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This record offers a spacious look at activities related to the
Turners Falls Lumber Company
from its emergent years, to its eventual demise.

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Lumbering on the Connecticut River

At this time there is opposite our "city," a camp of lumbermen, and the fact has led us to make a few inquiries regarding an enterprise which has hithertofore[sic] been deemed but a vagary in the imagination of those who dared to pronounce such an undertaking a failure before it was attempted.

We do not know that the millions or feet or logs which are now flying over the dam of the Turners Falls Company are the first that have been seen to perform that operation, but certainly it is the first well organized venture li the direction or opening up the Connecticut below the Falls to the lumber trade. A few facts in connection with the same may not be uninteresting to our many readers.

Messrs. Hanson & Fisk of Holyoke, after a careful survey or the river, and the judicious calculation or the chances of success, embarked in the enterprise, and about the 20th or April, placed Mr. Joseph Smith of Veasie, Me., to charge or one hundred men, at Connecticut Lake, with orders to proceed at once with the work before them.

Since then, they have done the "river-driving" for somewhere in the vicinity or 80,000,000 feet of logs, traveling a distance or some three hundred miles during the ninety six days they have been at work.

When we consider how many times they have to go back and then forward again, it will be safe to say they have travelled at least one thousand miles during that time, for there is no one day in which they do not traverse the ground at least three times.

Mr. Smith informs as that he expects to deliver the logs to his employers at a cost or from $7 to $8 per 1,000 feet. As they will readily bring $15 before being manufactured in any way, it is safe to say that Messrs. Hanson & Fisk will have no reason to regret their action. The manufactured lumber will bring shoot $80 per 1,000, while the "refuse"' will more than pay the cost of sawing. It has cost them that far about $45,000.

But one casualty has occurred, and that was the death by drowning of James Newingham, on the 15th of June. But little sickness has been known in the camp, and none of a serious nature. About thirty men are in the camp at Riverside and some of our people would find it interesting to pay them a visit, where we assure them, they will meet with a polite and cordial reception, and they will find these men, though rough at the exterior, true at the core, and as fine specimens or the American lumbermen as can be produced.

Since writing the above, we have gleaned a few more facts in regard to the first regular "drive." It was started from the head waters of the Connecticut by Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, for Holmes, Wood & Perry, in the spring of 1868. He succeeded in bringing safely to their mill at Riverside, over 3,000,000 feet of timber and it is of this and succeeding lots from the same source, and by the same enterprising parties that Turners

Falls have been erected. Messrs. Holmes Wood & Perry purchased the first water privilege at the Falls, hence are the oldest firm here. It is now, known as the Turners Falls Lumber Company, with Mr. Wood as President, and Mr. Holmes at Superintendent—a guarantee of its success. —Turners Falls Reporter

Dec. 9 Greenfield MA Gazette 1870-1872 a - 0292.pdf

Riverside

The Turners Falls Lumber Company are going to put in their new wheel immediately. They contemplate raising the mill six feet.

July 21, 1873 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0117.pdf

Turners Falls

The drives of logs belonging to the Turners Falls Lumber Company and the Holyoke Lumber Company began to arrive Sunday, 13th, and the entire lot is now below McIndoe's Falls,[1] but the Holyoke company's drives cannot proceed farther at present for lack of water to carry them over the rapids.

The Turners Falls Lumber Company will saw 6,000,000 feet of lumber the present season.

Sept. 8 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0145.pdf

Turners Falls

The Turners Falls Lumber Company have placed at their mill a powerful Gillespie force pump, two new hydrants and a complete sprinkling apparatus.

June 22, 1874 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0309.pdf

News About Home

The Franklin County Bar is about to lose another of its active members. Austin DeWolf, Esq., who has had eleven years of successful practice here as the law partner of W. T. Davis, Esq., will retire from the active pursuit of the legal profession after the August term of the Superior Court, to accept the Presidency of the new lumber company about to be organized to take the place of the Turners Falls Lumber Company.

Mr. De Wolf's energy, Industry and executive ability well qualify him for the position.

Oct. 19 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0378.pdf

Sheriff's Sale

Franklin, ss September 25, 1874

Taken on executions and will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder, on Tuesday, October 27th at ten o'clock A.M., at the mills occupied by the Turners Falls

[1] Barnet, Vermont.

Lumber Company, as Riverside, so called, in Gill in said county, the following Personal property, to wit: The sawmill building ad all the machinery therein and about said mill, dry house, ice house, buildings and sheds. L.D. Joslyn, Deputy Sheriff.

Oct. 26 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0382.pdf

Turners Falls

The Turners Falls lumber company had a special auction sale of lumber, at Turners Falls, Thursday. Good spruce sold for $9 per thousand, and pine at $18.

October 25, 1875 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0589.pdf

Turners Falls

The Turners Falls Lumber Company are making work for the winter by drawing out and piling np logs to be sawed then.

Dec. 27 Greenfield MA Gazette 1873-1875 - 0627.pdf

Turners Falls Lumber Company has just bought of Henry S. Hilliard, who supplied them, last year, 2,000,000 feet of logs, mostly spruce, to be cut at the head waters of the Connecticut river, nearly up to Connecticut Lake, and brought down next spring.

The price is about $1 a thousand less than the present year's prices, and will be $8.50 or 9 per thousand for logs delivered from Turner's Falls to Holyoke. The company at the latter place and that at Mount Tom will take but few, next spring, though the McIndoe Falls company at that place is Vermont will take a good supply. The lumber dealers are hoping and looking for a good business, next season.

July 24, 1876 Greenfield MA Gazette 1876 - 0120.pdf

Riverside

The Turners Falls Lumber Company at Riverside have started up their mill, and are now cutting about 12,000 feet per day, besides 1000 pieces of lath. They expect soon 2,000,000 feet of logs from the drive that is coming down the river for points below.

October 27, 1879 Greenfield MA Gazette 1879-1881 - 0174.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company have orders far ahead of their capacity, and just refused one of 300,000 feet.

July 12, 1880 Greenfield MA Gazette 1879-1881 - 0328.pdf

Turners Falls—T. M. Stoughton has bought the land known as Field's Point about 120 acres for $6,000, which, with $3,000 received for wood and lumber, last season, makes a round $9,000 for the lot. The land is for the use of the Turners Falls Lumber Company

for the storage of logs. The property will also be convenient to hold when a dam is built at the narrows to make a reservoir for summer use.

February 13, 1882 Greenfield MA Gazette 1882-1884 - 0030.pdf

Mortgagee's Sale

At eleven o'clock in the forenoon. A parcel of land, beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the above described premises, where Nathaniel Holmes resides.

On the easterly side of the road leading to said bridge, and running south by the said road to the land of C. Johnson; thence across said road, S. 88° 45'W, to land of the Turners Falls Company; thence northerly by the land of said Turners Falls Company to a point, N.36° 30 W,40 foot distant from the place of beginning; thence easterly across said road. 40 feet, to the place of beginning. —embracing the locations of the old road and of the now traveled road between the north and south boundaries of this description. Book 273 page 110.

The sale will be in parcels, or entire, as will be most beneficial to the parties in interest, or of such part only as will satisfy the claim secured by the mortgage. The present owners of the equity are Nathaniel Holmes und the Turners Falls Lumber Company, of a parcel. Peleg Adams, Assignee of said Mortgage.

Sept. 25 Greenfield MA Gazette 1882-1884 - 0157.pdf

Franklin County Tax Payers – Gill

Turners Falls Lumber Company $320.00

September 3, 1883 Greenfield MA Gazette 1882-1884 - 0356.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber company a are building a strong platform, ten feet square, for their engine to stand upon while drawing logs from the river.

June 2, 1884 Greenfield MA Gazette 1882-1884 - 0526.pdf

Turners Falls—At the annual meeting of the Turners Falls Lumber Company the following officers were elected: President and treasurer, T. M. Stoughton; clerk, Austin DeWolf; Directors, T. J. Stoughton, H. A. Lamb, T. L. Comstock, Austin DeWolf.

August 3, 1885 Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 0234.pdf

Turners Falls—The new kindling-wood mill recently built at Riverside and in operation but a few weeks, has been closed by attaching creditors and the mill is now in the hands of a keeper. Among the creditors are the Turners Falls lumber company for $1000, Chapman Machine company $600, F. I. Webster $600, and C. F. Roberts & Bro. $300, all of Turners Falls. The concern is owned by Henry Wolf & Co. of New York, who expect to arrange matters so as to be running again in a few days.

April 26, 1886 Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 0542.pdf
Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 0544.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company has secured from abroad a night force of 25 men to run their lumber mill.

Transfers of Real Estate

Timothy M. Stoughton to the Turners Falls Lumber Company, all of Gill; a tract of land situated in G.; $4125.

Timothy M. Stoughton to the Turners Falls Lumber Company; a tract of land in Gill; also, another tract of land in G.; $7463.75.

June 7 Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 0592.pdf

Turners Falls—The newly elected officers of the Turners Falls Lumber Company are as follows: President, T. M. Stoughton; Treasurer, T. M. Stoughton; Clerk, Austin DeWolf; Directors, T. M. Stoughton, H. A. Lamb, Cornelius Comstock, T. L. Comstock, W. O. Comstock, Jr.

July 4, 1887 Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 1060.pdf

Greenfield Items

The Julian Holmes boundary line case against The Turners Falls Lumber Company and Turners Falls Water Power Company was heard before E. E. Lyman, Esq., as auditor last week. Several days were occupied in taking the testimony, and the hearing will be farther continued.

Holmes claims that when the new road was located in 1870 the old road, which he undertaken to show ran near the old building of the Lumber Company, came into his possession, and fourteen old residents of the locality were put upon the stand to show just where the old line was. Then the defendants claim to have found a culvert 80 feet from the corner of the mill which men say was to be old road years ago.

Deeds were examined as far back as 1700, a view has been bad, engineers have brought in plans, and the whole matter has been gone over inch by inch. The end is not yet, and several more days will be used up before it is reached.

S. T. Field and F. O. Fessenden appear for Holmes. D. W. Bond for the Lumber Co. and Austin DeWolf for the Turners Falls Co.

Oct. 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1885-1887 - 1173.pdf

Riverside

The New England Fibre Co. are so well pleased with their experiments in manufacturing chemical wood pulp that they have trebled their capital stock, and begun to increase the site and capacity of their mill so aa to be able to turn out some five tons of the very excellent pulp per day.

Charles R. Stoughton, for many years the successful agent of the Turners Falls Lumber Co., has been appointed manager of the fibre company, ana be will do much to ensure the success of the enterprise.

April 13, 1889 Greenfield MA Gazette 1888-1890 - 0547.pdf

Turners Falls—Edward Hatch, foreman for the Turners Falls Lumber Company, worked last Monday as usual. He was taken violently sick in the night and died at noon, Tuesday. He was well liked by everyone and was a jovial, good fellow.

Dec. 28 Greenfield MA Gazette 1888-1890 - 0863.pdf

The New England Fibre Company have bought from T.M. Stoughton, a couple of acres more land so as to be in position to enlarge their mill sometime. They now own from the road at the suspension bridge to the creek, embracing the whole of Fort Hill, except where Capt. Smith lives: The fibre company is fast passing the experimental stage and can secure a dollar ahead of their investment, even now, with possibilities of greater margins of profit in the near future. —Turners Falls Reporter

January 11, 1890 Greenfield MA Gazette 1888-1890 - 0878.pdf

Mortgages and Assignee's Sale

Monday, the third day of February, A.D. 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m.

On the premises, in Greenfield. Mass. all and singular, the premises described in the following mortgage, viz.:

A mortgage given by said Bickford to The Turners Falls Lumber Company, dated May 23, 1888, and recorded in said records, book 7, page 273.

To all of which mortgages reference is made for a particular description of the premises to be sold. The premises to be sold consist of a large frame wooden building with its attachments, situate on land leased by said Bickford from and of Persis Mitchell, on the west side of School Street, in said Greenfield--for a particular description of the lease reference is made to, the record thereof in the registry of deeds for Franklin County, book 370, page 201—together with all the privileges and rights secured by said lease and subject to all the liabilities and covenants thereof.

The lease is of a lot of land situate on the west side of School street, in said Greenfield, one hundred feet deep by forty-five feet wine, and the lease expires February 20, 1893 and it contains a clause giving the decree the right to purchase the land for $500 during the continuance, of the lease, and also a right for a renewal of the lease for the further term of ten years. The land is situate[sic] next north of land of Edwin A. Stratton and Charles M. Stratton.

The interest of the assignee in mid property will be sold at the same time and place.

Terms of sale cash. Oramel Moore

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Gilbert E. Jones
Edwin J. Jones } Mortgagees
Turners Falls Lumber Company Mortgagee

Chauncey Bryant. Assignee in insolvency of Frank A. Bickford, January 3, 1890.

July 12 Greenfield MA Gazette 1888-1890 - 1093.pdf

Local Mention

The hearing before Ex-Mayor Maynard of Springfield on the question of rental in the case of Holmes vs Turners Falls Lumber Company closed at the Court House, Tuesday, and the assessor will file his report with the Superior Court at its session next week. The crossing argument [*illegible*]. Bond for the Lumber Company and ex-Gov. Robinson for Holmes and were confined to the point of establishing the value to the former of its occupancy of the land which has been declared by the courts to belong to Holmes.

The testimony introduced by the defendant as to this point gave a range of estimates from $40 to $200 annual rental and on the other side from $1000 to $1500, and the case was forcibly argued on the part of each. The decision of the assessor will be final as to the amount of rental, the only opening for appeal being on law points.

No one will be rash enough to say it is the end. The possibilities of the law's delay have been exemplified in its course. Twice tried before a jury and twice carried to the Supreme Court, and heard before auditors and assessors, it has been kept in the courts for seven years and is taken to show what persistent fighting can accomplish against claims which in the light of the several decisions are just and legal.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Gazette 1888-1890 - 1122.pdf

Explosion at Riverside

Two Men Killed and the Fibre Mill Shattered

The blowing out of the end of one of the digesters in the New England Fibre Company's mill, at Riverside, opposite Turners Falls, Friday night, August 1st, killed two operatives and badly damaged the building and machinery.

The digester was one of the three large tanks in which the wood chips are "cooked" by being mixed with chemicals and held in steam at a pressure of about eighty pounds.

It stood in the second story of the main building of the works, an upright tank, twenty feet in height and six feet in diameter, and made of steel, lined with lead, and the flat head or top heavily bolted on. At the time of the accident, it was filled with the spruce chips arid shavings, chemicals, and steam at the ordinary pressure. Without warning, the night force in the factory, consisting of nine men, heard a tremendous crash that seemed to be

tearing the large building to pieces, the foundations were shaken by the shock and the air filled with a shower of timbers, boards, and the contents of the tank.

Only one man was near the digester, Anable Godine, who had charge of the digesters and was at the time in the next room. He was killed by a flying section of earthen pipe. The other workmen ran from the building out into the shower of wood, and Peter Parent was struck down by falling boards and fatally hurt.

The exploding tank stood nearly in the centre[sic] of the second story, and the discharge of its contents tore away about the whole of the narrow third story, sixty-five feet in length and fourteen feet wide, carrying with it the chips stored there. The section of the second story in which it stood was torn open and the machinery twisted out of shape, some of it being entirely ruined.

The explosion is unaccountable, as the digester had been in service but two years, was guaranteed to stand 150 pounds pressure, with a bursting resistance of 500 pounds; was run at only eighty pounds pressure, and, as it was watched by Godine, it could not have had more than that on at the time. It was built by H.S. Russell of Pittsfield, and insured in the American Steam Boiler Company at 100 pounds pressure.

The damage to the mill and machinery is placed at $10,000; the insurance, which covers also loss of life or personal injury, was for $20,000.

The New England Fibre Company has been doing a successful and rapidly growing business. It uses the waste spruce and fir wood from the Turners Falls Lumber Company's yards, which are nearby, and when these are an insufficient supply, works up spruce logs. From these it produces by the chemical process four tons per day of sulphite wood fibre, which is used for the manufacture of news grades of paper. A new digester was soon to be placed in the mill adding a ton per day to the capacity.

The Montague Paper Company is the principal consumer of the mill's product, but a ton a day or more has been shipped to other factories. The buildings of the company have grown till they now comprise a main factory 200x40-feet, three stories high, with ells and boiler house outside.

The factory is run day and night, and fifty hands are employed. Had the explosion taken place in the day time the loss to life must have been much larger, as the night force is smaller than the day.

The capital of the company is largely held in New York and Boston, its chief officers being Cornelius Comstock of New York, president; H. A. Lamb of Boston, treasurer; and Chas. Stoughton, manager, with his office in the factory. Thos. L. and Sam'l. W. Comstock of Greenfield and of the Turners Falls Lumber Company are directors.

The work of repairing the damage to the mill will begin at once, the machinery will be replaced and improved and the company is hopeful of getting in full operation in the

course of a month or two. The regular force of operatives will be employed on the repairs and will not seriously feel the temporary suspension of the factory.

Of the two men killed, Godine, the foreman on the digesters, was about thirty-five years old, with wife and child dependent upon him, and Parent was twenty years old and unmarried.

The only other accident the mill has known occurred last April, when the gas in a gas machine, used for melting lead, was carelessly set fire by an operative, who was killed by the explosion. There is not thought to be anything extra hazardous in the use of the digesters, as they are employed to reduce wood to fibre in numerous factories and accidents are rare.

March 2, 1891 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0143.pdf

Riverside

The kindling wood mill at Riverside, owned by the Turners Falls Lumber Co., caught fire in the drying tower, in which was some seventeen cords of kiln dried kindling wood, last Friday, and in a short time the whole structure was in ashes, together with a donkey-engine house and engine, a short distance away.

The company started their fire pumps at once and had good stream on quickly, but owing to the high wind and the nature of the building, nothing could save the property.

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May 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0144.pdf

Superior Court Record

Wm. W. Ward *vs* New England Fibre Co.— Action of tort for damages for injuries received by the plff. while at work for the deft, at its mill, at Riverside, on Dec. 27, 1889.

The evidence of the plff. tended to show that on the day named the plff. was engaged in setting up some apparatus connected with the machinery on the top of one of the buildings, being some kind of a hopper of galvanized iron: that when be commenced the work the machinery was not running; that relying upon the representations and agreement of the deft that the machinery would not be run, he continued his work, when

suddenly and without warning the machinery was started and bis arm was caught in the gearing and so much injured that it is now practically useless..

The plff. testified and described the manner of receiving his injuries by means of a model used at the trial.

The deft. introduced evidence to show that the machinery and gearing was in operation during all the time the plff. was at work at the mill that it not suddenly started, as claimed by the plff; that the plff. was not in the exercise of due care at the time of the accident. In that he was then inside the hopper at work, doing what might have been safely done outside it, and that it did not agree that the machinery should remain still.

It was not denied that the injuries received were severe, or that if the machinery was running all the time, it was unsafe to be at work where the plff. was at the time of the accident; but it was claimed by the plff. that the deft, negligently started the machinery, when it bad been represented to him that it would remain stopped during the work, all of which was denied by the deft.

The Jury had not reached a verdict at the adjournment of the court last night.

W. G. Bassett for plff.; F. G. Fessenden for deft.

June 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0185.pdf

Turners Falls—The annual meeting of the Turners Falls Lumber Company elected these officers: President, T. M. Stoughton; treasurer, T. L. Comstock; clerk, Samuel Comstock;

Directors, T. M. Stoughton of Gill, C. Comstock and W. O. Comstock of New York, T. M. and Samuel Comstock of Greenfield, H. A. Lamb of Boston.

February 13, 1892 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0497.pdf

Turners Falls—The New England Fibre Co. are contemplating building additions to their mill at Riverside this spring.

April 23 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0578.pdf

Logs in the Connecticut

The immense drive of logs of last year will not be repeated this summer in the Connecticut. Forty million[sic] will be started, and a large proportion of these will be stopped at McIndoe's Falls.

All but 24,000,000 of the remainder will go to the Turners Falls Lumber Company and Mt. Tom. The 3,000,000 will lie stopped at Bellows Falls.

Generally, there are from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 feet when the drive passes Turners Falls, but this year the yards are filled with lumber, and, as there will probably be no unusual call for it before another year, the supply now stored there will not be largely increased.

Later in the season, the Fall Mountain Paper Company[2] will bring in about 10,000,000 feet of their own timber, cut on their own land, some of it along the White River.

Aug. 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0709.pdf

Mrs. Minnie Ogle of Turners Falls, whose husband was killed while in the employ of the New England Fibre Company, and who sued the company for damages, has been paid $1075 by the company, thus settling a long-winded case.

Oct. 8 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0784.pdf

Turners Falls— Arthur Strahan, formerly foreman for the New England Fibre Co., left, Tuesday, for Palmer Falls, N.Y., where he has secured a position as master mechanic of the Hudson River Paper and Pulp Co.

January 21, 1893 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 0917.pdf

Turners Falls—James Lazzot, an employe of the Turners Falls Lumber Company, had his hand so badly injured as to necessitate the amputation of two fingers.

May 27 Greenfield MA Gazette 1891-1893 - 1081.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company expects to start its mill next Monday.

April 20, 1895 Greenfield MA Gazette 1894-1896 - 0574.pdf

Flood of Ninety-Five. It Rivals the Record of Sixty-Nine

Highest Water Ever Recorded at Turners Falls

Note: A truncated article. The lengthy, main text block skirts the subject of the **Turners Falls Lumber Company.** *e.g.*

Up and Down the Valley

Water in the Turners Falls Shops

The Connecticut, as seen across the river, seemed to rise almost to windows on the first story in the Turners Falls factories. It did not quite reach these, but it flooded some of the factory floors, and business was suspended.

There was water a foot deep in the basement of the John Russell Cutlery company's shop, eight inches in trip hammer shop, and four inches in the grinding room. This overflow was caused by a set-back from below the dam. A 600-foot boom belonging to the Turners Falls Lumber Company went out and lodged against piers of Montague City bridge. A large force of men was employed watching the encroachments or the water, and in some of the mills these were the only people at work.

[2] Bellows Falls, Vermont.

June 12, 1897 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0222.pdf

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Riotous Logs in the Connecticut

But the storm, not being confined to this county, as one might have supposed from the apparent concentration of the downpour, swelled all the tributaries to the Connecticut and made that powerful old river a strip of excitement extending through its valley.

This was owing to the fact the annual drive of about 60,000,000 logs was on its' way southward, and that early Thursday morning the boom at Bellows Falls broke, letting down 40,000,000 feet of logs.

Then shortly after day-break, the boom at Turners Falls gave way letting out 1,000,000 feet which had already reached there for sortment[sic] and affording open passage for those escaped from above. This caused great excitement among the lumber men all along the river, who feared that the logs would all go to the Sound.

Strenuous efforts at the Mt. Tom and Holyoke booms stayed the mad and powerful rush until yesterday morning, when the Holyoke boom, last hope, gave way. The loss has been great, though it has not as yet been estimated by the various losers. The Turners Falls lumber company are heavy losers. The drive is always held at "the Falls" for sortment, and the company are sizable owners in the drive. The great bulk of the drive having passed, the exchange system which is usual in case some logs escape their owners, cannot be worked. The Montague mill shut down on account of the high, rolly water.

May 7, 1898 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0688.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company's petition for a right to maintain its boom in the Connecticut has been admitted and the bill will have a hearing, next Wednesday.

May 14 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0698.pdf

Public Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

State House, Boston, May 12,1898.

The Committee on Harbors and Public Lands will give a hearing to parties interested in petition of Thomas L. Comstock and others, of the Turners Falls Lumber Company for legislation authorizing said company to build and maintain a boom across the Connecticut river, at room No. 426, State House, on Tuesday, May 17th, at 10.30 o'clock a.m. Wm. H. Hodgkins, Chairman. Leonard W. Ross, Clerk of the Committee.

July 9 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0783.pdf

Booms in the Connecticut Having Nothing to do With Politics

The State Harbor and Land commissioners came here Thursday evening and yesterday morning went over to Turners Falls to give a hearing on the petition of the Turners Falls lumber company for the right to maintain a boom in the Connecticut river. The hearing was given at the Farren House.

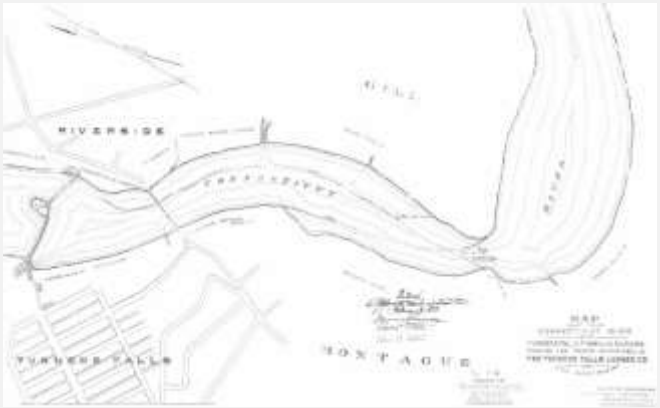
T. M. Stoughton, president, and Thomas L. Comstock, treasurer, appeared for the company and stated the necessity of such a structure to the lumbering business on the Connecticut. There also appeared in favor of the petition, C. W. Hazelton of the Turners Falls Company, Treasurer W. P. Dustin of. the cutlery company, F. I. Webster, R. L. Atherton, chairman of the Montague board of selectmen, Henry Barton of Gill, and others. The only opposition was from the Goddard heirs and this was only to the extent that they wanted to be properly paid for the use of their land on a rocky point of which the boom is hung. Plans drawn by Clapp & Abercrombie showed the situation.

It was suggested that the use of the Goddard property could be avoided by hanging the boom from piers and the land of the Turners Falls company above the Goddard estate.

The board will consider giving an alternative right to maintain the line from the Goddard point or the Turners Falls company's land. The consent of the owner is necessary and there has been some trouble in coming to terms between the lumber company and the owners of the Goddard property.

The commissioners later viewed the premises, went over to T. M. Stoughton's to look at the fossil tracks and drove back to Greenfield. They returned to Boston by the way of Mt. Tom and Springfield. The members were Clinton White of Melrose and Capt. C. C. Doten of Plymouth, with the clerk of the board Mr. Wales.

Under this new law the board can license the maintenance of booms in the Connecticut for a period of five years, sch grants have hitherto been made only, by special acts of the Legislature.



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Sept. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0882.pdf

Turners Falls—Henry Tyler, a resident of Factory Village and employed by the Turners Falls Lumber company, had three fingers cut off his left hand by a saw while at work last Thursday morning.

Dec. 31 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1030.pdf

Want Ad.

> **Wanted**—10 to 25 tons No. 1 horse hay, delivered at our barn in Riverside.
> NEW ENGLAND FIBRE CO.

January 28, 1899 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1074.pdf

The Turners Falls Reporter has this to say about the sulphur cure for grip advocated by Editor Angell of "Our Dumb Animals," which we mentioned in an item recently: —

Mr. Angell's great sulphur cure for malaria, grip, etc., is one of the many things in this world that are 'important if true.

A brief conversation with. Superintendent Charles R. Stoughton of the New England Fibre Company, brings the information that his employees suffer greatly from both grip and malaria, and those who fairly live in an atmosphere of sulphur are perhaps more affected than the others.

This mill uses more sulphur than a dozen match factories, and according to the sulphur cure theory would be an ideal spot to test the efficiency of the yellow mineral. But hobbles must have their run, and if it isn't blue grass, it is sulphur, and if not sulphur it is walking barefooted m the grass, or going without headgear out of doors.

March 29 Turners Falls Reporter

—The New England Fibre Company will shut down about the first of April or about the time the lumber company, which furnishes them fuel, runs out of logs. They will not start up until the river is open and the rolly water season is past. In the meantime, the usual general overhauling of machinery will take place.

—The Turners Falls Lumber Company have cut up nearly all their pile of logs and will have to shut down Saturday night to wait for the cove where more are stored, to thaw out. The Fibre mill depends on the sawmill for waste for stock and fuel and will have to shut down too.

June 14 Turners Falls Reporter

Superintendent Charles R. Stoughton of the New England Fibre Company is having his mill thoroughly repaired and put in first-class order while they are shut down waiting for the log drive to bring them fuel and raw material. So long as the mill was running it was impossible to make the thorough repairs desired.

July 19 Turners Falls Reporter

The New England Fibre mill, which has been shut down for several weeks, will very soon start again. The mill uses the waste from the Turners Falls Lumber Company's mill, which has been waiting long for logs. In the meantime, the fibre mill has been put in thorough repair.

July 29 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1339.pdf

The New England Fibre Company started its mill last Tuesday morning, after a shutdown of about four months.

Aug. 5 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1349.pdf

Turners Falls—H. Brunnell who has been employed as agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York has severed his connection with them and accepted his old position with the New England Fiber Co. at Riverside.

June 2, 1900 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0219.pdf

The Turners Falls Lumber company shipped two cars of lumber to Bay Point, N. Y., for William Rockefeller of the Standard Oil Company, last Tuesday.

June 30 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0265.pdf

The repairs in the Turners Falls lumber company's mill have been completed and the mill starts up as soon as the supply of logs arrives.

July 21 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0299.pdf

Turners Falls— Ralph F. Stoughton is working for the Turners Falls Lumber Company while Mr. Comstock is in Europe.

Sept. 8, Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0379.pdf
Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0377.pdf

–Turners Falls— The Turners Falls Lumber company will shut down, Tuesday afternoon, on account of low water.

—The village of Tamers Falls has been in darkness the past two or three nights. The water has been so low in the river that the electric light company could not run its wheel so there has been no street lights and the stores have had to make other arrangements.

The International Paper Company had to shut down part of its plants and the Turners Falls Lumber Company is unable to run at all as the water is below its gate.

If the dry spell continues more of the mills will have to seat down, as several feet of the dam is out of water and part of the old coffer dam is above water.

Sept. 29, Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0411.pdf

Turners Falls—

—The New England Fibre Mill has been shut down the past two weeks, owing to the low water: The mill uses the waste wood from the Turners Falls lumber mill, but this company has not been able to run very much as the water has been below the gate most of the time for the past two weeks.

—The Turners Falls Lumber company's mill started up last Sunday night, taking advantage of the supply of water.

Oct. 3 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0327.pdf

The Turners Falls Lumber company's mill and the fibre mill at Riverside are in operation again after a shut-down of several weeks on account of low water.

Oct. 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0423.pdf

The mills of the town, International Paper Mills, Clark Machine Works, Turners Falls Lumber Company, and New England Fibre Mill are again running on full time. The water is now running over the dam.

Oct. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0459.pdf

Charles Stoughton superintendent of the New England Fibre Mill, is spending a few days in Boston

Nov. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0497.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber company has a large order for lumber for the car barns which the Orange & Erving Street Railway company is to build at Stoneville, near Erving.

Nov. 24 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0507.pdf

The Turners Falls Lumber company is rushed with orders and is getting a good price for spruce lumber, the highest it has been for several years.

February 9, 1901 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0632.pdf

Probate Court

The will and codicil of Mary A. Crocker of Montague has been filed at the Probate office. The legacies of the will are as follows:

To Ella A. Crocker, granddaughter, is given 40 shares capital stock in the Turners Falls Company, piano, oil painting, etc.

To Gertrude J. Crocker, granddaughter, furniture, bedding, pictures, etc.;

To Minerva Crocker, granddaughter, furniture, pictures, etc.;

To Gertrude J. and Minerva Crocker, granddaughters, house, and lot on Central St., Turners Falls, in equal shares and 15 shares each 01 New England Fibre Company stock;

To granddaughters Millicent Crocker and Mary Holman Crocker, $500 each;

To Charlotte Holman Danforth and Ira Holman of Leominster, five shares each of New England Fibre Company stock:

All table linen, silverware, wearing apparel, etc., is given to Ella A., Gertrude J. and Minerva Crocker in equal shares, and Alice B. Farwell and Annie P. Marshall are named to make the division.

The residue of both real estate and personal property is given to William O. Crocker, son of the deceased, who is named as executor of the will. The estate is valued at about $25,000.

Che codicil revokes the gift of furniture, etc., to Gertrude J. Crocker and on account of her death the lot and house on Central St., Turners Falls, and 80 shares of stock of New England Fibre Company are given to Minerva Crocker, instead of being equally divided between Gertrude J. and Minerva Crocker, and the table linen, silverware, etc., is to be divided between Minerva Crocker and Ella Croaker by the parties named in the will.

May 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0811.pdf

Probate Court

Turners Falls Will Case. Contest Over Disposition of Property of Mrs. Mary A. H. Crocker.

A hearing was held in the Probate Court yesterday on the allowance of the will and codicil of Mary A. H. Crocker, late of Turners Falls.

Dana Malone appeared for Mrs. Ella A. Abercrombie, wife of D. P. Abercrombie, Jr., who la one of the principal legatees, and who lived with Mrs. Crocker many, years. M. E. Couch of North Adams appears for W. O. Crocker of Turners Falls, who is named as the executor, but who contests the will.

The witnesses for the will and codicil were examined and cross questioned by the contestants. They testified to the proper execution of the will and codicil, which was drawn by W. S. Dana. The cross questioning by the contestants appeared to be along the line of an attempt to show undue influence and want of proper execution, and that Mrs. Crocker was not of a sound mind.

The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry, and W. S. Dana. They had known Mrs. Crocker 26 years or more, and considered her to be of sound and disposing mind, able to make a will.

The contestants put in no testimony, except that they called as witness Mrs. Abercrombie, and questioned her as to her relations with her grandmother. She had known nothing about the execution of the will when it was made, but did know about the execution of the codicil.

She did not know the contents of the will, except that she had always been told the codicil gives Mrs. Abercrombie 40 shares of stock in the Turners Falls Company, five shares of stock in the Rollstone National Bank,[3] 15 shares of the capital stock of the New England Fibre Company.

Millicent Crocker and Mary Holman Crocker were given $500 each, Charlotte Holmon Danforth, and Ira Holman of Leominster, five shares each of the New England Fibre Company. Her granddaughter, Minerva Crocker, is given the house and lot on Central street, Turners Falls, and 30 shares of the stock of the New England Fibre Company. The residue goes to her son, W. O. Crocker.

[3] Alvah Crocker's bank in Fitchburg, Ma.

Feb. 13 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0482.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber company was obliged to suspend operations at its mill last week because so many of the help were ill.

Feb. 16 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0647.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company's mill had to shut down; they were short of help.

March 6 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0507.pdf

The mill of the Turners Falls Lumber company Has been shut down for the past ten days. Necessary repairs have been made during this time.

March 9 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0678.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company's mill has been shut down for repairs the past week.

March 16 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0691.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company mill which has been shut down for repairs and low water has started up.

April 20 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0752.pdf

Turners Falls—The New England Fiber mill is rushed with orders now and is selling all the pulp it can make.

Aug. 3 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0922.pdf

The Turners Falls Lumber Company will soon begin to saw some of the waste wood into laths. The New England Fibre mill has been using the waste wood but has at present about nine months' supply on hand, so the lumber company will work the waste np into laths, which are in good demand at present.

Sept. 18 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0765.pdf

D. A. Bascom of Riverside, who has for 14 years been a faithful employee of the Turners Falls Lumber company, severed his connection with 'that company Saturday to take the position as rural delivery man for the Gill route in place of Frank Foster, Jr., who has resigned to take a position with W. G. Johnston at Riverside, Mr. Bascom made his first trip as carrier Monday morning.

Nov. 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 1060.pdf

Corporate Returns

New England Fibre Co., Gill; H. A. Lamb, treasurer. Real estate and buildings, 126,250; cash and debts receivable, $192; manufactures and merchandise, $2,703; patent rights, $13,340; profit and loss, $47,390; total, $189,875. Capital stock, $119,400; debts, $70,475; total, $189,875.

Nov. 27 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0916.pdf

Township Sold at Profit

The Turners Falls Lumber company has just sold a township in northern New Hampshire, six miles square, for about $110,000 to the Berlin Mills company. It was purchased some seven years ago for $12,000.

January 4, 1902 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0006.pdf

Fiber Mills Shut Down.

The shutting down of the old New England fiber mill in. Riverside has thrown quite a few men out of employment the past few months. The mill has been leased by the Turners Falls Lumber Company who has been operating it up to a few months ago. The shut down is quite a blow to Riverside and it is hoped the mill will soon start up again.

Jan. 18 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0026.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber company's mill has shut down for repairs.

Jan. 25 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0040.pdf

Turners Falls— John McNeil, who has been lead burner for the New England Fiber Co. for the past few years, has moved to Providence, R. I., the mill shutting down with little prospect of starting up at the present time.

March 8 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0100.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Company has about used up its supply of logs which was stored near the mill. There is another small supply in Barton's pond.[4]

March 22 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0120.pdf

Turners Falls—The Turners Falls Lumber Mill has been shut down the past week on account of the high water.

May 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0190.pdf

The Turners Falls Lumber Company has used up its supply of logs. S. W. Batson, traveling auditor for the International Paper Co. of New York, left last Wednesday for Saratoga, N. Y.

June 21 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0247.pdf

Lumber Business at Turners Falls

There are 42,000,000 feet of logs in the drive this year, the rivermen having been rushing them along fast the past few days, and now it looks as If they would pass here in about 10 days.

It is rumored that the Turners Falls Lumber Company has not bought its supply for this year, and if they do not cut off the rear here will not have any logs for the year. The

[4] Barton Cove.

company has been trying to dispose of its mill[5] for some time, and it was supposed to have been sold, but the deal has not been completed op to the present.

June 28 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0257.pdf

Will Shut Down for Summer

The Turners Falls Lumber Company is to shut down for the summer. They have not been able to make a satisfactory deal for logs in the drive which has just passed, and have let it go down the river. There big jam of logs below the White bridge.

January 24, 1903 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0577.pdf

Turners Falls—There is some talk of the Turners Falls Lumber company buying a supply of logs and starting up the mill again next summer.

July 25 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0844.pdf

Riverside Mill to Open Again

Turners Falls Lumber Company Builds a Boom to Catch Logs Will be Running Next Week.

It is announced that the Turners Falls Lumber company at Riverside, whose plant has been idle the past 15 months, is to be started some time[sic] next week with the usual number of men. The VanDyke[6] interests, which control most of the lumber business of the Connecticut valley, is understood to have taken control of the mill.

A boom to catch the logs is now in progress of construction across the river. The resumption of business is good news to Turners Falls, and especially Riverside. The Comstock brothers are to have charge of the mill.

The Connecticut Valley Lumber company will send down enough logs to keep the plant running the season through, not less than 3,000,000 feet. The capacity of the mill is from 20,000 to 80,000 feet a day. There has been much speculation and conjecture about the future of the business since the log-drive was allowed to go by in the spring of 1902 without leaving logs for the mill to work on that season.

January 2, 1904 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0001.pdf

Bones From Ruins Submitted to Medical Examiner

Dr. Twitchell Says It May Have Been from Body of Hamilton the Turners Falls Lumber Company Fire, and Disappearance of Night Watchman.

The burning of the Turners Fall Lumber company's mill at Riverside has been the unfortunate event of the week at Turners Falls, and the disappearance of the night watchman George W. Hamilton, adds the element of tragedy.

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[5] The prospect of selling the mill. Keep this in mind when reading the Jan. 2, 1904 article.

[6] To learn more about George VanDyke; please visit the Montague Historical Society website and world-class database. George Van Dyke. Connecticut River Lumber King (montaguearchive.org)

Turners Falls has been full of speculation for the past two days as to what has become of Mr. Hamilton. A piece of bone was found in the ruins of the mill yesterday, and submitted to the medical examiner. Dr. George P. Twitchell of Greenfield.

Dr. Twitchell made a thorough examination of this piece of bone yesterday, was unable to arrive at any definite conclusions. He says it may be the sacrum, or large piece of bone at the base of a man's spine, although it is rather large for that bone in a man of his size.

The bone was found near the wheel pit and nearby was a lantern, and shovel. It seems unlikely that the bone of any animal would be found there. The medical examiner can of course advance no theory but it is possible that Mr. Hamilton had an attack of apoplexy or other fatal disorder and died on the spot. Further search is to be made for the body and for anything bearing upon this tragedy.

The fact that Hamilton was known to have about $80 in cash on his person has started a great deal of speculation. There is something mysterious about his failure to make his rounds in the proper manner the preceding evening, as indicated by the card in the electric watchman's clock.

This showed that Mr. Hamilton went around as usual at 7 o'clock, and then there is no record upon the card until about 2 o'clock, when there were some unintelligible marks upon the card. Whether these were made by some one who tampered with the wires or were caused by broken connections could hardly be told. The river below the falls has been searched because of the possibility that Hamilton had been carried down the sluice-way. The possibility that he was caught in the machinery, which had been running during the evening, also that he had a shock, is suggested. The unusual features of the case start speculation as whether Hamilton could have been knocked down and robbed for the money he had on his person.

Turners Falls people are greatly interested in the question whether the mill will be rebuilt or not. The mill is the property of the Turners Falls Lumber Company, and was operated by the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company. No statement can be made as to the plans for the future. Some have the impression that the Connecticut Valley Company will move on a portable mill to saw up logs on hand, and then will do no further business there. This would be a severe blow to Turners Falls.

T.F. Lumber Co. Ruins. Courtesy Gill Hist. Commission

The fire broke out Thursday morning at about 3.30 a.m., and completely destroyed the buildings and contents. It destroyed also the lumber near it and on the platform, which contained many thousand feet of finished lumber ready for shipment.

As there was no available water to check the progress of the flames it burnt rapidly. Aid was sent from the Falls, and the firemen did all they could to save the surrounding buildings. The heat was so intense that for over 100 feet or more the fire was unapproachable. No one seems able to tell the cause of the fire. A hot box might possibly have ignited the dry sawdust or refuse, and started the fire, Mr. Hamilton, perishing in the flames, so the cause may never be known.

The loss to the mill is about $20,000, insured for about $12,000. The lumber owned by the Connecticut Valley Company may have been worth $1000. It is covered by insurance.

George W. Hamilton, the missing watchman, was about 60, and was entirely trustworthy. He had been watchman for several years. He was a soldier of the Civil War, a member of Co. A, 58th Mass. Inf.

During his residence at Riverside, he had won the esteem of all who knew him. He had a wife, but no children.

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Turners Falls Lumber Company's Mill at Riverside Wiped Out by Fire.

The most disastrous fire in this vicinity for years occurred at Riverside last Thursday morning, Dec. 30, when the mill of the Turners Falls Lumber Company was burned to the ground in an incredibly short time. George W. Hamilton, the night watchman at the mill, is missing, and his disappearance adds the element of tragedy to the event.

The fire was discovered shortly after three o'clock in the morning by Mrs. Strahan, who was watching in a sick room and she immediately gave the alarm. Several other people made the discovery that the mill was on fire at about the same time.

By half past three the mill was one mass of flames. Turners Falls Fire Department was summoned and responded but could do little to stay the progress of the flames. The conflagration as seen from Turners Falls presented a magnificent and never to be forgotten spectacle.

The fire was so hot that it was unapproachable for over 100 feet and nothing but great vigilance prevented nearby buildings from catching fire.

The ice on the river for a considerable space around the mill was melted. The fire rendered the night as light as day. Had the wind been blowing as it had early in the evening a number of other buildings would undoubtedly have been destroyed.

The loss is about $20,000 partly covered by insurance. Sixty thousand feet of finished lumber were also destroyed. The water wheels are uninjured and the flume is not damaged to any extent.

George W. Hamilton, the missing watchman, was about 60 years old. He had been watchman for several years and was an entirely trustworthy man of exemplary character, greatly liked and respected by everybody. He was veteran of the Civil War. He had $80 on his person when he went to work Wednesday night, and this fact has given rise to all sorts of rumors of foul play, some of the wildest character. The most reasonable supposition is that Mr. Hamilton was seized with a fit or a fatal seizure, as he had a weak heart, and died, leaving the mill running. In time a box became hot, took fire and the mill was burned in that way.

Several Riverside people upon retiring Wednesday night noticed that the mill was fully lit up and heard the rumble of machinery, but strangely enough gave the matter no further thought.

It was part of the duty of Mr. Hamilton to clean the mill each night, for which the machinery was started. At 7 o'clock in the evening he made his rounds, as indicated by the card in the electric watchman's clock, and that is the last that is positively known of him. At 3.10 in the morning timbers of the mill fell, breaking the wires used for registering from various parts of the mill, as the dial of the clock shows.

In search of the body of Mr. Hamilton in the ruins Thursday, a bone was found near the saw-dust carrier, which is supposed to be a part of his body, a lantern and shovel were found nearby. As there is a pool of water underneath the place that has come in from the gates, further search could not be made at that point.

Medical Examiner Twitchell of Greenfield was called to Riverside, but could not say that what was shown up was a part of a human body. Search has been directed toward finding the revolver carried by Mr. Hamilton, but without success.

The scene of the fire has been visited by hundreds of people and new theories are put forward every day. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Hamilton in her affliction.

Nobody is yet prepared to say whether the mill will be rebuilt or not.

The night watchman, George W. Hamilton of Riverside, who lost his life at the saw mill on the night of the fire, Dec. 30, was a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted in the 58th Mass. Volunteer Infantry for three years. He was 62 years and ten months old. He leaves a wife but no children, and four brothers and three sisters survive him. He was a man respected by all and will be missed by old and young in the village. His remains were found Friday before last and laid away and funeral services were held at his late home at Riverside.

May 16, 1908 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4235.pdf

A Gill Nonagenarian

Leading Factor in Gill Business Life for Many Years

Our series of sketches of the lives of the nonagenarians of the county is continued this week with the story of the life of T. M. Stoughton of Gill.

Timothy M. Stoughton of Gill was born in Gill Sept. 16, 1817, the son of Timothy and Eunice Stoughton. Mr. Stoughton was born and has always lived on the farm where he now resides.

He was married Sept. 28, 1839, to Miss Mariah C. Richardson of Brattleboro, Vt. Nine children were born to them. Mr. Stoughton has been twice married, his last wife being Miss Eliza Spaulding, who died several years ago. There was one son by this last marriage. Since the death of the last wife his home has been in charge of a daughter. Miss Lucy Stoughton.

Mr. Stoughton is one of the largest farmers in town and keeps from 20 to 30 cows- and has a milk route in Turners Falls. He was selectman and assessor for several years. He also represented the town in the Legislature in 1860.

He had much to do in procuring the charter for the upper suspension bridge at Turners Falls, and also the building up of Riverside village. He at one time owned nearly all of the land on which the Village of Riverside now stands.

His mental faculties are good and he keeps well posted on the current events of the day. He is president of the Turners Falls Lumber company, also the New England Fiber Company and the Riverside Water Company. In politics he is a Republican.

June 9, 1909 Turners Falls Reporter

It is stated that the log drive of the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company this year will be much smaller than had been anticipated. The company will not send drives down after this year, but will build a saw, pulp, and sulphite mill near the source of supply. A million dollar plant is talked of.

February 6, 1950 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 0468.pdf

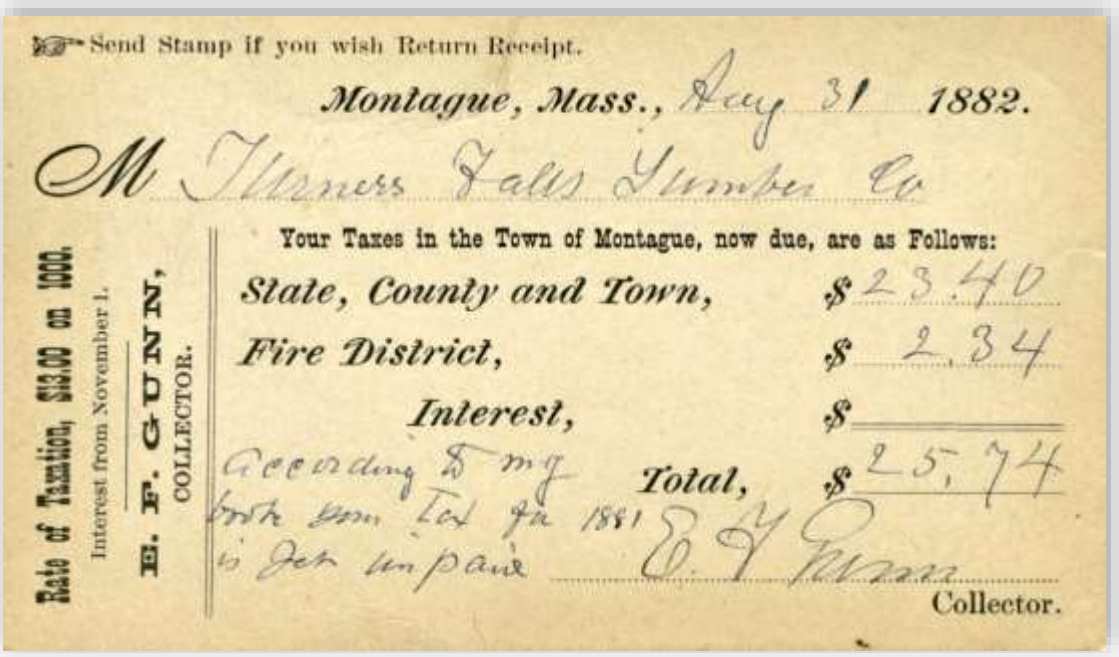
"Filler" article

The most important manufacturing interest in Gill at one time was the Turners Falls Lumber company which began operations at Riverside to 1868. The mill employed 40 men and produced from 30,000 to 40,000 feet of lumber daily.

Feb. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 0664.pdf

"Filler" article

The village of Turners Falls was not founded until 1868. In that year the Turners Falls Lumber company is located on the Gill side of the river. It is the first company to indenture under the Turners Falls Company sale of water power and land.



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Montague, Mass., Aug 31 1882.

M Turners Falls Lumber Co

Your Taxes in the Town of Montague, now due, are as Follows:

State, County and Town,	$ 23.40
Fire District,	$ 2.34
Interest,	$
Total,	$ 25.74

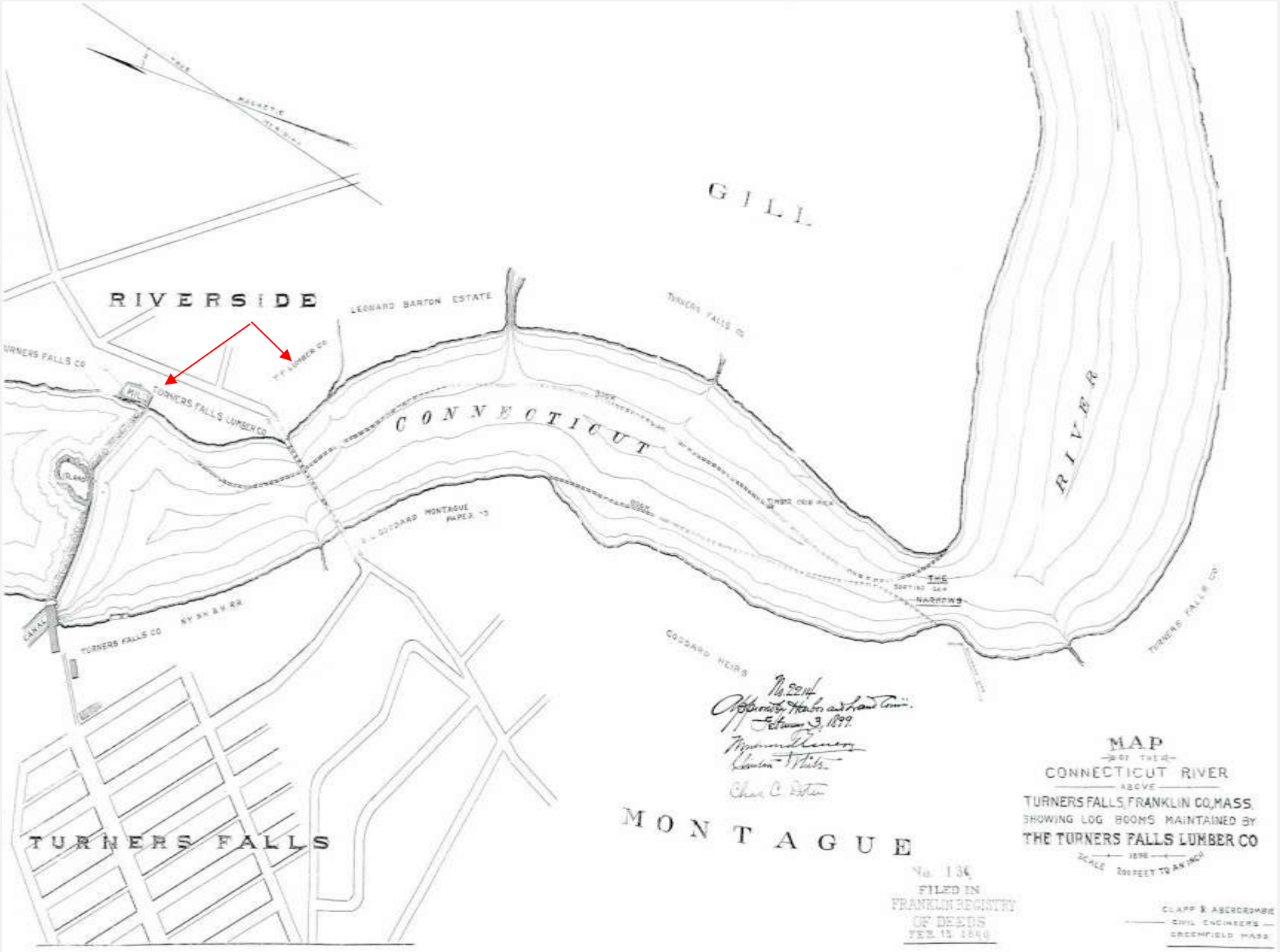
According to my book from Tax for 1881 is yet unpaid E. F. Gunn Collector.

Rate of Taxation, $13.00 on 1000.

Interest from November 1.

E. F. GUNN, COLLECTOR.

Turners Falls Lumber Company tax assessment for 1882. Montague Historical Society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