

Notes for Martin Murders Talk

Part 1 Paul's story

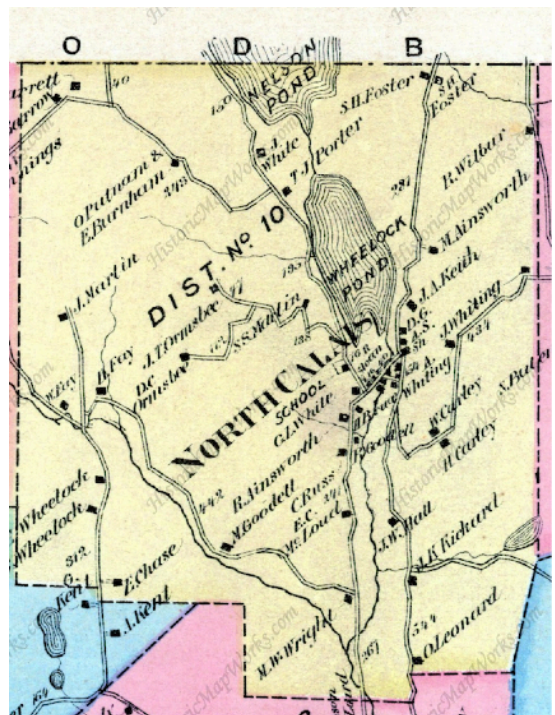
Part 2 - Jennifer

SLIDE A - Notes about Maps and ponds:

#10 Pond was called Wheelock Pond as seen on the 1800s maps, and later Mirror Lake, but that got changed to match its school district, #10 school. Mirror Lake Rd maintains the lake's second name.



1858 Wallings Map



1873 Beers Map

Next SLIDE B:

Three families suffered loss - the Ainsworths and the Wheelocks, and the Martins but the losses spread through the tight knit Calais community. The families were early settlers to Calais and lived in an area that was mediocre farmland.



Lucius Ainsworth:

Lucius, 22 years old, was the first person to die. His father was Horace Ainsworth and his mother Betsy had died when he was 10, so now his father and new wife Mary Ann were raising three small children on Calais Road in North Calais. Lucius and his wife Martha's home might have been near her father-in-law Horace Ainsworth's on Calais Rd shown on the right side of the map.

When Lucius was murdered at Moses Goodell's farm he and his wife Martha Blaisdell Ainsworth had been married two years and she was left with two small children, Alson, two years and little Lucius Alvin, six months. She was 20 years old. The 1860 Census shows Martha listed as a pauper living with her children in the home of John and Catherine White, neighbors of Horace Ainsworth, her father in law. Lucius's father Horace might not have had room in their house, but the Smiths were older, having raised 9 children, and had just their youngest son William still at home, so they had some room for the family. The "pauper" status refers to the law that stated town must arrange care for those homeless residents in need but I assume this arrangement was between kind neighbors. The house they lived in might have been one of 2 abandoned houses you see on the Calais Rd on the left coming from the south, just before the Y to North Calais village or # 10 Pond access.

The widow Martha finally wed Isaac Prentiss of Worcester in 1865 , who adopted her son Alson now aged 7. The 1870 census shows that her older son Lucius, aged 9 was adopted by Silas and Catherine Jones of Calais who lived on Jack Hill Rd and whose older son had moved out. Silas was a blacksmith and farmer.



Calais Rd abandoned house



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**Moses Goodell's barn -
Dugar Brook Rd - old
house burned**

SLIDE C: 2 pics**Jenerson Wheelock:**

Jenerson Lycortes Wheelock married Recta Christiana Ormsbee in 1857 and they had been married 18 months when he was killed. They had no children, and she moved back in with her parents Thomas Jefferson Ormsbee and Sally on Mirror Lake Rd, neighbors of Ariel's oldest brother Simeon Martin who had loaned him the fateful rifle. In 1863 Recta married Jenerson's cousin Henry P Wheelock from the current Max Gray Rd area and their daughter Lizzie Arabella was born. but in 1865 Henry succumbed to Consumption (tuberculosis). The 1870 Census shows that Recta has again moved back in with her parents Thomas and Sally on Mirror Lake Rd. In 1871 Recta married Andrew Haskell of the East Hill area and had a son Willie. Andrew eventually died of a brain aneurism in 1884 after Lizzie had married. Recta and Willie moved into her parents house on Mirror Lake Rd again after her parents passed away. She lived to the ripe old age of 88.



Thomas and Sally Ormsbee house -
Mirror Lake Rd



Jenerson Wheelock Farm - Dugar Brook Rd



Martin cellar hole

SLIDE D:

Andrew J Martin

Ariel Martin:

Ariel Martin, the murderer, was the 9th and last child born to Abigail, the Millerite, and Ariel senior Martin. The children were born over 16 years starting in 1823 and ending in 1839. They were a typical rural family with a lot of children. 4 of them were born a year after their next oldest siblings. Abigail's first child, Simeon was born in 1823 when she was 25 and her last, Ariel was born in 1838 when she was 41. Her husband had died in 1855, 3 years before the murder.

At the time of the murders in 1858 the 2 youngest boys Charles and Ariel were still at home with Abigail. We get valuable information from the 1860 census two years after the murder, showing that Charles is farming her land and 2 Goodells are living with her too - Dexter and his mother Rhoda, 53 who had been an Ainsworth. Rhoda's husband Joshua B Goodell had died in 1856. We can assume Abigail's farm provided sustenance for the 4 residents, two of them widows. Abigail died 5 years after her son Ariel died in prison.

There are no existing 1800s buildings at the Martin land other than cellar holes and a graveyard.

May ax - seems unlikely:

The one clearly marked gravestone of Andrew J Martin is interesting. Andrew Jackson Martin - 1829 - 1892 served in the Civil War in Texas and seems to have fought on the Confederate side.

The 1883 Child's Directory lists him on Rd 14, the dead end road to the farm, working as a millwright with 10 head of cattle.

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