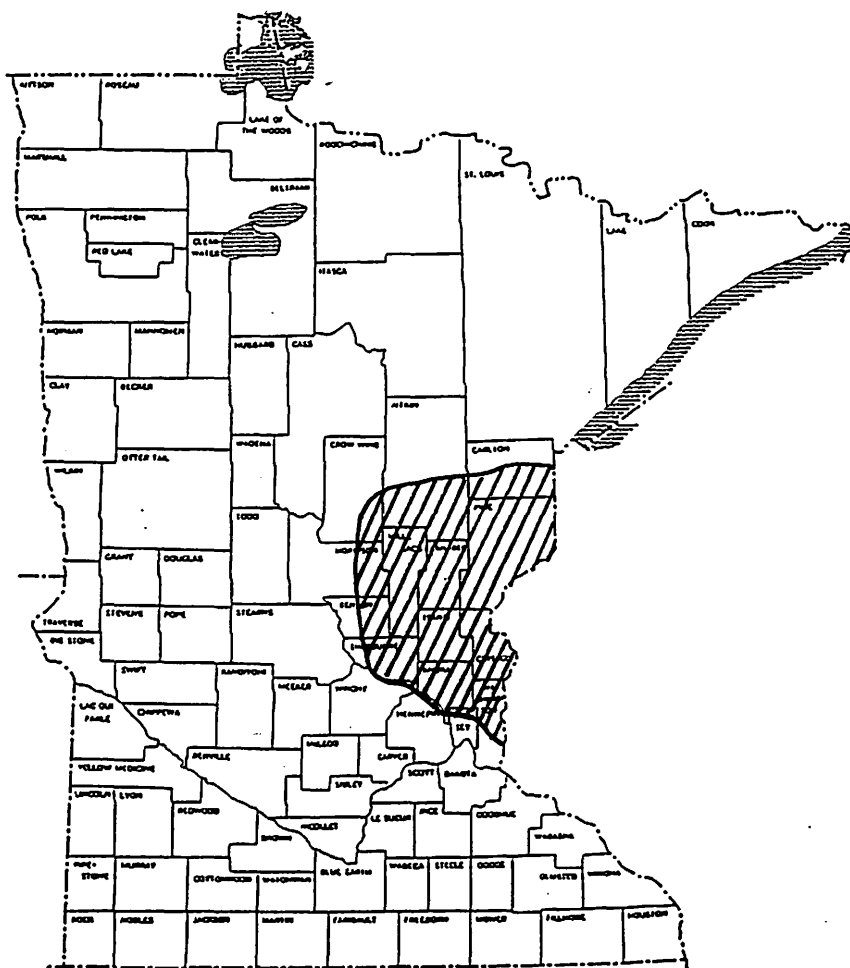


(1830s - 1900s)



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HISTORIC CONTEXT: ST.CROIX TRIANGLE LUMBERING

1830s-1900s

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS: see map

The white pine forests were the key to the development of the area, most of it land ceded by the Dakota and Ojibway in 1837. Yankee entrepreneurs developed a lumbering economy based on cutting wood during the winter and transporting the logs down the St. Croix, Rum and Mississippi rivers in the spring to the boom sites. Many of the lumberjacks were from Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, French-Canada, Scandinavia, Ireland, Scotland, and Germany. The logs were milled at sawmills along the rivers; several of the sawmill sites served as nuclei for townsite development, as at Stillwater, Anoka, and Taylor's Falls. From there lumber was shipped down river to Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and elsewhere, although there was also a local market. Other sawmilling centers developed outside the St. Croix region during the same period. Winona, for example, developed in the early 1850s as the production center for the Wisconsin pineries along the Chippewa River.

The construction of rail lines through the region between 1867 and the turn-of-the-century stimulated the logging industry and the development of several supply-base communities. After the area was logged, farms were established in the cut-over lands.

CONTEXT DESCRIPTION

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EXAMPLES OF PROPERTY TYPES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ST. CROIX TRIANGLE LUMBERING HISTORIC CONTEXT

Lumber mill sites
Loggers housing
Logging dam sites
Boom sites
Farm camps for summering of livestock and raising hay
Lumbering and supply-base townsite structures
 --residences
 --commercial buildings
 --churches
 --public buildings
Sites associated with forest fires
Sites associated with cut-over agriculture

(See also the listing of property types for the Northern Minnesota Lumbering
Historic Context.)

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF NATIONAL REGISTER SITES THAT RELATE
TO THE ST. CROIX TRIANGLE LUMBERING HISTORIC CONTEXT

St. Croix Boom Site (Stillwater Township, Washington County)
St. Croix Lumber Mills/Stillwater Manufacturing Company
(Stillwater, Washington County)
Angel's Hill Historic District (Taylor's Falls, Chisago County)
Marine on St. Croix Historic District, Washington County
Ann River Farm (Arthur Township, Kanabec County)
Svenska Mission Kyrka i Sodre Maple Ridge (Maple Ridge Township,
Isanti County)
Riverside Hotel (St. Francis, Anoka County)
Paul Munch House (Franconia, Chisago County)
Shaw-Hammons House (Anoka, Anoka County)
Isanti School District #1 (Spencer Brook Township, Isanti County)
John Daubney House (Taylor's Falls, Chisago County)

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GOALS AND PRIORITIES WORKSHEET

Date: 5/31/90

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

St. Croix Triangle Lumbering

PROPERTY TYPE (if applicable):

Various

Ranking key:

A = High priority

0 - 2 years

B = Medium priority

3 - 5 years

C = Low priority

IDENTIFICATION

EVALUATION

REGISTRATION:

| | Time-table for Completion | Priority Ranking |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| * Conduct survey of Stillwater (encourage use of CLG funds) | | B |
| * Conduct survey of agricultural cutover area in lower St. Croix watershed | | A |
| * Conduct survey to identify and evaluate very early logging camps (pre-1870s) | | A |
| * Conduct survey to identify properties assoc- iated with Ethnic immigrants | | A |
| * | | |
| TREATMENT: | | |
| * Conduct excavation to thoroughly document early logging camp | | B |
| * Plan and conduct a Time and Taste workshop in region for property owners in Taylors Falls, Franconia, Marine on St. Croix and Center City | in-house; put on list for FY92 | A |
| * Provide training session for new Center City commission -- provide assistance re. CLG status | in-house | |
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