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FOR CONVENIENT RELEASE

St. Regis has just released a motion picture on the final days of its Shay steam locomotive at Klickitat, Washington. The Shay puffer billy operated at Klickitat for more than a quarter of a century. When it was replaced by a logging road, it closed the colorful era of steam railroad logging in the Northwest.

Called "Last Run of the Shay", the 16mm color/sound motion picture captures some of the finest scenes of a steam logging locomotive ever recorded on film, according to a St. Regis spokesman.

The film may be borrowed by interested groups from either the St. Regis Public Relations Department at Tacoma, Washington, or 150 East 42nd Street, New York, New York

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. Regis Paper Company Origin of Name

What is the origin of the name -- St. Regis Paper Company? We've been digging back into the dusty pages of history and have been able to trace the name not only back to the company's founding state, New York, but all the way back to France. Here's what we found.

During the French and Indian War, 1755-1763, a group of Indians who had been converted to the Roman Catholic faith left their tribal home near Montreal and established a settlement at the spot where the Akwissasne and St. Lawrence Rivers merged. "Akwissasne where the partridge drums" is the Indian name for St. Regis.

As the village prospered, a church was built under the direction of Jesuit priests and the settlement, as well as the river, became known as St. Regis in honor of the saint these priests had chosen as their patron saint, St. Francois Regis.

Eventually, this Mohawk group of the Iroquois tribe became known as St. Regis Indians and were referred to by other Iroquois tribes as the "Indians Who Pray."

Jean Francois Regis was born at Font Couverte, Languedoc, France, on January 31, 1597. He entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at the age of eighteen and was ordained to the priesthood when he was thirty-three. His life was one of unusual sanctity and self-denial and his great devotion to social welfare problems led many religious societies and family welfare organizations to adopt his name.

He died on December 30, 1640 at Louvese, France, without ever realizing his life-long ambition to get to Canada. Perhaps this led the hardy group of Jesuit missionaries to adopt him as their own spiritual guide. Jean Francois Regis was canonized by Pope Clement in 1717.

Since the company had extensive timber holdings along the upper reaches of the St. Regis River in the Adirondacks when it was formed back in 1899, the founders chose the name, St. Regis Paper Company.