

FILE NAME: Asbestos Cement Pipe and Sheet (ACPS)

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from Barry Castleman

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I have gone through additional files in search of articles that acknowledge a hazard to people who saw asbestos-containing boards, A-C sheeting, etc.

Journal articles:

- Wood, Lancet 2: 954 (1931) -- pneumoconiosis in an "asbestos sawyer" (p. 955)
- Hueper, Clin Pharm Therap 3: 776 (1962) -- "The coexistence of asbestosis and lung cancer has been reported from ... in asbestos miners, ..cement mixers, ..cement workers."
- Keal, Lancet 2: 1211 (1960) -- case 33 lung Ca and asbestosis, history "unloading and sawing asbestos"

Texts:

- Reed and Harcourt, Essentials of Occupational Diseases, 1941. US text refers to asbestos boards or sheets, saying then that an occupational hazard extends to all stages of handling including the finished product (follows)
- Dublin and Vane, Occupational Hazards and Diagnostic Signs, US govt publication, 1941. Says asbestos risk extends to "asbestos products workers" (follows)
- Eckardt, Industrial Carcinogens, 1959. "It should be remembered that asbestos is used in a wide variety of other occupations and industries. Whenever it is used in such a way that dust can be produced, and the work is of such a nature as to permit prolonged, repeated inhalation of the dust, a potential asbestosis hazard exists. Each such use must be carefully evaluated in terms of the potential hazard." (133) Author says asbestos is a carcinogen.
- Ahlborg et al., Silicosis and Other Pneumoconioses in Sweden, 1960. Text in English. Describing Swedish industries studied for asbestos hazards, most in shipbuilding and construction, ... "Manufacture and processing of slabs, blocks, etc., and sawing, grinding, and polishing of asbestos articles were also represented." (354)
- Hinshaw and Garland Diseases of the Chest, 1956. "Asbestos is used as an insulator ...and as asbestos-cement products in the building industry...Exposure occurs in industrial plants where asbestos products are fabricated and among those who install insulating materials." (667)