



# **Forestry, art, history & creativity**

**The importance of people and their stories**

**Mike Bleby**

*“Forestry is not  
about trees,  
it’s about people”*



Jack Westoby



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# *The importance of*





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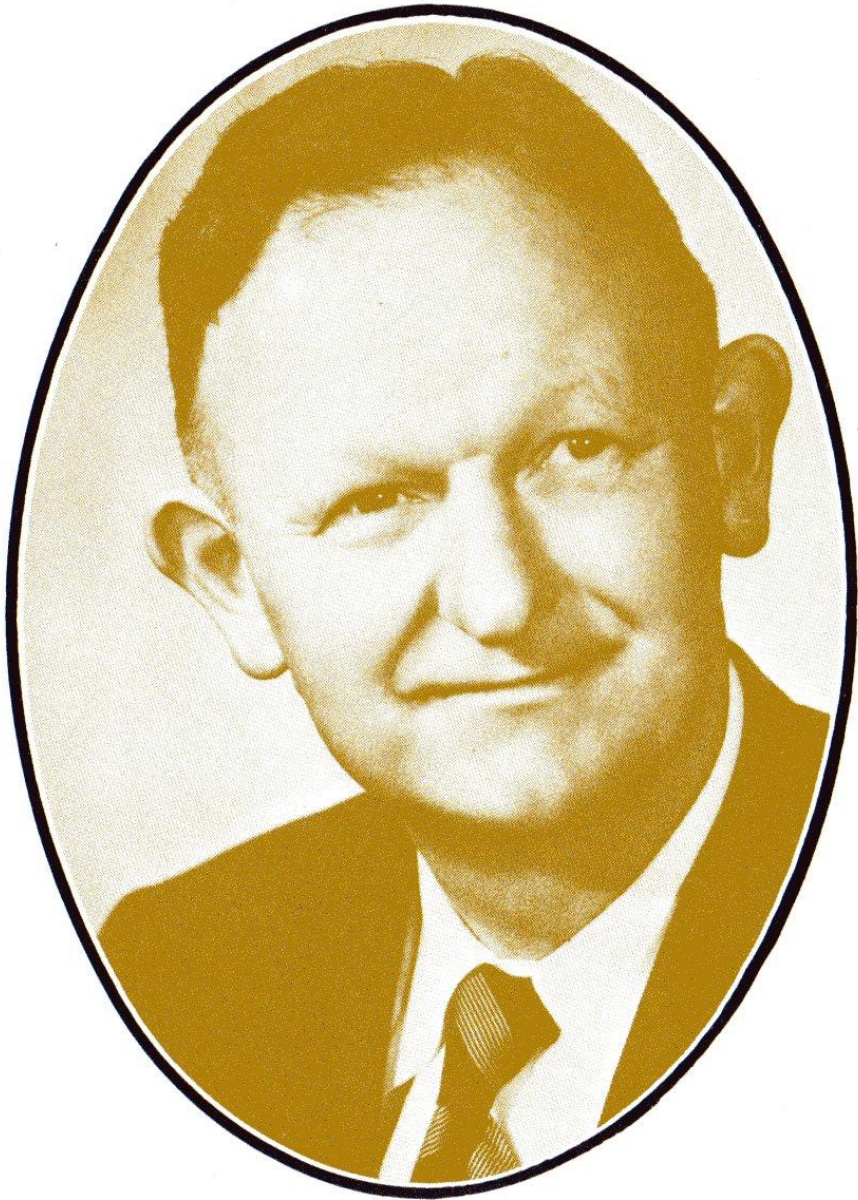
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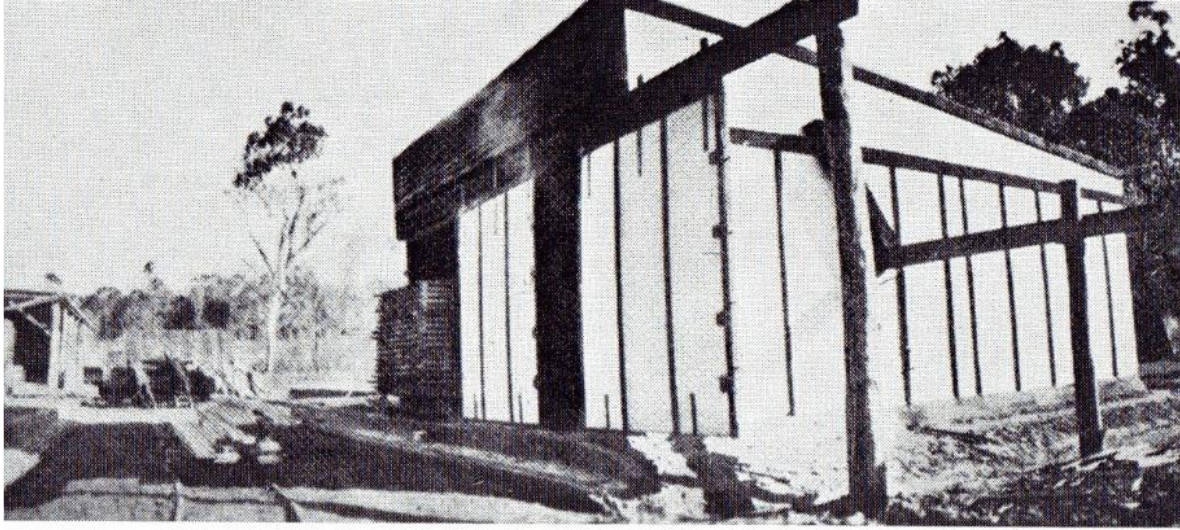




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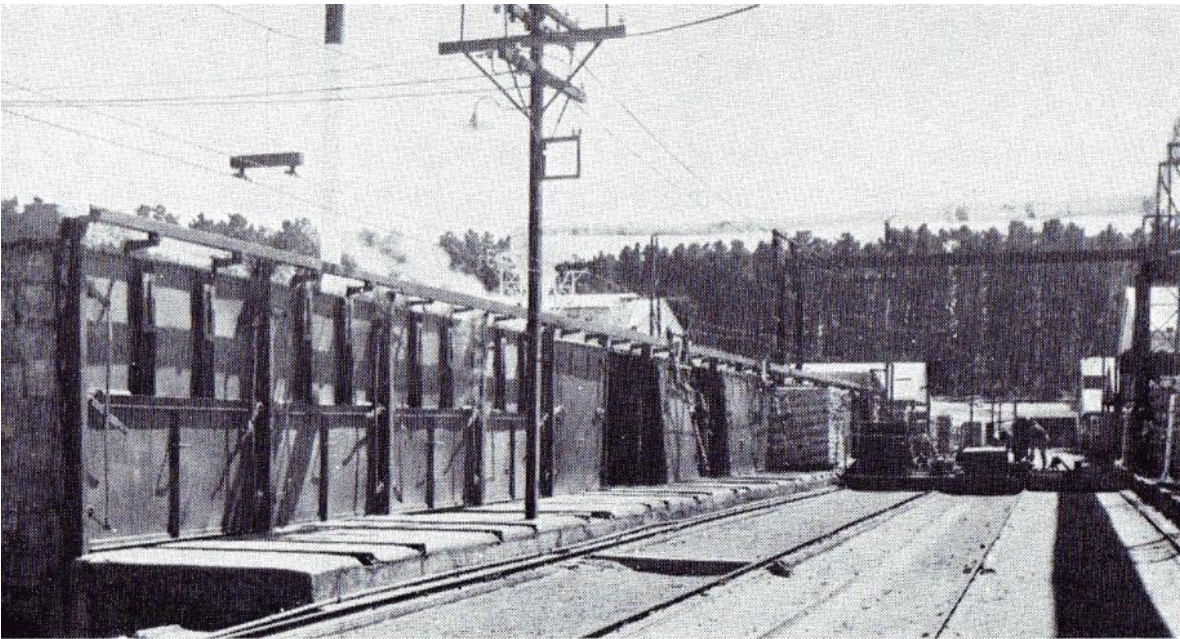
Forestry student pruning crew, Kuitpo Forest, 1912



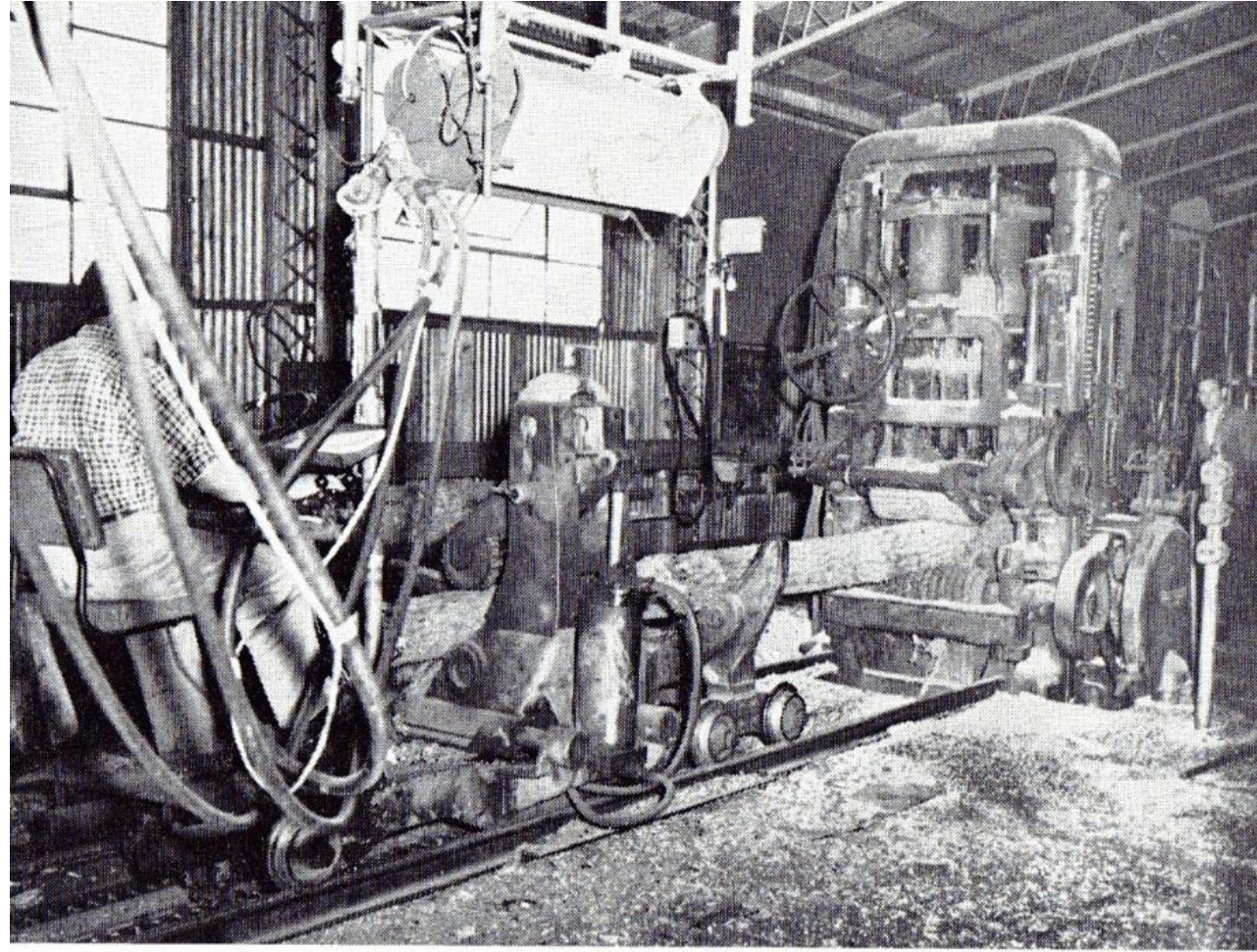


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First drying kilns under construction, Wirrabara Forest Sawmill, 1925

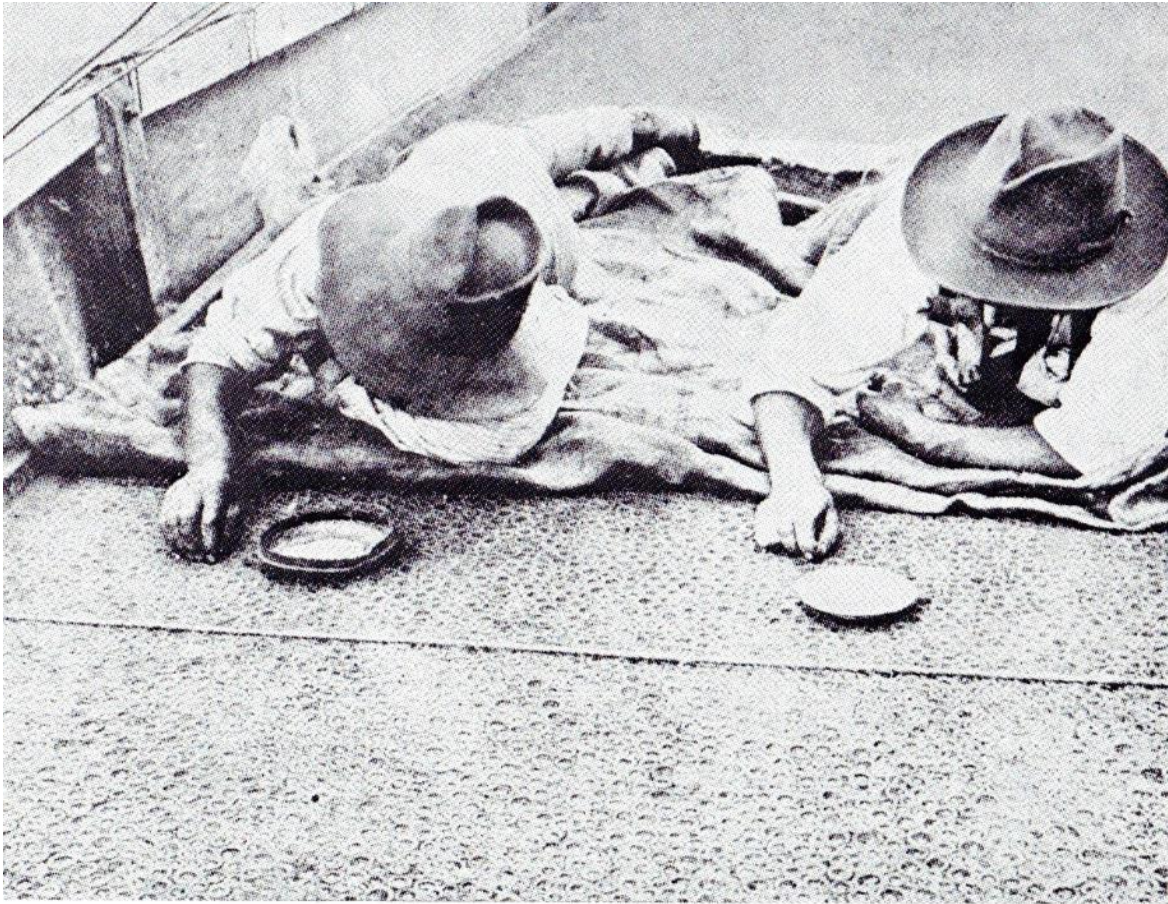


Drying kilns, Mount Burr Sawmill, 1956



Swedish gang saw, similar to the type installed in Mount Burr Sawmill in 1931





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Sowing eucalypt seed into tubes, Bundaleer Forest nursery, 1905.



*Photo: J. Osborn*

Sixty years later. Tending pine seedling nursery, Mount Gambier, 1965





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Employees' houses, Mount Burr, 1963



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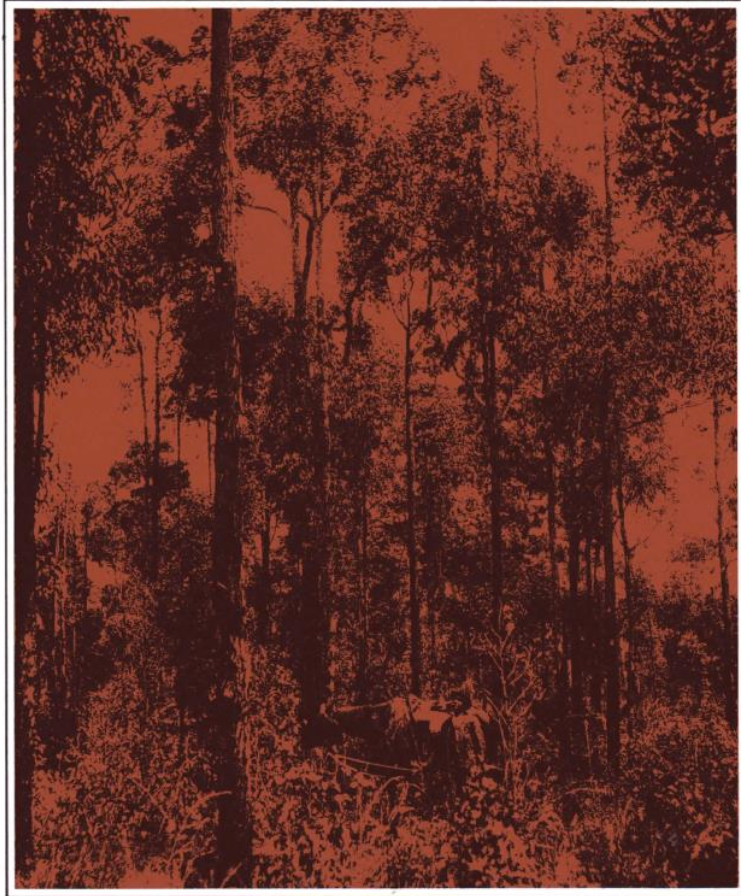
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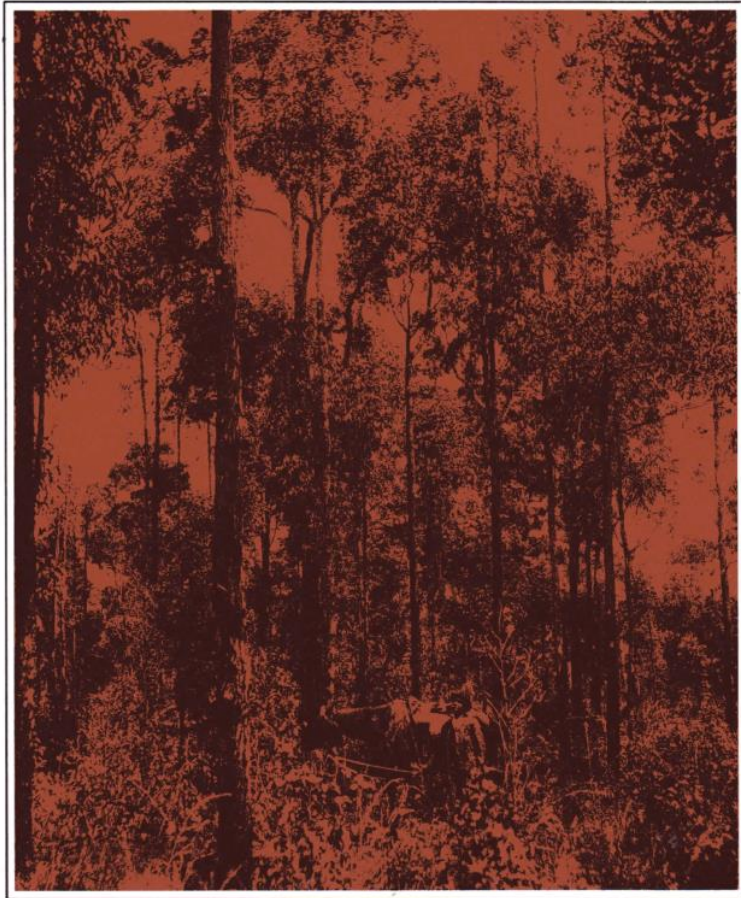


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- What is a forester, what do they do?
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THE LIVES AND TIMES OF  
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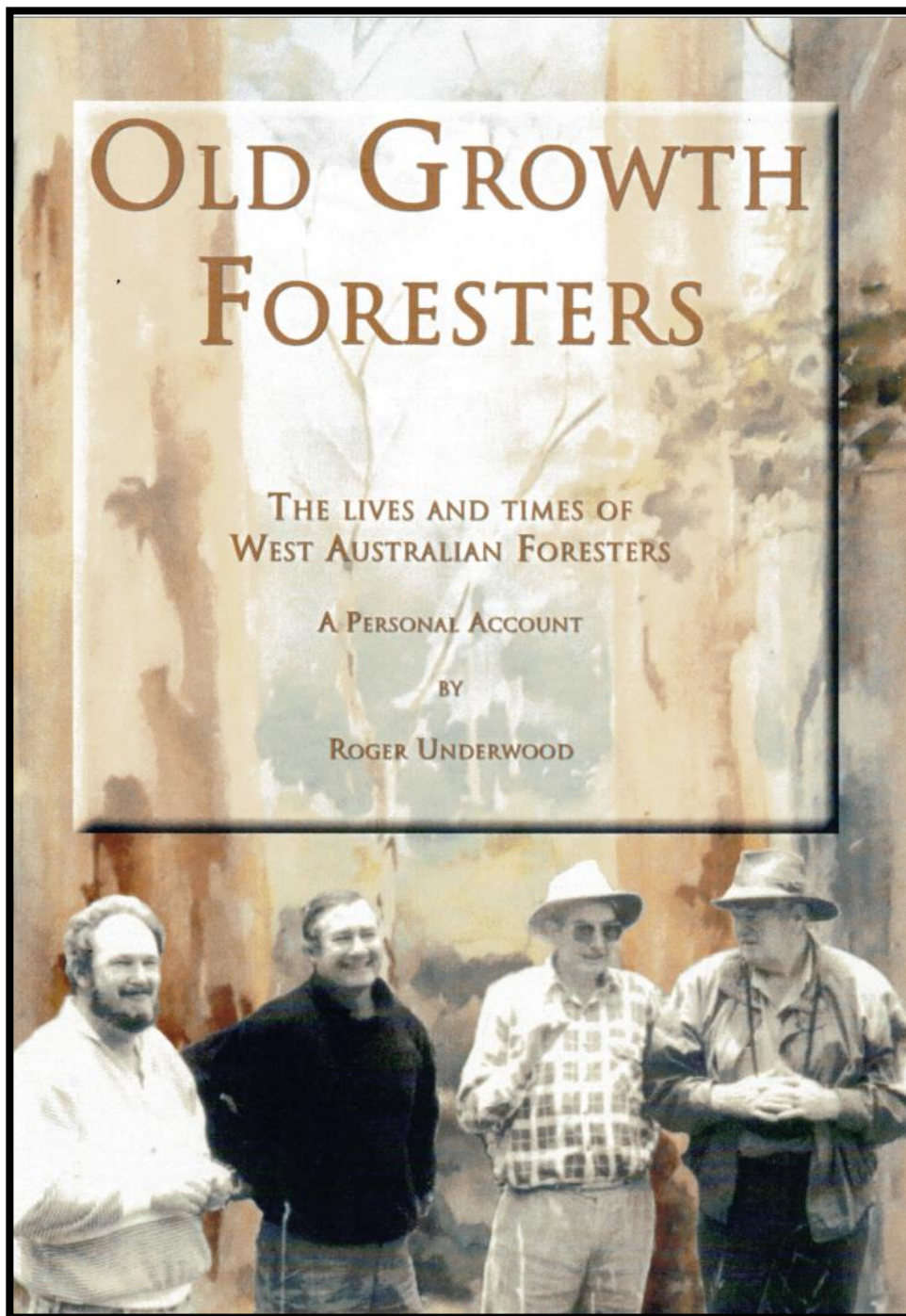
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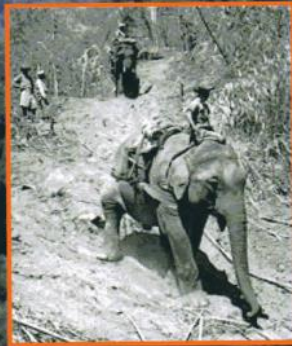


- Pen-picture of interesting people
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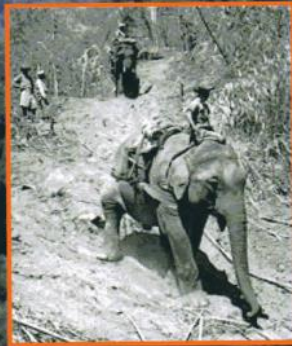


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# Forestry Tales

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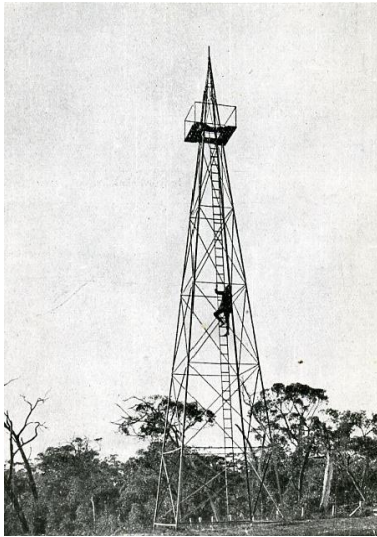
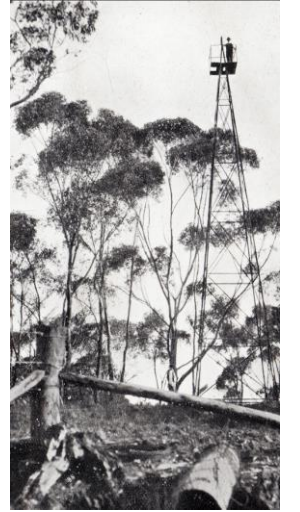
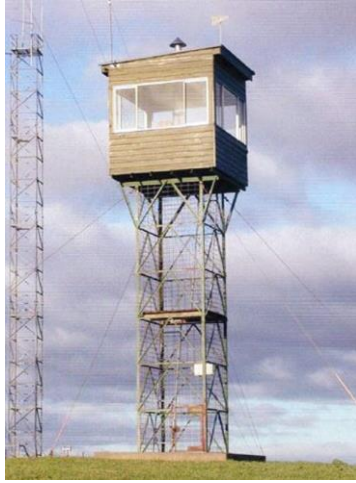
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Life as an operational Forester involved many and  
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These accounts typify the interesting and unusual  
incidents and events that arose during  
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# Ash Wednesday



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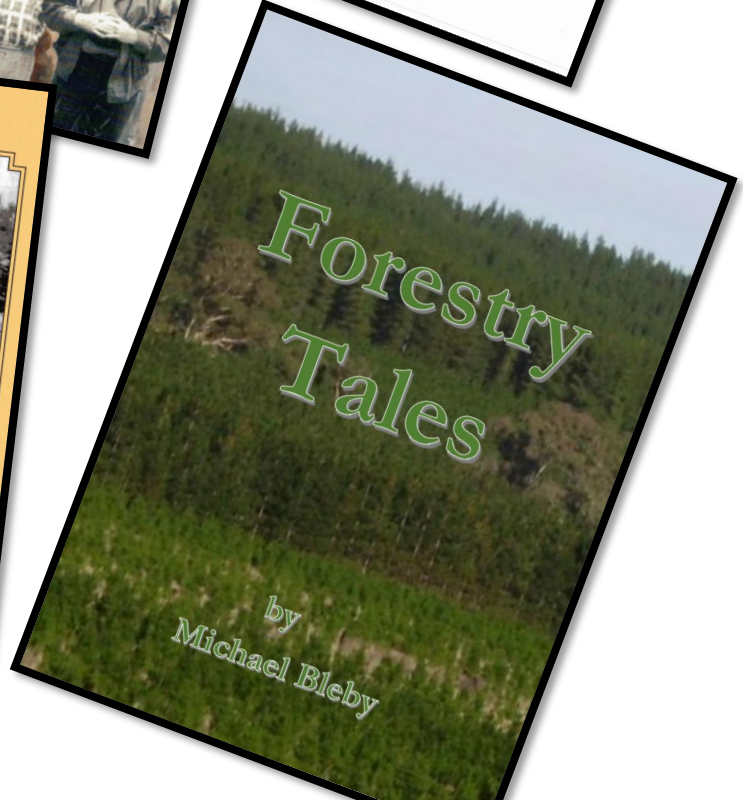
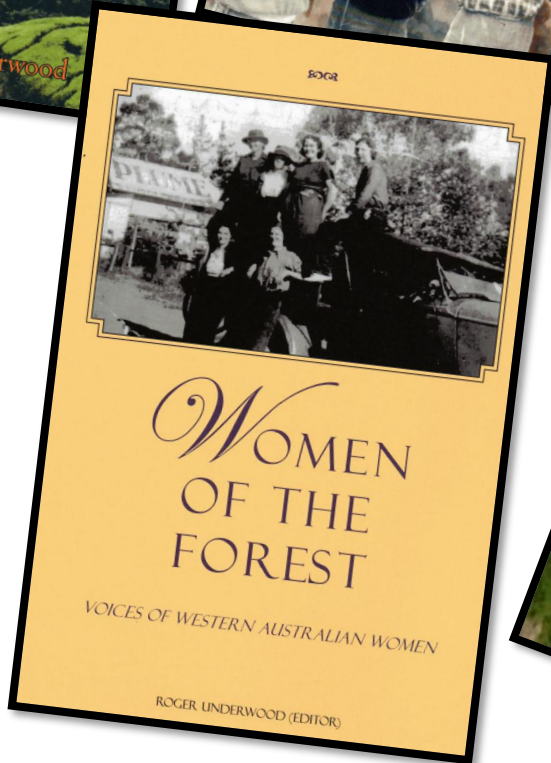
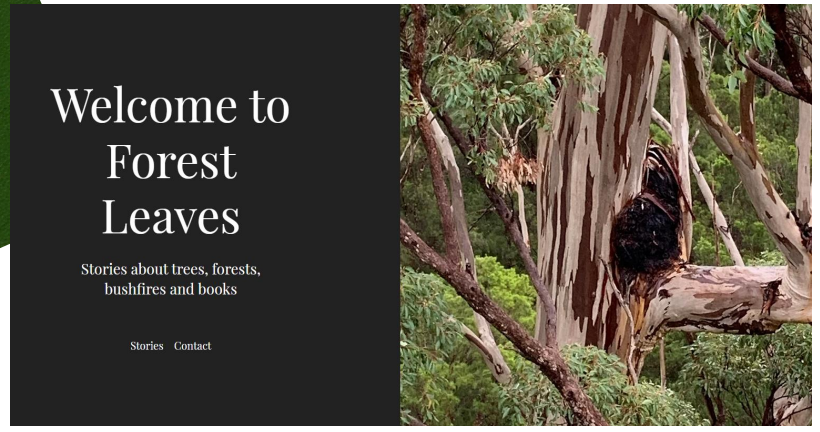
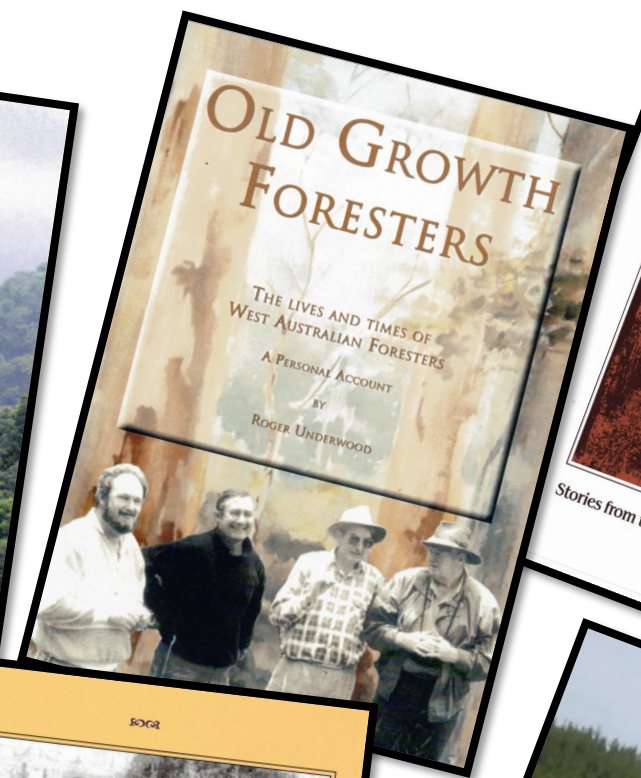
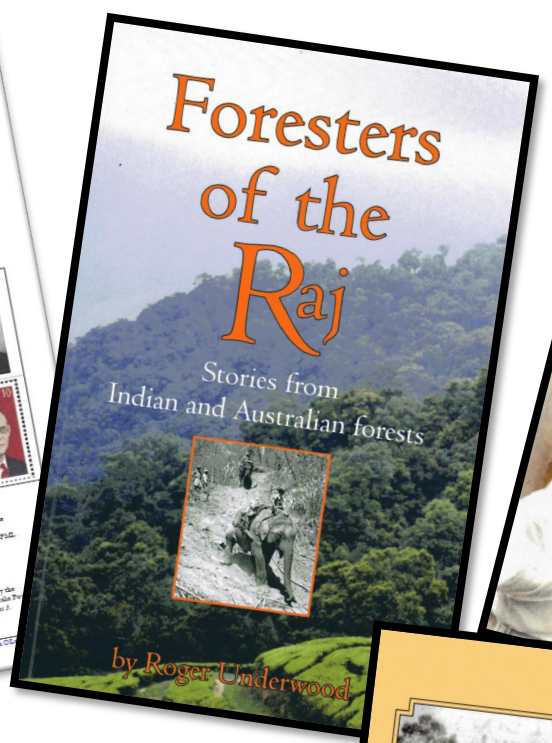
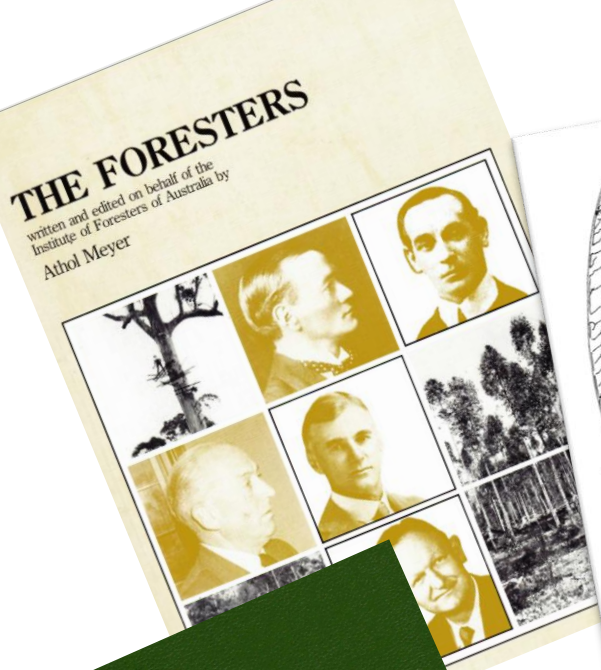
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