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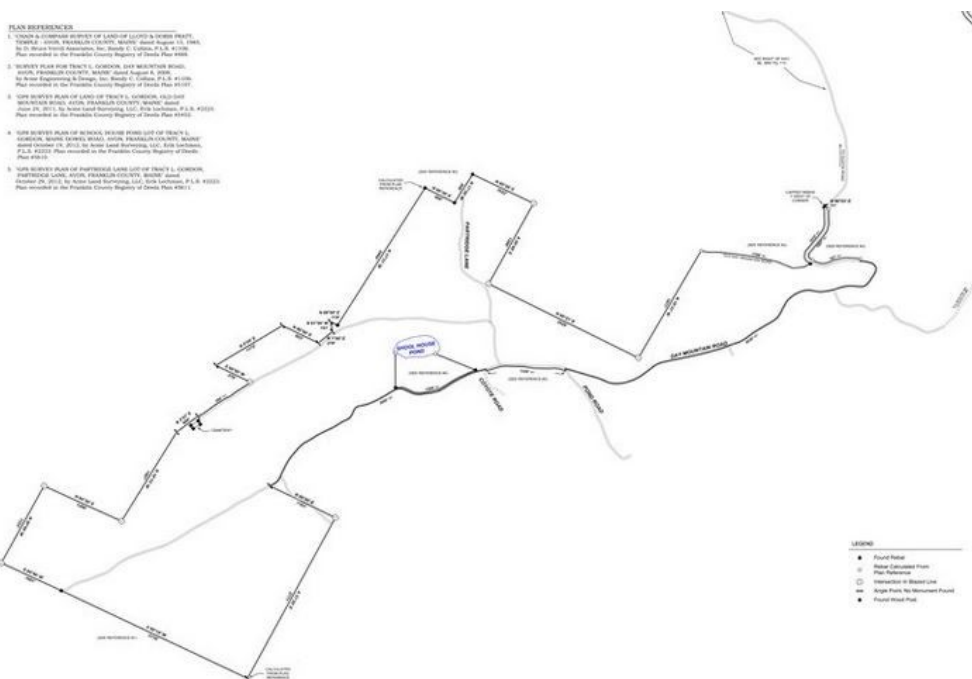
Historic Review

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540+/- Acres in Avon, Maine

Avon Families

Dad - David Richard – 1772- 1838 - Mom - Hannah Martin – 1774 - ?

First mentioned in heads of families Avon, Maine 1810 census.

They lived in Avon, Maine until their deaths.

Son – David Richardson Jr. – 1801 – 1884

Wife Esther Tebbetts – 1802/03 – 1878

First mentioned in heads of families Avon, Maine 1810 census.

They lived in Avon, Maine until their deaths.

John Dickey – 1804 – 1876 – Lucy Collier – 1804 - 1866

First mentioned in heads of families Avon, Maine 1830 census.

They lived in Avon, Maine until their deaths.

Elbridge Will – 1823 – 1871 – Malissa Haines – 1830 - 1891

Elbridge was born and died in Avon, Maine - 1823-1871

Nathaniel Roberts – 1811- 1903 – Elcedania Jewell – 1800? – 1883

First mentioned in heads of families Avon, Maine 1850 census.

The 1880 census shows them living in Farmington, Maine.

Day Mountain Cemetery

Family Connections

Marilla M. Roberts - Daughter of Nathaniel Roberts and Elcedania Jewell

9/24/1838 – 8/27/1847

District No. 6 School

Have not found any early records on this school.

When it was built or what it was called.

We just know this area was known as District No. 6.

Avon, Maine

First known as Township No. 2 or Abbott's Purchase or Upper Town it was settled in 1781 by 2 sea captains Joshua Soule and Perkins Allen. In 1801 the inhabitants of Avon petitioned for incorporation of their township referred to as No. 2 in Abbott's Purchase. In the original petition, they requested that their town be called Bilboa and if that was not practical to be named Canterbury. The General Court instead chose the name Avon, named after the river Avon in England. One of the Worcester villages that the Avon river flows through is Eckington which is the birthplace of Captain Soule's ancestor George Soule a Mayflower Pilgrim. Thus, the township of Avon, Maine became incorporated on February 22, 1802.

Early Struggles

In the early years the town of Avon was a poor one and struggled to make the improvements necessary for the town. They set out to establish 2 schools one North and one South of the banks of the Sandy River. The two schools were small 20 ft. x 16 ft. with an initial outlay of \$100.00 each, they were completed in 1807. During the Civil War when towns were required to pay bounties and wages to recruits they borrowed a sum of \$4,000.00 and this debt wasn't paid off until 1916. There was no considerable village, it had a couple of sawmills by 1875 and conducted some trade. Rather than build High Schools it was deemed cheaper to pay for their students to attend neighboring schools. They had no post office and would conduct their business in Phillips or Strong. The Sandy River Railroad opened in 1879 and transported freight and tourist from Farmington, Avon, Strong and Phillips. The Narrow Gauge line became a part of the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes line in 1908 but was discontinued in 1935 during the great depression. Day Mountain Pond was water supply for the town between 1908-1945.

The valuation books of Avon are extant only from 1850 to date,⁸ but for those years they help to present a picture of the economic life of the community. A tabulation of the principal information can be made as follows:

	1851	1880	1900	1920	1938
No. of Polls	143	127	121	95	114
No. of Horses & Mules	-	141	151	122	52
No. of Cows	432	233	206	251	128
No. of Sheep	1945	3223	1201	-	-
No. of Swine	95	54	58	-	-
Value of Real Estate	\$74,004	\$105,458	\$100,163	\$177,403	\$163,484
Value of Per- sonal Estate	\$25,877	\$ 38,160	\$ 26,601	\$ 47,980	\$ 11,218
Tax Rate	.009	.021	.035	.038	.065

1886 Maine Gazetteer by George J. Varney

Avon is 15 miles north-west of Farmington. The Narrow Gauge railroad from the latter town to Phillips passes through Avon.

The surface of the town is very uneven in the southern part. The principal forest trees are maple, white birch, poplar and spruce. The principal crop for market is hay.

Avon was settled soon after the Revolution, the first settlers being Captain Joshua Soule and Captain Perkins Allen. These were soon followed by Moses Dudley, Ebenezer Thompson, Mark Whitten, Thomas Humphrey, Charles Dwelley, and Samuel and Jesse Ingraham. The town was incorporated in 1802. Avon has eleven public school houses; and the school property is valued at \$2,200. The valuation of estates in 1870 was \$149,693. In 1880, it was \$149,347. The rate of taxation in the latter year was 5 mills on a dollar. The population in 1870 was 610. In 1880, it was 571.

Day Mountain

Prior to being named Day Mountain it was called Pierpole Mountain after the Native American Pierre Paul whom the settlers called Pierpole. History tells of Pierpole having a lead mine on Day Mountain which has never been found. He would disappear into the forest and come back with lead to make his bullets with. There also was an important early Abernaki trail though this area and it was said that it was possible that they had munition stashes along this route. So, whether the lead came from a mine or secret Abernaki munition stashes is unknown. John and Thomas Day were early settlers in the town of Strong, Maine. They arrived about 1810 with their families to carve out a farm on the side of the mountain that bears their name Day Mountain.

There is also an old Family cemetery named Day Mountain Cemetery.

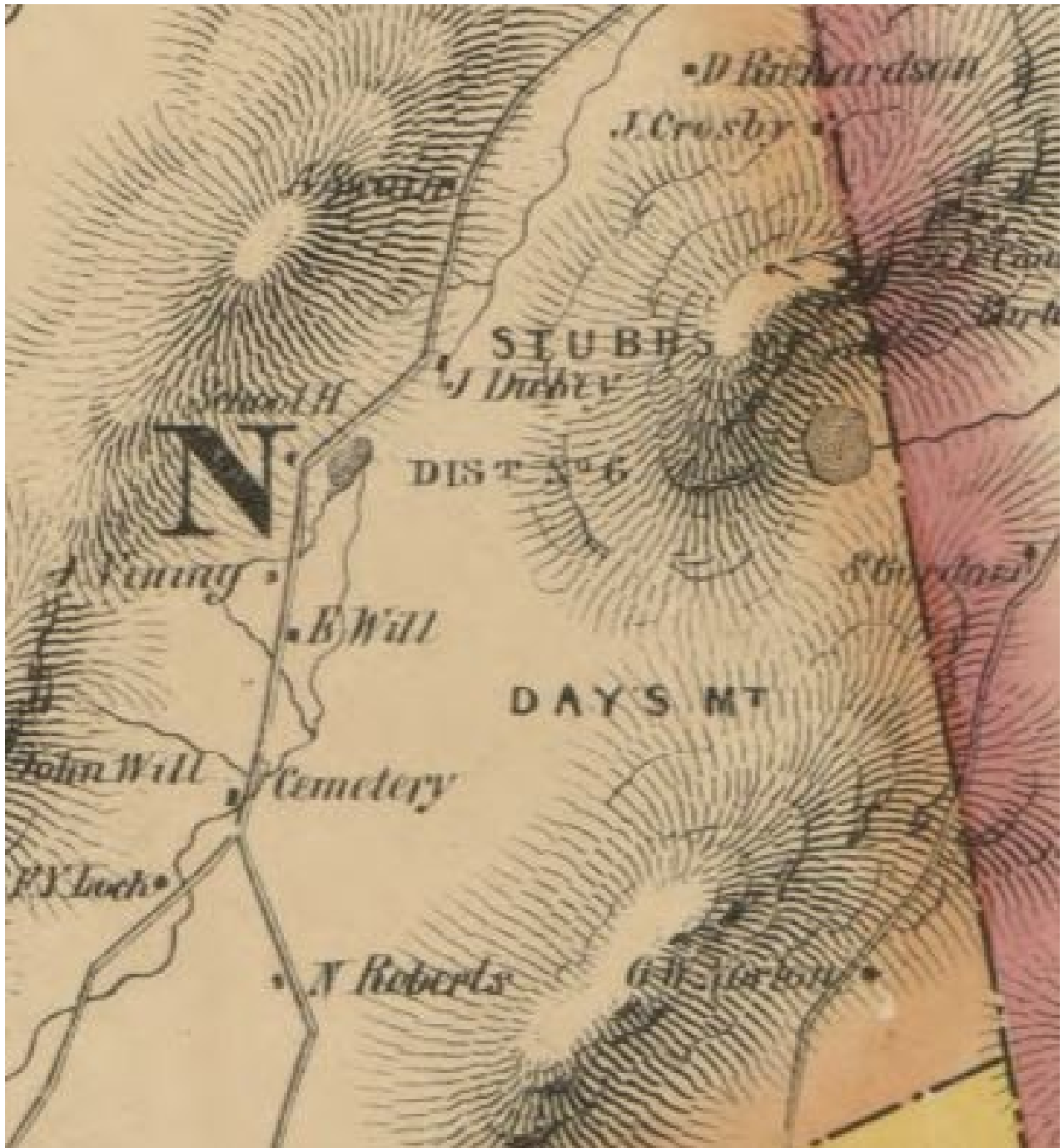
Loss of Records

Vital Statistics started being kept in the late 1700's but town records didn't start being kept until 1917. Records were kept at different homes in closets, attics and barns. They built a storage facility that leaked ruining records, some lost, mouse chewed and moldy leaves us with many gaps on the early history of this town. There were no History books written on these early times and we have one old ownership map to show us whom might have lived there in 1861.

Resources

familysearch.org - mainegenealogy.net - loc.gov - wikipedia.org - findagrave.com
archive.org - rootsweb.ancestry.com - mainememory.net - nedoba.org

1861 Map Avon, Maine



David Richardson Jr.	Family Record Sheet
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	Husband	Born	Where	Died	Where
	David Richardson Jr.	4/22/1801	Hebron, ME	4/12/1884	Avon, ME
	Wife	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Esther Tebbetts	1802/03	Maine	1/16/1878	Avon, ME
	Children	Born	Where	Died	Where
1	Sophia D. Richardson	7/5/1825	Avon, ME	10/19/1892	Avon, ME
2	Mary Jane Richardson	7/16/1829	Avon, ME	7/29/1895	Avon, ME
3	Martin Varanes Richardson	2/18/1838	Avon, ME	10/5/1864	Avon, ME
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Notes:

David and Esther were married in Augusta, Maine on 2/6/1824. Name spelling variations Tibbetts, Tibbits, Tebbetts.

John Dickey

Family Record Sheet

	Husband	Born	Where	Died	Where
	John Dickey	12/31/1804	Maine	4/29/1876	Avon, ME
	Wife	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Lucy Collier	6/01/1804	Avon, ME	10/22/1866	Avon, ME
	Children	Born	Where	Died	Where
1	Lucy Ann Dickey	7/1830	Avon, ME	12/20/1853	N/VineyardME
2	Velzora A. Dickey	1/23/1833	Avon, ME	3/26/1840	Avon, ME
3	John W. Dickey	5/23/1835	Avon, ME	12/27/1907	Olmsted, MN
4	George W. Dickey	10/15/1839	Avon, ME	5/12/1898	Avon, ME
5	Rose E. Dickey	6/1840	Avon, ME	11/27/1856	Avon, ME
6	Reliance Collier Dickey	10/27/1841	Avon, ME	8/18/1921	Avon, ME
7	Henry Hovey Dickey	5/22/1844	Avon, ME	3/31/1929	St. Paul, ME
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John and Lucy were married in Phillips, Maine on 2/12/1829. Reliance married the Honorable Washington Libby (see print out) they also co-owned Daggett Bros. Store in Strong, Maine. Albert L. Daggett (1827-1916) and his brother, Washington L. Daggett (1835-1910) owned and operated this store from the 1870s until 1908. They sold groceries and provisions. Much has been written about John Dickey's brother Major Willam Dickey of Fort Kent (see print outs) he served 33 terms in the State Legislature.

Elbridge G. Will

Family Record Sheet

	Husband	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Elbridge G. Will	1823	Avon, ME	3/9/1871	Avon, ME
	Wife	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Malissa Haines	1830	Avon, ME	4/27/1891	Strong, ME
	Children	Born	Where	Died	Where
1	Marcellus F. Will	12/18/1850	Avon, ME	1939	Strong, ME
2	Menzor A. Will	11/8/1855	Avon, ME	5/13/1946	Strong, ME
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Elbridge Will and Melissa Haines were married in Avon Maine 12/31/1849. You will find name variations of Malissa and Melissa.

Menzor A. Will born in Avon, Maine - son of Elbridge Will and Malissa Hanies
He moved to Strong, Maine where he was a merchant and business man.

In March 1, 1907, the petition to the state of Maine to incorporate the Sandy River Trust Co. was approved Menzor Will was one of the partners

He partnered with Carroll Brackley together they processed and canned local apples. The canning factory was set up near the railroad for convenient shipping of the finished product (Pierpole Brand Apples) which went on an elevated conveyor to the railroad across the street and were loaded into the boxcars for shipment. They operated for about 12 years – 1917 to late 1920's and closed due to a severe early frost which killed most of the neighboring apple orchards. During their operation, they processed approximately 50,000 barrels of apples for the area.

The Pierpole brand was named after an early Native American Indian named Pierre Paul (settlers translated it to Pierpole) he was discovered to be living in the Farmington Falls area in 1776 by early hunter and explorer Thomas Wilson. Later as the settlers arrived he moved to Strong, Maine. He was given 100 acres In Strong, Maine for his service in the Revolutionary war where he received the title of Captain.

Day Mountain was first named after Pierpole it is said that he had a secret mine on Day Mountain for the procurement of lead to make bullets. The whereabouts of this mine has never been found it was also said there was an early Indian trail to that area used by the Abenakis who here known to have munitions caches along the trail this also could have been the source of the lead.

Nathaniel Roberts**Family Record Sheet**

	Husband	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Nathaniel Roberts	8/1811	Wakefield, NH	1/4/1903	FarmingtonME
	Wife	Born	Where	Died	Where
	Elcedania "Elsie" D. Jewell	1800?	Wales, ME	5/5/1883	FarmingtonME
	Children	Born	Where	Died	Where
1	Benjamin Francis Roberts	3/3/1834	MA	2/24/1916	Wales, ME
2	Charles O. Roberts	8/9/1837	Temple, ME	12/19/1906	Avon, ME
3	Marrilla M. Roberts	9/24/1838	Temple, ME	8/27/1847	
4	Rosella "Rose" Jewell Roberts	12/20/1840	Temple, ME	11/28/1912	FarmingtonME
5	Betsey "Lizzie" Roberts	4/17/1846	Temple, ME	??	??
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Nathaniel and Elcedania were married in Roxbury, MA on 8/26/1832

Links & Resources

[A History and Description of New England, General and Local History of Farmington, Maine, from Its First Settlement to 1846](#)

[Inventory - Records Town Of Avon, Maine](#)

[Heads of Family Avon, Maine](#)

[Franklin County, Maine](#)

[1861 map Franklin County, Maine](#)

[1880 Major Dickey Fort Kent, Maine](#)

[Forts of Maine—Major Dickey](#)

[Major Dickey Maine House of Representatives](#)

[Major Dickey 1894 Madawaska Training School](#)

[Fort Kent Major Dickey](#)

[Capt. John Dickey](#)

[reunion on August 18, 1892 at the Menzor Will homestead](#)

[Menzor Will House 1855-1946](#)

[Menzor Will Apple Canning Factory 1924](#)

[Menzor Will Pierpole Brand Maine Apple Label 1924](#)

[Menzor Will Trust Company](#)

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