



March 2013: In Drydock

Fairhaven Shipyard, Fairhaven, Massachusetts

















Where Would the Wood Come From? Who Cut Even Cut It??

• Planks:

- 26-32 feet long by 3-1/2" thick
- Clear one side, no more than 1" knots on inboard side

Futtocks

- Naturally sweepy timbers
- Normally left out in the woods, not good for sawtimber
- Sources: looked high and low ...

Framingham State University





Newport Nautical Timbers (Mike DuPont)



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Cross Sawmill, GA (Steve Cross)



Port Side Repairs Underway (3/13)









Mayflower II Didn't Return Until August 8, 2013!



The Question on Everyone's Mind:

Where's the rest of the wood coming from?

Berea College, Berea, Kentucky



- Sarah Fay of Boston (1899) provided funds for Berea to purchase 5400 acres of forestland
- Berea College wishes to give back to New England

> Holger Groessler, Logger with veneer business experience and Clint Patterson, Berea College Forester



Two trees: One section 32' long, the other 34' long



A Candidate for Planking, 24" Small End Diameter



Lucas Sawmill, Run by Ernie Tebeau (OH)



No, This Isn't "Duck Dynasty"!



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Blast! A Knot on Log #1 Outer Face! – Only 21' Clear



Maybe Log #2 Will Be Better



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Ah Well ... Next Steps

- Plimoth Plantation & Fairhaven Shipyard discussions tomorrow
- Daniel Boone National Forest? Other sources?
- Other ships will need wood besides Mayflower II
 - Constitution ("Old Ironsides")
 - Mystic Seaport (Charles W. Morgan, others)
 - San Salvador (Juan Cabrillo's flagship, San Diego)

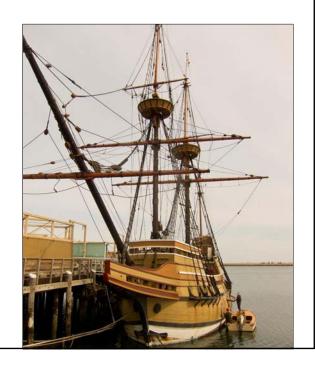
What Can You Do?

- Need to consider forest potential for non-sawtimber, non-veneer, non-stave products – like ship timbers
 - Sweepy logs **Futtocks**
 - Large branch sections, crotches, roots Knees
 - Long clear log sections Planking
- Educate other foresters and loggers/buckers!

What Can You Do?

- Set longer term management objectives for white oaks
 - Daniel Boone NF has management objective of 200 year old white oaks, but could use 300 year old white oaks for ship timbers.
 - Establish groves for this purpose, with signage -- Help the public sign on to history, publicize long-term thinking.

On behalf of Mayflower II, *Thank you!*



Mayflower II Yesterday, 3/25/14