

A TYPICAL SAWMILL HAD A LOG POND. Before railroads, sawmills in this area floated their logs down Leaf River to the Pascagoula River and on to Moss Point. Each mill put an identifying mark on it's logs. After the railroads were built, legend says sawmills were so close along the tracks in South Mississippi that a man could throw a baseball from one mill to another all the way to the Gulf Coast. J.J. Newman Lumber Co.in Hattiesburg was one of the largest in the world. LOOK FOR it among the pictures of Historic Moments in Hattiesburg in the HAHS 1973 Calendar at the HAHS Museum.

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