

John Messier – Skidding Logs

So then when it came winter, my dad didn't have anything and we needed to go to the woods to get a little money to survive that winter. So we started cutting logs with the pulp saws and one man saws. And we used to drive the team into the woods and, then when we'd get up there, we'd unhook one horse. We'd use one horse to skid the logs to the side of the road, where we could roll them on the sled. And when we got a bobsled load, which would be anywhere from 300 to 500 ft, depending on bare ground or snow. And, then we'd head down the mountain with a bobsled load of logs standing on top of them, driving the horses. And so it was, it was a great experience that my kids will never know.