

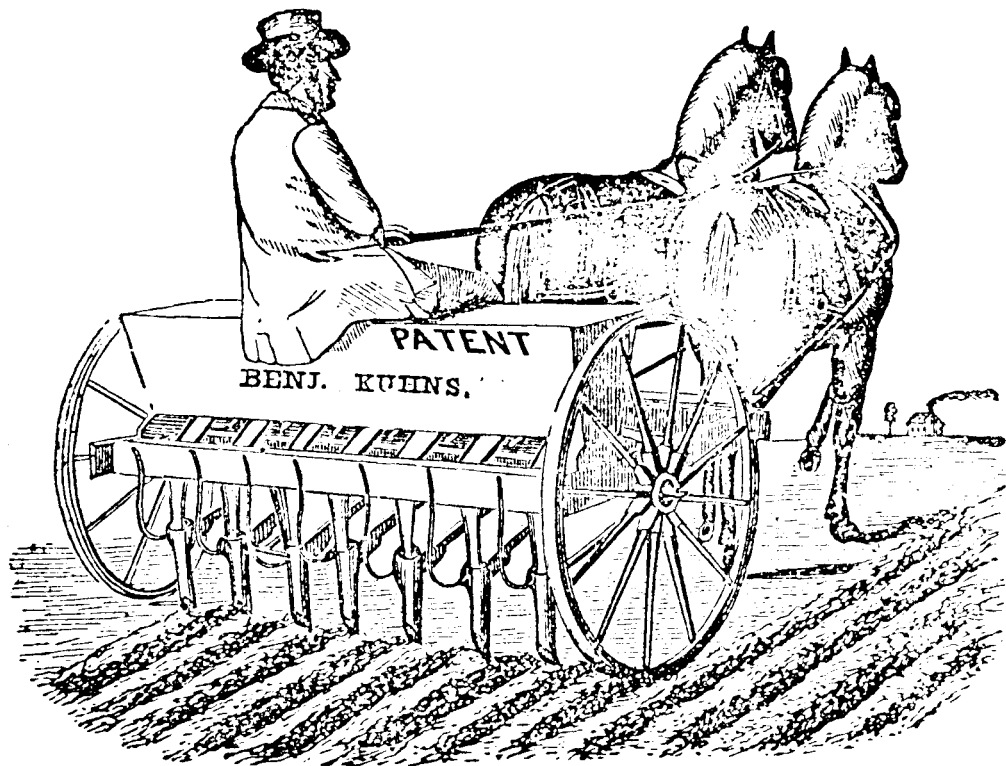
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Country Wood Crafts:  
The Midwest & Its Roots  
A: Bibliography

I. United States

.1 Secondary Sources:

.1 Books:

\*Bealer, Alex. The Tools That Built America. Barre Publishers, 1964.

Blackburn, Graham. Illustrated Encyclopedia of Woodworking Handtools.  
238 pp.

Gould, Mary E. Early American Woodenware. Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1971. 243 pp.

Hodkinson, Ralph. Tools of the Woodworker: Axes, Adzes and Hatchets.  
Technical Leaflet #28. Nashville, Tenn.: American Association for  
State and Local History, n.d. 8 pp.

Kauffman, Henry. American Axes. 157 pp.  
An appreciation with photographs of many rare axes.

\*Salamon, R. A. Dictionary of Tools Used in the Woodworking and Allied Trades.  
New York: Scribners, 1975. 545 pp.

The total reference.

Sloane, Eric. A Museum of Early American Tools. New York: Funk, 1964.

\_\_\_\_\_. A Reverence for Wood.  
The light text and beautiful illustrations have made these books best  
sellers. Many sweeping assertions.

Smith, Nancy A. Old Furniture, Understanding the Craftsman's Art. New York:  
Boldos-Merrill, 1975. 191 pp.

Watson, Aldren A. Country Furniture. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1974.  
New American Library, 1974. 275 pp.

Comprehensive, from tree to fine cabinetry, tool making and cultural back-  
ground. Superb illustrations.

Weslager, Clinton A. The Log Cabin in America. New Brunswick: Rutgers, 1969.  
382 pp.

Wiggington, Eliot (ed.). The Foxfire Books, 1, 2, 3, & 4. Garden City: Anchor  
Books, 1972-1978.

Valuable books, written by kids, reporting oral and manual traditions of  
Georgia uplands.

.2 Periodicals:

Chronicle of the Early American Industries Association. (Ambridge, Pa.).  
SSU: microfilm: vol. 1-26(1933-73); paper: vol. 15(1962). ISHL

.2 Primary Sources: 20th Century:

.1 Books:

Angier, Bradford. How To Build Your Home in the Woods. New York: Hart, 1952.

\* Bealer, Alex W. Old Ways of Working Wood. Barre, Mass.: Barre Publishers, 197  
\_\_\_\_\_. The Art of Blacksmithing. New York: Fund and Wagnalls, 1969.  
425 pp.

Beard, D. C. Shelter, Shacks and Shanties. New York: Scribners (1914), 1972.

Hampton, C. W.; Clifford, E. Planecraft. Woburn, Mass.: Woodcraft Supply,  
(1959), 1972.

The book on construction and use of planes of all sorts.

Langsner, Drew. Country Woodcrafts. Emmaus, Pa.: Rodale, 1978. 304 pp.

Walton, Harry. Home and Workshop Guide to Sharpening. New York: Popular  
Science, 1967.

Every woodcrafter should have this book.

Weygers, Alexander G. The Modern Blacksmith. New York: Van Nostrand, 1974.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Making of Tools.

You can teach yourself from these books how to do it.

.2 Primary Sources: 18th and 19th Centuries:

.1 Books:

Appleton. Dictionary of Mechanics. 2 vols.; New York: Appleton, 1852.

American Historical Catalog Collections. L.H. Mace & Co., 1883.

Woodenware, Meat Safes, etc. Princeton, Pyne Press, 1971. (reprint).

Lapp, Henry. A Craftsman's Handbook. Philadelphia: Phila. Museum of Arts,  
1975. (18th Century cabinet makers Ms. catalog.).

II. The Midwest:

.2 Primary Sources:

.2 Periodicals:

The Prairie Farmer. 1(1841) - date.

Practical projects for farm structures and equipment.

IV. New England Roots:

.1 Secondary Sources:

.1 Books:

Bacon, Richard. The Forgotten Arts. Vols. I, II, III; Dublin, New Hampshire: Yankee Magazine, 1975. 62 pp.

VIII. British Roots:

.1 Secondary Sources:

.1 Books:

\* Arnold, James. The Shell Book of Country Crafts. London: John Baker, 1968. 358 pp.

Excellent section on the coppice and woodland industries of Great Britain, fine illustration, good reading with much unique information.

Blandford, Percy W. Country Craft Tools. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1974. 235 pp.

A useful directory, adequate line drawings and text.

Goodman, W. L. Britain Planemakers from 1700. Needham Market: Arnold & Walker 1978. 182 pp.

Goodman, W. L. The History of Woodworking Tools. 208 pp.

From the Stone Age to today, the product of much research yet his ignorance of the American experience has led to occasional inaccuracies.

\* Hummel, C. F. With Hammer in Hand. 424 pp.

A museum book, excellent photographs and a highly readable, scholarly text.

Jenkins, J. Geraint. Traditional Country Craftsmen. New York: Praeger, 1966.

Overlaps with Arnold.

Rose, Walter. The Village Carpenter. Cambridge University Press, 1937. 140 pp

A first hand account of an old English carpenter's shop which suffers from poetic tendencies.

Sparks, Ivan. The English Country Chair. Bourne End, Buckinghamshire: Spurbooks, 1977. 160 pp.

History of chair and how they were made.

Sturt, George. The Wheelwright's Shop. London: Cambridge University Press, (1923) 1974. 236 pp.

A first hand account of the life and work of country craftsmen in their 200 year old shop. A volume of true literary merit.

.2 Periodicals:

Woodworker, vol. 80(Aug., 76). Model and Allied Publications, Ltd. P.O.  
Box 35, Bridge Street, Heurel, Hempstead, Herts, 1Hp LEE. England. \$15/year.

.2 Primary Sources: 20th Century:

.1 Books:

Lambert, F. Tools and Devices for Coppice Crafts. National Federation of  
Young Farmers Clubs. (England), Booklet #51.

.2 Primary Sources: 19th Century:

.1 Books:

Tomlinson, Charles. Cyclopaedia of Useful Arts. 3 vols.; London: Virtree  
and Co., 1868.

See especially vol. 2: "Level, nails, planes, saw, screw, turning,  
water works, wood;" vol 3: "Machinery, wood shaping."

X. General:

.1 Secondary Works:

.1 Books:

Langsner, D. and L. Handmade. New York: Harmony Books, 1974. 191 pp.

Sections on Alpine timber architecture and cooperage, useful  
measured drawings and photographs.

\* Mercer, Henry. Ancient Carpenters Tools. Bucks County Historical Society,  
1928. 331 pp.

The masterpiece

Viires, A. Woodworking in Estonia. NTIS, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1960.  
335 pp.

A scholarly study of the total cultural matrix with much useful  
information: Wood can be prepared for bending by burying in  
horse manure for several weeks; if you whistle when looking for  
axle timbers in the woods, the cart you build will always squeak.

Available from U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Clearinghouse for Federal  
Scientific and Technical Information, Springfield, Va. 22151.

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Country Wood Crafts  
B. Tool and Supply Sources

Note: This listing is not to be taken as a recommendation or endorsement of any dealer.

I. United States Dealers:

- .1 Old style tools made today (include many imports from Germany, Scandinavia and Britain.

Brookstone Co. Catalog: \$1.00 (Limited selection of  
Petersborough, New Hampshire 03458 screwdrivers, planes, etc.).

Cumberland General Store Catalog: \$3.00 (Refundable on first  
Crossville, Tenn. 38555 order).

Frog Tool Co., Ltd. Catalog: \$1.00  
541 N. Franklin St.  
Chicago, Ill. 60610  
312-644-5999

Garrett Wade Co. Catalog: \$1.00 (Full range of imported  
302 Fifth Ave. tools).  
New York, New York 10001

Manhattan Tool Co. Catalog: Free. (Adzes, "Scotch" screw eye  
38 Van Buren St. augurs, froe).  
Newark, New Jersey 07105

Treemont Nail Co. Cut nails of all sorts.  
P.O. Box 111  
21 Elm Street  
Wareham, Ma. 02571

Woodcraft Supply Corp. Catalog: \$1.00 (Augur bits, axes, chisel  
313 Montvale Ave. froes, planes, inshaves, screw-  
Waburn, Mass. 01801 drivers, sharpening stones; Boc

- .2 19th Century and Earlier Tools:

Iron Horse Antiques, Inc. Catalog: \$6.00 (M/June/Oct.).  
Dept. F, R.D. #2  
Poultney, Vermont 05764

VIII. British Dealers:

- .2 19th Century and Earlier Tools:

Arnold and Walker Catalogs of the Traditional Tools of the  
112 Balham Park Road Carpenter and Other Craftsmen  
London, SW12 8EA

"Old Woodworking Tools"  
288 Upper Street  
London N1  
01-359-9313

No catalog: Excellent selection in  
shop in Islington. Will  
reply to letter inquiries.  
Tony Barwick and Jackie  
Turner, props.

C. Conservation of Wooden Artifacts: Some Useful References:

Alcouffe, Daniel. The Restorer's Handbook of Furniture. J. A. Underwood,  
tr. New York: Van Nostrand, 1977.

Guldbeck, Per E. The Care of Historical Collections. A Conservation  
Handbook for the Nonspecialist. Nashville, AASLH, 1972. 160 pp.  
See esp. pp. 73-86.

Ormsbee, Thomas H. Care and Repair of Antiques. New York: Grammercy,  
1949. 168 pp.

Timmons, Sharon, ed. Preservation and Conservation: Principles and  
Practices. Proceedings of the North American International Regional  
Conference, Sept. 10-16, 1972. Washington: Smithsonian, 1976. 547 pp.  
See esp. pp. 87-130.

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