

“Mollie Barnes is my name ...”: a New England Daughter Identified

Appendix A: The Samuels Averill/Avery of South-eastern Vermont

The Samuels are listed in approximate chronological order, oldest to youngest. Nos. 3 & 6 are presented here as we had initially listed them. These turned out to be two halves of “our” Samuel’s life.

- 1) Samuel Averill “of Litchfield” (Ct.)
- 2) Samuel Avery “of Groton” (Ct.)
- 3) “Our” Samuel Averill, of Westminster, Plymouth & Brookfield, Vt.
- 4) Samuel Averill, Jr., son of #1
- 5) Samuel Avery “of Windsor Co.” (Vt.)
- 6) “Corp”. Samuel Averill, son of #3 & husband of Christable Kibbey
- 7) Samuel William Avery, son of #2
- 8) Samuel Avery, Jr. “of Sharon” (Vt.), almost certainly the son of #5

1. Samuel Averill (“of Litchfield”): 2nd cousin of “our” Samuel

1714/15, Mar. 1: birth in Preston, Ct. [*Preston TRs, cit. in Avery, p. 242*]

1738, August: was deeded land in Preston by his father [*Preston, Conn., Deeds, Bk. 5, p. 94, cit. in Avery, p. 242*]

1739, June 7: marriage to Patience Perry of Rehoboth, Mass. [*Newman Congregational Church Records, cit. in Avery, p. 242*]

1744: sold the above property to John Hatch of Preston [*Preston Deeds, Conn., Bk. 5, p. 394, cit. in Avery, p. 244*]

1744, Oct. 31: purchased land in what is now Litchfield Co., adjoining the “Woodbury North Purchase” (in the territory of Wraumaug’s Reserve in what was then called Kent and later called Washington) before this date. [*Avery, p. 244*]

1746-1772: These years see many further real estate transactions involving Samuel (consistently spelled Averill or Averil) in western Connecticut. In the first of these he is described as “of Wraumaug’s Reserve” and afterwards “of Kent”. [*deeds cit. in Avery, pp. 244-249*]

1762, June: Samuel Averill, with Daniel and Moses Averill and several members of the Morgan family with whom he was associated were among the original patentees of Minehead, Vt. later known as Bloomfield, Essex Co., Vt. On the 26th of the month: Gov. Benning Wentworth chartered the town of Pocock (now Bristol, Addison Co., Vt.) to Samuel Averill and 62 others. As far as we can tell, these were the first of Samuel’s real estate acquisitions outside Connecticut. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, pp. 252-253*]

1763, June 1: Samuel Averill's name appears on a list of 71 original proprietors of Bolton, Vt. on its charter from George III. Also on the list are Nathaniel and Daniel Cogswell, two of his connections in Connecticut. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, p. 251*]

1763, June 7: Samuel's name also appears on the list of 66 original grantees of the New Hampshire Charter for Burlington, Vt. The first proprietors' meeting was held in Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Ct. on Mar. 23, 1774. On this same date Gov. Wentworth granted the town of Essex, Vt. to 72 shareholders, among them Samuel Averill. His associate Morgan Noble was a settler there as was Samuel's grandson Averill Noble. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, p. 251*]; on this same date Samuel Avery appears 4th in a long list of grantees of the town of Duxbury, Washington Co., Vt. [*GWC, p. 243*]

1763, June 8: Samuel Averill appears toward the end of the list of grantees of Middlesex, (N.H.) later granted a 2nd time under the name of Randolph, Vt. [*Hem., Vol. 2, p. 975*]

1763, June: during this same month Samuel became one of the original grantees of New Huntington, (later Huntington), Chittenden Co., Vt. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, p. 252*]

1770, May 10: Samuel Averill was present at the first proprietors' meeting of the township of Duxbury held at the home of Samuel Canfield in New Milford, Ct. He was elected clerk of the township and was appointed a member of a committee to effect the surveying of the township. The next meeting was to be held at his home in Kent, Ct. the following Sept. [*GWC, p. 243*]; on the same date he was also clerk of a meeting of the township of Middlesex, Vt. [*GWC, p. 304*]

1770, Nov.: Samuel Averill of Kent was clerk of the meeting that organized the 2 companies of proprietors which received charters for Duxbury, Waterbury, Middlesex and Moretown, all in Vermont. [*GWC, p. 244*]

1771, Mar. 2: Samuel Averil of Kent sells Isaac Brown of Coventry land in the Township of Woodbury, "in the Province of New Hampshire". This Woodbury is not to be confused with the Woodbury of which Samuel was already a next door neighbour. This Woodbury is now in Washington Co., Vt. [*deed cit. in Avery, p. 250*]

1772, July 14: Samuel and his wife Patience are described as "of Kent, Conn." in a quit-claim given by them to two of her relatives [*Deeds of Bristol Co., (Mass.), cit. in Avery, p. 254*]

1773, Apr. 13: Meeting of Duxbury proprietors held at Samuel Averill's home in Kent at which he was elected assessor. [*GWC, p. 245*]

1774, Oct. 22: Samuel Averill of Litchfield, Ct. sells a tract of land in Burlington, Vt. to Felix Powell, the town's first settler. When he, in turn, sold land, Aug. 19, 1778 it is described as having been granted by Gov. Wentworth to Samuel Averill. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, pp. 25-252*]

1774. Dec. 30: Grantee of the first deed on the town records of Middlesex, Vt. dated in Kent, Litchfield Co., Ct. The grantor was his son Samuel, Jr. [*GWC, p. 304*]

1778, May 28: deeded land in Woodbury, Ct. to his son "Samuel Jr. of Litchfield" [*deed cit. in Avery, pp. 364-365*]

1781, June 8: Samuel Averill and his wife Patience, described as "of Washington, Conn." enter into an agreement about the division of the estate of her brother Anthony Perry [*Deeds of Bristol Co., cit. in Avery, p. 254*]

1781, Oct.: one of his wife's relative Elizabeth Perry quitclaims land to Samuel Averill on Oct. 22. On Oct. 25 of the same year Samuel and his wife Patience are described as "of Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn." when they

sold the quitclaimed land to Patience's sister Sarah Willmarth of Rehoboth, Mass. On Oct. 29 Samuel & Patience of Kent, Washington Co., Ct. sell land in Rehoboth to Benj. Martin of Providence, R.I. [*Deeds of Bristol Co., cit. in Avery, p. 254*]

1782, Jan. 12: appeared before William Cogswell, JP confirming his 1778 deed to his son [*doc. cit. in Avery, p. 365*]

1783, Aug. 11: Samuel Averil, now described as of Washington (the portion of Kent, Ct. in which he lived had now been divided off as the town of Washington) sells land with Morgan Noble of New Milford, Ct. *deed cit. in Avery, p. 250*]

1785, Sept. 22: Samuel Averill & wife Patience of Washington, Ct. sell further land in Rehoboth to Levi Daggett of Rehoboth [*Deeds of Bristol Co., cit. in Avery, p. 255*]

1786, Apr. 18: Samuel Averill of Washington buys land in New Milford from Morgan Noble [*deed cit. in Avery, p. 250*]

1786, Apr. 26: Samuel of Washington, Litchfield Co., Ct. deeded land to Perry Averill [pro. his son] [*Avery, p. 366; deed recorded in Williston, Vt. so the land was presumably there*]; the same day, Samuel, describing himself as "of Washington in Litchfield County" makes his will. He disposes to his sister Abigail Kinne of Nine Partners, N.Y. land in Philadelphia, Vt. which he had bought from Levi Allen & which is not, apparently, listed in the Vermont properties above. He also disposes of land in the township of Berlin on the Onion River in Vermont which he bought from Capt. Jos. Moss (also apparently unlisted above) [*will of Samuel Averill, cit. in Avery, pp. 255-256*]

1786, May 4: Samuel Averill signs his will in the presence of 3 witnesses, Washington, Litchfield Co., Ct. [*will of Samuel Averill, cit. in Avery, p. 256; his headstone in the Baldwin's Hill burying ground, Washington, Ct. calls him "Ensign Samuel Averill" and says he died Apr. 30, 1786, age 71. Either this date or the date of the signing of the will is incorrect.*]

1786, July 4: the last will and testament of Samuel Averill, late of Washington, District of Litchfield, deceased was presented in court [*Avery, p. 255*]

1790, Apr. 3: Patience Averill, widow of Samuel of Litchfield makes her will [*will of Patience Averill, cit. in Avery, pp. 257-258*]; she died the next day, age 74 [*her headstone, cit. in Avery, p. 258*]

2. Samuel Avery ("of Groton")¹

1731, Oct. 17: birth in Connecticut [*GAC, p. 226; DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Part I, A-F, 1990, p. 100*]

1755: in Capt. Robert Denison's co. [*GAC, p. 226*]

1760: marriage to Sybil Noyes, Groton, Ct. [*Sweet, p. 568 (no original source given); GAC, p. 226 says she was b. Nov. 19, 1745 & that they were married bef. 1761; also The History of Stonington, Conn. by Richard A. Wheeler, p. 495; DAR Patriot Index, as cit. above; Genealogical Record of Some of the Noyes Descendants of James, Nicholas and Peter Noyes by Henry Erastus Noyes, Boston, 1904*]

1761, Aug. 28: he and his wife Sybil appear on the list of proprietors of the company claiming lands in the Wyoming country (New York) which region he visited frequently [*GAC, p. 228*]

¹ According to Avery, p. 301 this Samuel was never called "Averill". On p. 145 the author states the surname of the Averys of Groton was "seldom confounded" with that of the Averill family. While that may or may not be so, the reverse certainly is not!

1762: in Seth King's co., 1st Ct. regt. *French & Indian War rolls, 1:10 & 2:318, cit. in GAC, p. 226*

birth of his dau. Sybil Noyes Avery who later m. Ezra Stiles, Jr., son of Ezra Stiles, president of Yale College [*Avery Notes & Queries, p. 171, cit. in Sweet, No. 101, p. 581*]

date unclear: Samuel Avery and his brother Humphrey were members of a group which purchased land in what is now Vermont from Col. John Henry Lydius [*GAC, p. 226*]

1771, Jan. 27: on list of inhabitants of Westminster signatory to the New Hampshire petition on this date; called "Samuel C. Avery" [*OCall, Vol. 4, p. a675*]

1772: by this date the title to the land mentioned above was still not clear. In this year the associates petitioned the New York government to issue them their proof of ownership. [*GAC, pp. 226-227*]

1774, Aug. 16: letters patent for the above property was finally issued to the associates by New York. Vermont refused to acknowledge it. [*GAC, p. 227*]

1774, Sept. 29: the entire tract of land mentioned above (28,000 acres) was conveyed to Samuel Avery on Sept. 29 by the others [*GAC, p. 226*]

1774: was in Westminster pos. as early as this year and built & owned one of the finest homes there [*Avery, p. 185*]

married 2ndly, Mary Ann Rose [*GAC, p. 226; DAR Patriot Index as cit. above; a Rose family of Preston, Ct. is referred to in Avery Notes & Queries, p. 171*]; in Westminster, Vt. [*Sweet, p. 568*]

1779, June 28: his first child (Samuel William) by his 2nd wife is born [*GAC, p. 228; Sweet, p. 568*]

1779, Oct. 12: deeded to his brothers a family burial plot in Norwich, Ct. in which his first wife Sybil (Noyes) was already buried [*GAC*]

1780: resident of Cumberland Co., Vt. (this encompassed all the territory of present-day Windham and Windsor counties) [*GAC, p. 227*]

1781: on Committee on Printing with Ezra Stiles, Esq. [*USGenNet (www.usgenet.org), citing Stiles 2, 250*]

1781, Feb. 16: called "Samuel Avery of Windsor" when he petitioned the General Assembly of Vermont to confirm his tract of land (see 1772-1774) [*GAC, p. 227*]

1781, Feb. 19 (Mon.): "A petition signed by Sam^l Avery Esqr was read and referred to a Committee of three to join a Committee from the Council and make report - The members chosen ..." (Mr. William Fitch, Mr. Averis [Zadock Everest?] & Mr. Abraham Underhill); footnote: "Samuel Avery at this time was a resident of Westminster. Vermont issued to him charters for eight tracts of land and six of these were known as Avery's Gore. These tracts were in Chittenden, Addison, Essex, Franklin, Windham & Orleans counties. A description of the Avery grants and gores will be found in New Hampshire State papers, Vol. 26, p. 617-626" [*State Papers of Vermont, Vol. 3 (Journals & Proceedings [Vol. 1] of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, Aaron H. Grout, Sec. of State, Bellows Falls, 1924; see 1789 entry below*]

1781, Mar. 27: called "Esqr" in the records of the Freeman's meeting in Westminster where he is associated with Atherton Chaffe, Samuel Phippan, Nathan & Reuben Robinson, John Averell, Azariah Wright, Asa Averill, Jona

Atwater Phippan, John Averell Ju., Joseph Phippan, John Abby, Peter Lovejoy and others (70 in total) [Avery, p. 183]

1781, May 4: birth of his dau. Mary Ann Avery [GAC, p. 228; Sweet, p. 568]

1781, Oct.: "Samuel Avery of Westminster was Deputy Sheriff in Windham Co. ... and in that capacity executed the sentence of banishment upon sundry violent Yorkers." [Vermont Records of the Governor and Council, cit. in Avery, p. 253; this service, including that of keeper of the jail is claimed for Samuel of Groton in GAC, p. 227 & Sweet, p. 565. Sweet also states that the secretary of state's office retained a file of information about his service; also USGenNet (www.usgenet.org)]

1782, Nov. 4: birth of his son John Humphrey Avery GAC, p. 229; Sweet, p. 568]

1783, May 17: Samuel Avery mentioned in a bond of Thomas Adams [SRB]¹

1785, Sept. 9: birth of his dau. Frances Avery in Westminster, Vt. [GAC, p. 229]; she later m. Charles Pumpelly and their dau. Harriet Amelia Pumpelly m. Theodore Frelinghuysen, president of Princeton College [Avery Notes & Queries, p. 171, cit. Sweet, No. 105, p. 583]

1785, Oct. 12: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter to Stephen R. Bradley from Thomas Pearsall [SRB]

1787, Mar. 7 & 27: Samuel Avery's name is amongst a list of Westminster men who formed themselves into a society for the purpose of conveying water from a spring on the land of Asa Averill for the use of all members. The agreement was made on Mar. 7 and signed by all members on Mar. 27. [Deeds, Westminster, Vt., cit. in Avery, pp. 296-297; we know that this Samuel is indicated due to his reference to the "waterworks" in his letter from Athens, N.Y. of Nov. 3, 1801 below]

1787, Mar. 31: birth of his dau. Susan Avery [GAC, p. 229; Sweet, p. 568]

1787, Nov. 28: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter to Stephen R. Bradley from Thomas Pearsall [SRB]

1789: 52,000 acres of land in Vermont were finally granted to him. He received it in the form of several smaller tracts all over the state the largest being 11,080 acres in Orleans Co., the smallest (1,318 acres) in Windham Co., others being in Essex, Franklin, Addison, Chittenden and Caledonia counties. [N.H. State Papers 26:617 et seq. cit. in GAC, p. 227]

1789, June 24: birth of his dau. Isabella Avery [GAC, p. 229; Sweet, p. 568]

1789, June 29 or later: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter from Thomas Pearsall to Stephen R. Bradley in which he states, "I know not what to write thee concerning the Chaffee Lot in Westminster. Samuel Avery ought to pay rent immediately, or give possession, but I wish to have possession at all events next Spring. ..." [SRB, p. 132]

1790 (ca.): Samuel Averill[!!!] sold land to Stephen R. Bradley [SRB]

1790: Saml Avery living in Westminster, Vt. (1-2-5) [1790C]

¹ All the references to Samuel Avery/Averill in the correspondence of Stephen R. Bradley I am assuming apply to Samuel "of Groton" who "flew in the same circles" as Bradley. I doubt very much that "our" Samuel is indicated in any of these letters.

1790, July 31: Samuel Avery mentioned in the correspondence of Stephen R. Bradley [SRB]

1792, Oct. 27: he is pro. the Samuel Avery to whom was chartered the north part of Troy in the northwest part of Orleans Co., Vt. (see 1789) [*Catalogue of the Principal Officers of Vermont by Leonard Deming, p. 188*]

1793: offered to purchase from the State of N.Y. 20,000 acres between Lake Champlain and Wood's Creek, 5,000 acres west of the Delaware adjoining the Pennsylvania border and a township of 10 sq. miles north of the Mohawk line [*NY State Papers, cit. in GAC, p. 228*]

1793, Apr. 27: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter to Stephen R. Bradley from Thomas Pearsall [SRB]

1795: said to have taken up residence nr. Athens, N.Y. in the Susquehanna Valley around this date [*GAC, pp. 223, 228*]; This is pro. incorrect (see 1800 census) although he pro. did own his property there by this date. The assumption that he lived there by this time is pro. because of the following known information under date of 1796.

1795, Nov. 30: he is pro. the Samuel Avery who was one of three witnesses (the others being Benjamin Ranney & Elisha Wright) of John Averill's will [*will of John Averill, recorded in Westminster Reg. of Deeds, Book 9, p. 398, cit. in Avery, pp. 186-188, 303; I doubt very much that "our" Samuel, John's son & a beneficiary of the will, would have been a witness. Also, it is definitely this Samuel who, with his brother Humphrey, was witness to the codicil (see 1797 below); for Samuel's relationship to Humphrey see GAC.*]

1796, ca.: Samuel Avery began improvements on his Susquehanna lands at about this time but was soon in litigation with those who claimed the same land from the heirs of William Penn. When the dispute was settled he lost heavily. [*GAC, p. 228*]

1796, Sept. 6: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter to Stephen R. Bradley by Martha Olcott [SRB]

1797, Feb. 13: Samuel Avery and Humphrey Avery are the two witnesses of the codicil to John Averill's will [*codicil to the will of John Averill, cit. in Avery, p. 188*]

1797, Sept. 19: Samuel Avery did not appear before the Judge of Probate with the other two witnesses of the 1795 will of John Averill [*probate docs., cit. in Avery, p. 189*]

1798, Oct. 15: death of his dau. Mary Anna whose burial took place in the Old East Parish Cemetery, Westminster, Vt. Her gravestone says she was 19, dau. of Samuel & Mary. [*OCWV*]

1799, Apr. 23: headed the list of claimants entitled to compensation for having had lands ceded to N.Y. state in the boundary settlement between it & Vermont. At \$2655.03 it was the 2nd largest claim. [*OCall, p. a1024*]

1799, Dec. 3: s.t.h. sold land in Westminster to Patrick Wall, the first husband of Asa Averill's 3rd wife Betsey [*Avery, p. 296; this ref. says that Samuel Avery, the vendor, was "of the Groton Clan of Averys" but I would like to confirm this in original documentation.*]

1800: Saml Avery still liv. in Westminster with 3 males 16-25, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 16-25, 1 female 45+ and one other person [*1800C*]

1800, Aug. 5: his dau. Frances may be the "Fanny Avery" referred to as a friend of J. Ruggles and J.E. Trask in the correspondence of Stephen R. Bradley [SRB]

1801, Jan. 24 & Nov. 14: references to Fanny Avery as above [SRB]

1801: his son John Humphrey Avery was said to have come to Owego in this year [*Gazetteer of Tioga County, New York (viewable online)*]¹

1801, Nov. 3: from Athens, N.Y. (Greene Co.) he addresses a letter to Stephen R. Bradley in Westminster, Vt. saying that he had sent his son Samuel “over” to Vermont with power to sell his Kingston land (a right he had obtained from Capt. Burk in Chittenden) and his 10-acre lot in Gould. He wanted Bradley to purchase both properties. He also mentions his “exclusive privilege in the waterworks” which, I assume, is meaning the waterline that was run from a spring to his property and those of his associates in 1787 above. He states he would be “over in the winter when my son will again be over in a Slay for some things we left behind – I should have been over myself before this ...”. This indicates they had left Westminster sometime earlier, earlier enough that Samuel felt he should have paid a visit “before now” but not so much earlier that they could still return and collect some things they had left behind. [*SRB, p. 187*]

1802: he was a member of a committee to settle the above-mentioned dispute over the Susquehanna lands [*GAC, p. 228*]

1802, ca.: in about this year he moved to Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y. [*GAC, p. 228*]

1806, Aug. 4 or 11: death, NY state [Aug. 4: *GAC, p. 228* & *DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Ed., Part 1, A-F, 1990, p. 100*]; bur. Presbyterian Churchyard Cem., Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y. [discovered by Bunny Averill, email Aug. 11, 2010; this record says he d. Aug. 11 but that is pro. the date of burial]

3. “Our” Samuel Averill, of Westminster, Plymouth & Brookfield, Vt.

Historical Note Regarding the Westminster Averills

“In February 1755, a family by the name of Averill removed from Westminster to the Great Meadow. This family originally came from Shirley, Mass. to Charlestown, N.H.², or No. 4 as it was then called. This was in 1744. The Cape Breton War coming on they fled to Northfield, Mass. After the close of the war, in 1751, they removed to Westminster, and from Westminster they came to Putney, as above stated. Here, they found Philip Alexander and John Perry with their families; also Michael Gilson, unmarried, with his mother and two sisters. These were from Massachusetts and were the first permanent settlers in town, and were the only white persons known within its limits ...” [*History of Putney”, Hem, Vol. V*]

1751-1760: birth sometime during these years. [*Hem., cit. in Avery, p. 183 says that his father came to Vermont with his wife & son Asa and does not mention other children. Fairbanks, cit. in Avery, pp. 183-184 says that John Averill came to*

¹ Tioga Co., NY was created from Montgomery Co. in 1791, Broome Co. in 1806 [*A Gazetteer of the State of New York by Horatio Gates Spafford, p. 108*]

² We can find no evidence of the John Averill family in either location in the records of these places (including Groton, Mass. which encompassed Shirley’s borders at one time) or even mentions of them in their town histories. A John Avery is mentioned frequently in both, and in surrounding areas as well, due to his being the Deputy Secretary of the Province of Massachusetts Bay under Samuel Adams and first Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1780 until his death in 1806. I suspect that the occurrence of his name in these locales may have caused previous researchers to think that John Averill (also called Avery in some records) had lived there. Deputy Secretary John Avery was a proprietor of Charlestown, N.H. (Township or Fort No. 4) but he never lived there. He was a descendant of the Rev. John Avery of Truro, Mass. and may or may not have been a distant relative. [*Mass. Hist. Coll., p. 201, Google Books*]

Westminster in 1751 with 3 sons, Asa, John & Oliver¹, & that dau. Anna was the first child born in Westminster in the fall of that year. Therefore we believe Samuel was born after 1751 in Vermont. His age in the census records of 1830 and 1840 would also indicate a birth in this decade.]

1776, ca.: marriage to Mollie Barnes, of Concord, Mass. [Avery, pp. 301-302; birth of their son Samuel, Jr. in Feb. 1777 sets the probable date (AKFB)]

1776, Aug. 21: pro. enlisted as private, Capt. Elkanah Day's co., under Maj. Joab Hoisington, "residence unknown" [Vermont Pension Certificate, cit. in Avery, pp. 301, 998] but it must have been Westminster because this was the community from which Day's co. was drawn; this service is confirmed in "A return of the men Inlisted in a Company of which I am expected to Take the Command" drafted and signed by Elkanah Day², 1776. Samuel was enlisted on Aug. 21. If this is "our" Samuel other family members, in-laws and close associates in the company were Daniel Ranney (Aug. 8), Calvin Chaffee (Aug. 12), John Abby (Aug. 19), Joseph Phippan (Aug. 21) and Jacob Abby (Aug. 21). Aug. 21 was the last date of enlistment on this return, Aug. 8 being the first. [Tuttle, p. 641]

Rev. War (undated): pro. the man who appears on an undated list of Hatch's Co. of Minute Men serving in Cumberland County Militia under Maj. Joab Hoisington, Capt. Joseph Hatch & Lieuts. Amos Chamberlain, Elkanah Day & Simeon Stevens [Tuttle, pp. 833-834]

1777, Feb. 24: birth of his son Samuel, Jr. [AKFB]

1781, Feb. 27: 2nd marriage to Sarah Chamberlin, of Acton, First Congregational Church, Acton, Mass. [AVR]

1790: Saml Averal living in Westminster, Vt. with 1 boy under 16 and 6 females, pro. his wife and 5 daughters [1790C]

1795, Nov. 30: mentioned as "my beloved son Samuel Averall" in his father's will in which he was bequeathed 20 shillings wth lot of land he had already been given (the sons are mentioned in the order: Asa, Thomas, Samuel, John) [will of John Averill, cit. in Avery, pp. 186-188]

1797, Feb. 13: mentioned by name in the codicil to his father's will (sons are again listed in the order, Asa, Thomas, Samuel, John) [codicil to the will of John Averill, cit. in Avery, p. 188]

1797 (aft.): married, 3rdly, Mrs. Washburn, widow of a Rev. soldier [Avery, p. 301 where she is called his 2nd wife]; pro. Mariah, widow of James Washburn of Woodstock, Vt. who d. 1797 [estate settled Nov. 17, 1798; probate docs. communicated by Lynda Talkington, email June 24, 2011]; identified as Maria, wife of Samuel Averill, d. bef. Aug. 17, 1830 (date of death notice), Brookfield, age 68 [death notice pub. in Danville North Star, Aug. 17, 1830; see below]

1800: living in Plymouth, Windsor, Ct., Vt. with his wife, 2 females under 10, 2 females from 10-15 & 2 females 16-25 [1800C]

¹ Oliver Avery was, in fact, a member of the Groton (Ct.) Avery family [GAC, pp. 291, 293; #359] which had no immediate (if any) genealogical connection with our family. The two families did share a common bond of interest in the fortunes of southeastern Vermont and bordering areas of Massachusetts and, as a result, have often been confused genealogically. Coincidentally, he too featured in passing in the annals of Charlestown, N.H. during the French & Indian Wars when he was wounded on a scouting mission. [HTN, p. 254]

² Historical note pertaining to Elkanah Day: He was also a doctor and was unable to leave his patients for a protracted term. He resigned his commission in the New York Rangers under Maj. Joab Hoisington on Oct. 23, 1776. [Hall]. He was apparently in service again Aug. 18, 1778 with the rank of Major, Southern regt., Cumberland County Militia. [NYSA, Guide to the Department of State Index to Council of Appointment Minutes, folder 18, p. 27]

1820: farmer, living in Plymouth, with his wife [1820C]

1830: living in Brookfield, Vt., age 70-79 with his wife (age 60-69, pro. Mariah who died later that yr.) [1830C]

1830, Aug. 17: publication of the death notice of his wife Maria in Brookfield, Vt. [death notice of Maria Averill, Danville North Star, www.nekg-vt.com/news-danville-northstar-d-1807-32.htm]

1830 (aft.): pro. married 4thly, Sarah Coburn, sister of his son-in-law Jonas Coburn [GDEC, p. 39]

1840: pro. living, age 80-89 in the home of his granddaughter Sarah (Coburn) Sanborn [1840C; entry for Moses Sanborn]

1850 (bef.): death at age 96 [AA, Vol. IV, p. 200]; bef. this yr. as he does not appear in the 1850 census.

4. Samuel Averill, Jr.: son and executor of #1

1752, May 18: possible birthdate of Samuel, Jr. of Litchfield, New Preston, Ct. [Avery, p. 259; a confusing note by Judge Geo. M. Woodruff is quoted here which says that this birthdate may refer to an earlier Samuel in the family who died young. No explanation is given as to why the judge thought this might be the case.]

He married Sarah Payne, dau. of Stephen Payne of Canterbury, Ct. [Avery, pp. 259, 364]

1770, July 25: birth of Samuel Jr. & Sarah's first child Nathaniel Perry Averill, Washington, Litchfield Co., Ct. [Avery, p. 366]

1773, Apr. 13: elected collector of the assessment of the proprietors of Duxbury, Vt. at the meeting held in his father's home in Kent, Ct. [GWC, p. 245]

The survey of Duxbury was recorded by "Samuel Averill Jr., Register" [GWC, p. 244]

Samuel Averill, Jr. executed the first deed in the town of Duxbury, Vt. conveying land to Partridge Thatcher. [GWC, p. 245]

1774, Dec. 30: He was the grantor of the first deed on the town records of Middlesex, Vt. dated in Kent, Litchfield Co., Ct. The grantee was his father Samuel. [GWC, p. 304]

1775: birth of his second child Roger, New Preston, Ct. [Avery, p. 366]

1778, May 28: living in Woodbury, Ct. when he received a deed from his father for land in said Woodbury [deed, cit. in Avery, pp. 364-365]

1786, May 4: He and his brother Perry are named executors & sole heirs in their father's will [will of Samuel Averill, cit. in Avery, p. 256]

1788, Jan. 18: He and his brother sold some of their inherited land in the North Purchase, New Milford to David Olmstead [New Milford, Conn., Reg., Vol. 16, p. 361, cit. in Avery, pp. 256-257]

1790, Apr. 3: with his brother Perry, was appointed sole executor of his mother's will [*will of Patience Averill, cit. in Avery, pp. 257-258*]

1790: liv. in Washington, Litchfield Co., Ct. (2-2-1) [1790C]

1793, Feb. 28: his widow Sarah appeared in Probate court, Woodbury, Ct. showing that Samuel had died before this date, pro. shortly before [*Woodbury Probate Records, cit. in Avery, p. 366*]

5. Samuel Avery "of Windsor Co."

1754, ca.: birth [*age 77 in 1831; pension app. W.23475*] or pos. as late as 1760 [*age given as 20 yrs. on payroll, July 12, 1780; Rev. Soldiers of New Hampshire, Avery Notes and Queries, p. 60*]

1780, Jan.: in Barnstead, N.H. enlisted in Capt. Carr's co., Col. Reed's regt., N.H. Continental Line [*pension app. W.23475*]

1780, Dec. 13: discharged from military service, highlands of N.Y. state [*pension app. W.23475*]

1782, Apr. 3: married Anna Evens, Gilmantown, Strafford Co., N.H. [*month & yr.: affidavit of Anna, widow of Samuel Avery; place, date: testimony of witness Gideon Hall, of Ellsworth, Grafton Co., N.H.; both refs. from pension app. W.23475*]

1790: pro. the Saml Avery Esq., liv. in Gilmantown, N.H., 0-1-4 [1790C]

1830: Samuel Avory, liv. in Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., age 70-80 w/ 1 female age 70-80 and 1 female age 20-30 [1830C]; next door was an Ebenezer Avory, age 20-30 w/ 1 female age 15-20. He was pro. a son or grandson.

1831, June 3: liv. in Sharon, Vt. at time of pension application when he appeared in person before the probate court, farmer, age 77, unable to labor by reason of age and infirmity; had wife Anna [*pension app. W.23475*]; the couple was pro. liv. w/ Samuel Avery, undoubtedly their son, who was enumerated in Sharon in the 1830 census as being age 40-50 with a male, age 10-15 and a female, age 30-40, pro. his wife [1830C; see #7 below]

1831, Sept. 17: death [*affidavit of his widow Anna, of Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., pension app. W.23475*]

1831, Dec. 16: placed on pension roll, Vermont, certificate issued same day [*pension app. W. 23475*]

1836, Sept. 12: his widow Anna, resident of Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., age 76 appeared in the probate court in person [*pension docs. W.23475*]; in 1831 her age is given as 75 [*pension docs. W.23475*]; she was pro. still liv. in the home of her son Samuel who had moved to Strafford as is proved by his enumeration there in 1840. No one of her age is enumerated in that household in 1840 so it may be assumed that she had died by that date. [1840C]

1836, Oct. 15: certificate of pension issued to his widow Anna, liv. in Orange Co., Vt. [*pension docs. W.23475*]

6. "Corp." Samuel Averill, son of "our" Samuel

1777, Feb. 24: birth of Samuel Averill, Vermont [*date: AKFB; place: 1850C*]

1800: marriage to Christable Kibbey in Randolph, Vt. [*Randolph Town Records*]; liv. in Randolph in that year [1800C]

1801-1816: births of nine children in Randolph, Vt. [*Randolph Town Records*]

1804, July/Aug.: prisoner in Chelsea, Vt. jail for non-payment of a debt

1810: liv. in Randolph [*1810C*]

1812: liv. in Randolph [*land transfers from the town records, cit. in Avery where they are erroneously assigned to his father*]

1814, Apr. 12-May 20: service in Vermont Militia [*cert. from Adj. Gen., Vt., Nov. 14, 1902, cit. in Avery, p. 426*]

1818: migration to Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. pro. made by this year as his 10th child was supposedly born there [*AKFB*]

1820: liv. in Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. definitely by this date [*1820C*]

7. Samuel William Avery: eldest son of #2

1779, June 28: birth [*GAC, p. 228*]

1800: liv. in Westminster, Vt., one of the males age 16-25 in his father's home [*1800C*]

1801, Nov. 3: Samuel Avery mentioned in a letter from his father in Athens, N.Y. to Stephen R. Bradley in Westminster, Vt. in which his father tells Bradley that he had sent his son Samuel "over" to Westminster and given him power to sell his father's land in Kingston on this date. The letter also states that both men would return to Westminster in the winter to gather some things they had left behind. [*SRB, p. 187*]

1806, Dec.: married Eliza A. Wattles, pro. Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y. [*GAC, p. 362*]

1807, Aug. 25: his first child born [*GAC, p. 362*]

1810: lieut., 1st artillery, 6th regt., Tioga & Broome counties, N.Y. [*Military Records of NY, p. 1164, cit. in GAC, p. 362*]

1812: captain of co. & regt. as above [*Military Records of NY, p. 1388, cit. in GAC, p. 362*]

1815, ca.: resigned his commission [*Military Records of NY, p. 1065, cit. in GAC, p. 362*]

1816, Jan. 16: married 2ndly, Emily Caroline Avery (a cousin), Aurora, N.Y. [*GAC, p. 362*]

1816-1822: births of 4 more children [*GAC, p. 362*]

1820: Samuel W. Avery living in Union, Broome Co., N.Y., the male age 26-45, with 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-15, 2 males 16-25, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-15, 2 females 16-25 & 1 female 26-45 [*1820C*]

1828, Dec. 28: death in Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y. [*GAC, p. 362*]

8. Samuel Avery, Jr., "of Sharon", Vt.: pro. son of #5

1780-1792: probably born between these years in New Hampshire [age 40-50 in 1830 census; place & age 58 in 1850 census]

1830: liv. in Sharon, Vt. age 40-50 (pro. closer to 40 based on 1840 census) [1830C]

1840: liv. in Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., age 40-50 (pro. closer to 50 based on 1830 census, with 1 male age 15-20 & 1 female age 40-50 [1840C]

1850: liv. in Sharon, Vt., age 58, farmer with \$150 real estate, b. in N.H., with wife Olive, age 60 and a woman named Betsy Luce, age 57 [1850C]

Unknown/Unproven

1777, Aug. 29: called "Avery"; service for 25 days in Capt. John Petty's Co., Col. Williams' Regt. [*Rev. Pension Rolls, Doc. 514, p. 75, cit. in Avery, p. 998*]; the pay roll for the above company was dated in Putney, Sept. 3, 1778, Samuel being paid £2, 10s. per month with £2, 1s. 8d. still due. This company also included Samuel Phippen and long-time associate Atherton Chaffee. [*pay sheets for Samuel Avery, Card #37216609, Book Mark R. & P. 431,636 & the pay roll of Capt. John Petty's Co., Col. William's regt., Vermont Militia; also Tuttle, pp. 35-36*]. This service is claimed for Samuel Avery of Groton in GAC, p. 227 and in the DAR Genealogical Research System database (Ancestor #A004012) in which he is also credited with his two marriages, firstly to Sybil Noyes and secondly to Mary Ann Rose.

Who was the Pvt. Samuel Averill of Col. Seth Warner's regt. of "Additional Continental" Infantry? A.R. Parsons, a known descendant of "our" Samuel #3, identifies his ancestor with this man. [*Sons of the Revolution*] In the comprehensive work referenced here as [*Tuttle*] there is no mention of any man named Averill or Avery in Seth Warner's regt. Was Mr. Parsons misinformed? There was a Samuel Avery in Col. William Williams' regt. for 25 days beginning Aug. 29, 1777 (see above) and this regt. had been closely associated with that of Seth Warner at the Battle of Bennington just a few days before. Perhaps Mr. Parsons thought his ancestor Samuel Averill was Samuel of Groton OR perhaps that service was, in fact, performed by "our" Samuel and mistakenly claimed for Samuel of Groton.

1782, Mar.: A man named Samuel Avery, not thought to be the same man as the sheriff of that name, was sent to the N.Y. Legislature "as agent of Brattleborough, Halifax and Guildford." [*Vermont Records of the Governor and Council, cit. in Avery, p. 253. If this is true, it must be "our" Samuel who was the agent, unless *he* was the sheriff & the identification of Samuel "of Groton" as the sheriff is incorrect.*]

1783, Apr. 12: Samuel Averill was witness, with Benjamin Burt, of a deed of John and Mary Averill of Westminster to Silas Briggs of Putney [*Westminster Reg. Deeds, Liber B, p. 40, cit. in Avery, p. 185. This may well have been "our" Samuel, John & Mary's son, but it could just as easily have been Samuel Avery "of Groton" because he was closely associated with John Averill & later witnessed John's will & codicil.*]