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It is the late 1800s when a man from Brandreth Lake, NY, rides his horse into the emerging town of Long Lake West. There are few roads but many disasters as the railroad moves north into a place called Nehasane.

Huntley brings out the personalities and relationships of the real people willing to settle in a remote community in the wilderness of the Adirondack Mountains. Villagers are bound together by weather, children, and the will to survive.



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A true story of the horrific event that devastated the Adirondack Mountain town called Long Lake West and the survivors who witnessed it.

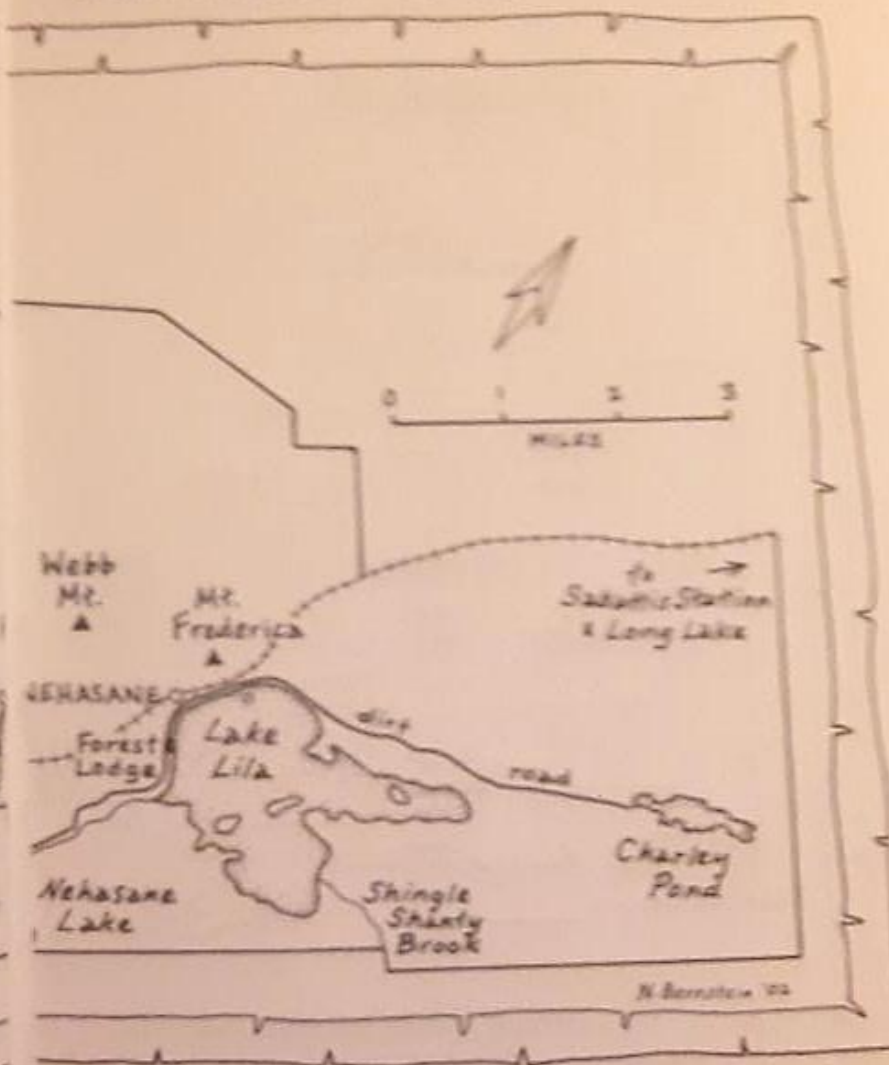
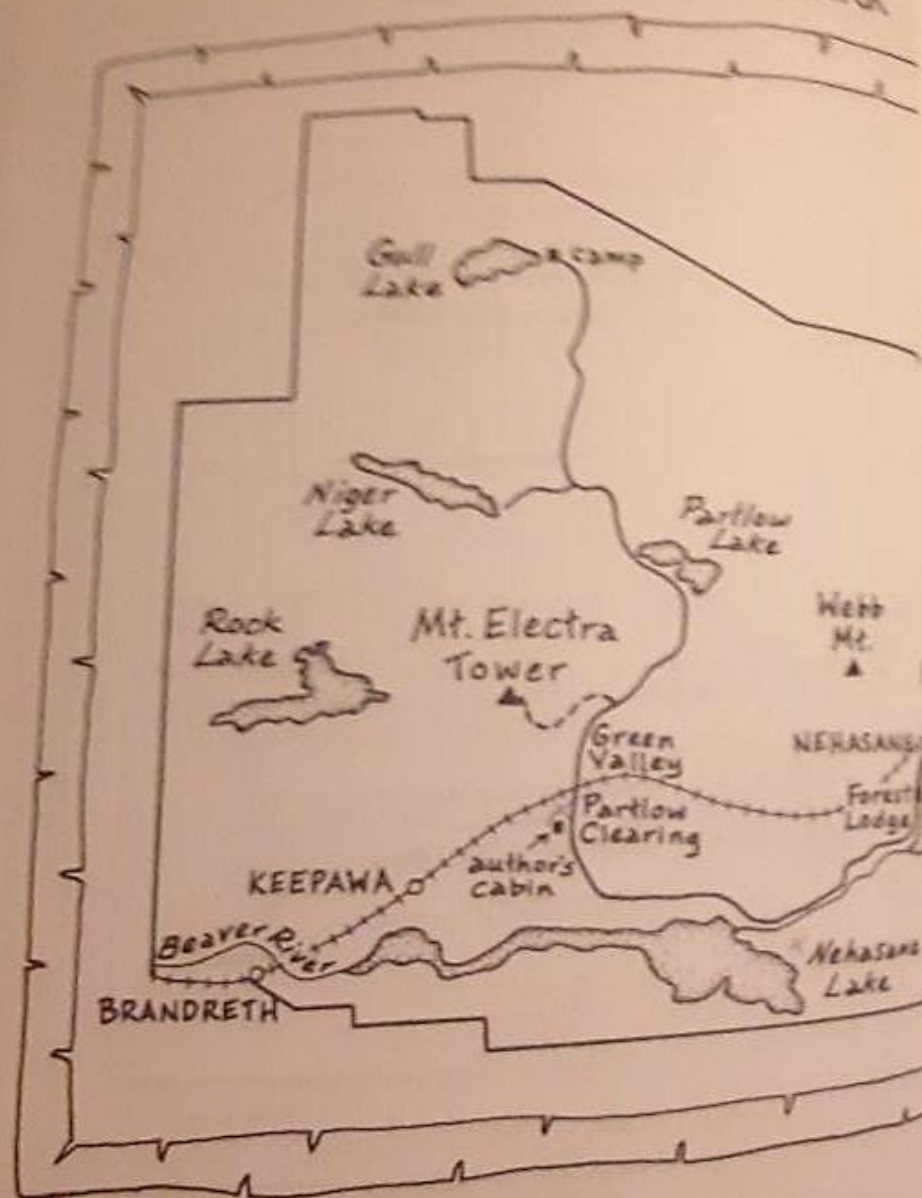
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Long Lake West

Located 19 miles from Long Lake
between Long Lake and Tupper Lake

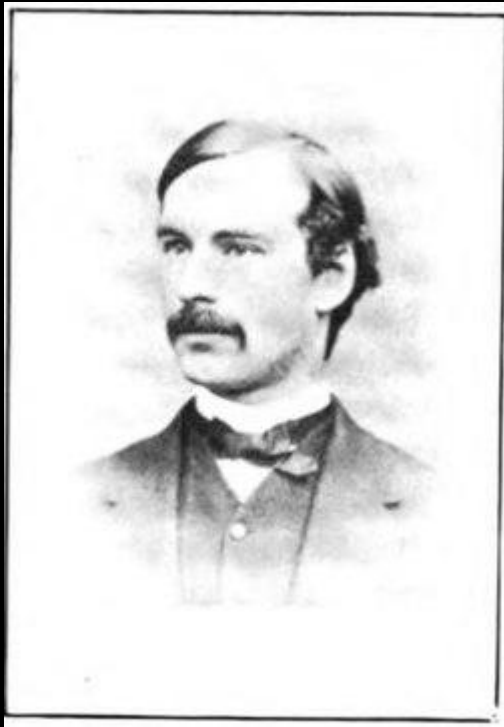
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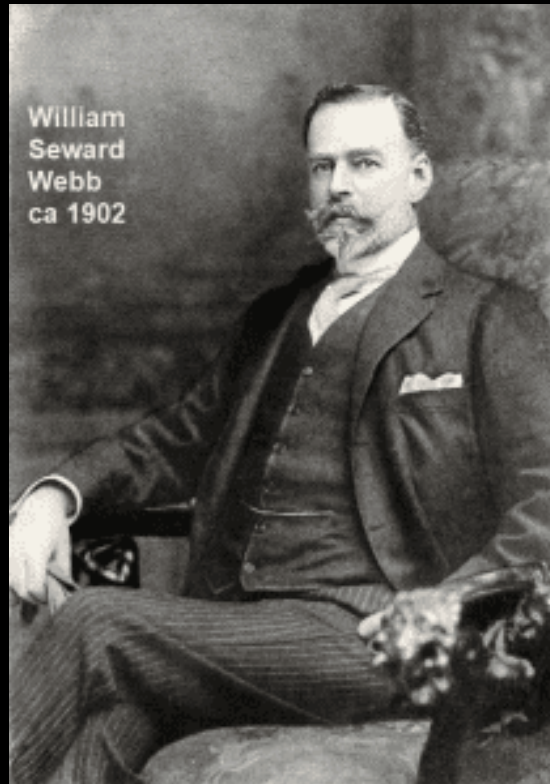


N. Bernstein '42

Map by Nancy Bernstein



William Seward Webb



Established Mohawk
Malone Railroad,
which came through
Long Lake West
(Sabattis)
And Nehasane, his
home.



New York Adirondack Train



Adirondack railroad camp cars. Webb Wilderness Railroad also known as Mohawk Malone Railway (built between 1891 and 1892)

SCHEDULE OF JUNE 19, 1904. REVISED JULY 25, 1904.

* Runs daily, † Daily, except Sunday, ‡ Daily, except Saturday, § Runs Sunday only, ¶ Daily, except Monday, & Runs Saturday only. Mixed trains will carry passengers in caboose cars. f Stops on signal to discharge or receive passengers. g Stops on signal on Saturday. h Stops on signal only to receive passengers. i Stops Saturday only. j Stops on signal for passengers for Utica and points beyond and from D & H. R. R. k Stops at Poughkeepsie and Ossining to land passengers from Utica and points north. l No baggage carried on 642 between Albany and Utica. Trains Nos. 642 and 618 will stop on signal at Pleasant Lake siding. m Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. n Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. o Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. p Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. q Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. r Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. s Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. t Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. u Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. v Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. w Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. x Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. y Stops at Pleasant Lake siding. z Stops at Pleasant Lake siding.



Art Cary & Winifred Smith Cary





LOG TRAIN LEAVING JACK WORKS, BRANDRETH LAKE, N.Y.



Old House in Sabattis. Photo taken in 1970s by Leske. Courtesy Adirondack Experience



The People's Hotel



The arrival of a relief train. On the left are the ruins of a \$25,000 hotel



Post Office, 1908

James Gordon Statement
Long Lake West, Aug. 2, 1910.

Statement of Zeb Tatro (Barber) Aug. 2, 1910.
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County of Hamilton.

On Sept. 27, 1908, I was running Restaurant at

Long Lake I saw fires burning South of Long Lake in the month of Aug. and September at various times when trains were passing. I saw sparks come from Engine that set fire to grass and brush that had been cut along the R Road track and left bunched up. There was great quantity of inflammable material all long the track that in dry times would ketch fire at different times when trains had passed I saw fires start up and went and put them out. Most of the fires I saw were set by passing trains throwing out live sparks setting fires at once. On September 27, 1908, fire started on R R track South of Long Lake West and ran into Mr. Low land burning up Mr. Low's cottage on West side of tracks, burning everything as far north as Bog River. The fire came up the track over on West side on Mr. Low's land, there was fire in East side North of Long Lake West. The fire came back from Christie Land, united with the fire at Long Lake West, burning all the buildings on East and West. The fire that burned Long Lake West on Sept. 27, 1908, started on the R Road South of Long Lake West, came up the track to Mr. Low's land and burned his cottage on West, united with the fire that came back from Christie and burned North on both sides for several miles.

Zeb Tatro.



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