

Avery, James Dean (1848-1922)

Diaries, 1880, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1889 Buckland, MA

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Avery, the son of David and Prudence Dean Avery, was known as a progressive farmer, lumberman, and trusted local and county official who devoted much of his life to developing a strain of giant oxen. He married Emma Packard of East Charlemont in 1873; their son, Francis Dean Avery was born in 1876. Avery re-married in 1902, this time to Maria M. Joselyn of Conway, Mass.

Diaries are agricultural in nature, with entries on farm work; lumber, lambing, shearing (for himself and others), peeling bark, notes on rams, appraising sheep, and "town teams." The 1889 mentions attending meetings of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society. Accounts sprinkled throughout.

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