



Typical Workers found in a Sawing 2nd Floor Plan of a Sawmill with Two (2) Single-Cutting Band Head Saws of the VCLCo era.

Vilas County Lumber Co. 2nd Floor Workers

Item	Worker Title	Job Description of the VCLCo Sawmill era workers who actually did the sawing.
1	Deckman	He kept the flow of logs available for sawing and controlled the Jack Ladder and the Log Kicker. He generally scaled all logs entering the Sawmill. He kept records of the various sizes on a tally sheet or a chalk board.
2	Cant-hook Man	Was employed when logs could not be rolled and/or moved automatically.
3	Head Sawyer	Directs how the logs are to be sawed and the speed of the Head Carriage. The most important man in the Sawmill.
4	Setter	Rides Log Carriage frame seated, "setting" the position of the Head Block on the carriage so logs are sawed into the thickness hand signaled by the Head Sawyer, there being too much noise to talk.
5	Dogger	Two (2) Doggers – rode each log carriage frame to adjust mechanism (dogs) that firmly hold logs for Band Mill sawing.
6	Sawyer	Operates Band Mill Saw, Log Loader, Log Turner, and Carriage Feed.
7	Tail Sawyer	He operates the Skid Transfer from the Band Mill.
8	Swamper	He sorts and guides cants emerging from Band Mill Saw onto Live Roll tables for rough sawing (trimming) cants to width.
9	Edger Man	They are very important Sawmill workers because their judgment of selectively determining quality cuts of cants at the expense of quantity, the mills profits could be greatly increased.
10	Trimmer Man	
11	Tail Edger	Or sometimes called Strip-Catcher, who picked up and discards edgings.
12	Slasher Man	Reduced length of waste to be made into Lath.
13	Hog Feeders	He operates the Hog.
14	Log Monkeys	Ordinary laborers (sometimes called Rosin-bellies) in a Sawmill.
--	Clean-up Men	The best fire protection was to keep the mill clean of combustibles.
15	Cut-off Saw Man	Operates Overhead Swing Cut-off Saw.
--	Saw Filer - Band Saw)	Next to the Head Sawyer, the Band Saw Filer was the most important man working in the Sawmill.
--	Saw Filer - circular	Person who had the knowledge for setting hook, pitch, and shape of saw-teeth.
--	Filer Helper	Remedial work in the 3 rd floor Filing Room.
--	Lath Mill Foreman	Responsible for the Gang Sawyer, Cant Unloaders, Gang Tailers, and Hog Feeders.
16	Lath Mill Operator	Operates the Lath Mill cutting Lath to ½" x 1½" thickness.
17	Lath Trimmer Man	Trims Lath to 48¾" length and hand ties bundles of 50 pieces of Lath.
--	Oilier	A worker whose main job is to oil Sawmill machinery.
--	Watchman	The most dangerous time for fire was after shutting down for breaks, lunch and the end of the day and having a hot bearing ignite sawdust or wood and no one is on site to find and extinguish a fire.
18	Tallyman	Records the amount and size of lumber entering the Green Chain.
19	Lumber Grader and Assistants	Those responsible for grading the lumber throughout mill operations and his assistants were graders, according to specific company and industry standards.
20	Sorting Men	Removes green lumber from the Green Chain.
--	Lumber Piler	

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