

# Honorable News



September means cooler weather, camping, and hunting! I had a ton of fun at The Gatherthing in West Virginia meeting a lot of new people and making some great friendships. On my YouTube channel I had wonderful and insightful discussions with David Wescott, Nathanael Logsdon, Sarge Vining, Richard Harleman, and Dakota of the Woods.

This October I am attending three different camping opportunities and couldn't be more excited, one of them being the inaugural Campcrafter's Squirrel Camp! On Wednesday October 9th at 8:15 PM EDT I will be chatting with Blackie Thomas live on YouTube and hope to see you on there in the chat as well!

## THE SHIRT ON YOUR BACK (PLAID EDITION)

The clothing we wear into the woods need to be practical foremost, but that doesn't mean we can't flaunt some style. When I started my research for this month's article I was quickly overwhelmed with all of the options men had available to them. At first I went to the outdoor catalogues thinking that would be where I would likely find the trendiest options available for the outdoor enthusiast but was a bit let down and realized I would need to narrow down the topic more and go to Sears and Roebuck. So for this month we are talking WOOL flannel shirts.

I suppose it will be useful to explain what flannel is, for this I am going straight to the experts, [Rocky Mountain Flannel Company](http://RockyMountainFlannelCompany.com). Their website explains it like so: “Originally made from carded wool or worsted yarn, flannel is now made from wool, cotton, or synthetic fiber. It features either a plain or twill weave usually brushed in either a single or double “nap” (a technique using a metal brush to rub the fabric, raising fine fibers for an even softer feel).” During the early 20th century you would find wool and cotton flannel shirts, darn near identical to those you find today in various stores. Click the images below to go to the sources directly and explore on your own!

Even in 1910 there were two main styles of shirts available, a pull over or a shirt in the “coat style” which is very similar to dress shirts today. Based on the artist’s drawings in the various catalogues, pullovers and coat styles had between 4-5 buttons before stopping which would sit right about where the navel would be, or the “natural waist.” Both options of styles remained in the Sears catalogues at least up to 1923 but by 1936 in the Sears catalogue shows only an updated and more familiar version of the coat style. I only had access to so many catalogues so there is a significant gap for me to pinpoint when the pullovers went out of style completely. Notice the difference in cut and shape of the 1910 coat style shirts compared to the button up shirts we have access to today in the first image below.

COAT STYLE 1910

1936





Nathanael Logsdon gave me one of his reproduction wool flannel Trail shirts to try and review that is inspired from an original 1920's Sears shirt in his collection. He sells them on his site [Logsdon and Co.](http://Logsdon and Co.) along with many other great items. He calls it the Trail Shirt, I would call it an over-shirt and the closest I could find in the Sears' catalogue was one from 1923 and it was called the Mackinaw Logger Shirt. The image below comes close to what Logsdon and Co.'s shirt is but it is not an exact match.

I consider it an over-shirt because the wool flannel is a rougher quality and because the spacing of the buttons is 6 inches apart which is usually a marker for outerwear. Shirts that you wear close to your skin have buttons spaced 3-4 inches apart. The extra large chest pockets and leather patched elbows are also markers that this is an outerwear piece although work shirts of the early 20th century tended to have rather large pockets too.



Men's trends and styles have stayed pretty much the same since 1923. The variety of collars, pockets, cloth patterns, and material are all available at your local clothing store today!



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83N866—Red and black check.

83N867—Blue and black check.

83N868—Gray and black check.

Sizes, 14½ to 17. Half sizes. State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

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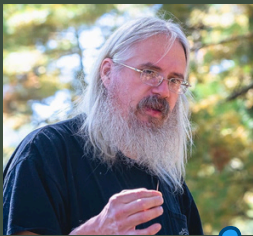
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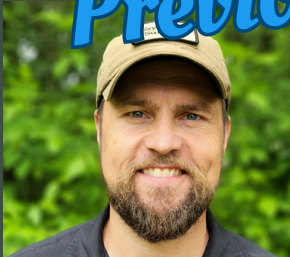


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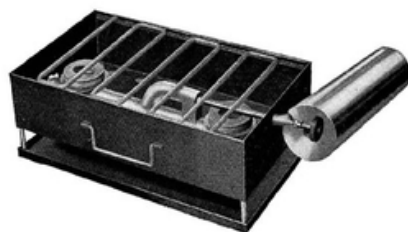
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