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R **Patton, Arthur L.**
894 *Grandin Mo. and Its Great Industry, n.d.*
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This is a booklet by photographer and publisher Arthur L. Patton containing photographs of scenes of Grandin in Carter County, Missouri, and the operations of the Missouri Lumber and Mining Company.

Beginning in 1880, the Missouri Lumber and Mining Company operated in Shannon, Ripley, Reynolds, Butler, Carter, and Wayne counties, cutting thousands of acres of short-leaf yellow pine timber. Grandin, in southeastern Carter County, was the first center of operations. The company town featured several mills, commercial buildings, residences, boarding houses, and public buildings such as churches and schools. The firm operated other mills at Hunter and West Eminence in Shannon County, which continued after the mill at Grandin was closed in 1909.

Arthur L. Patton's homemade booklet consists of thirteen 5" x 7.5" double-sided cardstock leaves bound together with red ribbon. Twenty-six black and white photographs are mounted on the leaves. The booklet's cover may have been an attempt to imitate wood bark. There is no date of publication noted, but the booklet seems to have been produced about 1900 when operations of the Missouri Lumber and Mining Company at Grandin were at their peak.

The booklet begins with a title page and a page of introductory text with photographs, followed by twenty-four pages of photographs with captions but without explanatory text. The photographs include views of the railroad depot and water tank; the exterior of the hotel, the exterior and interior of the Missouri Lumber & Mining Company's offices, loading logs on a railway car, unloading logs into the mill pond, interior and exterior views of Big Mill and Little Mill, an exterior view of the planing mill, a view of a section of the lumber yard, the railroad roundhouse and locomotives, the interior of the power house, the hospital, exterior and interior views of the Missouri Lumber & Mining Company's department store including the grocery and dry goods departments, exterior and interior views of the public school, exterior views of churches and homes, and scenery near Grandin.

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