

The mill sight was located about six miles off the main highway and consisted of 17 houses, 5 woodsheds, a pumphouse, a cookhouse, a wash house, a combination store and office, planer and the mill. The logs were dumped into a pond where they were taken up into the mill to be sawed into lumber. Walking logs in this pond was a very favorite sport which could be dangerous if not careful. We knew the mill well and spent many a night in it playing hide and seek.

In 1960, Bill and Roy retired from active work and their sons, Ted and Gordon took over their interests. Ted, Cal, and Gordon bought Dan's interests and have remained partners in ownership every since.

In August of 1959, a great earthquake struck the Island Park area. It hit the mill so hard that it cracked the boilers and made the mill pond extend about 20 feet. In August of 1960, a tragic thing hit the Stoddard Lumber Company. The mill burned to the ground, with nothing left standing but the planer and the houses. After this tragedy, they bought a portable mill which was intended to be operated at Island Park in the summer and in St. Anthony in the winter. This proved an inconvenience, so they moved it to St. Anthony permanently. In 1963 Gordon left the organization. He still has his interest but does not maintain it.