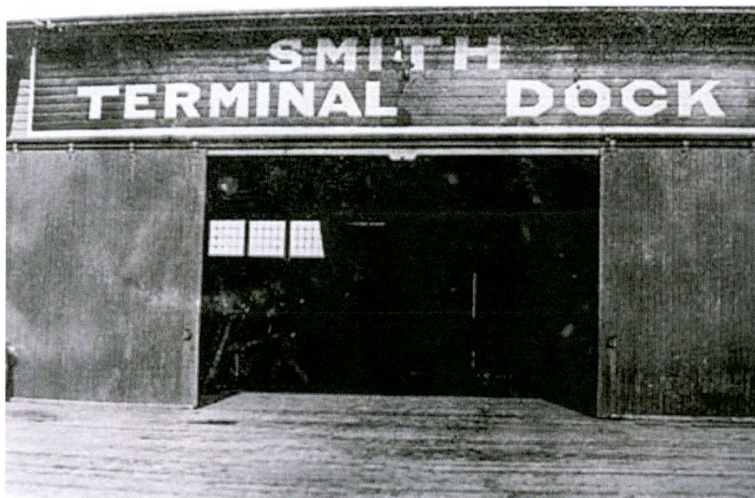


Smith Terminal Dock, Inc.

The Smith Terminal was located at the foot of Anderson Avenue in Marshfield. Victor West noted, in his unpublished write-up of the company, that in 1909 Smith built a freight terminal on the waterfront property near Mill Slough that was formerly owned by E. B. Dean & Co. Recall that Dean was unceremoniously booted out of town due to smoke and ash from his wigwam burner and he moved across Isthmus Slough and remodeled the Bay City sawmill. As you might surmise, the new cargo terminal was called "Smith Terminal." It was used for unloading freight that was carried back to Oregon from San Francisco on return trips by the company's lumber ships. The dock and warehouse were sold to C. F. McGeorge in 1928.



The Smith Terminal dock and warehouse.

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Al Powers and the Smith-Powers Logging Company

The Smith-Powers Logging Company, capitalized around 1907 for \$900,000, performed the logging functions on the timberland owned by the C. A. Smith Timber Company in Oregon. To aid in the difficult task of getting huge logs out of the steep hills and ravines of southwestern Oregon, C. A. had turned to another Minnesotan, Albert Henry Powers (1862-1930).

When he was 16 years old, Albert Henry Powers left school and went to work in a logging camp in Michigan; by the age of 21 he had started his own logging company in Hibbing, Minnesota. Over the next 20 years, Powers' business flourished. He gained extensive experience in managing loggers in the north woods cutting white pine, he built miles of railroad into the forest, and he generally became an excellent businessman and logger. In 1898, the Powers and the Simpson Logging Company built 22 miles of rail line called the Duluth, Missabe and Western along with 10-12 miles of branch lines to access timber around Crooked Lake, Minnesota. They had three locomotives and 82 log cars to haul the timber

Below left is Albert Henry Powers (1862-1930), logging superintendent for the Smith-Powers Logging Company. Below right is Fred Powers, assistant logging manager of the company.

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