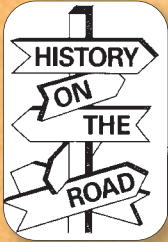


# HISTORY ON THE ROAD

THE FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY

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Originally established as the Forest Products History Foundation in 1946, the Forest History Society (FHS) is the only international organization solely dedicated to preserving the

documents of forest history and helping people use them. FHS has preserved diaries, correspondence, manuscripts, music, maps, photographs, film, and much more from businesses, governments, and individuals. Generations of students, scholars, landowners, journalists, and many others have relied on FHS for historical records, but also for insight and inspiration as they explore the relationship of humans and forests through time, on topics from wood and paper products to wilderness and nature philosophy and ethics. Their work, in turn, enhances the public's understanding of the rich story of conservation.

As the only specialized library and archive focused on forest history around the globe, the Forest History Society is the best place to begin any research endeavor on this subject. Now that has been made even easier. In January 2019, FHS moved to its new headquarters, located on an 8.6-acre wooded tract of land in Durham, North Carolina.

The Alvin J. Huss Archival Collection includes the records of the American Tree Farm System, the Society of American Foresters, the National Forest Products Association, the International Society of Tropical Foresters, the Weyerhaeuser Company, and American Forests—the oldest citizen's conservation group in the United States, with records dating back to 1875. FHS maintains a collection of more than 30,000 photographs, lantern slides, and films of diverse activities like early lumbering techniques, foresters at work, and policy makers in debate. In addition, the Society's acclaimed oral history program has produced more than 300 interviews

that capture the personal perspective and experiences of public and private forestry leaders.

Housing more than 11,000 volumes, including one book published 400 years ago, the Society's Carl A. Weyerhaeuser

Library includes journals, historic pamphlets, newsletters, corporate reports, and other literature spanning a broad range of topics. Scholars can browse the open stacks in the library, which can result in discoveries that may lead their research in new



*The new headquarters of the Forest History Society.*



directions. The Society's grant program helps support travel for researchers to work onsite, allowing them access to its wide-ranging resources all in one place. For those who cannot travel to FHS, the staff fields inquiries from scholars and researchers worldwide.

In 1984, the Forest History Society moved cross country and into a 5,000-square-foot insurance building in Durham, North Carolina—the Society's first home of its own. After expanding and remodeling it to serve as a library and archive, FHS's visionary leaders and supporters had done all they could to prepare the organization for the next 30 years. Less than twenty years later, though, space was

at a premium and off-site storage had to be rented to hold the growing collections. The ensuing years further highlighted the vulnerability of the Society's irreplaceable resources and the critical need for new facilities.

Thirty-five years after moving from California, FHS has moved into its new headquarters, a facility specifically built as a library and archive that triples the original's square footage and allows room for future expansion. As the Forest History Society's extensive collections continue to grow each year, the new facility will aid in making all its resources broadly accessible through digitization and web-based outreach as well as pro-

vide proper conditions for housing them. The new location, with close proximity to three major research universities, will substantially increase the Society's visibility and accessibility within the local and regional community. The Lynn W. Day Education Center offers meeting space for the local community, but with the ability to live-stream presentations to a global audience. In short, this generation's leaders and supporters have done all they could to prepare the organization for the next 30 years and beyond. □

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*The new FHS building incorporates several wood species throughout, even in the exhibit hall. The majority of the wood was donated by companies from around the United States.*



*Donated materials also include large etched glass panels that provide a quiet reading nook in the library.*





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*Hardwood panels in Lobby,  
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