

Poke-O-Moonshine Mountain Fire Tower

Roster of Forest Fire Observers

*Compiled from the payroll records of the Bureau of Forest Fire Control
by Bill Starr, State Director of the Forest Fire Lookout Association*

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Essex County - District 9 - Region 5 - Established in 1912 - Steel Tower Erected in 1917

NAME	RESIDENCE	START SALARY	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Emmett Fuller	Westport, NY	\$60.00 month	1912 May - 1912 Nov
Harvey P. Mussen	Keeseville, NY	\$60.00 month	1913 July 20 - 1918 Aug 17
Frank Mussen	Keeseville, NY	\$72.00 month	1915 Aug 24 - 1915 Sept 23
Earl Conger	Keeseville, NY	\$90.20 month	1918 Sept - 1925 Oct
John B. Mussen	Keeseville, NY	\$100.00 month	1926 May 15 - 1926 Sept 30
Andrew Hoag	Keeseville, NY	\$100.00 month	1927 Apr - 1927 Nov
Henry Thompson	Keeseville, NY	\$100.00 month	1928 Apr 19 - 1928 Oct 31
Wallace H. Finney	Keeseville, NY	\$100.00 month	1929 Apr - 1935 May 31
Russell Smith	Clintonville, NY	\$100.00 month	1935 June 1 - 1952 June 30
George A. Stranhan	Keeseville, NY	\$204.26 month	1952 July 23 - 1952 Nov 13
George DeLorme	Keeseville, NY	\$204.26 month	1953 Apr - 1954 Oct
James L. Hammond	Keeseville, NY	\$214.47 month	1955 Apr - 1956 May 26
Robert E. Baldwin	Clintonville, NY	\$110.22 bi-weekly	1957 Apr 15 - 1957 June 19
John E. Singleton	Willsboro, NY	\$114.44 bi-weekly	1957 June 24 - 1957 July 31
Wilfred P. Duclos	Willsboro, NY	\$121.27 bi-weekly	1957 Aug - 1957 Nov
Joseph H. Test	Clintonville, NY	\$114.44 month	1958 Apr 21 - 1958 Nov 5
Harold Benedict	Keeseville, NY	\$122.09 bi-weekly	1959 Apr - 1959 June 6
John Daniel Mussen	Keeseville, NY	\$122.09 bi-weekly	1959 June 10 - 1964 Apr 29
George A. Stranhan, Jr.	Keeseville, NY	\$134.79 bi-weekly	1964 Apr 30 - 1966 Nov 9
Harvey R. LaMere	Keeseville, NY	\$167.44 bi-monthly	1967 Apr - 1987 Nov
Kathy Blaise	Keeseville, NY	N/A	1988 Apr - 1988 Nov

Fire tower was decommissioned at the end of the 1988 fire season.

