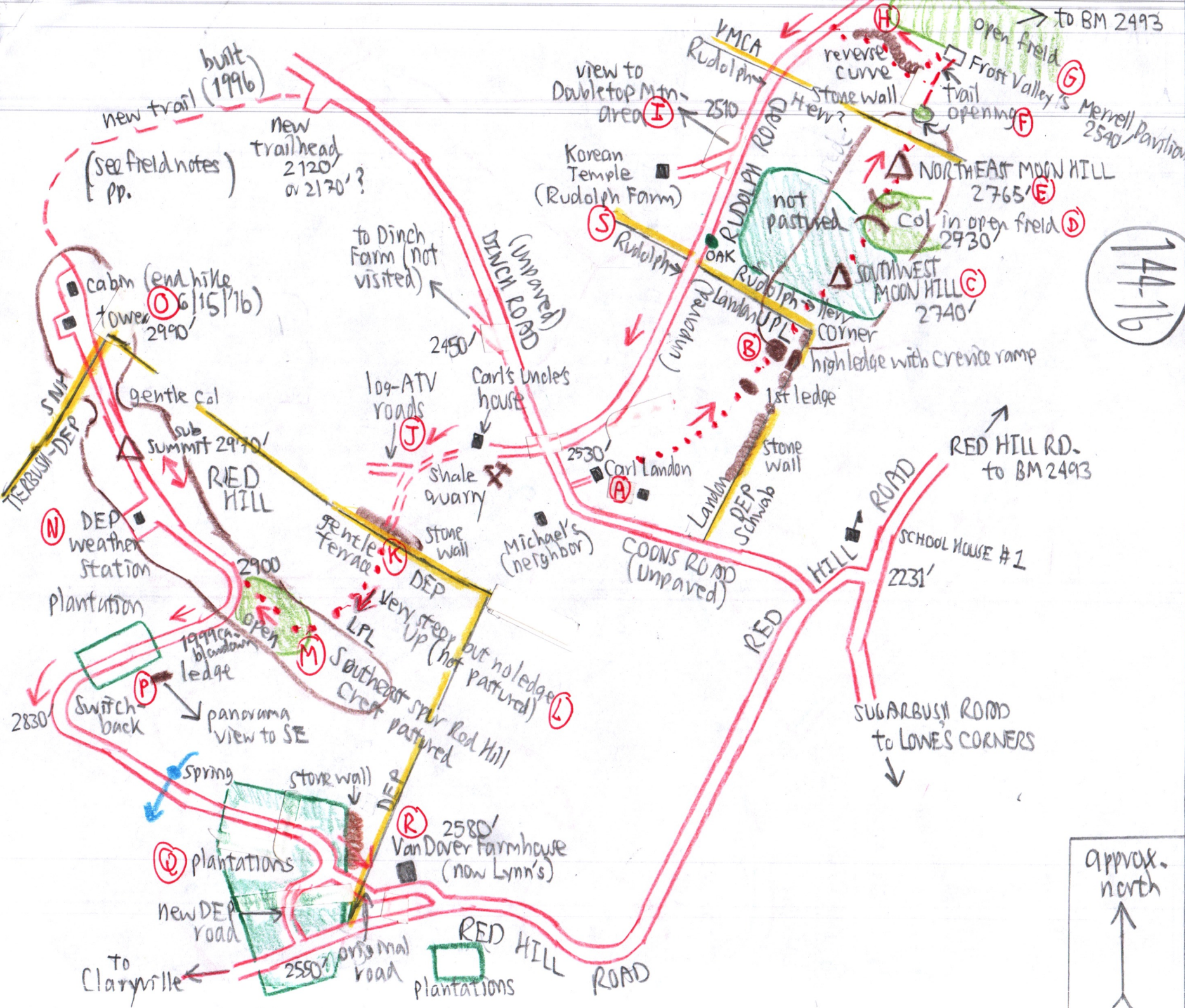


Moon and Red Hills hike

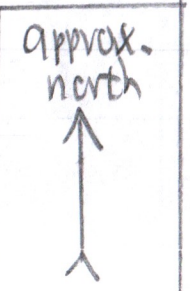
6/15/16

144-16

With Carl Landon



144-16



Road tours with Helen + George Elias

6/16/16
6/15/16

144 - 17

Hemlock populations:

1. The largest along brook and up to beaver pond, surrounding it. Meadowsweet in pond
2. Scattered hemlock with *Veratrum* + *Cinn Fern* in wet area on SNY
3. Young scattered hemlock
4. Scattered hemlock, older
5. Mostly hemlock understory
6. One hemlock



The high ridge seen from Woodfield Road is a SE spur of Moon Hill, elev. 2540'

J.N. Coon Farm
Michael Coon was son
55 acres??
(see page 144-149 for details)

STONE CABIN ROAD

White Pine Common

Vegetation and History of Moon & Red Hills

144-18

(A) to (B): Follow stonewall to NE that separates Rudolph Farm (135 acres & now in Carl's family) on the NW from Schwab Farm (160 acres, now DEP) on the SE.

Pastured up to corner (B) where stone wall ends. BC dominant with RM & AMEL. DP dominates ground cover. Cx penn- & debilis patches [Did Schwab sell to Fisher?] High ledge is red SS. 26" beech dead about 150y old. Lv. Landon lands.

(C) Southwest Moonhill shoulder was Not pastured. 4 Hemlocks at 10". Beech & RM 10".

Summit: Beech dominant. Also YB, DP, AA, one 12" dead ASH, plus a few hemlock on N shoulder.

(D) Col is open DP-Vacc ang-Vacc corymb - Spiraea tom- RA. MO common growing up through ground cover. Re-enter woods with reatt-SUB and climb gently to ---

(E) Summit Northeast Moon Hill. BC dominant. Also RM, MO, VACC ANG, DP, TB, LYCO. OBS. Once pastured. PCTLI.

(F) Cross into Frost Valley YMCA lands from Rudolph → Herr Farm. Trail begins down to

(G) Frost Valley was once the Helwick lease farm.

(F) is a VACC-ANG-DP opening with Festuca? Forest surrounding is YB-RM-E white pine - DP-MC-TB-Cx PENN - SINT-OSMUNDA CLAYT

(G) Frost Valley built a small 12x12 foot Merrell Pavilion in 1982 which was enlarged to the size of a large house in 2015. Interpretation of panorama view identifying mtns from Double top to Peekamoose.

(H) Follow S-curve stone wall down to Rudolph Road. Field to NE on Helwick George farm had been plowed.

LYCO COMP + NYF.

(I) View from Rudolph Farm (now a Korean Temple) NW: Does Black Bear Club field line up under BKR's 3377' summit? Yes, or field up the road.

One OAK on Rudolph Road. Carl reports stone piles mark Karsdenbergh Lot line corner at (S) (not visited) Rudolphs had a Right-of-Way agreement with the Tannery at Denning (Johnson's T16, or Bushnell's T18 at Claryville ??).

RED HILL (afternoon hike)

Coons Farm grew potatoes & buckwheat as did many local farms. These could be stored in root cellars over winter. Turnips too?

(J) Red shale pit at Carl's Uncle's house. Logged above last in 2002.

(K) Cross stone wall into DEP lands. White spruce planted in 1970s on gentle terrace below steep pitch up (L) dominated by beech and never pastured. What is common herb? Anemone or Panax?

(M) Open crest of Red Hill's ridge. VACC-ANG-DP under RM pole stand. Few E white pines. Van Dover farm planted trees in late 1940s & 1950s below (plantations at (P), (Q), (R) of Scots, white, red pines, Norway & white spruce, European larch). Van Dover farm once grazed sheep with scattered trees.

Teubush Farm, now DEP, had ended at present DEC line at (O). (continued on p. 144-19)

Mileage 6/14/16

2810. 0.0 miles. 6:05 PM

31.9 mi. Junction (47) +

In Clarville

36.3 - Junc. Denning + New Road Hill

37.1. Junc. New Road Hill + Red Hill Roads

38.6 - Pass Porcupine Rd.

39-2 Elias' on Woodfield Road. 7-20 PM

Return trip 6/16/16:

39-2 W. Elias' 4 PM

78.2 2810 arr. 5:15 PM

Red Hill (continued from page 144-18):

(6) The tower straddles a Hardenbergh lot line. Tevush lands on south. Summit flora (see also p. 144- of 6/10/6) include SUB. E white pine 15" dbh at Cabin. Older forest between summit + Tevush Farm.

Blowdown on W flank of ridge along road ca. 1999.

(P) View of Rondart Reservoir in area of Scots Pine, Vacc corymb + ang + White Spruce.

(P) to (6) Pole stand below road.

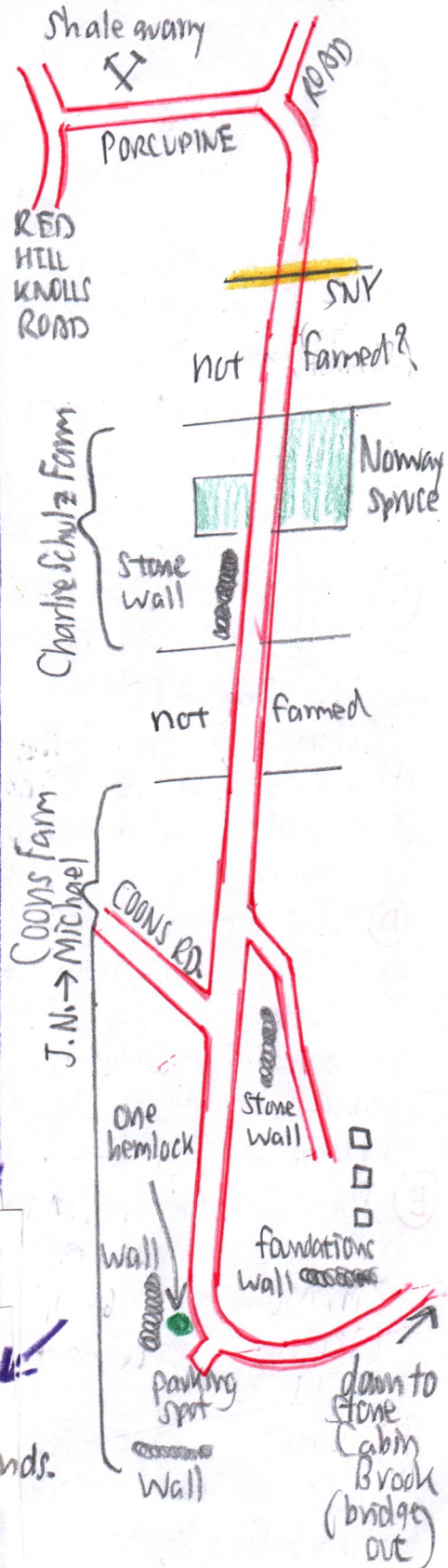
(6) Red pine above road planted 1940s + 1950s.

(R) Carl says VanDover, (or later owners) did many plantings with a number of spp. including European Larch. No red spruce seen except on summit. Is it native?

Not farmed: SUB-B dominant

Farmed: ASH-BC-YB to 20" Lycop obs + comp, Bracken ASH down on Coons Farm. 18" and 90y + time since fallen. NE blowdown winds. Farm abandoned ca. 1915?

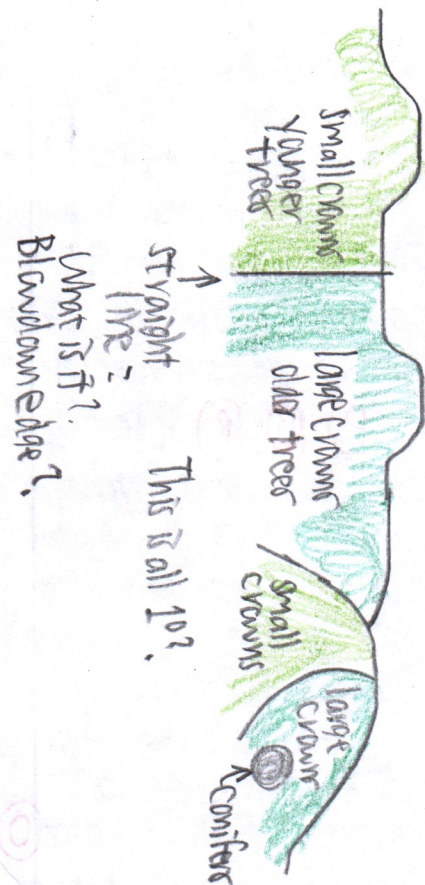
Stone Cabin Road detail



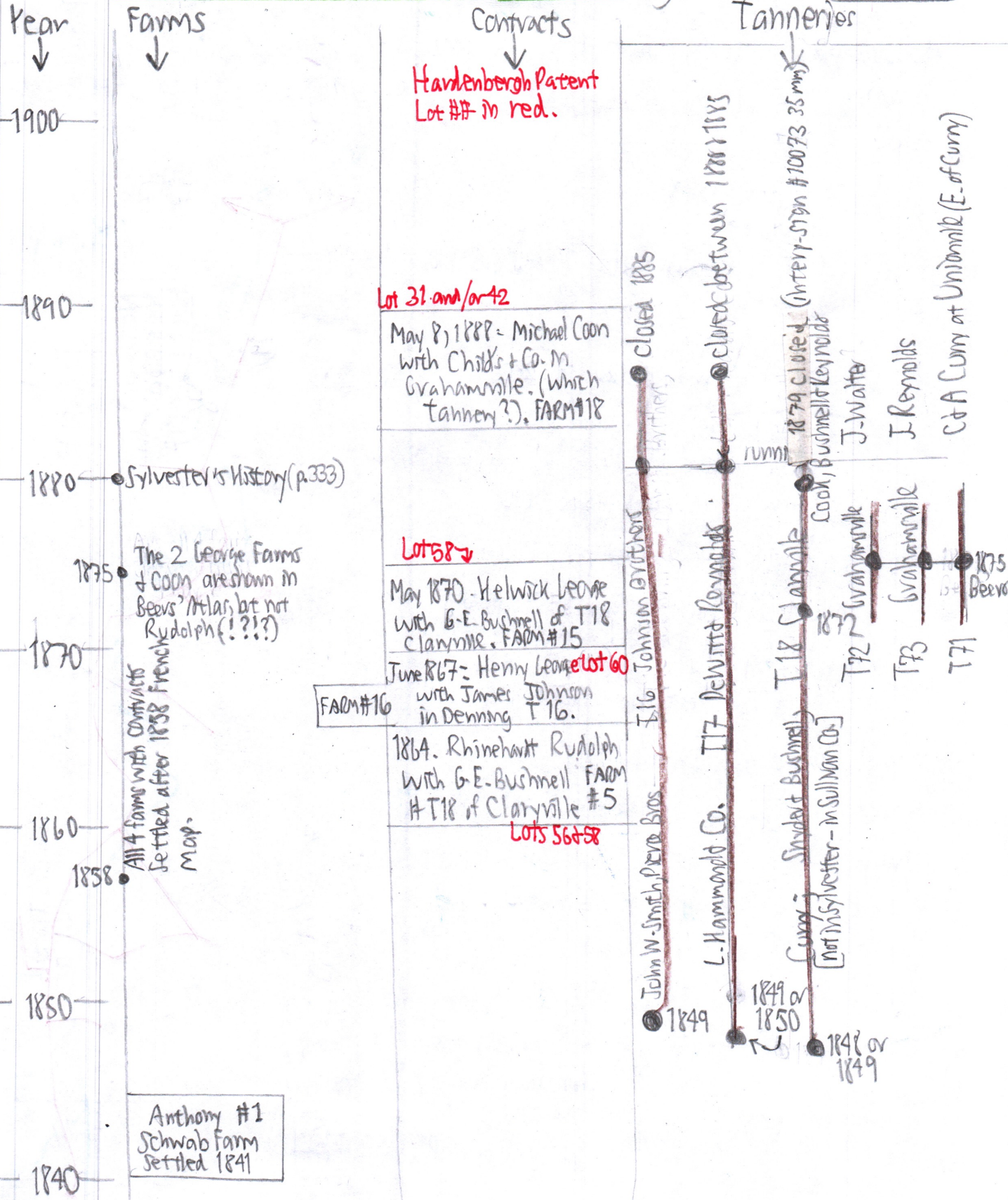
View from First Valley's Merrill Pavilion.

Table Mts

Peckamore Mts



Timeline of Farms, Tanneries & Barking Contracts (144-20)



Land Acquisition Hardenbergh Patent, Great Lot 6, Division 1 (Denning Tract)

SNY (DEC)

Coons Farm area

Lot 40, S end Purchased 1907, 98.40 acres
Lots 32 E part, " 1902, 60 acres
Lot 33 SW cor. 1907, 54 acres

Lot 41 between 1920 & 1924
Lot 42 between 1924 & 1938
Lot 43 " 1924 & 1938
Lot 22 " 1924 & 1938
Lot 23 SW cor } only betw 1924 & 1938
Lot 24 between 1957 & 1970
Lot 31 SW cor. between 1924 & 1938
Lot 44 SW cor. between 1924 & 1938

Red Hill

Lot 69 fragment between 1957 & 1970
Lot 71 fragment between 1924 & 1938
Lot 74 between 1937 & 1957
Lot 76 between 1957 & 1970

East of Rudolph & Red Hill Roads
Lot 50 } between 1924 & 1938
Lot 59 }

DEP

East of Coons Road
Lot 58

Red Hill south slopes } probably about
Lots 72, 71 } 1996 when new
DEC trail was built
and old road closed
from the south by DEP.

East Branch Neversink Valley: historical geography

