# Biltmore lumber measuring stick

MCC-00541

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## Collection Overview

Creator

Unknown

Dates

Undated

Extent

1 Biltmore lumber measuring stick (72 inches long)

Provenance

Donated by Danny Nicolas in June 2011

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Not applicable

## Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

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## Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

The Biltmore Stick was developed by Dr. Carl Schenck, a german professor who was hired by Mr. Charles Vanderbilt to oversee forestry operations on his estate. Dr. Schenck invented the stick as an easier way to measure the timber at Biltmore than climbing the trees.

The biltmore stick is used to estimate the diameter, height, or volume of a tree, which then allows a forester to calculate the amount of lumber that can be harvested from a tree. Today, more modern devices can do a more accurate job of measuring, but the biltmore stick is still used by some foresters.[1]

Scope and Content

The collection consists of one square wooden measuring yard stick. A couple information sheets on how the measuring stick is used are kept with the physical copy of the finding aid.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Forestry services

[1]"The Biltmore Stick: Made to Measure!" *Biltmore*, p.16. The Biltmore Company. 2020. https://www.biltmore.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Biltmore_Forestry_HomeschoolWorkbook_Sustainability_FINAL_2019-5.pdf

Logging
Lumbering
Lumber trade
Work measurement

Related Materials

Fort Kent Mill Co. (Fort Kent, Me.) accounts ledger, MCC-00343, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

Great Northern Paper Company ledger, MCC-00359, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

Luc A. Marquis interviews with Mr. Daigle and Mr. Robichaudand manuscript, MCC-00024, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Page and Mallett (Fort Kent, Me.) daybook, MCC-00342, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

Richard Pelletier motion picture, MCC-00026, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Robert H. Jones, Jr. log caliper with walking wheel, MCC-00468, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

St. Francis Logging Company (St. Francis, Me.) logging contract, MCC00304, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

## Collection Inventory

1 Biltmore lumber yard measuring stick