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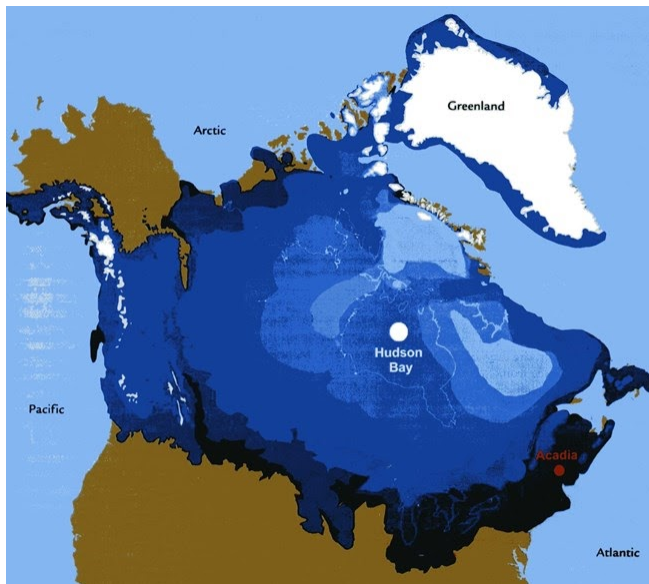
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## Rock Walls

At 10:30 on 10/29/2021 my grade and I were climbing South Mountain at Pawtuckaway NH. Our first rest on the way up was at the old Goodrich cellar. While we were there I wondered why the grave site walls were made of stone and same with the cellar.

As it turns out we have to look back thousands of years back to the ice age. During the ice age a giant, mile high ice sheet covered all of New England and most of Canada. When the globe started to heat up the ice sheet resided. It dragged tons of rocks and even boulders with it. Fast forward to the 1800's and the soil of New England is covered with rocks.



(Laurentide Ice Sheet)

So before the 1800's farmers could turn their land into farmland, they had to go through and remove the big rocks. But what could they do with all of these rocks? Well that's where the stone walls and stone houses come in. They could use these giant rocks and make a wall around their property or around the crops. After that I wanted to

know what kind of rock was most common.

After some research I found that Granite is the most common rock in the rock walls. Which makes sense because after all, New England has the granite state in it. But aside from

granite the next two most common rocks are limestone and gneiss since all three are very common in New England.

I think that just researching this even though everything to know about it is already known is good since it teaches other people about the subject. I don't have any more questions about the rock walls or rock house since I feel that there is nothing more to learn about the walls. But one thing that would be interesting to see is if the removal of the rocks affected species that live underground, maybe making it harder for them to live?

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