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SUMMARY

- Size.** .25 linear feet (one box containing 128 items and two printed volumes, and one oversize item)
- Locations.** Louisiana (Bogalusa and Isabel, Washington Parish)
- Bulk Dates.** 1924-1938, undated
- Languages.** English
- Summary.** Collection of photographs and picture post cards of buildings, machinery, and various operations of the Great Southern Lumber Company Sawmill, and its subsidiary, the Bogalusa Paper Company, both located in Bogalusa (Washington Parish), Louisiana; of workers and officials of the Company; of public buildings and Huey P. Long in the town; and two printed promotional booklets on Bogalusa.
- Source.** Donated by Mrs. Edna J. Andrews in 1978.
- Access.** Property rights are held by the LSU Libraries, some photographs are copyrighted by the National Geographic Society.
- Citation.** Great Southern Lumber Company Collection, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries.
- Stack Location.** UU:163, OS:G

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Great Southern Lumber Company was chartered in Pennsylvania on January 17, 1902. Between 1902 and 1905, the owners purchased vast areas of long-leaf virgin pine timber in Louisiana. In 1906, the Goodyear Family, who were the principal owners, erected a sawmill on the Bogue Lusa Creek in Washington Parish, and began the town of Bogalusa. From these beginnings grew the Great Southern Lumber Company, the largest sawmill in the world from its opening in 1908 until 1938, when it ceased operation. It was also the largest mill sawing yellow pine during its existence.

The Great Southern Lumber Company also expanded into other enterprises, including the establishment in 1905 of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad to transport their products, the Bogalusa Paper Company in 1918-1937, Bogalusa Turpentine Company, Bogalusa Tung Oil, Inc. and the Bogalusa Stores, their commissary.

Besides contributing public buildings, assisting in the incorporation of Bogalusa in 1914, and furnishing civic leaders, the Company experimented in various other areas related to their businesses. They became one of the pioneers in reforestation in Louisiana and created a nursery, which closed in 1930-1931, to furnish seedlings. They likewise established the Bogue Chitto Farm, which was begun to demonstrate how stock and truck farms could be successful on cut-over land.

A large part of the photographs included in this collection were removed from two scrapbooks compiled by the donor's sister, Mrs. Mary E. Jones McGraw, former secretary to William H. Sullivan, Vice-President and General Manager of the Great Southern Lumber Company from 1905-1929, President of the Bogalusa Paper Company, and Mayor of Bogalusa, 1914-1929, as well as holding other official positions.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series include photographs, postcards, publications, display items, and oversize items.

This collection consists of photographs of buildings, machinery, and operations of the Great Southern Lumber Company Sawmill and its subsidiary, the Bogalusa Paper Company, both located in Bogalusa (Washington Parish), Louisiana.

In addition to aerial photographs and close-up views of various company properties and activities, there are a few photographs of workers in 1931, and of company officials, William H. Sullivan (d. 1929), and Daniel T. Cushing, both general managers of the Great Southern Lumber Company.

Other activities of the Great Southern Lumber Company represented in photographs include reforestation, tung oil groves at Isabel, Louisiana; the Pine Tree Nursery, stands of slash and long-leaf pine, "turpented" trees, and the Bogue Chitto Stock Farm and its hog-proof fences.

Of particular general interest are three photographs showing Huey P. Long at the dedication of the Columbia Street pavement in Bogalusa in 1930. In one of these, a large banner thanks Long for free text books. Some photographs also show rural dirt roads of the period.

There are also 26 postcards of Bogalusa public buildings, as well as views of the sawmill and paper company.

Two publications, one by the Chamber of Commerce and one by the Great Southern Lumber Company, discuss the community of Bogalusa and its resources.

Specimens of kraft paper, more than likely produced at the paper mill and formerly used as pages in the dismantled scrapbooks of photographs, are included in the collection.

For further information see Myrick, Jerry L. "A History of the Great Southern Lumber Company, 1902-1938," M.A. thesis, LSU, 1970. 146pp.

INDEX TERMS

Bogalusa Paper Company.
Bogalusa Tung Oil (Firm)
Bogalusa Turpentine Company.
Bogalusa (La.)
Bogue Chitto Farm.
Cushing, Daniel T.
Forests and forestry--Louisiana.
Great Southern Lumber Company.
Isabel (La.)
Isabel Stock Farm.
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935
Longleaf pine--Louisiana.
McGraw, Mary E. Jones.
Paper mills--Louisiana.
Reforestation--Louisiana.
Sawmills--Louisiana.
Slash pine--Louisiana.
Sullivan, William H. (William Henry), d. 1929.
Tung oil industry--Louisiana.
Turpentine--Louisiana.
Washington Parish (La.)--Economic conditions.

CONTAINER LIST

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UU:163	1a-1b	<p>Photograph 1. Old growth longleaf pine turpented for one year (north of Bogalusa-Fton Highway)</p> <p>2. Old growth longleaf pine along Bogalusa-Fton Highway. Turpented one year (11-13-1932)</p> <p>3. Pine Tree Nursery</p> <p>4. Slash pine (June 1931)</p> <p>5. Slash pine (1930)</p> <p>6. Slash pine hand planted 1925 (photo. taken 1930)</p> <p>7. Slash pine hand planted in 1925-1926, north of Bogalusa (1930)</p> <p>8. Slash pine planted January 1925 (1928), named Sullivan Memorial Forest, with the Sullivans posing</p> <p>9. Slash pine planted in 1924-1925, near Bogalusa</p> <p>10. [Hog-proof fence]</p> <p>11. Virgin long leaf pine near Bogalusa. Red Bateman (left) and unidentified man</p> <p>12. Natural slash pine reproduction about 15 years ago</p> <p>13. Log unloader</p> <p>14. Log pond</p> <p>15. Sawmill</p> <p>16. Slab conveyor from barking drum to chipper</p> <p>17. View of timber docks, GSL Co.</p> <p>18. Lumber yard, GSL Co.</p> <p>19. Fourdrinier Machine</p> <p>20. Kraft mill storage room, Bogalusa Paper Company, Inc.</p> <p>21. Kraft mill storage room, Bogalusa Paper Company, Inc.</p> <p>22. YMCA (built by Goodyear)</p> <p>23. Pine Tree Hotel (6-6-24)</p> <p>24. YWCA (6-12-25)</p> <p>25. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>26. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>27. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>28. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>29. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm (4-16-31)</p> <p>30. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>31. Tung trees on Isabel Stock Farm</p> <p>32. Plantation No. 4 (10-8-32)</p> <p>33. Tung oil grove, Bogue Chitto Stock Farm (8-4-31)</p> <p>34. Tung oil grove, Bogue Chitto Stock Farm (8-4-31)</p> <p>35. Tung oil grove, Bogue Chitto Stock Farm (8-4-31)</p> <p>36. Tung oil trees</p> <p>37. Tung oil grove, Isabel Stock Farm, with D. T. Cushing and Lamont Rowland (4-16-31)</p> <p>38. Plantation No. 8, Bogue Chitto Stock Farm (11-19-26)</p>

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		Series II. Postcards
UU:163	1a-1b	Bogalusa High School Nurses in front of the Nurses' Home, Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Hospital Staff doctors, Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Hospital Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Hospital Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Bogalusa Pine Tree Inn Pine Tree Inn lobby Bogalusa Stores Company (GSL Co. commissary) Colonial Hotel Superior Avenue Baptist Church, Bogalusa Administration Building, GSL Co. (showing 359 stars in service flag) Sawmill Automatic stackers at sawmill

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		<p>Monorail car in operation, GSL Co. "Bogalusa Brand" ship timbers 12x32 in.-10 ft. and up Logs to be manufactured into timber 12 x 28 inches and wider Bogalusa Paper Co., beater room Bogalusa Paper Co., beater room, finishing room of the paper mill Bogalusa Paper Co., beater room, paper making machines Colonial Creosoting Company plant, Bogalusa Long leaf Southern pine forest which produces "Bogalusa Brand" lumber Cutting "Bogalusa Brand" timber in logging operations, GSL Co. Loading sawlogs in logging operations of the GSL Co. A long leaf Southern pine, diameter 40 inches, "Bogalusa Brand" Site where logs were cut to build the town of Bogalusa in 1907, with pulp growth and under fire protection Louisiana American Legion group promoting reforestation</p>
		<p>Series 3. Publications</p>
UU:163	1a-1b	<p>Great Southern Lumber Company Department of Publicity. <u>Bogalusa, the City of Families and Factories</u>. (Bogalusa: Great Southern Lumber Company, [3rd ed., 1924])</p> <p>Bogalusa Chamber of Commerce. <u>Facts About Bogalusa, the City of Assured Growth</u>, (Bogalusa: Chamber of Commerce, 1927).</p>
		<p>Series 4. Display Items</p>
UU:163	1a-1b	Specimens of kraft paper produced at the GS Co., 3 items
		<p>Series 5: Oversize Items</p>
OS:G		100. Photograph of the William H. Sullivan Family, undated