

Avery-family Bible record

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Bible In Old Trunk Held Family Records

Recently while looking through an old trunk at the home of Mrs. Jewel Noble, Route One, Attalla an old Bible dating back to the early 1700's was found. The first record was the birth of Peter Avery, born in

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which carried his body ran away down the mountain. The casket was thrown out and there was not time to build another one. A grave was dug and he was buried at that spot. A few years ago a marker was still there, but it cannot be located at the present time.

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Of the 11 children of Peter and Mary Avery only one remained in Alabama. The others migrated to Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Allen Avery, born October 26, 1895 and died August 31, 1899, was the son who remained here. He married Sarah McBrayer, the daughter of David and Mary Young McBrayer from Buncombe County, N. C. They built a log house in Sand Valley which is still standing today.

Mr. Avery was a farmer and a merchant. In the same trunk in which the Bible was found, an old ledger of the accounts to Allen Avery was discovered. It contained the names and amounts owed of over a hundred families for the years of 1835-1839. At one time there was a Post Office located in the store owned by Mr. Avery and was known as Avery, Ala. He is buried in the historic Noble Hill Cemetery near his home.

Mr. Avery owned several farms including the Noble farms in Sand Valley and the Whorton farm on Big Wills Creek in Attalla. Both of these farms are owned by descendants of Allen Avery.

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1739 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. It stated that Peter was the son of Myer and Dorcas Fredericks Avery, and that he married Mary Yaple.

The births of their 11 children are listed from January 15, 1779 to October 26, 1895. There are also the birth records for four generations of this family as well as the birth and death dates of the parents of some of the husbands and wives of the children.

Peter Avery came to Alabama soon after it had become a state, and settled in what is now known as Murphree's Valley near Aurora. He is buried in a grave at the foot of Sand Mountain near the old Morton's Mill.

A story that has come down in the family is that on the way to the cemetery the horses drawing the wagon

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