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Re: What our forests looked like...

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troutbert wrote:

What was the evidence/reasoning behind the theory that there was a massive forest fire in PA pre-European settlement?

Only recall the article. I'd like to find out more if this was real. I know that my grandfathers both told me of massive hemlocks on the mountains of central Pa prior to logging the virgin forests. They were born in the 1890s. They had stories of hemlocks 4 to 5 feet in diameter and 200 feet tall. The mountain was logged in the late 1800s. So it would probably have had to have happened several hundred years prior to the late 1800s.

My own property my grandfather purchased a few years after logging. Hemlocks that grew after logging are only about two feet in diameter today.

Dwight you would know this land as Buffalo Mountain and the head waters of Buffalo Creek, Union County.