

The turning of logs on the Carriage was normally done by manual labor, several workmen with cant hooks or peavies being required to turn a log for sawing. To increase the daily capacity of Sawmills, the hand operation was discontinued and replaced by a powered device.

D Log Turner

This is an auxiliary piece of equipment used to turn exceptionally large diameter log or a log whose form does not allow it to roll down the Log Deck on its own, and also when needed to load the Carriage.

A hook and chain are lowered to the Log Deck when the Head Sawyer throws the Log Turner into gear. The chain and hook are than wrapped around a log, the hook driven into it, and the chain wound up on the drum, causing the log to rotate. The direction of rotation is controlled by the direction in which the chain is wrapped around the log.

