

A lot has happened between photo one and photo two.

We now have a log car in position and partly loaded. In fact the next 9 photos are photos of this single log car getting loaded, so they must have been taken over a very short period of time. It is the first car in the log train, and we should expect that the next thing that we see to the right, will be the water tank car, and then the locomotive. But we have neither water tank nor locomotive.

We can also observe that the track is new as evidenced by its condition and the two spike barrels in the upper right corner of the photo, across the track in front of the log car.

The log tongs have been hammered into the next log and it is ready for loading and we get a good look at the log car and the chains hung over the side sills in preparation for chaining down the log loads.

Still, where is the locomotive? How did the cars get into loading position? There is an answer. Look at the cable wrapped around the end of one of the log car's twin center sills between the long bolts that hold the sills together at this point. The loader actually pulled the cars back underneath itself to start the loading process.