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# SNY Belleayre ① 1918 Acquisition

202-85

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From Diane Galusha, 1/4/2017

Mtn News April 10, 1914 Friday

SEE MAP P. 202-74 in CRUICK-  
SHANK FILE FOR  
LOCATION within MK  
dark blue boundary

## A BIG INDUSTRY.

THE LUMBER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE OPENED AT HIGHMOUNT

John H. Hievely of Williamsport, PA, an experienced logging contractor, arrived at Grand Hotel Station on Thursday\* with five ← \*4/9/1914  
carloads of horses, equipment & supplies, together with 15 men to  
commence the lumber operation on the 3000 acre tract of Belle Ayre  
Conservation Company at Highmount

Back  
Wood  
Club had  
1500  
acres

Mr Hievely has the contract under the supervision of Mr. J.W. Allen to cut & stock a 7 foot band <sup>saw</sup> mill, which will be erected immediately. //

[Mr Hievely's family will reside at the boarding house owned by the company located west of Gramplan Hotel & the so called Ram house.]

"This will be an extensive & permanent industry employing from 50 to 75 men - Griffin Connors Hevala

Mtn News October 11, 1918 Friday  
"\$250,000 DEAL TO BE DECIDED AT HEARING"  
State settling question of price of Highmount land.  
Owners want quarter of a million

"There is a hearing in process at Andersons Hotel before Judge Paulen C. Williams of Watertown on a claim filed by the Belle Ayre Conservation Co & the Back Wood Club, both of Highmount, for a total of \$250,000 for 4500 acres of land taken by the state in March. Hearing was started in Albany on Monday. -----

"The argument is over the value of the land. This land was bought some years ago by the two Companies & named as an enormous lumber enterprise. It did not make money for the men who invested in the enterprise & was given up. In March of the present (1918) years the state appropriated to land as part of the great state park.

\$ 1914

There are 4500 acres and the tract takes in the whole of the Bellefleur Range, a part of the Dry Brook Valley & considerable land at Highmont. The Bellefleur Conservation Co. asks \$200,000 for their portion of the land & the Back Woods Club wants \$150,000 for theirs!

[In the interest of the state are C.R. Pettis Supt of Forests, George L. Treitz of Rescoe, & others]

prob. Rider Kallew

C. Mtn News Friday December 4, 1936 page 13

"Pine Kill hopes for ski visitors"

[Pine Kill Ski club to build trails] -

1. From RR station to downtown. 1600 ft long x 800 ft wide, narrowing to 80 ft at Main Street

2. Nearby is the <sup>former</sup> Bellefleur trail, starts at observatory 2 miles above Arthur Brisbane residence & another mile from Brisbane to village. [already built in 1936]

3. From <sup>the</sup> Bellefleur to site of former Grampian Hotel, & another down to Horseshoe Trails on state land to be built by CCC.

MK  
3000 acres  
lumber co  
1500 acres  
hunting club  
Σ 4500 acres

③

Potential Lots for SNY March 1918 Belleayre Acquisition 1/8/17

All in Ulster County? Yes Lots shown in red on DEC 1970 Cortkills Land Map

Great Lot 8

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Armstrong Tract (N 1/2 of Great Lot 8)

\* Lot 60 just S of Grand Hotel Sta. [not listed] Acq. betw. 1924 & 1938

Lawsette Tract (S 1/2 of Great Lot 8), tiers of lots from N to S  
Land within each tier from W to E:

102	(south 1/2)	1918	26 acres ✓
101	2 banded	1918	72 acres ✓
100	(Horseshoe Curves) 3 by U&D	1918	36 acres ✓
84	east 1/2	1918	80 acres ✓
85		1918	158 acres ✓
86		1918	140 acres ✓
* 87	north 1/2	[not listed]	Acq. betw. 1938 & 1957
71	east 1/2	1918	84 acres ✓
70	(NW summit 3429')	1918	138 acres ✓
German Society Lot		1918,	322 acres ✓
69		1918	150 acres ✓
68	(Garretson Ridge Kilns)	1918	162 acres ✓
56	east 1/2	1918	106 acres ✓
57		1918	140 acres ✓
German Society Lot		1918,	322 acres [tallied above]
58	(Belleayre fire tower)	1918	140 acres ✓
59		1918	152 acres ✓
45	east 1/2	1918	46 acres ✓
≠ 44		1907, 1918	96 acres ✓
43		1918	80 acres ✓
≠ 42		1900 & 1918	163 acres ✓
41		1918,	146 acres ✓
40	(head of Lost Clove)	1918,	160 acres ✓
Town of Shandaken 39		1918,	156 acres ✓
Town of Hardenbergh 28	east 1/4	1918,	7 acres ✓
(Rider Hollow) 29	north 1/2	1918,	86 acres ✓
≠ 30		1900 to 1918,	160 acres ✓
≠ 31	(Mine Hollow)	ditto,	168 acres ✓
≠ 32		ditto,	160 acres ✓

1920  
State  
Land  
List:  
pages 285  
& 286

\* acquired after 1918  
≠ purchased 1900 & appropriated in 1918.  
Do an acreage tally <sup>both</sup> including & excluding these lots & see which tally best matches 4500 acres

purchase 1900  
approp- 1918

Great Lot 7 Garretson Tract

# Tally subtotals, acreage

Appropriated 1918

- Lots 102 to 100 ————— 134 ✓
- Lots 84 to 86 ————— 378 ✓
- Lots 71 to 68 + G. Society Lot — 856 ✓
- Lots 56 to 59 ————— 538 ✓
- Lots 39 to 45 ————— 588 ✓
- Lots 28 + 29 ————— 93 ✓

Total 2587

Purchased 1900 + 1907

Appropriated 1918

- 44
- 42
- 30
- 31
- 32

Total 747 ✓

Combined Total 3334 acres

1200+ acres are missing. In disjunct parcels? What other lots were acquired in 1918?, or appropriated? How about Great Lot 7, Gametson Tract? Yes:

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Rider Hollow +	Lot 14 #	all approp. 1918 but some to purchased earlier #	160
Hiram's Knob Spur	Lot 15 #		160
of Haynes Mtn.	Lot 23 #		149
	Lot 24 #		148
	Lot 25 #		146
	Lot 50		87
Sid's Notch	Lot 51	88	
	Lot 92	120	
			<hr/> 1058 acres

Was this the Back Woods Club?  
Ask Dr. John.

Grand Total Great Lots 887

4392 acres

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