

References:

For current SJK land boundaries

Big Indian-Beaverkill Wilderness U.M.P.S maps at rear of booklet
 Slide-Panther Mtn. Wilderness U.M.P. folded, large map [contour 1:24000]
 Liz Cruz's 2012 map. P. 202-71 in Chwickhamr file.

For MK forest obs.

p. 202-33 to 36 . 5/14/97 Belleayre file
 p. 202-67 to 70 . 4/28/09 Belleayre file

Thoughts on locating the Burr George Farm

NO CHARCOAL.

Charcoal was NOT searched for under the plantations because they would not have been forests in 1914, but open fields.

Charcoal was searched for from Q to R to S along the ridge, but not on the moist N-facing slope at S + W.

Charcoal was again searched for on the N side of Gill Gully between T + U.

The best place to scrape the litter + humus is along the bank of the old trail Q, and at bases of larger trees. About 2 dozen sites were scraped in all.

1875 BEERS ATLAS

Shows D. George on at end of a long driveway heading N from Rider Hollow Rd. Because the scale of the map is reduced, the driveway location had to be calculated. The driveway is as far from junc. of Todd Mtn & Rider Hollow Roads as the junction of Dry Brook & Todd Mt Roads is from the Town Line just below Hanley's Corner.

2 1/4". On the USGS Seeger 1 Quad, the latter distance is 4 1/8" = 7.65 miles. Therefore, the D. George driveway is 7.65 miles up Rider Hollow from Todd Mtn Rd, or betw. Bernice George Drive and the "tall house".

Next time, go farther up the unnamed brook's SE side and find where Bernice George Drive ends. It should end at D. George. Did D. George become Burr George in 1914? Find a woodlot, not an old field, & search for charcoal. Any records in Hardenbergh Tam Hall?

	↓	Mileage on Rider Hollow Rd.	
0.00	0.0	2810	
0.50	1.8	Junction Dry Brook & Todd Mtn Roads	
1.30	2.3	Junction Todd Mtn & Rider Hollow Roads	
1.50	3.1	Old Baker Rd.	
2.00	3.3	Fairbairns	
2.05	3.8	unnamed brook	
2.1	3.85	Bernice George Drive	
2.3	3.9	bridge over Rider H. stream	
2.6	4.1	Junction to Warren Todd Subdivision	
	4.4	Trail head	
		↑	from 2810

(K)(L)(M)(N)(O)(P) Were all these plantations put in by Ed West in 1927-1928, or are they a little later with C.S.L.? Does Diane Galucha's book say anything?

Any ring counts by MK on white spruces near (K)?

(N) As viewed from the trailhead (K), the white spruce plantation ends at the line of State Land [Lot 14], although there are several spruce over the line on private Lot 13. The line is NOT blazed N of the trailhead & across Rider Hollow stream.

(O) The lower white spruce plantation is dense with beech sprouts, refuting the idea that beech does not return on abandoned pastures.

(P) More beech, and with big tooth & BB under the spruce. Big 18" BB just above the plantation.

(M) Does the old road, now with dense beech on it,

Continue down west connect with the Warren Todd Subdivision Road? There is a stone retaining wall & the wall is barely 100 or 200 ft from the bridge (L).

(Q) This faint trail is depressed into the hillside about 1 foot as a trough. Too narrow for a wagon road. May be a bank road or a foot path? It ends at the crest of the ridge at two 10" hemlocks (the 1st obs. on the ridge) & a 3' high, 7' wide boulder.

Forest along (Q) is RM, BC, BT & DOTH with a BEECH understory. NOT pastured.

(X)(R)(S) The unmarked trail noted in 1993 [see page 202-34] is no longer there & may be barely discernable in a few segments only.

Crest vegetation is RM-SUG-KB-BC-ASH-B 60 to 70 tall with LL-SINF-MITCH LYCO-DRACUM-BEECH SPROUTS

(W) bank road on narrow terrace ends in both directions.

(S) RED SPRUCES. 3 of them. 7" & 8" dbh + one unhealthy sapling complete with bronchy buds & a few twig hairs. No cones on ground. Where did these come from?

Could not continue on down the crest because of rifle target practice below. Turned N instead to:

(SS) South side of Gill Gully is RM & YB with HEM understory. A few older HEM occur on north rim of crest incl. one 30" down HEM at (R)

(T) North side of Gill Gully has a cove with SUB-ASH-OCT.

(U) Tumbuck at a dunned 30" ASH with a big root cake upended. Roots 24" to 36" deep.

SUB 9" with a red tape around it just to SW below. HEMS scattered, to >24" & >102 y, most in understory. NO roads on N side of Gill Gully.

Mums 23" deep.

(V) Cross Gill Gully at a large boulder pile & a dark breccia boulder on N bank. Too hard to break a sample off of. The breccia is next to a 24" SUB which had fallen across the brook.