



## Guide to the C.D. Johnson Lumber Company Toledo Mill Collection, 1920-1995

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### Title

C.D. Johnson Lumber Company Toledo Mill Collection (MSS JohnsonMill)

### Dates

1920-1995 (inclusive)

### Creator

### Summary

The C.D. Johnson Lumber Company Toledo Mill Collection consists of photographs, newspaper articles, and other materials pertaining primarily to the mill in Toledo, Oregon. The C.D. Johnson Lumber Company was established in 1922 as a subsidiary of the Pacific Spruce Corporation and was, at one time, the largest spruce mill in the world.

### Quantity

0.05 cubic foot, including 8 photographs (2 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

The C.D. Johnson Lumber Company was established in 1922 as a subsidiary of the Pacific Spruce Corporation. In 1920, the Pacific Spruce Corporation acquired all the holdings of the United States Spruce Production Corporation, which had supplied high quality spruce wood for airplane production during World War I. At one time, the C.D. Johnson Mill was the largest spruce mill in the world. In 1951, after the deaths of several of the company's executives, the mill was acquired by the Georgia-Pacific Corporation.

## Content Description

The C.D. Johnson Lumber Company Toledo Mill Collection consists of photographs, newspaper articles, and other materials pertaining primarily to the mill in Toledo, Oregon. The photographs consist of 8 photographic prints made in the 1920s depicting the interior and exterior of the mill. Several of the photographs were made by Acme Photo of Portland, Oregon. A 1995 supplement to the *Newport News-Times* on the history of the C.D. Johnson Mill is also part of the collection. This supplement includes many historic photographs of the mill operations.

The collection also includes newspaper clippings about the Siletz Tribe; the legend of Jump-Off Joe, a sea stack at Nye Beach, Newport, Oregon; and the Himelwright family and their livestock business. A picture postcard of the Weyerhaeuser Company mill in Springfield, Oregon, is also included.

## Preferred Citation

C.D. Johnson Lumber Company Toledo Mill Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the Archives in 2005 by Johanna DeStefano, whose father worked at the mill. An Oregon native, DeStefano is Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University, where she was a faculty member and administrator in the College of Education until her retirement in 2000.

## Related Material

A 1924 publication about the C.D. Johnson Lumber Company and the Pacific Spruce Corporation is available [online](#). The [Gerald W. Williams Collection](#) includes substantive materials pertaining to spruce logging and lumber production; selected images from the Williams Collection are available online, including an image of the [Toledo mill](#) that became the C.D. Johnson Lumber Company in the 1920s. The Bruce P. Disque Papers at the [University of Oregon](#) and [University of Washington](#) document the United States Army's Spruce Production Division during World War I. The OSU Archives includes many collections documenting the lumber and wood products industry in Oregon. Of note in relation to this collection are the [Harold Frodsham Photographs \(P 271\)](#), which consist of images of lumber mills in Oregon in the early 1920s; the [Edgar P. Hoener Papers](#); and the Crown Zellerbach Corporation Photographic Collection (P 216) documenting the paper mill in Lebanon, Oregon.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

C. D. Johnson Lumber Company.  
Pacific Spruce Corporation.

## Topics

Lumbering--Oregon.  
Siletz Indians.

## Geographical Names

Toledo (Or.)

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Photographic prints.