

Betty Baker, in her letter rec'd. 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 Gametson Tract, while Lot #30 is on the Lausette Tract.

The Fairbairns aren't certain where the Burr George Farm was, but their easternmost pasture, #7, is called the Burr George Pasture. This could be not that Burr George owned it, but that this Fairbairn 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 5/14/97 (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 to

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^t 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 Gill Gully. Was this the Burr George Farm driveway? MK notes say "Todd Farm". Check this area for charcoal.

DISCREPANCY OF LOTS exists between 1875 Beers' Atlas and DEC maps.

