

Chapter 31

THE AVERY FAMILY

This was an early family in Beekman and was almost certainly descended from the Edward Avery Branch of the Family. [See Groton Avery Clan 25]. An Edward Avery was in Yonkers, NY in 1715 per Fowler Genealogy 114.

NEHEMIAH[?] AVERY was b. ca. 1710 and m. Dorcas Fredericks before 1736. He possibly had a brother Griggs Van Every who had two ch., Dorcas and David, bp. 3 Dec. 1755 at Rombout Presbyterian. Nehemiah Avery was taxed in Crum Elbow from 1738/9 to June 1748 and next in Beekman in Feb. 1753 where he remained until Feb. 1757 with an assessment of £1. There was a John Avery in Beekman from 1745 to June 1760 who was also probably a relative.

Nehemiah settled on a farm in lot 17 at the intersection of Freedom Road and Traver Road. This farm was 215 acres and the house on this property is presently (1987) owned by Potter. Nehemiah was mentioned in a land transfer between the Livingston family members on 13 Dec. 1753. [D 3:164]. There are no records of rents for the farm and Avery was taxed again in Crum Elbow in June 1757 through 1762. His widow m. 29 Nov. 1764 widower James Auchmoody which would indicate the death of Nehemiah Avery about 1762-3.

Children:

- i. Nehemiah, b. 29 Aug. 1736. He was taxed in Crum Elbow 1760 to 1769 and then in Northeast Town from 1770 to "farm" in 1778. He prob. m. Mary ___ who was b. 13 Dec. 1729 and d. May 1804. They had the following ch: [Rev. Pens R-1716. See our Carpenter fam.]
 - i. Jane, b. 17 April 1765; m. Barnard Carpenter 30 Nov. 1784. They had one child, Rhoda, b. 5 Oct. 1785.
 - ii. Martha, b. 17 March 1767; m. Thomas Carpenter 25 Dec. 1782 at Stanford, DC. [BBCh records show the date as 25 Nov. 1783].

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- iii. Phebe, b. 29 Nov. 1770; m. Barnard Carpenter as his 2nd wife 6 March 1788.
- iv. Lucretia, b. 26 June 1773.
- 1. ii. Peter, bp. 26 May 1739; m. Mary Yaple.
- iii. Anatche, bp. 1 April 1743.
- iv. Nicholas (?); m. Ariaantje, dau. of Johannes Heemstraten. Had two ch. b. Schenectady; Teunis, b. 3 Oct. 1785, Nehemiah, b. 5 Jan. 1789.
- v. Susannah; m. John Stevens. They were of New Paltz in 1787.
- vi. ?Richard; m. Abigail Embree 1760.
- vii. ?Harry.

1. PETER² AVERY, (Nehemiah¹), was bp. 26 May 1739 in the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church and m. 20 June 1778 [KM 1640] Mary Yaple, b. ca. 1758 in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in a muster in Dutchess Co. in 1761 and was described as 5' 2" tall with fair complexion, grey eyes, fair hair and was a cordwainer. He removed to White Co. Tenn. where he died in 1836. We have not found Peter in any local tax lists. He and his brothers Nehemiah and Harry were alleged to be first settlers of Pepecton and Colchester May 1 1774 and driven off by Indians before the Revolution. [French's Gazeteer, NYS 260].

Children:

- i. Tabitha, b. 15 June 1779.
- ii. Nicholas, b. 28 Dec. 1780.
- iii. Peter, b. 25 Nov. 1782.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. 26 Dec. 1784.
- v. John, b. 24 May 1788.
- vi. David, b. 27 Dec. 1790.
- vii. Henry, b. 18 Oct. 1793.
- viii. James, b. 23 June 1796.
- ix. Reuben, b. 23 Oct. 1798.
- x. Jane, b. 3 Dec. 1802.
- xi. Allen, b. 26 Oct. 1805.

OTHER AND UNPLACED AVERYS

_____ Avery m. Urehema, dau. of Richard Ayers of Frederick Town, per will dated 24 June 1797. [DCW B:148].

_____ Avery m. Lucy, dau. of Nathaniel Worden of Pawling before 12 Oct. 1807. [DCW C:135].

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Asa Avery made his will at Grafton, NY 29 Aug. 1834 and mentioned son George and daug. Anna Parmer [sic] and Mary Burdick. Z. P. Burdick was a witness. [RCW 990].

David Avery of Hamilton, Madison Co., NY died intestate and Job Potter of Hamilton was appointed 6 March 1818. [TT 1988:153].

Elihu Avery of Orleans Co., NY died and Hannah Avery was appointed guardian of Ellen H. Avery, a minor child 12 Feb. 1834. [TT 1964:150].

Elisha Avery of Bergen, Genesee Co., NY died and Letters were granted to Amvet Avery, widow and friend Judah Gridley 21 Aug. 1832. [TT 1992:50].

Elizabeth Avery, born ca. 1768, dau of Peter, m. Aaron Denton.

Frederick Avery of Town of Broadalbin, Montgomery Co., NY died intestate and Elizabeth Avery was appointed 29 Sept. 1806. [TT 1992:112].

Frederick Avery died 23 Feb. 1838, age 39-11-19 and was bd. in the Reformed Church Ground in Rhinebeck. [OGDC 306].

Freelove Avery m. Sept. 1781 Increase Miller. He was of DC, later of Westchester Co., NY. They had son Caleb Miller. [Rev. Pens. R 7188].

John Every of Philips Precinct wrote his will 3 April 1789 and mentioned his wife Margaret and, gr-children Robert and Richard Every and children:

- i. Mary; m. _____ Wiley.
- ii. Mara; m. _____ Cronk.
- iii. Rebecca; m. _____ Wiley.
- iv. Leah; m. _____ Foster.
- v. Elizabeth; m. _____ North.
- vi. Anne; m. _____ Fontine.
- vi. Margaret; m. _____ Banker.

Jonathan Avery of Canajoharry [sic], Montgomery Co., NY died intestate and his widow Chloe Avery was appointed 28 Feb. 1803. [TT 1990:110].

Justis Avery was probably m. to Ruth, dau. of William Babcock of Chatham, Columbia Co. whose will was written 10 July 1812. [CCW 2:36].

Benjamin Wildy Avery, "the boy who lives with me" was named in the will of Benjamin Wildey of Milan, dated 8 May 1830. [DCW H:437].

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Benjamin Avery m. Mary Austin 11 Oct. 1785. [BBCh].

Hannah Avery m. Asa E. Walbridge who was born 2 Nov. 1782.

Moses F. Avery was a witness to the will of John Dick which was dated 25 May 1820 at Brunswick, NY. [RCW 520]. He was also a witness to the will of Eddy Twogood of Brunswick which was dated 17 March 1827. [RCW 696].

Nehemiah Avery of Yonge, Canada m. 11 Dec. 1806 Catherine, dau. of James Gray. [Sons & Daughters of American Loyalists 132].

Peter Avery and Thadeus Fancher of Fishkill bought 139 3/4 acres of land in Pawling for \$1312 13 Nov. 1800. [D 16:501]. Abraham Avery was a witness with Thadeus Fancher to a deed 29 March 1802. [D 17:344]. Peter Avery and Elizabeth of Pawling gave a mortgage to Jabez Mead of Greenwich, CT for \$900.94 on the 139 acres 3 Sept. 1805. [M 10:627]. They gave another mortgage to Thomas Colloney of Pawling on the same property for \$352.50 the same day. [M 10:630]. Peter Avery was noted as a property boundary 2 May 1804 on the woodlot. [D 18:508].

Rachel Avery m. John, son of Stephen Winchell. Stephen was born ca. 1755.

Robert Avery died at Eaton, Madison Co., NY and letters were issued 10 Dec. 1810 to (name not given). [TT 1970:43].

Samuel Avery m. Catherine, gr-dau. of Henry Bush. Samuel signed the Association in Beekman. He was taxed in Crum Elbow from 1770-79.

Samuel W. Avery was m. to Eliza, dau. of Mason Wattles of Union, Broome Co., NY who wrote his will 1 Feb. 1814. Samuel W. Avery had brother John H. Avery and son Samuel Mason Avery. Samuel W. Avery d. before 1 May 1807. [TT 1978:21].

Sarah Avery, born 27 July 1767; d. 2 Jan. 1805 was bd. in the Mabey Cem in the Town of Westerloo, Albany Co., NY.

Sarah Avery m. Gabriel Bishop 10 March 1785, prob. at Fishkill. He enlisted in DC in the Rev. and was in Fishkill in 1790 at 1-0-4 and was next to John Lent and Stephen Bonker. [Rev. Pens. of Bishop].

William Avery was a witness to the will of Joseph Mallison of Canaan dated 24 July 1802. [CCW 2:7].

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William T. Avery of Canaan's will was dated 25 June 1818. Mentioned is his wife Phebe; daus. Clarissa, Cornelia and Deborah; sons Nathan, Hyde Throop, William Thomas, George, and John Thomas. [CCW 3:41]

There are several other Avery marriages at Bangall, qv.

Whitfield Avery, late of town of Springwater, Livingston Co., NY died intestate? and his son Ira Avery was appointed 24 May 1827. [TT 1974:172].

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS AVERY FAMILY

Page 25. Nehemiah Avery served in the 4th NY Regiment. He enlisted 27 July 1776 and served until 15 Dec. 1776. [NANF 246:70:474].

Page 256. Griggs Van Every was not related to Nehemiah Avery as we suggested. He was Gregory Van Every, born 23 April 1723 and was married to Mary Wilcox. He was son of Martin and Judith (Holmes) Van Yveren. They were a Dutch family.

Page 257. Lucretia Avery, born 26 June 1773, dau. of Nehemiah² Avery, married John Carpenter who was born 6 Jan. 1775 and died 25 May 1859. John Carpenter was the brother of Barnard Carpenter and Thomas Carpenter who married Lucretia's sisters. After Lucretia died John Carpenter married Sarah Adams and went to Huron Co., OH. [Thanks to Sharilyn Whitaker for her help on this family].

Page 258. Ichabod Every (Avery) was taxed in Crum Elbow from Feb. 1747/8 through 1753. We missed him in our compilation of this family. Our thanks to Sharilyn Whitaker for this addition.