

Casper Gropper & wife with Wilson Reed & Co.

This agreement, made and entered into this 27th day of December, 1898, by and between Casper Gropper and Mary Gropper, his wife, of Skamania County, Washington, parties of the first part, and C. Wilson, H. C. Reed, P. J. Bannon, of Multnomah County, Oregon, parties of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said Casper Gropper and Mary Gropper, for and in consideration of One (\$1⁰⁰) dollar, in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, agree to sell, and the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon agree to buy all merchantable fir timber, fit and useful for manufacturing into saw-logs, now standing and located on the certain piece or tract of land bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

The N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Tp. 3. S.R. 7 E.W.M. in Skamania County, Washington. The said timber to be cut into saw-logs, and furnished by said Casper Gropper at the mill of said Wilson, Reed and Bannon, at what is known as Rock Creek lake, and when so delivered, as aforesaid, the said Wilson, Reed & Bannon to pay the said Casper Gropper \$2⁵⁰ per one thousand feet.

And it is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon shall have the right and privilege to build and construct a saw-mill on the South-west corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35. Tp. 3. S.R. 7 E.W.M. and to have the use of five acres more or less of said land for saw-mill purposes; the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon to pay the said Casper Gropper One (\$6⁵⁰) per month rental for said aforementioned land, and the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon shall have the right to pass over and through the lands of the said Casper Gropper for the purposes aforesaid.

And it is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Casper Gropper shall receive for all freighting done by him for said Wilson Reed and Bannon the sum of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hundred pounds. And the said Casper Gropper shall do all said freighting, except what said Wilson, Reed and Bannon shall choose to do with their own teams.

And it is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Casper Gropper shall have the privilege of fluming cordwood over and through the flume of the said Wilson,

Reed and Bannon, by paying the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon 20 cents per cord.

And it is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that whenever the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon, shall quit and cease using said aforementioned premises, all buildings and fixtures, shall not be removed but shall remain on said lands and become the property of the said Casper Gropper.

And it is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said Wilson, Reed and Bannon shall have the use of said aforementioned lands for saw mill purposes, for Ten years from the date of this agreement with the privilege, at their option, of an extension of time for Ten years longer.

This contract shall be non-assignable.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 27th day of December, 1898.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of us as witnesses:

E. H. Moor

C. B. Coover

Casper Gropper Seal
Claria Gropper Seal
C. Wilson Seal
C. A. Reed Seal
E. Seal

State of Washington,
County of Skamania, I do,

I, W. L. Gray, Justice of the Peace in and for Stevenson Precinct, Skamania County, Washington, do hereby certify that Casper Gropper and Claria Gropper, his wife, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instruments appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged to me that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument in writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes herein set forth, and the said Claria Gropper, wife of the said Casper Gropper, having been by me examined separate and apart from her said husband and the contents and meaning of the said instrument of writing having been by me fully made known and explained to her acknowledged that she executed the same voluntarily upon her own free will and without fear of, or coercion from her husband or any person whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of December, 1898.

W. L. Gray

H. Scammon
W. F. R.
Dec 5. 1898

Justice of the Peace in and for Stevenson
Precinct, Skamania County, Washington.

In Consideration of the firm of Nelson Cropper Company
of which firm I am now a member, and which is the suc-
cessor of C. Wilson, H. A. Reed and P. J. Bannon, selling its
mill plant and flume, and roadways and rights of way
and an' Contracts for timber, etc. on Rock Creek, in Ska-
mania County Washington, I, Casper Cropper and Maria
Cropper, his wife, of Skamania County, Washington, hereby
concent and agree that the contract which is in writing
and which is dated the 27th day of December, 1898 and which
is signed by ourselves and by C. Wilson and H. A. Reed and
P. J. Bannon and witnessed by C. H. Moor, and C. B. Covert
and is made between us and C. Wilson, H. A. Reed and
P. J. Bannon, and which provides for a mill site and
privileges to build and construct a saw mill on the
S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 35, Lg. 3d, R. 7. E. W.M., and
for "the use of five acres more or less of said land, for saw
mill purposes" and for the sale of certain fir timber, and for
hauling or "freighting" and for certain cord wood privileges,
which says it "shall be non-assignable" may be assigned and
transferred to such purchaser, upon the following conditions:-

1st. The rent of six dollars per month shall be paid monthly
in advance.

2nd. The said Casper Cropper is to have the right to cut all
called timber and tops into cord wood immediately
after the saw logs are cut and hauled out.

3rd. All timber taken by said mill during any month
shall be paid for not later than the 10th day of the next
month.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
seals this 2nd day of Nov. 1899.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in our presence as witnesses:-

P. J. Bannon

Casper Cropper *Seal*
Maria Cropper *sal*

Filed for record by Lake & Lake 8th December 1899 at 9 a.m.

J. H. Hale
C. H. Hale