

Obituary.

Augustus Dodge Avery was born March 30th, 1861, at the former Dickinson home at the corner of second and Jefferson streets, Clinton, Missouri. He died at 'Yancy', Australia, February 12th, 1913, of pneumonia after a sickness of three or four days, his last message home being dated February 8th.

To write a history of the Avery family would be to write much of the history of Henry county.

His grandfather, Henry Avery, was born in Tennessee, 1793. He served under General Jackson in the war of 1812 and the Seminole Indian war. He was a friend of the General's, making and using many quill pens for him, and corresponded with him many years after coming to Missouri. He built the first hewn log house in the county, (Tebo Township). In this home was born the first white girl in the county. Here too, the first county court met in 1835. He was a minister and preached west to the State line and east to St. Louis county, preaching many times to the Indians. The good citizenship of a score or more of grandsons is a fine tribute to his moral character.

Angus Clark, father of Augustus Dodge Avery, was born in this pioneer home. He was educated in the Missouri State University, afterward graduating in the Burnett College, and the law department of the Cumberland University, both in Tennessee. He practiced law until the war, then engaged extensively in the real estate business for many years. He was interested in education and enjoyed travel. Gus. D. therefore inherited a love for education and travel. After finishing Franklin school his father sent him to Washington University, at St. Louis, where he prepared himself for a civil engineer. His graduation present from his father was a trip to Europe. This trip was of short duration as he became sick in London. Returning he landed in Cuba. This was in 1884. After spending some time in Cuba, he toured old Mexico, then the Yosemite Valley, then extending the trip into Alaska; being perhaps the first pioneer from this part of the State to the interior of that far north territory. Prof. Jenks, of the Brown University of Providence, R. I., was his traveling companion in Alaska. The Professor visited Gus' father on his way home.

For many years his home has been at Mill Valley, a beautiful suburb across the bay from San Francisco. He put Clinton on the map. One of our prominent ladies touring California heard the guide say as she went up Mt. Tamalpais, "This wonderful scenic railway is a tribute to the engineering skill of a Clinton, Missouri, man." She called to see the engineer and found Gus D. Avery. He conceived and carried out a plan to stop the earth slides that threatened the famous Cliff house on the shore on San Francisco Bay. As civil engineer for the immense Sutro estate in and around San Francisco, he maintain-

ed his reputation for difficult and accurate work. After an extended visit here in his father's home he started his trip around the world near the last part of March, 1911. Thus he had spent nearly two years in his travels, but was anxious to visit China, Japan and the Philippine Islands before returning.

He was a cosmopolitan in character and whether visiting his native heath among his family and school-boy friends or touring the capitol of Europe, visiting Egypt, Palestine and India, on land or sea, he was quite at home and well received by those he met. His was a full and an abundant life.

He leaves his mother and sister, Mrs. Evelyn Freund, Clinton, Mo., his brother, W. H., many years connected with a printing and publishing Company, Los Angeles, Calif., Howard G. Avery, Attorney, Norfolk, Va., Herbert D. Avery, fruit business, Canon City, Colo., Angus B., Depot master, Shreveport, La., Mrs. Clara Arnold, wife of Mayor Henry J. Arnold, Denver, Colorado, Walter W., Assistant General Passenger agent of the Kansas City Southern R. R., Kansas City, Mo.

Card of Thanks.

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Many Clintonians have taken this mountain trip over this famous railroad. The most interesting part of it, is the fact that the engineer designing it was Gus Avery, now deceased, the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Avery, and the brother of Mrs. H. M. Fewel on South Third street. The railroad was one of the engineering feats of the age and it was planned by great engineers of no meanable rank. Mr. Avery

Ann and Davids great-great-grand father