C.H. Watzek, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Watzek, was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1887. He attended Davenport public schools, Phillip’s Academy at Andover, Mass. and graduated from Yale University in 1910 and the Yale School of Forestry in 1911.

After spending a year at the operation of Crossett Lumber Co. at Crossett, Arkansas, he moved to Oregon in 1912 and became associated with Crossett Timber Company and Big Creek Logging Co. at Knappa, and Crossett Western Co. at Wauna, where he lived for 30 years.

Harlan Watzek, like his Father before him, and his two brothers, Aubrey and John, was interested in all phases of the lumber industry. During his life time was a director of the Gales Creek Logging Co. and Consolidated Timber Co. at Glenwood, Oregon, for many years a Trustee of the West Coast Lumbermen’s Association, one of the founders of the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export Co., and Director and Treasurer of the Columbia River Log Scaling and Grading Bureau.

In 1941 he moved to Portland and managed the operation of Roaring River Logging Co. in Linn County, Oregon.

He married Helen Ficke of Davenport in 1913 and they had two children – a son, Peter F. Watzek of Greenville, Miss. who followed his Father in the lumber industry in the south, and a daughter, Frances W. Warren of Eugene, Oregon. After Mrs. Watzek’s death in 1955, he married Margaret W. Hulley.

Charles Harlan Watzek died in Portland in 1964, at the age of 76.