

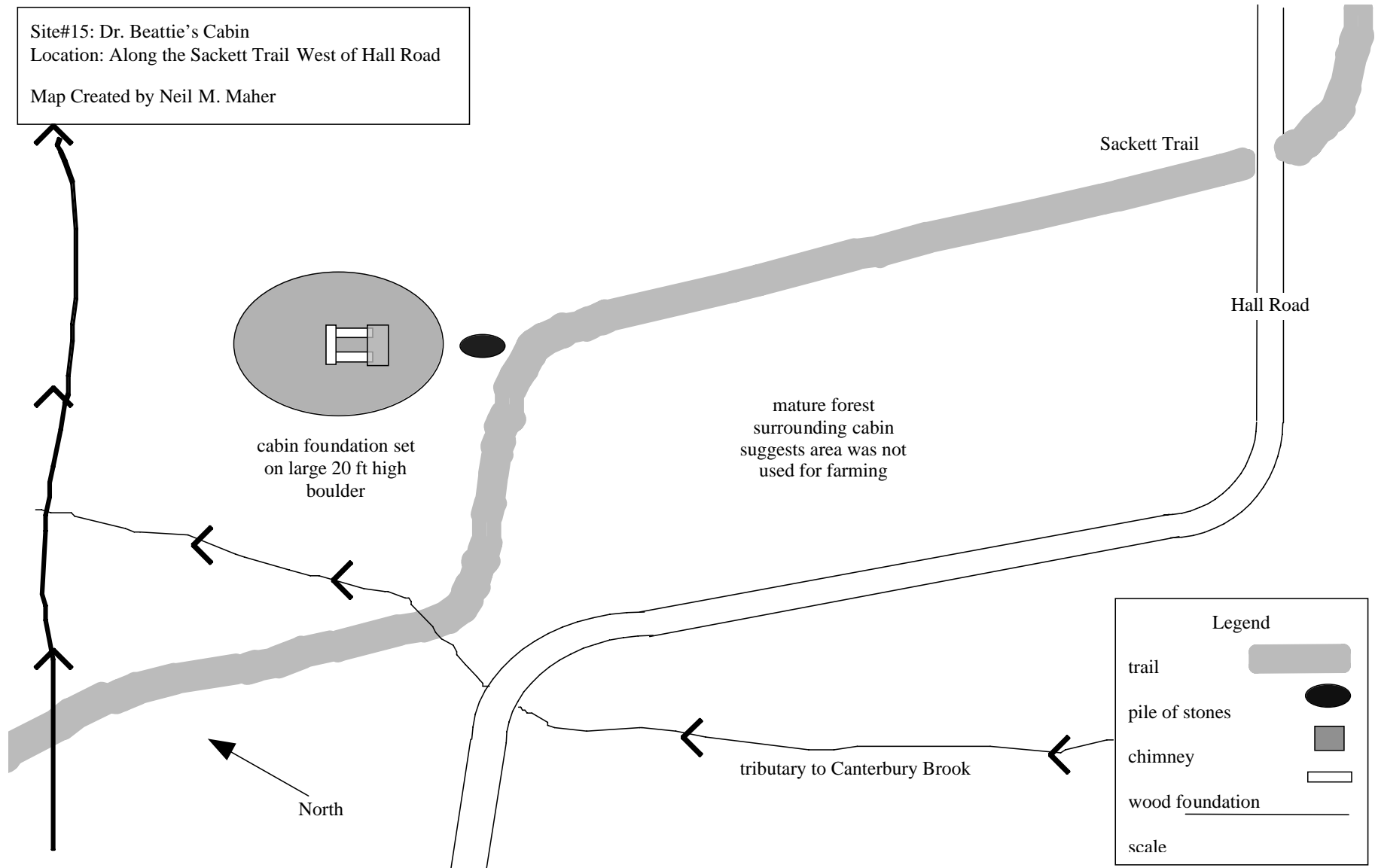
SITE #15: DR. BEATTIE'S CABIN

The remains of Dr. Beattie's cabin are located east of Hall Road along the Sackett Trail.¹ The cabin's foundation sits atop a large, twenty-foot high stone outcropping directly above a tributary to Cranberry Brook. The cabin's chimney, which includes both stones and bricks, appears to be of more recent origin than most of the other man-made structures in Black Rock Forest. The wooden trunks which were laid out to support the cabin's walls, also suggest that this property was occupied at a later date than most of the other settled areas in Black Rock. The stones lying in a pile near the entrance to the cabin seem to have been left over from the construction of the chimney or foundation rather than cleared from any nearby farm fields. In fact the mature forest surrounding the cabin, and a complete lack of stone walls anywhere on the property, indicates that this land was not used for farming or woodcutting by the Beattie's. Instead, the cabin was believed to be visited only on weekends by Beattie and his family during the warmer summer months.²

¹ The location of Dr. Beattie's cabin is noted on Black Rock Forest Compartment XXXI Map, Black Rock Forest Archives, Cornwall, New York.

² Babcock, interview with author, 20 May 1995.

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Location: Along the Sackett Trail West of Hall Road
Map Created by Neil M. Maher



cabin foundation set on large 20 ft high boulder

mature forest surrounding cabin suggests area was not used for farming

tributary to Canterbury Brook

Sackett Trail

Hall Road

North

Legend

- trail
- pile of stones
- chimney
- wood foundation
- scale