

EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
AVERILL FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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THE AVERILL FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

William (1) Averill is supposed to have migrated from Broadway, Worces-
tershire, England, and is probably the ancestor of almost the entire fam-
ily in this county. He was living at Ipswich, Mass., as early as March 2,
1637, when he was granted six acres of planting ground on the further side
of Muddy River. In 1638 he owned a house lot near where the County House
is today. He was made a commoner in 1641. His will, dated July 3, 1652, and
proved in court at Ipswich, Mar. 29, 1653, reads as follows:-

" I William Auerill of Ipswich being weake in bodeye but of pfect mem-
orye doe make this my last will and testament first I doe bequeath my
to the earth to be deasently buryed in the Burying place of Ipswich my
spirit into the hands of my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ . And for my
outward estate being but small I doe giue vnto my children each of them
being seuen in number the some of fiue shillings a peece & the rest of
my estate my debts being discharged I giue vnto Abagal my wife whom I
make sole execotrix of this my last will in witness heerof I haue heer-
vnto sett my hand and seale the 3th of the 4th mo: 1652.

Andrew hodges
Renold ffoster

Will
Aveirell

Inventory of the estate of William Averill, filed 29 Mar., 1653.

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| It. | hous; Lott & house | 10-00-00 |
| It. | 10 acres of vpland ground & 6 A ^s meddo | 10-00-00 |
| It. | 2 Kine & 2 two-yer: old | 16-00-00 |
| It. | 2 shoats | 01-00-00 |
| It. | 1 Iron pott-1 brass pott- 1 frying pan- 4 pewt ^r platt ^{rs} - 1 flagon- 1 Iron Kettle- 1 brass Kettle-1 Copp, 1 brass pan & some oth ^r things | 02-17-00 |
| It. | 2 Chests-1 feth ^r bed-1 oth ^r bed- 2 payre of sheets- 2 bolst ^{er} - 3 pillows-2 blankets- 1 Covlid- 1 bedstead- & other smal linnen | 05-10-00 |
| It. | 2 Coats & wearing apper | 03-00-00 |
| It. | 1 warming pan | 00-03-00 |
| It. | A tub 2 pails a few books | 00-10-00 |
| | A Corslett | 01-00-00 |
| | ' what shee oweth v | 12-00-00 |

Reginold fost^r
Andrew Hodg^s Apprisers. "

Abigail, the widow of William (1) Averill, died at Ipswich shortly before March 27, 1655, when the inventory of her estate was returned to court by her son, William, in which is mentioned "the pequitt lot of 7 acres."

The children of William (1) and wife, Abigail, were:-

William (2); a carpenter; lived in Ipswich until Feb. 1663, when he bought 100 acres, a house and other outbuildings, from Dan'l Clark of Topsfield. He was selectman in 1688; tithing man, 1682. He m., July 31, 1661, Hannah Jackson of Ipswich; he d. April 23, 1691. She survived and was living in Conn., about 1735.

Sarah (2) ; m. Nov. 23, 1663, John Wildes of Topsfield. She was executed as a witch, July 19, 1692.

Thomas (2), b. ; m. Dec. 8, 1657, Frances Collings, at Ipswich. He was living in Topsfield, 1663-1668.

John (2) , b. ; m. ; res. in Ipswich, 1654-56.
child(2), living in 1652.

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William (2) Averill (Wm. (1) and wife, Hannah Jackson, had:-

William (3), b. May 1, 1662, in Ipswich; lived in Topsfield; m. Mary---; was admitted to church May 24, 1685 and Mar. 11, 1688 he was disciplined for intemperance and unseemly behaviour in Mr. Wise's church. He must have regained favor, for on Mar. 1, 1714/5 the selectmen of Topsfield agreed with Wm. Averill, Jr. to sweep the meeting house and dig graves for which he was to receive 18 sh. a year and the use of half an acre of land to ye Norwest of ye Meeting House. Widow Mary died Mar. 14, 1728-9.

Children of William (2) Averill and wife, Hannah Jackson, cont. :-

Nathaniel (3), b. Oct.13, 1664; in Topsfield; a carpenter and millwright; owned a sawmill in Topsfield; constable, 1702. He m. 1st., Dec.13, 1698, Sarah Howlett; she d. July 11, 1729; he m. 2nd. June 17, 1730, Lydia French. She d. May 31, 1746; he d. April 3, 1751.

John (3), b. Jan.1, 1666; in Topsfield; was known as " Sargt " in 1701, when he was appointed tithingman; was constable in 1711. On Feb.1 1692, he and his brother, Nathaniel, bought of Gov. Simon Bradstreet, 200 acres lying between Howlett brook and Mile brook, which later was known as "The Colleges" . He married, June 8, 1710, Anne Greenslect (Greenleaf?) of Topsfield; he d. in the winter of 1719/20 .His widow was living in Topsfield in 1741 and may have removed to ANDOVER that year. In April 1735, his four children, then under age, were placed under the guardianship of John Wildes.

Job (3), b. Jan.1, 1666-7 , in Topsfield; a yeoman; lived in the part of Topsfield that was incorporated in Middleton ,1728. Was tithingman in 1708. He m. Feb.1, 1702-3, Susanna Brown of Topsfield; he d. 1730. Adm. was granted on her estate, Dec.16, 1732.

Hannah (3), b. Dec.18, 1667; d. unm. May 14, 1737.

Ebenezer (3), b. Oct.14, 1669 in Topsfield; a husbandman; constable, 1701; selectman, 1704-5-7-8-10-13-15-16; styled "Sargt " at death. He m. 1st., Nov.30, 1697, Susanna Hovey; she d. Nov.11, 1699; he m. 2nd., Dec.31, 1700 , Mehitabel Foster of Ipswich; he d. Dec.22, 1717; she d. Nov.19, 1740. (Susannah, the first wife, came from England, according to the inventory of his estate.

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Children of William (2) Averill and wife, Hannah Jackson, (cont.) :-

Isaac (3), b. in Topsfield, Jan.26, 1671-2; d. June 11, 1680.

Thomas (3), b. Dec.9, 1672; probably m. Nov.29,1712, Abigail Cogswell,
in Ipswich; he acknowledged a deed in Preston, Conn., May 30,
1724.

Abigail (3), b. March 8, 1673-4; pub. July 9, 1699 to Jonathan Bishop of
Beverly; res. Beverly until about 1708; then to Rehoboth; he
d. there 1752. Were in Norton, Bristol county, 1721.

Ezekiel (3), b. July 24, 1675; probably d.y.

Paul (3), b. June 21, 1677 in Topsfield; a husbandman; lived in part of
Topsfield that was inc. as Middleton, 1728. He m. 1st., Mar.27,
1706, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Sarah (Perley) And-
rews. She d. at 47, Oct.16, 1732; he m. 2nd., Feb.3, 1736-7,
widow Mary Simonds of Wenham. They were living in Middleton 1741
were dismissed to Killingly, Conn., Aug.5, 1753.

Silas (3), b. May.1, 1679; probably d.y.

Isaac (3), b. Nov.10, 1680; in Topsfield; m. May 16, 1709, in Rehoboth,
Esther, daughter of Philip Walker, Jr., of that town. Isaac was
" an ingenious Carpenter " and framed in Providence, R.I., the
largest meeting house of his time. Lived in Preston, Conn., 1724
and many years after. Removed to Kent, Conn., before 1748.

Mary (3), bapt. May 16, 1697; m. Feb.16, 1709-10, Silas Titus of Rehob-
oth. Were in Norton, June 1724.

John (3) Averill (Wm. (2-1) and wife, Anna Greensleet, had:-

John (4), b. in Topsfield, April 24, 1711.

Thomas (4), b. " " , Dec.17, 1713; husbandman in Topsfield until he
m. May 20, 1739, Sarah Meland of Ipswich; removed to ANDOVER.

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Children of John (3) Averill and wife, Anna Greensleot, (cont.) :-

Emma (4), b. in Topsfield, May-Aug., 1715; m. Samuel Phippen, Sept.7, 1738.

Katherine (4), b. in Topsfield, Apr. 1717; m. Dec.22, 1736, Nathaniel Moulton of Ipswich.

Ebenezer (4), b. in Topsfield bapt. Oct. 1, 1718.

Abial (4) bapt. May 1720; posthumous; d. Aug.1, 1736.

Paul (3) Averill(Wm. (2-1) and wife, Sarah Andrews, had:-

Ezekiel (4), b. March 13, 1707/8.

Hephzibah (4), b. Nov.8, 1709; m. Dec.13, 1733, Robert Bradford.

Paul (4), b. Dec.16, 1711; husbandman; lived in Middleton. He m. April 21, 1737, Zeruah How ; he d. in the winter of 1805-6. (He may have m. 1st., Feb.3, 1736, at Wenham, Mary Symonds.)

Sarah (4), b. April 2, 1713; d. unm. in Middleton, Jan.20, 1736.

Joseph (4), b. Jan.17, 1719/20; m. Feb.14, 1743-4; Mary Symonds of Topsfield; he was then of Killingly, Conn.

Paul (4) Averill(Paul (3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Zeruah How, had:-

Sarah (5), b. in Middleton, July 26, 1738; d. Jan.20, 1739-40.

John (5), b. " " , Jan.2, 1740; m. Mary Bradford; she was b. in Middleton, 1742; d. Aug.21, 1815. They settled in Amherst N.H., in 1763. He d. May 21, 1815.

Paul (5), b. in Middleton, Sept.27, 1742; a yeoman; lived in ANDOVER (in Kimball District); was a soldier in Revolution, marching to Lexington. He m. March 10, 1772, Deborah Foster, in ANDOVER; he d. 1804; she prob. d., Dec.27, 1826.

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Children of Paul (4) Averill and wife, Zerulah How, (cont.) :-

Elijah (5), b. April 28, 1745; in Middleton; a cordwainer; bought, in 1775, the farm in Boxford (later held by George Perley) on which he settled. He m. Jan. 4, 1776, Hannah Perkins; adm. was granted on his estate, Nov. 5, 1782; she m. 2nd., Joseph Peabody, May 25, 1790. She d. in Middleton, Mar. 17, 1825.

Mark (5), b. in Middleton, May 12, 1747; a yeoman; succeeded his father on the homestead in Middleton. He m. June 8, 1775, Dorcas Foster of ANDOVER.

Sarah (5), b. July 28, 1750 in Middleton; m. Daniel Stiles, Sept. 25, 1771; d. Sept. 20, 1805 in Middleton.

Mary (5), b. in Middleton, May 11, 1752; m. Feb. 14, 1771, Stephen Towne, Jr.; removed to Sunderland, Vt., 1786.

Joseph (5), b. Oct. 6, 1757 in Middleton; a yeoman; m. 1st., Dec. 12, 1780, Susanna Pettingill of ANDOVER. She d. in Middleton, Sept. 20, 1813; aged 57. He m. 2nd., (int.) April 10, 1814, Mrs. Rachel (Lefavour) Pettengill, widow of Moses Pettingill. He d. in Middleton, Dec. 9, 1816; she d. Dec. 24, 1846 in Middleton; aged 68.

Joseph (5) Averill (Paul (4) (3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Susanna Pettingill :-

Benjamin (6), b. Feb. 22, 1781; in Middleton; m. June 2, 1808, Hannah, dau. of Andrew and Ruth (Curtis) Peabody of Middleton. She was b. Aug. 22, 1783; d. Feb. 4, 1854; he d. Aug. 13, 1849.

Molly (6), b. Jan. 3, 1783; m. Nov. 5, 1805, Moses Stiles of Boxford.

Betsy (6), b. Oct. 13, 1786; d. unm. in Middleton, Nov. 3, 1814.

Susanna (6), b. Oct. 20, 1789; d. Jan. 16, 1792.

Joseph (6), b. Dec. 15, 1792 in Middleton; a farmer; lived in the part of Andover that became North Andover (Kimball District). He m. May 23, 1819, Elizabeth Averill, prob. dau. of John and Betsy (Austin) Averill; she d. Nov. 18, 1881; he d. Mar. 5, 1878.

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Paul (5) Averill (Paul (4-3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Deborah Foster, had:-

John (6) bapt. Nov.23,1772 , in ANDOVER; d.y.
John (6) 2nd., b. Nov.16, 1776; a yeoman; lived in ANDOVER; m. Nov.13, 1794, Betsey Austin; he d. Dec.7,1818; she d. Nov.13, 1826 at 54 years. They had :-

Elizabeth (7), b. March 10, 1795.

Deborah (6), b. ; m. Moses Wilkins of Middleton, Feb.19, 1793.
Betsey (6) bapt. in Andover, Feb.24, 1790; m.(int.) Dec.20,1810, James Pettingill.

Mark (5) Averill(Paul (4-3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Dorcas Foster, had:-

John (6), b. in Middleton, Feb.27, 1776; m. Dec.29,1825, Sarah A.Porter of ANDOVER; res. Andover; no children; he d. June 1838;she d. July 8, 1859.

Ephraim (6), b. April 2, 1780; m. May 23, 1825, Sally Tapley of Lynnfield; lived in Derry, N.H. No children.

Elijah (6), b. Dec.10, 1789; m. ; lived in Litchfield, N.H.

Foster (6), b. Sept. 20, 1792; m. Martha R. ; had:-

- Henry (7); drowned.
- John (7); lived in Londonderry, N.H.
- Mason (7); " " "
- Ephraim (7); lived in Missouri.
- Dorcas (7); m. a Mr. Grant; lived in Gilmanton, N.H.
- Sarah (7); m. Lewis Stiles; lived in Lowell.
- Edna Ann (7); m. Mr. Ballou;lived in Alexandria.

Joseph (6) Averill(Jos;(5)Paul(4-3)Wm.(2-1) and wife Elizabeth Averill:-

Elizabeth (7), b. Sept. 27, 1819.

John (7), b. July 18, 1821; m. Oct.31, 1854, Fidelia, dau.of Jacob and Susanna Berry, of ANDOVER.

Children of Joseph (6) Averill and wife, Elizabeth, (cont.):-

Joseph (7), b. Aug.13, 1824; farmer; lived in North Andover; m. 1st., Nov.18, 1856, Susan M. Perley of Boxford. She d. June 21, 1871. He m. 2nd., July 10, 1873, Eunice B. Perley, sister of his first wife. She d. July 13, 1892. Children :-

George Leonard (8), b. July 28, 1859; m. Dec.20, 1883, Elvira Lake Towne of Topsfield. He was a farmer; lived in North Andover.

Mary Lizzie (8), b. Mar.31, 1861; m. April 9, 1895, Charles Walter Paul; res. North Andover in Kimball District.

Florence Maria (8), b. Sept. 24, 1865.

George (7), b. Sept. 10, 1830; d. unm. July 9, 1852.

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