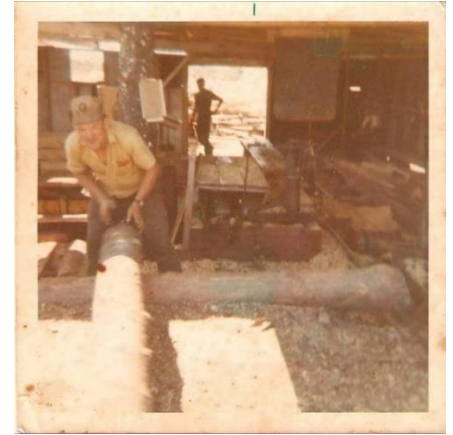


The Arsenault Sawmill was originally started by Janelle and Janine Arsenault's grandfather (Pepe Franky Arsenault) in 1948 after he got back from serving in WWII.

In the early 1980's, Leonce Arsenault, Pepe's son, took it over with the help of his brothers and cousins.

The Mill ceased the sawing of lumber in 2007 but continued in the other aspects of the logging and chipping industry.



The Mill is now into its 3rd generation. After 14 years of not sawing lumber, bilingual twin sisters Janine and Janelle, made a family decision to restart the milling operations. With lots of hard work and support from their family, this became reality in May 2021. The Mill, located in St. Chrysostome, PE has been rebranded and is now known as Arsenault Family Lumber.



The girls grew up at the sawmill and the one story green building next door to their house. Their father took them on drives and detours on family vacations so they could check out another mill or piece of equipment. He continues to share his love and expertise with the twins today.

As young ladies, Janine and Janelle were not really interested in the business but once Janelle became directly involved in the industry, her interest grew, and she soon realized that no one cares more about their business than an owner does. The passing of their mother was a catalyst for the girls to take an active roll in the family business and to restart the lumber side of the business.

Most of the original equipment was still on site and many of the saw operators and workers were interested in helping to revive the sawmill to its former glory. With the dedication from all involved and the business supports and loan from CBDC Central PEI, Arsenault Family Lumber was born.

Business is booming and they have already made plans to hire additional staff to meet the market demands. The family legacy is being shared with the next generation of Arsenault family members.

