



Another view of the spud being used to debark a fallen hemlock.

John Plotts came from Trenton, New Jersey, to Hills Grove, with his family at an early date. He married a Miss Barnes. They had a son, George Plotts, who married Catherine Bull for his first wife and Lucy Huffman for his second wife. George Plotts located on Bear creek, Lycoming county. The children of Geo. Plotts, by his first wife were:

Sarah, dec'd, married S. S. Rogers.  
 John J., of Estella, Pa.  
 Wheeler H., of Estella, Pa.  
 Elizabeth, married Stephen Ellis, of Montour county.  
 Catharine, married Theodore Buck, of Canada.  
 Ambrose, deceased.  
 George, of Maryland.

By his second wife:

Clara, married John Brown, of Montour county.  
 William A., of Northumberland, Pa.  
 Gershum, of Montoursville, Pa.  
 Frank, of Potter county.  
 A.L., of Elkland township.  
 Austin.  
 Hiram, of Milton, Pa.  
 Harry, of Strawberry Ridge, Pa.  
 Ward, of Clarkstown.

Henry Dye was born in Berry township, Montour county, Pa., in 1819. The Dyes originally came from Holland. Mr. Dye came to Hills Grove about 1840 and about 1843 was married to Effie Woodley. She was a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Farley) Woodley, of

Hughesville. She was born Jan. 10, 1823. Mrs. Dye died in 1860 and Mr. Dye in 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Dye were born:

Martha, died in infancy.  
 Susanna, dec'd, married C. Snyder, of Elkland township.  
 Alice S., married Elisha Cole, of Towanda.  
 Frances L, died in infancy.  
 John H., dec'd, of Plunkett's Creek, Lycoming county,  
 R. Bruce, deceased.  
 Deborah D., married Willis Messer, of Waverly, NY.  
 Clinton W., of Towanda.  
 Mary R., died in infancy.

The tannery at Hills Grove was built in 1870 and 1871, by Andrew Hawver. It was sold January 14, 1874, to B.G. Brandon & Co., who sold it Thorne, McFarlane & Co., in 1876, who sold it to Hoyt Bros. in 1878. Hoyt Bros. rebuilt and enlarged the plant and conducted an extensive tanning business in 1894, when the tannery and a large amount of land which had been acquired was transferred to the Union Tanning Co., which is conducting the business, giving employment to a large number of men.

The lumbering business of Hills Grove in its early history was confined mostly to pine lumber, which was manufactured at the mills along the Loyalsock and rafted down the creek to Montoursville and thence down the river to various markets. Since the tannery has been in