



## Have You Renewed Your Membership? Here's Why You Should

As FHS and Joint Members, we know you share our passion! Please [renew your membership](#) by June 30th so that we can continue the work in these priority areas:

- Advancing our effort to identify and collect new documents as [archival collections](#) including corporate, small-to-medium family-owned forest product businesses, and other at-risk records from organizations and individuals.
- Producing and publishing the next [Issue Series](#) book on private family-owned forests.
- Engaging new communities who share our passion in forest and conservation history by hosting open house and educational events for audiences such as nearby neighborhoods, environmental educators, retirement communities, and forestry schools; local librarians; K-12 teachers in history, social studies and science; corporate groups; and architects and landscape architects.
- Responding to an ever-increasing number of family history inquiries and information requests.

This has been a busy year and we appreciate your patience as we begin our new chapter in FHS history!

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## **Sorry About That!**

We want to apologize for the delays in publishing "The Timeline" and the 2018 issue of *Forest History Today*.

It turns out that moving an entire library, with its 11,000 volumes, and the archive, with about 7,500 linear feet of documents--plus 30,000 photos and myriad other items--and then unpacking and shelving it all can take a while.

**Thank you for your understanding!**



*The FHS Staff stands ready to serve you! (l to r) Jamie Lewis, Laura Hayden, Jason Howard, Steve Anderson, Eben Lehman, Andrea Anderson, and -- filling in for Janet Askew -- Smokey Bear.*

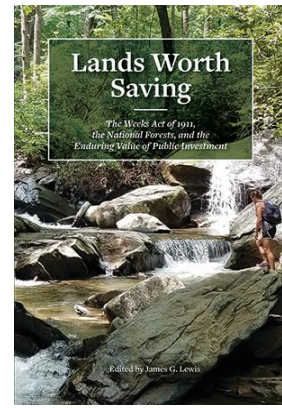
## Collection of Industry Forester Jack Gnann Now Available



*John W. "Jack" Gnann with a Union Bag and Paper Company truck, in February 1954.*

In December 2018, FHS received the papers of John W. "Jack" Gnann, who worked for the Union Bag and

**NEW!**



**New from FHS!**

[\*Lands Worth Saving: The Weeks Act of 1911, the National Forests, and the Enduring Value of Public Investment\* by James G. Lewis \(ed.\)](#)

Examining what the Weeks Act of 1911 has done for America's forests can help us better understand what's at stake for the nation's public and private forests in the century to come. This collection of essays from historians and conservation practitioners explores the history, legacy, and future of this underappreciated environmental law.



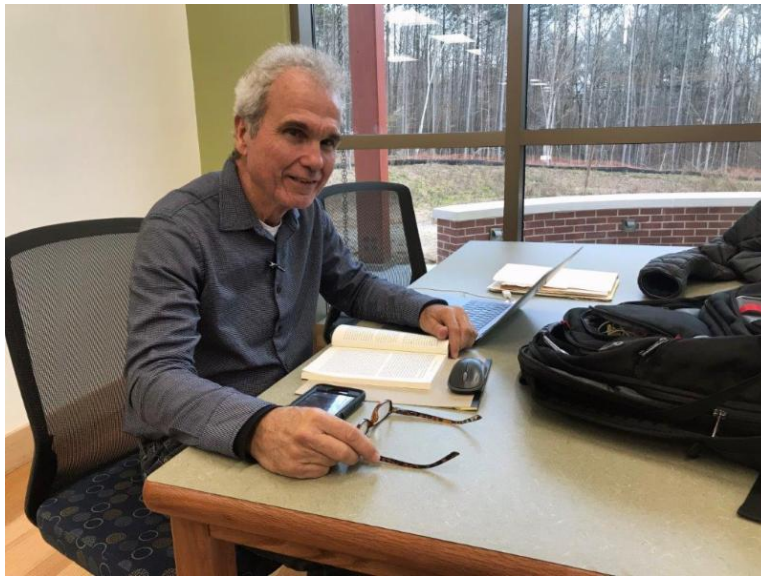
Paper Company for forty years in various positions. His son John Jr. donated the collection, which includes correspondence, article clippings, albums, scrapbooks, photographs, and color slides. Archivist Eben Lehman recently completed processing the collection and has published [the finding aid](#).

After serving in World War II, Jack Gnann attended the University of Georgia and received a degree in forestry in 1948. He was hired that same year by Union as a surveyor, and worked for the company over the four decades. During his career he was active with the Georgia Forestry Commission and chaired the Georgia Tree Farm Committee for several terms.

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### **Researchers Examine Weyerhaeuser, Tropical Foresters Collections**

The Society's library staff has welcomed several researchers from near and far since moving in January.



Historian Juan Giusti of the University of Puerto Rico spent an afternoon doing research on forests in the Caribbean and Puerto Rico while visiting family in the Durham area. He had heard of FHS and wanted to find out firsthand what we had on the region's tropical forests. After looking at portions of the [International Society of Tropical Foresters](#) collection, Juan knew he'd have to come back the next time he was in town.

The [Weyerhaeuser Company archival collection](#) is proving quite popular with researchers. Durham resident Gerald Benson stopped to look at information about the Potlatch Lumber Company and the former company town of Headquarters, Idaho. The Potlatch materials are located within the Weyerhaeuser collection.

Pam Halsan, curator at the Points Northeast Historical Society near Tacoma, Washington, explored company records for materials on the Browns Point lighthouse and lumber history relating to Tacoma.

Michelle Sadlier, an architectural historian from Olympia, Washington, conducted research under the National Historic Preservation Act on Weyerhaeuser's former corporate headquarters in Federal Way.



*Virtually neighbors back in Washington, Michelle Sadlier's and Pam Halsan's visits overlapped.*

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### **Latest Issue of Magazine Includes Special Section on World War I**

The latest issue of [\*Forest History Today\*](#) has been published and mailed out. Due to delays caused by the move to the new building, this is the Spring-Fall 2018 issue. FHT editor Jamie Lewis would like to thank all of the authors and FHS staff members for their many contributions to the issue.

Articles include a discussion of the use of herbicides by the U.S. Forest Service, a brief history of the practice of forest bathing, and reflections on the Association of Consulting Foresters and of Smokey Bear as they hit milestone anniversaries. The biographical portrait is of pioneering archivist-historian Harold Pinkett, and there is a piece about the new Forest History Society building. The special section on World War I contains four articles that look at different aspects of forest history and the war.



If you want to read the entire issue online or download it in PDF format, please follow [this link](#). The complete issue won't be available for download on the website until September. As the saying goes, membership has its privileges.

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### **FHS at ASEH Conference**

In addition to exhibiting at the recent American Society of Environmental History (ASEH) conference in Columbus, Ohio, FHS also hosted a breakfast meeting for FHS members and others interested in forest history. FHS president Steve Anderson took the opportunity to share the latest news about the organization with attendees, including updates on the new building.

Steve met with David Spatz, ASEH's new executive director, to discuss ways the two organizations can continue collaborating and working towards mutual goals. David succeeded Lisa Mighetto in 2018.

Librarian Jason Howard and historian Jamie Lewis attended ASEH as well. Jason, a member of ASEH's Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity, staffed the FHS exhibit booth along with Jamie, who chaired a panel on Native Americans and forests. Jamie also served on the 2019 conference program committee, along with FHS-ASEH joint members Marcus Hall, Sam White, and committee chair Melissa Wiedenfeld.



*Jamie (first row, far right) hosted the tenth annual Hal Rothman Fun(d) Run, which benefits ASEH's [Hal Rothman Dissertation Fellowship](#).*

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### **What's New on Our Blog**

In his guest post "[Dark Days, Then and Now](#)," renowned fire historian [Stephen Pyne](#) reviews the history of wildland fires in the United States and the policies and strategies various agencies continue operating under before offering recommendations for dealing with the complex issue.

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Friends and colleagues [offered their recollections](#) of Jerry Williams, former national historian for the U.S. Forest Service, who passed away earlier this year. An article by Jerry on the Spruce Production Division is reprinted in the most recent issue of [Forest History Today](#) in a special section commemorating the centennial of the end of World War I.

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In 1954, the U.S. Forest Service chief asked John S. Holmes to share recollections from when Holmes briefly worked for the agency a half-century before. During his service with the Forest Service from 1902 to 1908, Holmes studied or surveyed diverse forest types across the Southeast and Southwest, and also regularly attended Society of American Foresters meetings at Gifford Pinchot's home in Washington, DC. Holmes's handwritten response can be read in its entirety [on the blog](#). He returned to his native North Carolina in 1909 to survey the state's forests and then was appointed its first state forester in 1915, a position he held for thirty years.



*Holmes standing at the boundary line between Moore and Lee Counties in North Carolina, 1929.*

