Bass River Township Related Notations from "Martha- The Complete Furnace Diary & Journal: 1808 – 1815", edited by Henry H. Bisbee

Note: Prior to 1802, the Martha-Harrisville area was a part of Little Egg Harbor Township. Martha became part of Washington Township in 1802 when Washington Township was formed from Evesham, Little Egg Harbor and Northampton townships and, in 1864, a part of Bass River Township which was formed from parts of Washington Township (Martha and Harrisville area) and Little Egg Harbor.

Bass River

- **BASS RIVER** This village was located where the Tuckerton stage road crossed the West branch of Bass River. During diary years local court held here. (Place Names, p. 101)
- 5/7/1809 Jno. Refsynder began to fill. Peter Delany quit. Teams hal'd Coal to go & exercise on Monday at **Bass River**. Mr. Ball retd. To Batsto. (p.25)
- 7/15/1809 Mr. Evans gone to Bass River. Rained hard shower. (p. 27)
- 5/5/1810 M. Simons went to Sooys for law. M. Gaskill went home. Brown moulding Fugerys Pattern. J. Evans went to **Bass River** with Mr. Woolston. (p.39)
- 5/25/1810 Training at Bass River. Most of the hands off. Teams all at work. (p. 40)
- 6/4/1810 J. Cox drew 1/2 day and put on the box. Ore Boat Idle. Cross gone away. H. Shinn drawing nails out of the Bellows roof. J. Evans gone to **Bass River** on an arbitration. (p. 40)
- 8/17/1810 Sally Lewis gone to Tuckerton to see her friends. Reffsnider & Neal McCag attending their law suit at **Bass River**. Old Derham & Richd, Rose Drunk. (p. 43)
- 2/2/1812 Friend went down into **Bass River** and exhorted the People. (p.58)
- 5/15/1812 Rain all day. Training at **Bass River**. Teams did nothing. Garner Crain came in the morning.
- Steward & Reeve gone to Bass River to give evidence in behalf of Joseph Collins Plaintiff. (p. 65)
- 5/17/1813 Training at Bass River. Mr. Anderson arrivd. Here about 11 o'clock last night. (p. 70)

Bass River Neck

- BASS RIVER NECK Area between East and West branch of Bass River. (Place Names, p. 101)
- 5/19/1810 M. Seman went to Sooys to tend his law suit. J. Evans went to Bass River Neck for a Mill Shaft. (p. 39)
- 8/13/1813 J. Howard at Meeting down the Bass River Neck. Henrietta Pool 2 days at Camp Meeting. (p. 71)

Bodine's Tavern

This tavern opened by John Bodine was much frequented by Martha men. It was located 2.5 miles down river from the works where the Philadelphia stage road crossed Wading River. Here court was held and the Militia trained. (Preface, p. 101)

- 6/10/1808 Training at **Bodines** was very fully attended from ye works. Most of the hands about the bank retd. Orderly. (p. 14)
- 8/1/1808 This Day the 2d Company Court of Appeals was held at **Bodines**. David Vann Attended & returned regular in the Evening. He got Israel Mick to drive for him. Thos. Estell wnt to see Thomas Taylor. Got John King to drive for him. John Bodines Team brought Hay & took 1/2 T Pigs. (p. 16)
- 11/1/1808 Election at **Bodines**. John King sick. Keeping abed. (p. 18)
- 4/2/1809 Training at **Bodines**. John Luker hauled 1 Ld. Ore from Wading Runs. M. Mick, Junr. Drove 2/3 Day for Asa Brown. Mr. Evans went into the country on Sunday. (p. 24)
- 6/9/1809 Training at Bodines. Boat Builder off. Carters only half day each except Stewart. (p. 26)

- 10/11/1809 J. Lukers shafter lame & the old riding horse leading the team. Hunters had a Quilting. Several of the women and children went to **Bodines** to see the learned Goat. (p. 31)
- 3/10/1810 Maurice Simons & Moses Quit work at noon to go home. Williamson went to **Bodines** at noon. J. King serving out provision. Sundry Law suits at **Bodines**. J. Evans summonsed on a jury. (p. 37)
- 6/8/1810 Training at **Bodines**. Rained very hard all day. Teams all idle. Henry Shinn drk. James McGilligan Burnt his hand. Maurice & Moses went home. Giffney & Fenimore went to the Country. (p. 40)
- 10/9/1810 Election at Bodines. Rain this afternoon. Teams to the Landing with iron. (p. 45)
- 9/8/1811 Election at **Bodines**. Men went and gave in their mite and all retd. Sober. Milligan gone home. Eden Reid took his team. Edward Rutter off a drinking. It was reported that he got drunk on Cheese. (p. 55)
- 6/5/1812 Training at Bodines. All going well. (p. 62)
- 10/13/1812 Election at **Bodines**. Hands chiefly there. Some very drunk. (p. 64)
- 10/12/1813 Election at Bodines. Men chiefly there. All hands at their usual business. (p. 73)

Frenches Tavern (Bass River Hotel)

FRENCHES BASS RIVER - 1809, May 8. Where Tuckerton stage road crossed the west branch of Bass River. Named after Tavern keeper Thomas French. Court was held here on Sept. 21, 1811. (Place Names, p. 102)

5/8/1809 - Training at Frenches Bass River. John Howard sick. Ventling & Hunter went to Bodine got drunk. (p. 25)

9/21/1811 - Howard attending to his trials at **Frenches**. Steward came in very drunk with his last Load; S. Reeve gone to see the Buck. (p. 55)

Friends Meeting House- Bass River Neck

8/13/1813 - J. Howard at Meeting down the Bass River Neck. Henrietta Pool 2 days at Camp Meeting. (p. 71)

11/23/1813 - Mr. & Mrs. Evans at **Friends Meeting** down in **Bass River Neck**. Furnace making Iron very fast. H. McCurdy finished wheeling wood in Cramers woods. (p. 74)

Leeks Landing and Wharf

This must not be confused with John Leek's Landing at Bridgeport on the lower Wading River. There is ample proof that Leek's Landing, Leek's Wharf and the Landing were one and the same and located just below the Wading River Bridge where the Stage road crosses the river. It was on the opposite side of the river from Bodines. Isaac Potts deed of 1797 for the Martha tract states, "Beginning at a post standing by the edge of Wading River on the southwesterly side thereof and nearly opposite John Leek's Landing." (Place Names, p. 102)

5/13/1808 - Saml. Stewart hauled from **Leeks Landing** in Aftn. P. Holberts Waggon Mended. Hauled Ore in aftn. (p. 13)

7/14/1808 - The Sloop arrived. Teams hauling from Leeks. (p. 15)

5/19/1809 - Jno. Bodines team brought 2 load of patterns from Leeks Landing. (p.26)

6/26/1810 - Walner Stocking Coals. S. stewart began to draw Coals from Trustys Job. Luker carted Pigs to the landing and brot. Ore back. J. Moore went to **Leeks Landing** and engaged Capt. Wilson to take the Freight of Pigs. (p. 41)

7/2/1810 - Luker put on the Box. Was taken sick. Howard drove 1/2 day for him. Stewart hauling logs. Mr. Evans went to **Leeks Landing** to Know what freight **Capt. Loveland** brot. From Phila. McEntire sick. Williamson lost 1/4 day to help launch Bodines Boat. Wm. Walner gone to the country. (p. 41)

7/19/1811 - Garner Cranes mouth continues Sore. Teams Carting Iron. Sloop came up to **Leeks**. Work this morning. (p. 53)

9/9/1811 - Vessel arivd. At Leek Wharf. Emons brot a Load of Corn from aboard her. (p. 55)

6/6/1812 - Camp brot a Load of Grain from **Leeks Wharf**. Ventling & Fenimore continuing at the Bucks. Hard times at the Bucks on the 5th. (p.62)

3/26/1813 - Camp brot a load of potatoes from Leeks Wharf in the afternoon. (p. 68)

Martha School House

SCHOOLHOUSE - A schoolhouse is plainly marked on an 1849 county map as being **half way between Martha** and Harrisville. (Place Names, p. 103)

- 1/23/1810 Luker carting Logs. Stewart hauling wood & pine to house. Owen took a load of Boards to **School House** (Williamson half seized over). J.M. fell in the pond. (p. 34)
- 2/8/1810 J. Evans & King building Chimney in the School House. Kings Team hauling wood for Brown. Henry Shinn hauling Wood for Cross. Owen hauling Do. For Hunter each 1/2 day. Williamson gone to Bodines after steel, also little sick for some rum. (p. 35)2/10/1810 J. King serving out provision. J. Evans at work at the **School House**. Betsy Howard sick. Williamson went for the Dutch Doctor. Sally Hunter retd. Home. (p. 35)
- 2/12/1810 Stewart hauling wood for ventling 1/2 day. Ventling went to Bodines to Jump an Axe for J. Johnson. **School** began this day. (p. 35)
- 2/14/1810 Mr. Evans making a desk for the **School House**. (p.35)
- 1/9/1811 James McEntire Sawing posts for a stable. We had a very good Sermon Preached at the **School house** Last evening. Howard getting wood for self in afternoon. (p. 48)
- 5/29/1811 M. Mick & Peter Cox went to meeting at the **Schoolhouse**. From there to the Bucks & both came home intoxicated. (p. 52)
- 8/8/1811 Molders all gone to Meeting at the schoolhouse where Phiddles is to speak. (p. 53)
- 11/14/1811 Emons brot Ld Dry pine for John Luker. Mr. Budd deliver a divine oration at the **Schoolhouse** to a great concourse of people. Wm. Cowperthwait came down with beef. Cross making crossway at Waden Run. (p. 56)
- 5/14/1812 Garner Crain at home. Mr. Budd gave us a divine oration at the **school house**. John Schultz & Wm. Hamilton tending on Mason. (p. 61)
- 7/9/1812 Ventling & Mick putting in the hearth. Meeting at **Schoolhouse**. (p. 62)
- 9/8/1813 Baptist minister speaks this evening at the **School House**. (p. 72)
- 11/3/1813 Furnace doing well. Meeting at **School House**. Hands chiefly there, it being the day to make their quartlerly payments. (p. 74)
- 1/20/1814 We had meeting in the **School House of Friends**. (p. 83)

Wading River Bridge

12/2/1809 - Mr. Evans took McEntire to repair Waden River Bridge (p. 33)

Some Notations Regarding Bass River Residents

- 5/31/1808 Moved the Ore Raisers to Darlings Beds. Owen Hedger & Thos. Estell hauled 2 loads ore each. **Isaac Cramer** settled for Scowing &c. up to this date.
- 6/9/1808 Thos. Estell & David Vann hauled Iron in aftn. Isaac Cramer deld. a boat & Scow load shells at the Landing.
- 9/19/1809 J. Moore retd. From Hocken this morning. **Maja. Mathis** brought a load of Straw. Michael Woolstoncome and got J & Nick Ventling to mold stoves fro him. Also took away Widow Boltons Gun. (p. 30)
- 9/25/1808 Teams hauled Iron in forenoon. Bodines Team hauled 3 Lds. Shells & 1 Ton Iron. Isaac Cramers 3

Horse Team hauled 2 Lds. Iron.

- 10/15/1808 Jno. Luker hauled 1 Load Wood for Ventling. **Isaac Cramers** Team came to Cart Iron. J. Bodines Team Hauled Hay & 1 Ton Iron.
- 10/23/1808 Isaac Cramers Team took 1 Ton Iron to Landing. Thos. Estells Horses Draggon & Mare made an elopement.
- 10/28/1808 John Luker hauled Clay in afternoon. **Isaac Cramer** Team hauled grain to the Slitting Mill in afternoon. Mr. Evans & Sharp surveying.
- 11/6/1808 J. Bodines Team hauled 2 Lds. Hay & 1 Ton Stoves. Isaac Cramers Team hauled wood to Ventling
- 11/11/1808 Cramers Team hauling Pig Iron. Win. Fitzgerald moved to McEntires in a very weak State.
- 11/12/1808 Cramers Team hauled wood 1/4 day for John King. John King very ill.
- 11/16/1808 Jas. Nash working in Howards place. **Isaac Cramers Team** hauled 1½ Cords Wood from Peter Cox for House use.
- 11/17/1808 **Isaac Cramers Team** hauled 1 Ld. Dry Pine in aftn. to the House. Mr. Evans & Win. Sharp surveying. Philip Shaffer commended as Blacksmith.
- 11/18/1808 **Isaac Cramers Team** hauled one Load Corn from the Slitting Mill in aftn. John Bodines Team hauled 1 Ld. Shells & ½ Ton Iron. John Lynch dangerously ill. Mr. Evans & Win. Sharp surveying.
- 11/25/1808 J. Bodine hauled 1 Ld. Shells no Iron. Cramers Team hauled wood ½ day for Asa Lanning.
- 11/29/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 1 Ld. Logs. J. Bodines Team hauled 2 Lds. Hay for J. King and 1 Ton Iron.
- 11/30/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 2 Lds. Logs.
- 12/1/1808 James Hambleton sent afternoon Ld. 1/4 Short (see Mem. book) **Isaac Cramers Team** took a load of Slabs to the Woods & 1 Ton Iron to the Landing. Furnace working hard.
- 12/3/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 2 Lds. from the Landing & 2 Tons Iron.
- 12/5/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 4 Tons Iron & 1 Hd. Molasses. J. Bodines Team hauled 1 Ld. Shells and 1 Ton Iron (A Hail Storm this Day) Kings Mare put into King & Cos. Team making 2.
- 12/6/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 1'/2 Cord Wood to the House in aftn.
- 12/7/1808 J. Bodines Team hauled 1 Ld. Shells. No Iron. Cramers Team hauled 2 Tons Iron. A heavy fall of Snow.
- 12/8/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled Wood ½ day for Jack Johnson one Ton Iron & 1 Ld. Grain.
- 12/9/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled wood all day. McGilligans Second Ld. ¾ short (see Mem. Book) John Bodines Team hauled 1 Ld. Shells no Iron.
- 12/10/1808 Took of the 3d Coal Box. Cramers Team & Lukers Team hauling Cannon Wheels.
- 12/12/1808 John Bodines Team hauled 2 Lds. Shells and 1 Ton Iron. **Cramers Team** 2 Lds. Castings & 1 Ld. Oak Wood.
- 12/14/1808 John Bodines Team hauled 2 Lds. Shells & 1 Ton Castings. **Cramers Team** hauled wood 1 Day for J. King. Took up Holloware.
- 12/15/1808 John Bodines Team hauled 2 Lds. Corn from ye Landing. **Cramers Team** hauled clay in the chipping at 8 o'clock A.M. John Lynch died after a tedious illness of 4 weeks & 2 days.
- 12/17/1808 Isaac Cramers Team hauled 1/3 day for Trusty. Win. Boner ill. Asa Lanning filled 1 Turn for him.
- 12/22/1808 Isaac Cramers 3 horse team 1 Ld. Slabs from Tulpehocking to Furnace. Rain in afternoon.
- 12/23/1808 John Bodines Team 1 Ld. Shells. Isaac Cramer with two horses. Jacob Ventling went to meet Stage.

- 12/26/1808 **Isaac Cramers Team** came at Noon. Holberts team standing still. Bodines Team hauled 1 Ld. Shells (his own Cr. for them in D. Book) Asa Brown took Estells Team. P. Holbert & G. Dalton retd. from Phila.
- 12/27/1808 Isaac Cramers team 1 Ld. Pine in forenoon for J. King. Stratton with Holberts team in afternoon.
- 12/29/1808 Jacob Trusty sick. David Vann & Asa Lanning doing work on the Bank. Isaac Cramers Team hauled ½ day for George Hunter (wood.)
- 12/30/1808 **Isaac Cramers Team** hauled ½ Day Wood for Ventling. Bodines Team Hauled 2 Lds. Shells from Mr. Walkers stock. Stormy in forenoon. Ore Teams lost ¼ Day. D. Vann & Asa Lanning working for Trusty.
- 12/31/1808 Cramers Team hauled Hay ½ Day for John King & 1/6 day Wood for McEntire.
- 4/16/1809 George Hunter's Child's funeral. Numerously attended to the **Family cemetery at Caleb Cramer's Senr.**
- 5/10/1809 David Jones brought in too 1/8 Short & 1 Load 1/4 Short from Isaac Stratton. Teams hauled 19 Barrels Pork from Landing. Isaac Cramer began to plow.
- 5/16/1809 Michael Bennet began to blacksmith. Isaac Cramer planting Corn.
- 6/5/1809 McEntire put the Sawmill crank in. Mr. King went to Philada. Maurice Simmons went to **Isaac Cramers** to get stuff for a new boat.
- 6/7/1809 J. Luker & Maurice Simons went to get boat stuff. J. Cramer hauled a load logs for the boat.
- 6/8/1809 Isaac Cramer brought a load hay. M. Simons began the Boat.
- 6/10/1809 Win. Larabee run away & sent in his blankets. J. Howard & the black people gone to the Beach. **Isaac Cramer** delivered a load salt hay.
- 7/3/1809 Paul Townsend driving John Kindels Team. Elijah Bennets Coal box took fire and burnt very much. Saml. Stewart hauling Coal. **Uriah Cramer** began to plow Corn.
- 7/13/1809 Howard hauled a load wood for the kitchen. Teams brought up sundry goods, flour, soap and Sugar from Cramers vessel.
- 9/5/1809 J. Townsend & Co. bought I. Cramers vessel. Teams carting iron.
- 10/14/1809 I. Cramer began to sow. J. Moore hired I. Cramers horse to home.
- 10/18/1809 Isaac Cramer came to finish sowing. 3 Teams carting Ore from Long Slow.
- 10/25/1809 Mr. Evans & I. Cramer went a hunting with Ventling & King. Bennets load of Coal took fire. Not much damage, sustained. Stewart drew a load of wood for himself after doing his usual work. Furnace making iron very slow.
- 11/29/1809 Served out 2 loads of potatoes & put up a load for the house. Uriah Cramer carting hay & iron.
- 11/30/1809 **Isaac Cramers Team** Carting Iron, Grain &c. Luker brot 2 Hhds Molasses, 3 Rolls Ticklingburgh & 15 dutch Roll, 2 Boxes Chocolate, 1 Bbl. sugar. Michael Mick, Jur. moved Thos. Taylor brot a load of Turnips.
- 12/1/1809 This Month begins with rain. Coal Teams sent one load each. Two teams carting Coal & Three Ore. **Isaac Cramers Team** carting goods & iron. McEntire helping on load the Scow. Recd. all the goods from Capt. Loveland. sa. 3 Hhds. Molasss, 32 bbls. Flour, 1 Do. Sugar, 2 Box's Chocolate, 5 Bolts Ticklingburgh, 15 Do. Dutch Rolls, Ect.
- 12/4/1809 **Uriah Cramer** hauled hay for Ventling. Jno. King had no Coal out which detained the teams to the Middle of the afternoon & only went 1 load each. Lukers Team Shoing.
- 12/21/1809 Ice broke up in the pond & the Boat went to the Island. **Uriah Cramer** Carting Pigs & Brot 19 Bbls. of Sundries from the Landing from **S. Lovelands** Vessel.
- 12/23/1809 Recd. Sundry Goods from Sloop. Coal teams all idle but Owen & agreed to go on Sunday. Bodines Team carting by the day. **Cramers Team** carting Pork &c.
- 3/29/1810 William Warner began to drive Owens team. Solm. quit. I. Cramer hauling manure on the rye. McMullen

- & McGilligan helping Nash stock Coals.
- 4/2/1810 Luker carting stone. Maurice Simons & Gaskill started for Weymouth. Emons & Steward carting coal. Ore raisers quit on account of the water and went to digging stone. Brown measuring Shells for **Steph Cramer**. McEntire at work in the shop.
- 4/4/1810 Ore raisers under pining the Barn. Brown & Neal digging a well. J. Evans gone to Town Meeting. I. Cramer hauling manure on the rye.
- 5/9/1810 Hannah McEntire sick. Jammy gone for the Dr. Shinn began to work his Bay horse. Richd. Allen sawing for Michl. Mick, Jur. I. Cramer brot a load of hay and put in the new Barn.
- 5/17/1810 Cross & Shinn began to boat ore from the Island. J. Moore Jur. went to Batsto. **I. Cramer** brought up load Salt Hay. A fire broke out in Trustys Job & Stewart got but one load.
- 5/30/1810 Bodines, Crainers & **Cramer** & Adams Teams Carting up Stores from the Landing. Settled with McEntire. He swore he'd quit.
- 5/31/1810 Jno. Bodine began to Cart shells. **Stephen & Isaac Cramers Team** finished carting up goods. James McEntire went to hunt a place. Jno. Williams quit. Trustys job coaling. A very high wind. Remarkably cold. Win. Walner Quit driving team. I. **Cramers & Stephens Team** begin to draw stone for M. Mick.
- 6/2/1810 **Stephen & Isaac Cramers teams** hauling ore, moulding sand and fire wood. Cox threw off his Box carted ore. J. Evans went to Soys. M. Seman went home.
- 6/6/1810 Carting all the Holloware to the Landing. James Nash employed to watch it. **I. Cramer** brot up the 2 Scow Load of Ore from North River. Micks team carted 3 load ware to the Landing.
- 6/16/1810 Cramers Team brot up hay. Mr. Evans took up the wood.
- 6/29/1810 **U. Cramer** Brot. a load of Hay. Stewart gone to see Scroggy. Win. Walner driving his Team. Walner caught in the fact of stealing Coal Brands of his Waggon.
- 7/2/1810 Luker put on the Box. Was taken sick. Howard drove ¾ day for him. Stewart hauling logs. Mr. Evans went to Leeks Landing to Know what freight **Capt. Loveland** brot. from Philada. McEntire sick. Williamson lost ¼ day to help launch Bodines Boat. Win. Walner gone to the country.
- 7/12/1810 Mr. Evans and J. M. Surveying the Six partner Survey. **I. Cramer** Reaping the rye. Moulders all helping. A very hot day. Paine carting stuff for the Stamping Mill.
- 7/13/1810 J. Evans went to meet the Committee on the Bank Road. Cross & Shinn Reaping for Cramer which hindered the Boat from Going. **Cramers men** finished Reaping the Rye. Paine hauling logs ¾ day. Micks team hauled two loads of ore. All the Moulders gone to the Beach.
- 7/16/1810 Maurice Seman, McEntire & H. Shinn helping Cross raise house. **I. Cramer** brot. up a load of Hay and hauled in a load of Rye. Began to Rain. Team went home. Cuning Stamping Ore. M. Bennett began as black smith. Moulders all idle but Brown.
- 7/18/1810 Emons hauling wood for J. Brown. Job Cox began to cart hay. Mr. Evans loaded for him. I. Cramer finished carting Rye.
- 7/20/1810 J. Cox hauling Hay. Bodines Team began to Cart Shells & Iron. I. Cramer came to Settle.
- 7/24/1810 Shinns team carting logs from Trusty. Bodines Team Brot a load of patterns from the Bank. **Isaac Cramer** Brought up a scow load of Iron from **Chs. Loveman.**
- 8/1/1810 This month begins with cloudy dull weather & some days back has rained small showers. Rained hard this aftern. Furnace making more iron & better for the Moulders than last week. All hands at their usual business. Cuning putting Brays down the hill. M. Seman went to Mr. Richards Wood for Stampers with Bodines team. **Chs. Loveland** signed Bills for N. York.
- 9/4/1810 Chalk Cramer Intered. All hands gone to Funeral. Samuel Lewis with Cross in Boat.
- 10/2/1811 Owen Hedger carting wood for Trusty in the afternoon. Abner Cross Helping I. Cramer unload a Scow load of hay.
- 12/22/1811 Anderson & Hearkins Boating ore. Loveland Came in from Phila.

1/8/1812 - Win. Stockton arrived here last evening with 19 hogs abt. 3805 lb. & Isaac Cramer brot up some dry goods from off the vessel.

2/15/1812 - Eden Reed carting wood for Trusty. James Penn took out the Choppers provision to the far woods. **I. Cramer** retd. with eight Bus. Salt.

3/26/1812 - Thomas Andrew & George Hunter cleaning out the Furnace. **Issac Cramer** arrived at the Landing with a boat & Scow load of shells.

7/14/1812 - Issac Cramer Cutting his grain. J. Hearkins sick.

7/24/1812 - ditto ditto ditto **Job Mathis** gone to Tuckerton.

7/28/1812 - All going on well. Steward carting Logs for I. Cramer. Camp in the coaling.

2/18/1813 - Saml. Taggart gone to the burial of **Semore Cramer**.

2/3/1814 - Emons carting oak wood. Johnston hauling Saw Log from Cramer.

2/17/1815 - John Howard getting wood. 14th, got hay from I. Cramer. Allen cutting wood for house.