

The general direction of the Valley of the Hudson is due north and south, although below "St. Anthony's Nose," the trend is to the eastward, say south-east, for some three or four miles, and north of the "Nose," north-easterly some four or five miles.

Directly above the "Nose" the shore of the river is low, and marshy, for some three hundred yards, or more, above this, there is a terrace, and this is some one hundred and forty, to one hundred and sixty feet high; and extends to the water's edge with abrupt precipitous cliffs of rock, nearly all the way to Garrison's Landing which is just above Buttermilk Falls, and on the opposite side of the river.

Above this plain on the river, and opposite Buttermilk Falls, and to the eastward of the plain just described is the hill, known as "Sugar Loaf," one of the most prominent features of the landscape. This is a conical mountain on its east and west section, and serves as a good point of reference.

In the wide part of the river opposite the intersection of the Dunderberg and Bear Hill, and in front of Doodletown is "Grant's or "Ionia Island", containing some 120 acres, and immediately below is "Round Island," containing 10 acres.

South of Buttermilk Falls on the westerly side of the river, there is a rocky promontory separated from the main shore by a salt marsh, the place is known as "Consute," or "Marsh Island."

It is really not an Island at all, being connected with the bluffs of the river side by a passable rocky marsh, covered with sedge.

The high table land south of West Point, and east of the Torn Mountain, extends to Fort Montgomery, but is broken through by a ridge of granite at Cozzens. It contains about 700 acres, south of the northern limits of your location at an elevation of from one hundred and fifty, to one hundred and sixty feet above tide.

The similar plateau below the Popolopen Creek contains about one hundred and thirty acres, exclusive of the Beautiful sheet of water, known as "Highland Lake," which is some half a mile long, and two hundred yards wide, and is at an elevation of about one hundred and forty seven feet above tide.