SITE #13: THE JOE HULSE PROPERTY

Adjacent to the Chatfield place, the Joe Hulse homestead was a middle-sized farm prior to the creation of Black Rock Forest. In fact it is somewhat difficult to determine where the Chatfield place ends and the Hulse fields begin. The large witness tree which now stands at the intersection of White Oak and Continental Roads seems like a probable marker delineating these two properties. It might be that during the Kronkite era of the mid-1800s these two properties were combined. In any event, the foundation of the Hulse's home is still evident just southwest of the intersection of Hulse Road, Continental Road, and Sutherland Pond Road, which was constructed directly through the homestead. The Hulse barnyard appears to have been located directly behind the house (the Hulse front door faced south towards the Chatfields), just on the other side Sutherland Pond Road. The Black Rock Forest pine plantings in the field between this barnyard and the Hulse home, as well as the rock walls and the pile of stones along this field's edge, indicate that this area was farmed by the Hulses. The region to the south of the foundation all along Continental Road also appears to have been cultivated by the family. The stone wall bordering Continental Road, and the Black Rock pine plantings throughout this quite large field, suggests that this area too was put under the plow.

¹ The location of the Joe Hulse place is noted on Black Rock Forest Compartment V Map, Black Rock Forest Archives, Cornwall, New York.

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