

One of the great mysteries surrounding the Crowell and Spencer Lumber Co. operations at Long Leaf, LA is the location of the original woods tram.

One of the things that Draughon Crowell III and Richard Crowell both told me was that this was one of the things that Allen Crowell always wanted to figure out, but had never been able to do so.

We have had several clues over the years.

The design of the mill and tracks at Long Leaf clearly show that the original tram left the mill and headed south.

The Louisiana State Railroad Atlas maps (shown on the next page) show the RR&G extending in a southwestern direction to places called Kelley, Ashmore and Osborn.

Red River and Gulf RR listings from the Official Guide of the Railways of North America, show Red River and Gulf RR train service extending from Lecompte to Ashmore, from 1906 through 1912.

There are a few newspaper accounts of the tram road at that time as well as the construction of the original RR&G main line from Long Leaf to Lecompte, and some discussion of the tram road in the ICC valuation hearings.

The only other thing that we have is the wonderful, Stamps Crowell photo of brand new shay #1 on a log train, somewhere out on the line.

But.... Where did it really go?