

Finding the 1914 Burr George Farm forest fire

11/11/16 with
Sally Fairbairn
Jaime, Runet Gunmar Stegemoller
Miller Farmbairn

(204-8)

approx.
North
↑

neighbor
new
house
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Pasture #1
Tubbar lot

1810'
sugahouse
house
bam
gate

open
field

gate
field
gate

sugarbush
Woods

open field

Pasturets
Hinkley Orchard

RIDER HOLLOW ROAD

1860'

Rider Hollow

stream

SMR
Fairbairn

spring

OAK-BB
open
area

This farm shown on 1901-1904 Margaretville
Quadrangle, but not the Burr George Farm

Seager Quad shows max pasture at 2130'
end hilly AM here in 1945

plantation of

Norway
Spruce &
e. wh.
apple +
Lancemat.

ca. 100y old
dawned
dead log

Foundations
D

Stone wall?
Fairbairn

2060'

SMR

brook between
2 big boulders

overhanging
boulder

end
hilly PM about
35ft above point
Where blaze crosses
brook.

neighbor with
an assemblage of Cabins,
outbuildings + trailers

Pasture #

7

Burr George Pasture

1890'

to Bernice George Farm,
Warren Todd Farm,
and Gill Gully

204-9

Betty Baker, in her letter recd. 8/5/16 says
the forest fire of 11/6/1914 might have been on the
Burr George Farm, on Lot #30, Great Lot 8, centered about
Gill Gully. But Betty says Gametsan Tract, while Lot #30 is on the
Lausette Tract. (20)

The Fairbairns aren't certain where the Burr George Farm was, but their eastemmost pasture, #7, is called the Burr George Pasture. This could be not that Burr George owned it, but that this Fairbarn pasture bordered on the Burr George Farm. Also upstream was the Bernice George Farm.

The areas visited by MK on 11/11/16 certainly could not have been the forest fire site because these areas were all open pastures in 1914, except the steep slopes adjacent to the Unnamed brook. A forest fire would have had to occurred in a woodlot.

Revisit the areas hiked through on 5/14/93 (p.202-34) and 4/28/09 (p.202-68) on both sides of Gill Gully and look for charcoal. Make sure that the site was NOT pasture in 1914. Done 11/18/19. See pp. 204-10 fo.

Beers' 1875 Atlas shows the last farm in Rider Hollow as W. Ackley's, on the north side of the road, i.e. downstream from the bridge, on Lot 14. But just below Ackley's is a driveway leading N & up to D. George on Lot 30. Could D. George be an ancestor of Burr George? No tributaries are shown - unnamed, Gill, or Mine Hollow streams.

MK found an old road (see p. 202-68, site **D**, of 4/28/09) leading up out of plantations and onto the ridge S of Bill Gully. Was this the Burn Bevage Farm driveway? MK notes say "Todd Farm". Check this area for charcoal.

DISCREPANCY OF LOTS exists between 1875 Beers & Atlast DEC maps.
Benson's map 1880

<u>1875</u>	Lausette Tract								<u>DEC 1970</u>	Purchased in 1900 LOT 30 was SWR in 1911							
Middleton	27	28	29	30	31	32			26	27	28	29	30	31	32		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		9	10	11	12	13	14
						Gancson Tract						15	16				

↑ 30 is N of 14 & 15

} Great Lot 7

} Great Lot 8
Shandaken

↑ 30 is N of 14 only

Shandaken Line