

ABSTRACT

The leather tanning industry in Garut Regency, West Java, has been one of the pillars of the regional economy since the beginning of the 20th century. This research aims to describe the background to the founding of this industry in 1920, trace the dynamics of its development until 1980, and analyze its influence on the people of Garut. Historical analysis shows that the leather tanning industry in Garut was established in the early 20th century, driven by the abundant availability of sheepskin raw materials and high market demand. Since then, this industry has experienced quite significant dynamics, marked by the expansion of production scale, product diversification, and technological changes. During the period 1920-1980, the leather tanning industry made a major contribution to Garut's economy. This industry creates jobs, increases people's income, and encourages the growth of other industrial sectors. However, on the other hand, this industry also causes a number of problems, such as environmental pollution and negative impacts on workers' health. It is hoped that this research will provide a clearer picture of the history and development of the leather tanning industry in Garut, as well as contribute to the development of industrial historical studies in Indonesia.

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