wood. He had an electrically equipped shop in his cabin at the company headquarters where he turned out everything in small wood designs including cigarette dispensers and compacts for ladies.

Contrary to his Scots nature, however, his carefully designed handmade artifacts were not for sale. But if you took the time to have a friendly chat with hin in his cabin, you would probably come away with sonething nice, designed and manufactured by Scotty's own steady comfortable hands.

Asked if he worked in anything else but wood, Scotty's answer, full seasoned with burrs was, "Yes, I like to work with plexiglass, but it costs too doomed much." Then to quell any thought that he might be more conservative than the rest of his countrymen, he related his favorable bit about the Scot who missed the coronation because he ran out of gas, "Unpar-r-r-rdonable," said Scotty, "even for a wealthy Scot."