

Avery, Francis Dean (1876-1940)

Diaries, 1896, 1897, 1903-1906, 1908. Buckland and Greenfield, MA

7 v. mss. 12.5, 15.5 cm.

Avery was the son of farmer James Dean and Emma Packard Avery of Buckland, MA. He worked on his father's farm, raising and showing giant oxen. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was graduated in 1902. After working briefly for the New York Central Railroad, he moved to Greenfield and pursued a career as a civil engineer. In 1905, Avery married Mabelle Johnson (b. 1881) of Shelburne, MA.

Early diaries, kept in Buckland, contain brief entries mentioning livestock and giant oxen. Later diaries, kept in Greenfield, consist of occasional entries largely pertaining to meetings of the Franklin County Commissioners.

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