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From: Jay Verney <mrjay.verney@gmail.com>
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To: Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Hello

Mr. Clement,

My name is Jay Verney, i am 58 years old. i have lived in Alna all of my life. My parents are Phyllis and Richard Verney, my grandmother owned the Sheepscot post office (Selena Verney). I spent a large part of my life on the river.

I learned to waterski behind Gordon Prentice's power boat which was launched at the post office at the tar boat ramp. Rosco Chase also had a powerboat on the dyer river, Jim verney had a powerboat. Everett Jordon had a Boston Whaler with a motor.

I am sure there were others too, but the point is there were always motorboats above the falls in both the Dyer and Sheepscot rivers.

I saw in all the comments that a Betsy Hall wrote that the 'island' is silting in and there isnt even enough water for a canoe, but she is mistaken...the channel isn't and never was on that side of the island to begin with. That island actually when the home was owned Mrs Bickford (later Judy Doe) and she actually allowed everyone in town to drive down and swim off the beach at low tide.

I drive by this area at least twice a day, every day during the week to go to work in Damariscotta and it looks very much the same as has been in 50 years. There are docks and small boats.

The Keyes (the little dock by the post office) had a Seaway boat probably 17' or so with a motor and would bring their kids up from New York and would spend their vacation swimming and boating.

Earlier on, there was a man named Joe Jones who used to haul small barges of bricks down the river from the old brickyard to either the mill or Wiscasset and also hauled lumber from the old mill as well. My uncle Clayton Verney recovered the engine from this old tug when it was wrecked near the Sheepscot bridge and it is running today and located in Sheepscot at my Aunt Edna Verney's home.

This is not a hand carry, kayaking only river as it is being made out to be from these new people. It would be nice to have the east access restored that has been lost.

Please let me know if there is still any question about motor boats in the river.

Jay Verney