

The next 3 aerial photos would have been taken in sequence on the same day. They depict the area north of the "head gates", south to the end of the mill canal. As you look at the images, they covers the area along Benton Avenue from the north, to where Big G's and the Driving Range would later be added, south to and including the football field. These images are post log drive era. 1976 was the last year that it was legal to transport logs using rivers for transporting them to the mills. This is why you see no logs in the river or in the canal. Also, on the east side of the canal you see no log piles on land along Benton Avenue or large wood chip piles, which would appear after the log piles in 1961.

## DESCRIPTIONS OF LOCATIONS IN AERIAL IMAGE #1

1. Part of the expanded RR yards to the south. Part of the RR yard property, today, includes what used to be part of the north end of the old Colby College Campus. The athletic fields and structures were at the north end of the campus.

2. Hydro - Electric Dam for the paper mill

3. Northern section of the H & W wood yard area. Note that there is no activity going on and no wood is visible. By 1980, the wood yard has been shut down. Some of the wood yard workers would go into the mill and work on the paper machines. One example would be Hollis War

4. H & W canal. No longer in use at time of this photo.

5. The "head Gates" and bridge leading to and from the mill wood yards. Logs wood pass through these head gates and down the canal.

7. (sorry, no #6 !) This area used to be a parking lot for workers who worked at the head gates on at the north end of the wood yards. In addition, those who worked on the "Queen Mary" log sorting machine parked at this location.

8. This large cleared area was where truckers brought their loads of hardwood to be stored. Trucks would back in and the logs would be feed into a conveyor system that would enable the loads to be piled / stacked in this large clearing. Hardwood was too heavy to transport down the river and into the canal. Mill trucks would drive up the wood yard road, cross the head gates bridge, load up , re cross the bridge and bring the loads down to the mill.

9. This was the road the incoming truckers would bring their loads down to the storage area described in #8. the trucks would enter and leave off Benton Avenue. About half way to the head gate area there were scales where the loads would be measured and weighed before proceed to their destination. NOTE: This road, today, is part of the most recent addition to the "trail system". You can see where, on the left side of the road exactly where the measuring and weighing took place. This process was called, "scaling".

10. The former wood yard road that went all the way up to the "Queen Mary". That end point would be a bit further north then this image depicts. Note: This former road , also, is part of the new trail section which links up with the Benton Rotary Centennial Trail.

11. Simpson Ave. 12. Winslow Plumbing 13. 1st Desrosier's Apartments  
14. Former Dean, Corbett, Auger Farm ( the "Round Barn") 15. Roderick Road  
16. This was part of the area where the old Colby Field House was located