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The phase one recognition program will be publicized and will offer an immediate benefit to the industry. Building owners and the design community will feel increasingly confident that they can retain a skilled and capable contractor to complete their projects. At the same time, recognized contractors will benefit by becoming pre-qualified to bid on specialty slate roofing projects.

Phase one of the NSA's contractor recognition program is a large undertaking unto itself. We have made great progress, however, and are currently working on our sixth draft of the recognition criteria. Criteria currently being considered include examples of completed projects, references, company history, reputation, safety record, training, and financial stability. Minimum criteria developed thus far for contractor recognition are quite rigorous. NSA recognition will be attainable only by those truly elite slaters who can demonstrate dedication to quality and integrity. In a few weeks, when the final draft of the contractor recognition criteria is completed, we will seek industry input via a peer review process.

NSA's Contractor Recognition Committee consists of myself, Dan Cornwell of CG&L Roofing Co., Portland, Oregon as Chairman, NSA President Matt Molen of Millen Roofing, Milwaukee Wisconsin, and NSA Directors Reed Gooding of Gooding, Simpson & Mackes, Inc., Ephrata Pennsylvania, Joe

Jenkins of Jenkins Slate Roofing Services, Grove City Pennsylvania, Lee Forbes of Henderson Forbes Ltd., Asheville, North Carolina, and Jeffrey Levine of L:L:S Technologies Incorporated, Media, Pennsylvania.

It is intended that a separate non-biased committee consisting of contractors, quarriers, and design professionals will review the applications of contractors seeking to be recognized as skilled and qualified by the NSA. Members wishing to participate in the peer review process of the draft recognition criteria or be part of the committee established to review applications should contact Dan Cornwell at danc@cgandlroofing.com.

MEMBER NEWS

John Conlon, formerly of North Country Slate, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, has joined Greenstone Slate Company, Inc., Poultney, Vermont.

Russel Watsky, formerly of Westal Contracting Corp., Ossining, New York, has joined Watsky Associates, Inc., Roofing Consultants, Valhalla, New York.

Joe Jenkins, Jenkins Slate Roofing Services, Grove City, Pennsylvania, and **Lee Forbes**, Henderson Forbes Ltd., Asheville, North Carolina, have recently joined the NSA's Board of Directors.

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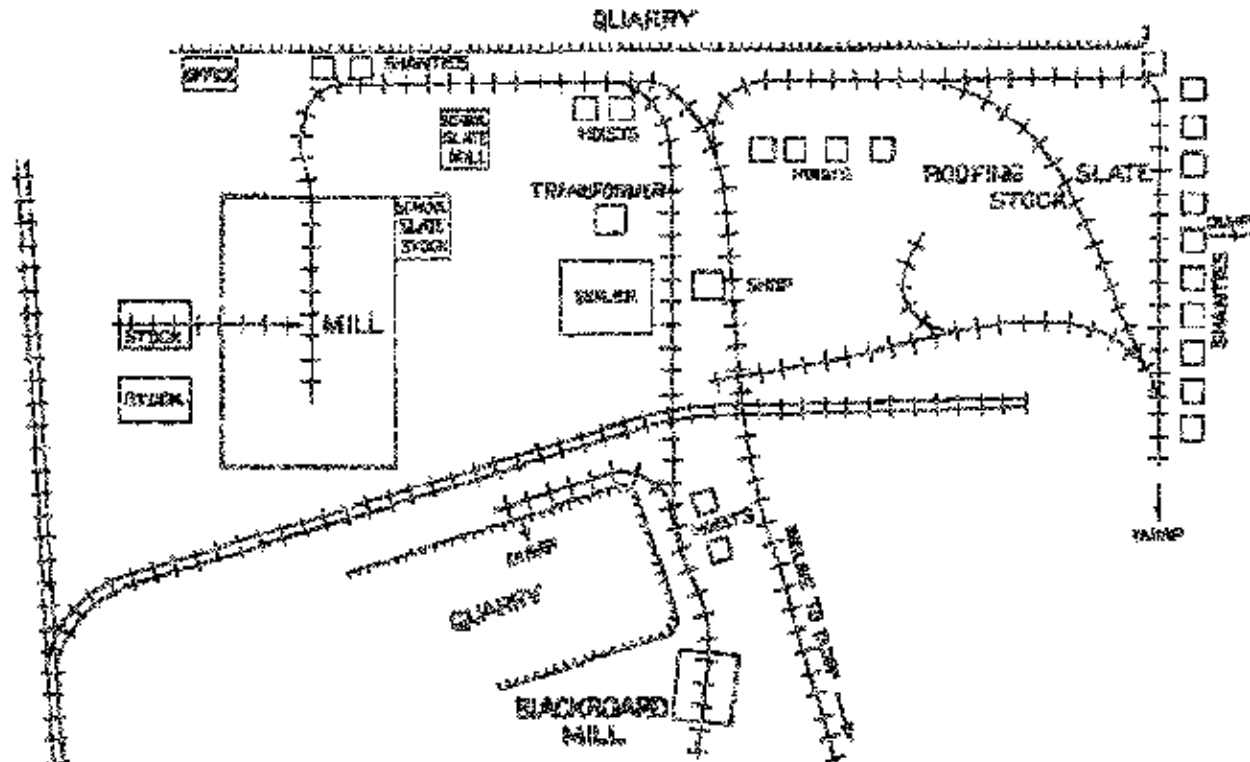


Figure 24. Sketch plan of mill, dumps, and quarries of the North Georgia Slate Company.

Source: Eakin, Charles H. Jr. Slate in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Geological Survey, Fourth Series, Bulletin 69, 1927, p. 109.