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**Restored historic Schafer Bros. Logging Company movies to be screened,
*Discussion by Peter Schafer Reid will follow***

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 on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#).

The Schafer Bros. 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.



By the 1920s, the Schafers were running one of the largest logging, milling and shipping concerns in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry, employing about 3,000 people. Simpson Timber Company purchased the company in 1955. *

Reid was born and grew up in Aberdeen, Washington. 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 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 Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, please contact the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

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