

Trout Lake - 1880

by L. Willard
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— Barber once road commissioner & Hermon. Came to Hermon after being in partnership with a man in Whitehall. John Gardner had a 99 yr lease from feet of lake towards Miller. Cut timber (original) & sold it to Trout Lake Sawmill operated by John Gardner - father of Bragdon & Asa who run Trout Lake Hotel & dancehall. Sawmill used locally. Later he sold his rights to Dan Barnett & Moose, Potsdam men bought, from Sourceman parties, the land extended to within 1/2 mile of Chubb Lake.

First cutting

Had 12 or 15 teams.

Beetles plentiful ⁱⁿ camp
was highest ^{at head of Trout Lake} pay.

\$20.00 a month board. Worked rainy days or lose time & pay board. Men come in from Cotton with boss Jack Donahue.

my father cut roads with Englishman
all this before he was married.

John Gardner who had lease milled his lease to Brate his son.

all fine logs the first Barnett & Moose cut. Barber was to have 1/3 share for his interest as he owned land. Could not keep up payment so sold timber on the above terms.

Barber lived at Hermon on edge & came up daily to see how log cutting was coming on.

Front Lake Note T

Through the complications of Barber
and going in bankruptcy, Barber
the contract was not secure, and
Barnett & Moore took advantage
& hurriedly closed up timber &
Barber was left holding the bag.
Lumber went to Bigelow for shipment.

Barber?

Plin Gardner's mother was Jane Cook
owned farm where Plin's saw mill was.

Nina Smithers writing - L. Willard was her brother.

Long
Boed Jack Dorshue
Bully man was he
One day he met a peddler
& he was happy for to see

And when he found the peddler
As good a man to be
He took as a partner for to be