

Introduction

Mapping the Mills

One of my goals for this book was to try to clear up the confusion (in my mind at least) about which mill operated on what parcel of land around the bay. I interviewed several people and found that they referred to the various mills on the same parcel of land by different names. Mills went broke, were repurchased, burned down and rebuilt, re-purposed and the names changed, etc. In order to keep the locations straight, I created an overlay on a map of Coos Bay (T. 25 S., R 13 W., W.M.) made by D. L. Buckingham in 1923. Over the many months of researching each mill, I kept referring to and correcting the map in hopes that I could present an accurate (as much as possible) description of where each mill was located.

To help the reader with understanding when and where different mills operated, two maps are provided in the back pocket of this book. The map titled: *1923 Mills of Coos Bay* shows the name, location, and timing of the mills in operation along the shores of the bay. The map titled: *Coos Bay Woodshed—1919* shows the land ownership in that year of the original sources from which each mill acquired their logs.