

SITE #9: THE SATTERLEE PROPERTY

The Satterlee homestead lies just north of Jim's Pond Road directly across from the access road to Round Pond.¹ The Satterlee house, the foundation of which is still discernible, was located against a high stone outcropping just opposite a small hill which rises to the east. Between the foundation and this hill sits a cleared parcel of land indicating that the Satterlees maintained a yard, small garden, or area where domesticated animals might have been corralled. Although they resided here permanently before the creation of Black Rock Forest, the Satterlees left little other lasting imprint upon the land. The mature forest growth in the vicinity of the foundation suggests that they did not farm the region intensively. Here again, however, the construction of Jim's Pond Road may have resulted in the destruction of structures such as stone walls that would have indicated more extensive agriculture. The Satterlees relied on a spring near their house for their water, the exact location of which is today unknown.²

¹ The location of the Satterlee property is noted on Black Rock Forest Compartment XIX Map, Black Rock Forest Archives, Cornwall, New York.

² According to Buster Babcock the Satterlees lived in this location year-round. The Satterlee spring, he noted, was located near the house. Babcock, interview with author, 20 May 1995.

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Directly Opposite Access Road to Round Pond

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