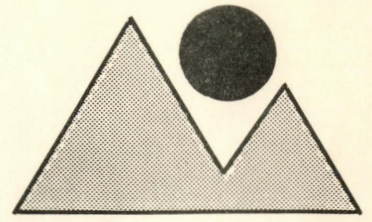


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Dear Dr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the maps and photos concerning my proposed topic. There are many living informants who were born, raised, and schooled there, who haven't seen the area in decades, and who, when shown pictures, really seem to enjoy this trip backwards in time. I anticipate ample cooperation here.

The settlement was founded somewhere between 1865 and 1890 I think (capital think). The technology would place it at least then, the readable gravestones attest to at least 1901, and oral testimony puts the date at about the 1880's.

It seems that it was a self contained community for quite awhile. One informant, Irene Slone, told me her father had about 40 acres of corn, and a mill in the vicinity of #5 was used to grist. Later a store was added around #8 and it was necessary for the goods to be dropped off at Charlie Hall's place on the highway and then be brought over the mountain by sled. Since the trail often doubled as a stream, canvas was stretched over the bottom of the sled at the stream crossing in order to keep the flour dry.

The holler meets another holler at the heads and this second holler (where I haven't been yet) was considered to be part of the same community. Hopefully I'll be able to examine all existing structures, outbuildings, farm layouts and boundaries to see how these pieces fit together. Informants can add the technology and the history which might explain the life and death cycle of such a place as well as the functionality of all its component parts.

I've numbered all the photographs with the corresponding number that appears on the map. Since the valley is overgrown, I've no doubt missed a lot of structures. People tell me there used to be more back there, at least.

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I'm up for any suggestions on how to handle this. I'm using the HABS Architecture identification outline for each structure which seems reasonably detailed. Still, I expect the people around me to be the biggest help. They can tell me the "whys."

I'll keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chip', written in a cursive style.

Chip

CM:gs

Enclosure