

VIRTUAL MUSEUM CANADA PHOTO GALLERY OF HUBBARD EXPEDITIONS
Photo Caption Corrections dated January 2004

Comments in **bold text** below were made by **Rudy Mauro**, who helped Dillon Wallace III locate Hubbard's final campsite at the intersection of Susan Brook and Goose Creek in 1973 and returned in 1977 with Wallace to affix the memorial tablet to the boulder at the site.

Comments in underlined text below were made by Troy M. Gipps, Co-Leader of the 2003 Hubbard Memorial Centennial Expedition. He, along with Jim Niedbalski and Brad Bassi, were the first to retrace the route of the ill-fated 1903 Leonidas Hubbard Expedition.

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Hubbard at NWR 1903. **CORRECT.**

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Wallace at NWR. **CORRECT.**

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Wallace and Elson on Susan R. **Definitely 1903, but obviously not Susan Brook, a smaller stream.**
I would agree that this does not look like the Susan (which for the most part is a rather steep and rocky brook). It's possible this is flatwater or backwater section of Goose Creek or a small pond along their route. I suppose the best way to narrow down the location would be to compare it to the other photographs and try to match their physical condition (weight, facial hair) and the condition of their clothing.

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Wallace and Elson setting up camp on the Susan. **Definitely 1903, but not necessarily along the Susan. The men in the picture are Wallace and Hubbard.** It would be extremely difficult to pin down this location. Best to leave it as 1903 "unknown location". There does appear to be a steep hill in the back right of the frame. This might help to rule out the location as the Susan.

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Elson and Wallace landing the canoe on shore of Susan River. **Definitely 1903, but obviously not along the Susan River, a small, rugged stream. This is definitely not the Susan.**

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Hubbard hanging blankets to dry. **Definitely 1903, but more accurately described as the valley of the Susan.** Agreed: Susan River valley is a more appropriate title.

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George Elson making a fire for lunch break, etc. **CORRECT.**

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Wallace and Elson discussing journey while taking a break, etc. **CORRECT.**

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Drying fish at campsite, etc. **CORRECT.**

12 of 67 Wallace checking his axe. **CORRECT.**

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Wallace and Elson with caribou head. **Photo taken August, 1903, on the inbound journey, at "Camp Caribou" on the upper Beaver.**

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Along the riverbank, August, 1903. **This is the upper Beaver River.** This location does not look familiar to me, but we traveled so far that is sometimes difficult to recall. The most least familiar part of the picture is the high hill in the background. Could this be from the ascent of the Beaver in 1913? I recall from looking at the maps that the terrain was quite steep along banks of the lower and middle Beaver River. Is "August 1903" written on the back of the photograph?

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Wallace at Goose Creek, etc. Definitely 1903. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Wallace and Elson poling down the Susan on their way back to NWR. Susan Brook rapids, Sept./03.
CAPTION INCORRECT. There was no return canoe journey on the Susan. Hubbard died at the source of the Susan, and Wallace and Elson went back down the Susan valley on foot. The men in the photo are paddling upstream, not downstream. Photo probably taken on the inbound journey. Agreed. Should be titled: "Ascending rapids on Susan Brook".

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Wallace repairing boots. **CORRECT.**

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Wallace at Hope Lake. Definitely Wallace at Hope Lake in 1903. **CORRECT.** Agreed. We the same view at the end of our portage into the lake.

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Wallace and Elson trekking through Susan rapids. **CORRECT.** Agreed: Should be titled: "Ascending rapids on Susan Brook".

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The camp at Windbound Lake. **Definitely 1903.**

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On the portage from Hope to Disappointment Lake. **Definitely 1903.**

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First sighting of Windbound Lake. **Definitely 1903.**

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Hubbard on top of Mount Hubbard, 1903.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Clifford Easton on the 1905 Wallace expedition, on the summit of a 450-ft. hill west of Desolation Lake , above the Naskapi River and east of Lake Michikamau. See Plate opp. page 106 in "The Long Labrador Trail".

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Scouting along the route, etc., 1903. **PROBABLY CORRECT.**

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Preparing to portage the Susan River 1903?

INCORRECT. Definitely not the Susan River, a much smaller stream. This is the Beaver River, and the figure in the picture appears to be Judge William Malone, on the 1913 journey to mark Hubbard's last camp on the Susan. Agreed. DEFINITELY NOT THE SUSAN. This is consistent with my photographs and memory of the Beaver River.

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Exploring Windbound Lake (1903?)

INCORRECT. This is not a lake, but a river, probably the Beaver, in 1913. Agreed. If this is the Beaver River it would have to be below the point where we entered it. The hills are too high for it to be the upper Beaver River.

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Hubbard looking torn and ragged, etc. **CORRECT.**

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Landscape of final campsite Oct. 1903 Susan Valley

Description and location are correct, but this is a side view of Hubbard's boulder as it appeared in 1913, before Wallace, Judge Malone and Gilbert

Blake began the task of chiseling their inscription. Agreed. This looks like the back view of the death place boulder.

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Site of Hubbard's death. The marked boulder in 1913. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Hubbard cleaning his catch beside the Susan River, 1903.

CAPTION INCORRECT. Not the Susan River. The large fish in the picture would not be found in Susan Brook. The year is 1905 and the man is Leigh Stanton, a member of Wallace's 1905 expedition, and the location probably Lake Michikamau. Agreed. The only fish we caught on Susan Brook were brook trout (sometimes called speckled or mud trout). They ranged in length from just 5 to 8 inches. These fish appear to be large lake trout. Lake Michikamau is a good guess at the location.

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Hubbard's rock, 1913. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Donald Blake's house 1903 **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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The rescuers of Wallace, etc. 1903. **CAPTION PROBABLY CORRECT.**

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Lily Blake 1904 **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Some Labrador trappers NWR 1903. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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HBC Post Rigolet 1903. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Rigolet Harbour 1903. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Catch the first day out . July 1903 Grand Lake River.

Caption correct except for "Grand Lake River". Probably Grand Lake. These trout appear to be brook trout. It seems unlikely that they would have been caught on July 16th; as the team would have been on Grand Lake. The fish could have been caught at "The Rapids" that separate Little Lake from Grand Lake. We didn't fish at this point and it seems unlikely that they would have either due to the fact that they had just started their trip. It seems highly unlikely that this number of brook trout would have been caught in Grand Lake. A catch like this I

would expect (based upon my fishing experience on our 2003 trip) could have come from the Beaver River.

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George cooking supper 1903. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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George with geese on Goose Creek 1903 **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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George at abandoned Indian camp. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Hubbard's body enroute home 1904. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Innu camp 1905. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Wallace and Easton on the shore of NWR Post 1905.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Dillon Wallace (left) and Judge William Malone (right), Wallace's companion on the 1913 journey to mark Hubbard's last camp. Photo taken July, 1913.

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Enroute up the Naskapi 1905.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Wallace (left) Judge William Malone (middle) and Gilbert Blake (right) at the start of their journey up the Beaver in 1913 to mark Hubbard's death place. July, 1913.

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Pete with caribou 1905. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Along the tip of Labrador 1905. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Canoe capsizes 1905 along Naskapi.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Judge William Malone (standing) and Murdock MacLean (in water) after an upset on the Beaver River in 1913. In a second upset farther upstream, the bronze tablet intended to mark Hubbard's death place was lost in the rapids. Murdock MacLean was one of Wallace's backup men who returned to NWR at the halfway mark up the Beaver. The second member of the backup team was Henry Blake.

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Portaging 1905 enroute to Ungava Bay.

Date correct, but this is Leigh Stanton (left), George Richards (middle) and Pete Stevens at the start of their return journey from Lake Michikamau to North West River, after parting from Wallace and Easton, who continued on to Ungava.

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Rapids 1905 **CAPTION PROBABLY CORRECT.**

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Boiling up 1905.

PARTLY CORRECT. Boiling up, alright, but this is Judge William Malone (left) Gilbert Blake (middle) and Wallace (holding cup) on the Beaver River in 1913. Photo probably taken by one of Wallace's backup party before they returned to North West River. Others have suggested this may have been one of Wallace's attempts at self-photography. He may be holding a shutter string in his left hand.

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Innu traveling along NWR in canoes 1905. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Posing for photos before the expedition begins. June 1905 NWR.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Judge William J. Malone (left) and Dillon Wallace (right) at the start of their 1913 journey up the Beaver to mark Hubbard's last camp on the Susan. Photo taken in 1913 on the exact spot where Hubbard and his two companions posed for pictures at the start of their 1903 journey.

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Relaxing at camp 1905 enroute through Labrador interior.

CAPTION CORRECT. Richards (left) likely Wallace (center) and Easton (right).

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Trekking through the rapids 1905 etc.

CAPTION INCORRECT. This is Judge William Malone (left) and Gilbert Blake, poling and tracking up the Beaver on their way to Hubbard's last camp, July, 1913.

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Group photo of Wallace 1905 expedition members. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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Portaging 1905. **CORRECT.**

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Along the Indian trail 1905.

Distant figures too neatly dressed to be 1905. Photo probably taken on 1913 expedition.

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Hauling and wading while keeping canoe upright.

Caption on back of picture cannot be questioned.

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Over portage, etc. 1905.

Caption on reverse side of picture difficult to dispute.

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Taking a break. **CAPTION CORRECT.**

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NWR HBC Post (right) and Revillon Freres Post (left). **CORRECT.**

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Enroute 1905. **CORRECT.**

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The Pelican 1905. **CORRECT.**

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NWR HBC Post. **CORRECT.**

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Ditto. **CORRECT.**

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Revillon Freres Post NWR. **CORRECT.**

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