Restored Historic Schafer Brothers Logging Company Movies to be Screened in Aberdeen

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Aberdeen, WA - At its peak in the 1920s, Schafer Brothers, one of the largest lumber businesses in the Northwest, commissioned several movies of their operations. Peter Reid, a member of the Schafer family, will show the recently restored films and discuss the history of the company. Join him at the Aberdeen Timberland Library on Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Schafer Brothers Logging Company got its start in 1893 when brothers Peter, Albert and Hubert Schafer began logging on the family homestead six miles upstream from the mouth of the Satsop. They logged with oxen and horses for 20 years. In 1913, they bought a 45-ton Heisler locomotive and laid tracks into the woods from Brady to begin their railroad logging operation. At the peak of operation, the Schafers were running one of the largest logging, milling and shipping concerns in the lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest, employing about 3,000 people. Simpson Timber Company purchased Schafer Brothers Logging Company in 1955. *

Peter Schafer Reid was born and raised in Aberdeen. He is a graduate of Stanford University, New York University School of Law and the School of Oriental and African Studies of London University. Reid served two years in the Peace Corps in Tanzania and was the Executive Director of a Public Interest Law Firm in the San Francisco Bay Area for 30 years before joining the faculty of Stanford Law School. He retired from Stanford in 2006 when he and his wife, Barbara Ogle, moved to Olympia. Reid currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Washington State Parks Foundation and is President of the Olympia World Affairs Council. The Aberdeen Timberland Library is located at 121 E Market Street. For more information, please contact the library at 533-2360 or go to www.TRL.org