

Joseph Conant Avery

Pioneer of 1845

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Joseph Conant Avery

b. 09 Jun 1817 Luzerne County, PA

d. 16 Jun 1876 Benton County, OR

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

m. 13 Mar 1841 Wyoming, PA

Martha Marsh

b. 14 Jan 1824 Luzerne County, PA

d. 04 Jan 1911

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

d/o Daniel C. Marsh and Esther Pettebone

AVERY, Joseph C

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F 47 (adv)

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Portland, 18 Mr 47, 2:2

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Spec., 18 O 49 to 16 Mr 52
(adv)

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and Umpqua valley, 18 Ap 50,
2:2; on proposed rte between
Yamhill Falls and Benton co,
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and Marysville, 8 Ag to 29 Ag
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6 F 51, 3:2

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supporting location act, 13 F
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elected, 5 Je 51, 2:5; attends
1st session at Salem in Dec,
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Note; References in the following to "Mr." Avery do not necessarily refer to J.C. Avery as there were other Avery families in the area during the 1850s.

AVERY, (Mr)

Erratum: ed corrects to m; not a bachelor, 4 Apr 51, 2:7

Ed supports against Ore attack, 16 Dec 51, 2:2

Mentioned in Supreme Ct case:

Moore vs Thomas, et al, 21 Jul 55, 1:3

Carries lr supposed to have been sent to Bush; brags that he has spy in Stat office, 24 Jun 56, 2:2

Correction of facts re Lane-Avery affair of 1851, 1 Jul 56, 2:1

Reptd he procures affidavit from C H Mattoon to effect that he saw Jackson Co election rets in Sec of State's office, 29 Jul 56, 2:3

Man from Benton Co declares lr signed Mager was in Avery's handwriting, 30 Sep 56, 2:3

Not writer of lr signed W B Mager, says circular signed E M Wait, 7 Oct 56, 2:2

Mentioned by Delazon Smith in speech in Ho in reply to allusion to his political antecedents, 27 Jan 57, 1:1

Of Benton Co; described by ed as speaking and voting against resolution condemning "Dem" Standard for supporting opposition rather than Dem pty, 27 Jun 57, 2:4

Having decided this is not proper time to bolt, permits Standard to pub call for Dem Terr convention, says ed, 17 Feb 57, 2:2

AVERY, (Mr) (cont)

Mentioned by Mr Bush, ed Ore Stat, in replying to Jas K Kelly's lr objecting to latter's remarks made in Jan 20 caucus touching binding obligations of caucus nominations, 17 Feb 57, 2:4

Described as proposing at mass Dem mtg called at Corvallis, to denounce Bush and endorse Standard; described as denying Smith's remarks made about him in Stat, 17 Feb 57, 2:6

Movements indicate work of an unscrupulous trickster re mass Dem convention called in Benton Co, says ed, 24 Feb 57, 2:1

Opposed resolution offered by Mr Cole at Benton Co Dem convention, 24 Feb 57, 2:3

Reptd oppo Mr Cole's res at mass mtg in Corvallis & imme after adjmt of reg mtg calls bolters' mtg & elect 4 dels to attend Dem Terr conv, 24 Feb 57, 2:5

Reptd called mass convention at Corvallis to obtain false expression from Benton Co and forestall pub opinion elsewhere, 24 Feb 57, 2:5

Furnishes Standard with "his" acct of mass mtg in Benton Co in which lying propensities of "little trickster" are fully developed, says ed, 3 Mar 57, 2:4

Described by ed as doing everything to give Standard weight in Dem party, 10 Mar 57, 2:3

Chgd by Ore Stat with having inaugurated at Corvallis a system of mass conventions, 24 Mar 57, 2:6

Ed describes as caught in his lies re caucus resolution denunciatory of the Standard, 21 Apr 57, 2:1

His political activity in Benton Co cited by "N C", 9 Jun 57, 2:2

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Lr from "Veritas" says political partnership of Biddle, Hovey, Avery & Co is fast sinking, 30 Jun 57, 2:4

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factionists and Black Repub for
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itical treachery in Benton Co,
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stitution, 20 Oct 57, 2:2
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in order to oppo constitution,
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posed state constitution in Lane
Co, 20 Oct 57, 2:6
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gan of Dem pty, 27 Oct 57, 2:6
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mtg which attempted to organize
Dem into National Dem pty by
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3 Nov 57, 2:1
Voted for slavery and free Negroes,
17 Nov 57, 2:5
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Nesmith according to anon lr from
Corvallis, 8 Dec 57, 2:7
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leader of opposition to Dem pty,
2 Mar 58, 2:5
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Lane, 9 Mar 58, 2:3
Reptd in lr to be Corvallis, "Ox"
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and is a Cameron Dem (Black Repub),
avers ed, 30 Mar 58, 2:1
Accused by ed of turning Hall "out
upon the common to starve",
27 Apr 58, 2:2
Chgd in lr from "Multnomah" with
failure to take bet offered by
Statesman ed comment, 27 Apr 58,
2:7
Described as telling Hall he must
dischge him or "nationals" won't
get any Repub or Temperance votes,
4 May 58, 2:7
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political filth, 11 May 58, 1:3
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Benton Co, says ed, 11 May 58, 2:3
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of slandering Lane by pretending
he approved and sympathizes with
their efforts to disorganize Dem
party, 11 May 58, 2:7
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National Dem party in Ore,
25 May 58, 2:2
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causing Hall to be his tool in
defaming honest characters thru
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18 Jan 59, 3:1
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vote, 12 Jul 59, 2:4
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to Albany, Linn Co will support
Corvallis for capitol, 9 Aug 59,
2:6
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victim, 22 Nov 59, 2:2
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29 Nov 59, 2:6
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and D Smith, 20 Dec 59, 1:4
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is voided because overheard and re-
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"St Pierre" says sent Slater to legis, 27 Dec 59, 2:6
Ed says made J H Slater over into Dem, 13 Mar 60, 2:4
D Smith refers to him as enemy, 20 Mar 60, 1:2
Ed says bought D Smith's support for change of capitol, 20 Mar 60, 1:5
R C Hill, Benton Co Dem nominee for state repr; ed says Avery man, 24 Apr 60, 2:3
Ed says may keep his personal organ alive at Corvallis, 1 May 60, 2:3
Ed says Slater Avery's tool, 8 May 60, 2:2
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Said to have been with seceding state senators most of the time, 25 Sep 60, 2:3
Family, relatives of C Jennings' wife, arrested bound over on chg of aiding in Jennings' escape; bonded & released after capturing Jennings, 15 Apr 61, 2:5
Of Corvallis, employs "Malone, a British refugee from the potato rot," to succeed Slater as ed, 23 Sep 61, 2:2
Pub Breckinridge's appeal to Ky to fight US, 20 Jan 62, 2:5
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Ed accuses him of endeavoring to break down Albany paper, 3 Mar 62, 2:1
Ed states A Moltner his tool, 21 Apr 62, 3:3
Ed re his false allegations pub, 26 May 62, 2:3
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M 28 Dec 52 to Sidney B Simons, 8 Jan 53, 3:2

AVERY, (Rev) Henry R
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AVERY, J C
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Agent from McClaine & Co's Express, Marysville, Ore, 27 Apr to 11 Dec 52 (adv)
Marysville merchant, drygoods, groceries, 12 Feb 53 to 14 Apr 55 (adv)
Urges subscriptions for rd from head of Willamette Valley to Fort Boise, 19 Mar 53, 2:2
Assignee of Edward Marsh Cayuse War Claim Warrant ready, 19 Jul 53, 2:7
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10 Mar 57, 2:5

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lamette Valley R R Co, 30 Mar
58, 1:6

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Valley R R Co to open books for
subscription of said stock in
Benton Co, 30 Mar 58, 3:1

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fire, 14 Sep 58, 2:6

Donation patent corrected ready,
13 Dec 59, 2:4

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Comm, 15 Sep 62, 2:7

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3:3

Addresses Benton Co Dem Conv; elec
Co dele to Dem Terr Conv, 9 Apr
53, 1:7

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16 Apr 53, 2:4

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conv, 16 May 54, 3:1

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to 30 May 54 (adv)

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13 Jun 54, 2:2

Destitute of any truth says "in-
trusts", 26 Feb 56, 3:1

Threatened by Bush, says Standard,
unless he used his influence to
back Bush for printer, 11 Mar 56,
3:3

Nominated for repr at Benton Co
Dem conv at Corvallis, 10 May 56,
20 May 56, 1:4

Bush accuses him of spreading
falsehood re printing of Yam Co
ballots, 17 Jun 56, 2:2

Was said to be left bower of Judge
Pratt, states Standard, 24 Jun
56, 2:2

Lr to a friend containing slander-
ous falsehoods against J Lane put
in Lane's hands who reads it at a
stump S in Corvallis, 24 Jun 56,
2:2

Mentioned in Jackson Co election
returns controversy, 12 Aug 56,
2:4

Owens Leland of the Standard and do-
nates money to keep paper going,
states ed, 19 Aug 56, 2:2

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controversy, 19 Aug 56, 2:4

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9 Sep 56, 2:4

Lr from C N Terry states Mr Mattoon
is ruled by Avery, 9 Sep 56, 2:6

Mentioned in rehash of politics by
"Iowa", 16 Sep 56, 1:3

Still urging people to stop taking
Stat, says lr writer, 25 Nov 56,
2:4

More on Jack Co election rets contro-
versy, 3 Mar 57, 2:3

Reptd lies about Col Nesmith calling
mass meeting in Polk Co to further
his own ends; digest of his democracy
pub, 3 Mar 57, 2:6

Corvallis; accused of conducting Dem
illegally, 10 to 17 Mar 57 (adv)

Accused by Stat of peddling and pub
false repts re votes on resolution
adopted in Dem caucus, 17 Mar 57,
2:2

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17 Mar 57, 2:3

Dem party urged to purge itself of
Avery and others, 7 Apr 57, 1:3

Ed questions truthfulness,
7 Apr 57, 2:2

Ed castigates for imposing lie on
Standard reporter re votes of
Messrs Miller, Munro, Welch & Bayley
on Dem caucus res, 14 Apr 57, 2:2

Ed charges that mass conventions are
a device of Avery & Co for defeating
will of the people, 14 Apr 57, 2:3

Ed says failed in attempt to suppress
Stat in Benton Co, 5 May 57, 2:2

Reptd to hold mortgage on old Expos-
itor press and to be responsible for
office rent of proposed new paper
at Corvallis, 23 Jun 57, 2:7

Probably furnished L P Hall, editor
of Corvallis Occidental Messenger,
with information about politics of
mems of conv and Legis, 30 Jun 57,
2:2

Ed avers the Occidental Messenger is
the paper of the "intrusts" of,
14 Jul 57, 2:1

Becomes his personal enemy of J W
Mack, 21 Jul 57, 2:6

Ed cites reptd listing of delegation
from Marion Co as all free State men
as effort to further his "intrusts"
and dismemberment of Dem party,
28 Jul 57, 2:6

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Called "little Julius Caesar"

Avery and "political scoundrel"

in lr from Veritas, 28 Jul 57,

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Traitor to democracy becomes

known, 11 Aug 57, 2:2

Working for the overthrow of

Dem party, 18 Aug 57, 2:3

Chgd by ed with conceiving and

bringing into world in secret

caucus at Pld, odds & ends of

Black Republicanism in Ore under

name of "National Democrats",

23 Feb 58, 2:2

Will be unable to create harmony

in "National" Dems, says "G H" in

lr from Corvallis, 9 Mar 58, 1:3

Claims to be a friend of Gen Lane

but will never elect him to the

Senate, avers lr from QV,

6 Apr 58, 2:4

Of Corvallis, apptd mem of

"Nationwood" central comm,

13 Apr 58, 2:7

Dems in Benton Co determined to do

battle against, 11 May 58, 3:1

Responsible in property for libel,

but avoids libel by employing

others to do his dirty work,

avers ed, 25 May 58, 2:1

Reptd paid out \$2000 during recent

election, 22 Jun 58, 2:5

Accused by ed of changing his views

on slavery to suit both Repub's

and Dem's, 29 Jun 58, 2:1

(Colonel) mentioned in political

discussion by ed, 6 Jul 58, 2:7

Said to have swung D Smith to sup-

port Breckinridge, 7 Aug 60, 2:6

Ed derides his chances of being

elected Sen from Ore, 7 Aug 60,

3:2

Ed says was too weak a cand to ef-

fect coalition between Dem & Rep

for U S Sen, 8 Sep 60, 3:1

Cand for U S Sen, 11 Sep 60, 2:4

Ed says in intrigue to prevent

Sen election, 25 Sep 60, 2:7

lr from "Democrat" states, "It is

already arranged that J C Avery,

of infamous memory, is to be

their (secessionists) candidate

for Governor, 23 Dec 61, 2:4

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Ed challenges him to utter libelous

statements of P Malone, 2 Jun 62,

2:3

Corvallis, Ore; to receive sub-

scriptions for Calif-Ore RR,

29 Jun 63, 2:6

Corvallis; offers res to request

land donation from Fed govt thru

Ore Cong del for Calif-Ore RR,

16 Nov 63, 2:5

Judge Odeneal answers his charge

of ingratitude, 5 Mar 66, 2:4

EVERY, J C

Member House of Reps

Elected Benton Co repr, 6 Jun 51,

2:2

Elec Benton Co repr, 13 Jun 51, 2:3

Mem Ho of Reps from Benton Co,

4 Jul 51, 2:3

Of Benton Co, attends session of

Terr Ho, 9 Dec 51 to 27 Jan 52

Certified as mem Terr Ho,

20 Jan 52, 1:3

Mem Ho of Reps from Benton Co,

biog, 20 Jan 52, 2:4

Born 1818 Pa, 20 Jan 52, 2:4

Speaks at Marysville mtg to show

approval of OT Legis mtg at Salem,

4 May 52, 2:6

Dem cand for Benton Co repr, returns

pub, 15 Jun 52, 2:6

Mem OT Ho of Reps from Benton Co,

activities at special session pub,

31 Jul 52, 2:4

Activities in OT Ho of Reps pub,

18 Dec 52, 1:2; 25 Dec 52, 1:1;

5 Feb 53, 2:4

Anon lr refers to Ore attack on

Avery for voting for location act

in OT legis, 11 Sep 52, 1:4

Attends mtg of Dem mems of OT Legis

at Salem, 22 Jan 53, 2:7

Mem OT Ho of Reps; voting record

pub, 12 Feb 53, 3:4

Mem OT Ho of Reps; attests to fact

that M P Deady did not "steal" Mr

Hardin's bill, 19 Feb 53, 2:2

Dem Repr; supported statehood in

1852-3 session, 1 Aug 54, 2:1

Bogus Dem mtg at Corvallis instructed

to back him for repr, 13 May 56, 2:4

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10 Jun 56, 2:3

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Insinuations in Legis silenced by Smith's speech in Ho, says ed, 27 Jan 57, 2:5
Political activities in Terr Legis described in lr from Benton, 10 Feb 57, 2:4
Denies D Smith ever spoke in Assembly against him, says Standard; ed makes comment, 3 Mar 57, 2:1
Mem Ho from Benton Co; activities in Legis pub, mem standing com on claims, commerce, 9 Dec 56 to 3 Feb 57
Dem repr from Benton Co; signs Standard's pub remonstrance; ed comments on, 3 Feb 57, 2:4

AVERY, J C

Post Master, Marysville (Corvallis)
Appointed PM of Marysville, 6 Aug 53, 2:7
Apptd PM Corvallis vice Gen Lovejoy, 6 Jun 54, 2:2
Special mail agent USPO makes new arrangements for postal greatly to improvement of service, 1 Aug 54, 3:1
Special postal agent praised for good work, 12 Sep 54, 2:4
Reports on post offices in Ore, 14 Nov 54, 2:5
Advises new postal routes to be established, 9 Jan 55, 2:7
Special PO agent; will endeavor to continue PO at Hillsborough, Wash Co, ordered closed by PMG, 30 Jun 55, 2:2
Postal agent; suggested mail routes criticized in lr from "Marion", 7 Jul 55, 2:3
Denies writing to Mr Boyd, and contradicts statements made by "Marion" re postal svc, 14 Jul 55, 2:4
Postal agent; claims his office one of the most laborious offices in Terr, 14 Jul 55, 2:4
Postal agent, Benton Co, submits list of Ore Post Offices established since Feb 1, 1855, 15 Sep 55, 2:3

AVERY, J C - Post Master, Marysville (cont)

Postal Agt; ed charges with negligence re mail duties, 8 Jan 56, 3:1
Postal Agt; delay of mail at Ore Cy described by ed as due to his neglect of duty; although a Dem, removal asked for by Assembly because of inefficiency, 2:2
Reptd that Legis memorializes for his removal as postal agt, 26 Feb 56, 2:7
Removed as Postal Agent for Ore, 18 Mar 56, 2:7
Resigns as postal agent, states Standard; Ore Stat says he was removed, 1 Apr 56, 2:1
"Intrusts" discusses his removal as postal agent, 1 Apr 56, 2:6
Postal agent for Ore, removal asked on grounds of neglect of official duty, 29 Jul 56, 1:4
Lr from "Iowa" states he obtained office as postal agent upon recommendation of Dems; Dems ask his removal on grounds of inefficiency, 30 Sep 56, 1:2
Postal agt in '55, removed for incompetency on petition of Dem mem's of Legis, 27 Jul 58, 2:4

AVERY, J C

Capitol & University Controversy
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Informs Standard that Ore Stat printed Yam Co tickets & inserted Salem for seat of govt; a lie says ed, 1 Jul 56, 2:2
Ed says irked at result of election with Salem designated as Capitol, 5 Aug 56, 2:4
As prop of Corvallis, sought aid of Sentinel in pushing his site for seat of govt, states ed, 12 Aug 56, 2:6
Lr from "Farmer" states Avery used University as pretext to build up Corvallis, 26 Aug 56, 2:4
Proprietor of Corvallis, ed states there is evidence that Avery was author of bill providing for submission of seat of govt, 16 Sep 56, 2:4

AVERY, J C - Capitol & University
Controversy (cont)

Ed declares he wrote name of W B
Magers to lr to ACR Shaw re seat
of govt, 23 Sep 56, 2:3

Ed states university and capitol
funds were sacrificed that his
town might be promoted, 30 Sep
56, 2:2

Prop of Corvallis, made a formal
offer to a Linn Co delegation of
the Univ if that group would vote
to keep the seat of Govt at Cor-
vallis, states ed, 30 Sep 56, 2:2

More about his connection with Univ
removal to Jacksonville and re
Corvallis as seat of govt,
30 Sep 56, 2:4

More about connection with capitol
controversy, 28 Oct 56, 2:3

Described by ed as thrusting seat
of govt question into Corvallis
mass convention, 24 Feb 57, 2:3

Ed blames for Benton Co's loss of
Univ, 7 Apr 57, 2:2

Objects to state university being
located at same place as capitol,
20 Oct 57, 2:7

Charged in lr from "Prairie" with
plotting for location of capitol,
27 Oct 57, 2:6

Ed says promised by Lane group the
moving of the capitol to Corval-
lis, 19 Jul 59, 2:3

AVERY, J C vs Haptonstall, Samuel
Linn Co sheriff sale, 8 to 15 Dec
62 (adv)

AVERY, Jacob

Of Clackamas Co, is drowned in Big
Sandy crossing on foot log,
15 Nov 59, 1:3

AVERY, Joseph C

Repr Benton OT Ho of Reps, biog
note, 28 Mar 51, 1:5

Marysville agent for Stat, 28 Mar
51 to 2 Oct 52 (adv)

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General Conv, Salem, 2 Apr 53,
2:1

Of Benton Co, ready land patent,
5 Apr 59, 1:5

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J. C. AVERY.—Mr. Avery, the first owner, and, in almost every respect, the founder of Corvallis, was born in Punckhannock, Pennsylvania, in 1817. He received his education at Wilkesbarre, and thereafter studied medicine, but, preferring a less confined life than that necessitated by this profession, went as a pioneer to Illinois in 1837. Engaging in the land business, he at length undertook the life of a farmer, and was married in 1841 to Miss Martha Marsh. Farming upon the prairies at that early day did not prove remunerative; and in 1845 he came alone to Oregon, bringing an ox-team and about twenty-five stock cattle. Making his headquarters at Oregon City, he spent the first months in exploring the Willamette valley; and, as all the land on the west side of the river south of the La Creole was absolutely without occupants except Indians, he had only to exert his judgment to select the best site from among the thousand good ones. He chose the plain lying at the Great Bend of the Willamette, where this river approaches nearest the Coast Mountains.

Moving upon this place in 1846, he sent for his family, who made the perilous trip across the plains with Sawyer's company. Upon their arrival, he began the systematic development of his place; for it was not as a farm, but as the site of a city, that he had secured this magnificent situation upon the Willamette. By means of a store—the only one on the west side of Dallas—he facilitated and hastened the settlement of the surrounding region, and made this point the center. He was instrumental in forming a court for Benton county, of which O. C. Pratt was judge.

Mr. Avery's public virtues, his integrity and breadth of views won for him the confidence of the community; and he was soon sent to the territorial and later to the state legislature to represent Benton county, and was re-elected many times. The power thus secured by him was ever used faithfully in the interest of the whole state, and for the benefit of Benton county and of Corvallis. By his care the county was so delimited as to make this city the center, and naturally the county-seat. He also secured this point as the site of the State University, and even gained it as the state capital. The legislative agreement was not, however, fully kept; and, upon the popular election in 1858, the capital was removed to Salem. He was also active in securing Corvallis as the location of the Agricultural College, and was a member of the committee to

locate the college lands, and also of the board to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the college and the course of study. He ever gave liberally of his means to the institution, and was very active in the promotion of the Willamette Valley & Coast Railway to Yaquina.

In early days,—1853 to 1855,—he held a government position by appointment of President Pierce as postal agent for the district embracing Oregon and Washington. While conducting his mercantile business at Corvallis, he was very often called upon, and it was his practice, to credit needy and destitute settlers with necessities. His generous and magnanimous treatment was never abused; and he believed that he never lost a cent by this course, having, moreover, the pleasure of doing substantial good to his fellow-beings. He was cut off by death in 1876, being then fifty-nine years old, and leaving a wife and six children to mourn his loss. The whole community was afflicted by this sad event.



J. C. Avery

"J. C. AVERY. History recounts the deeds and records the indebtedness of the state to J. C. Avery—one of the honored and prominent pioneers of the Willamette valley, whose efforts for the upbuilding of the state were of the most helpful character. Tales of heroism have been the theme of song and story throughout the ages, and there is no greater heroism shown than that of the men who, reared in comfortable homes, accustomed to all the privileges and conveniences of life, have come to the wild western districts and braved hardships untold. They have also been menaced by the danger of death at the hand of the treacherous Indian. Volumes have been written, yet the story of the pioneers has never been adequately told. They deserve all praise and honor, and the mighty states of the west, with their splendid improvements, enterprises and tokens of civilization, are monuments to their memory.

Corvallis owes its existence to the efforts and labors of J. C. Avery, who laid broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the city. Mr. Avery was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Luzerne county, June 9, 1817. His father, Cyrus Avery, was a native of Connecticut and removed to the Wyoming valley of the Keystone state, where he followed farming. He died at Tunkhannock, Pa. His son, J. C. Avery, was educated in the schools of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and when a young man removed to Stark county, Ill., where he engaged in surveying, and was also a real estate and loan agent. He was married March 13, 1841, near Wyoming, Pa., to Miss Martha Marsh, who was born in Kingston, Luzerne county, January 14, 1824, a daughter of Daniel C. Marsh, who was a native of Connecticut and removed to Kingston, where he engaged in teaching. He wedded Esther Pettebone, also a native of Connecticut, and in their early married life they removed to New York, and afterward to the Wyoming valley. Mrs. Marsh was a daughter of Oliver Pettebone, who was a pioneer of Pennsylvania, and lived there throughout the period of the Indian troubles. His brother was killed in the Wyoming massacre. Mr. Avery removed to Illinois in 1834, not long after the Black Hawk war, when the state was wild, unbroken prairie. There Mr. Avery carried on farming until 1845, when he made the long and hazardous journey across the plains to Oregon and secured a claim at the junction of the Willamette and Marys rivers. In 1846 he moved onto this and built a log cabin, thus establishing a home for his family. In the following year he was joined by his wife and children. They had traveled with a company commanded by Captain Sawyer, who had come with Mr. Avery to Oregon in 1845. Captain Sawyer then returned to Illinois for his family, and Mr. Avery arranged that his wife and children should travel with the captain's party when he again made the journey. It would have taken Mr. Avery eighteen months to go to Illinois and return with his family and he was afraid his claim might be forfeited in that time. Mrs. Avery had an outfit consisting of a five yoke ox-team and a wagon filled with provisions. She also

brought two milch cows and was exactly six months upon the way, being met in eastern Oregon by her husband, who then guided the party by way of the Barlow route over the Cascade mountains to his claim at Corvallis. They had started April 2, from Stark county, Ill, had crossed the Mississippi at Burlington. Iowa ; the Missouri river at St. Joseph, and had proceeded up the Platte river to the Oregon trail. After crossing the Missouri the train numbered eighty wagons, but from Independence Rock only six wagons came on to Benton county, arriving here on October 2, 1847.

In the fall of 1848, following the discovery of gold, Mr. Avery went to California, where he engaged in mining. He spent the succeeding winter at home, but in the spring of 1849 returned to the mines, where he remained until the autumn of that year, making a few thousand dollars. He then returned, bringing with him a stock of general merchandise which he had purchased in San Francisco and shipped to Portland, thence up the Willamette to where Corvallis now stands. This was the first store of the place. The following year Mr. Avery laid out the town and called it Marysville, but because of there being a town in California of the same name some confusion was occasioned and the Oregon town changed its name to Corvallis—the core or center of the valley. He was instrumental in securing the establishment of the post office and served as the first postmaster. He was also the general postal agent for Oregon and Washington.

Mr. Avery continued to engage in merchandising at Corvallis until within four or five years of his death. He rented his land and laid out additions to the town, which have become the principal part of the city. He also built several stores and was always active in the improvement of the city which he founded and which owes much of its early progress to his practical efforts. He was greatly interested in the building of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, but died before its completion. He was chosen, together with J. F. Miller and B. F. Doughet, to make the selection of a site for the Oregon Agricultural College, and their choice fell largely upon the broad meadows of Lake county, the best lands then in the state open for selection. He took a very active part in the building up of the college, and his efforts were not without result.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Avery were born eight children, of whom six are living, Charles and James C. having died in Corvallis. The others are Punderson, a prominent citizen here; Napoleon; George; Mrs. Florence Jones; Mrs. Frances Helm; and Gertrude, the wife of J. B. Irvine.

Mr. Avery was a Master Mason and his life was in harmony with the beneficent spirit of the craft. In politics he was always a Democrat, and he was twice elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he served with ability, and during that time he had the name of Marysville changed to Corvallis. He figured prominently in the politics of the county for a quarter of a century, and he had many warm and true friends and few enemies. He died June 16, 1876, but though a quarter of a century has since come and gone he is yet remembered by many who knew him and his memory will ever be revered as the founder of Corvallis. He was a man of noble and generous impulses and a warm heart, noted for his deeds of charity, his acts of kindness and hospitality so freely extended to the suffering emigrants in an early day. Mrs. Avery still survives her husband and lives at the old home. She is a member of the Baptist Church and is one of the brave pioneer women who shared with the husbands and fathers in the hardships and trials incident to the settlement of the northwest." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p. 869-70]

"Hon. J.C. Avery, deceased.—There are few men in Benton county whose names are more familiar to the people at large than that of J. C. Avery. He was truly one of the Argonauts of Oregon.

This gentleman was born in Lucerne county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1817. His parents were natives of Connecticut and descendants of the early and influential families of that State. He was reared to manhood in the State of his birth, where he received a liberal education and subsequently moved to Stark county, Illinois. From there in 1845, Mr. Avery came to Oregon, his wife joining him two years later in 1847. He took up a claim in Benton county consisting of 640 acres in 1846, where the city of Corvallis is now located. He went to California in 1848, at the time of Marshall's great discovery, but after engaging in mining on the north fork of the American river for a time, he returned to his claim. The first lots of the present city of Corvallis were surveyed and sold by Mr. Avery, in 1849, and as the county settled up, portions of his claims were surveyed and sold right along. Mrs. Avery still owns 180 acres adjacent to this city, about one-half of which is cultivated in grain. She also owns city property. Mr. Avery, during his lifetime was connected with mercantile pursuits and was a progressive, influential citizen. His life was a singularly industrious and busy one, but in spite of all his business interests he always was ready to lend a helping hand to whatever promised to benefit the city. He was appointed by President Pierce Postal Agent for the district embracing Oregon and Washington Territory, in 1853, and served for several years. He was chosen to represent Benton county in the State Legislature on two different occasions and his services were rendered with fidelity and honesty. As a result of his many sterling qualities his memory is held in the highest estimation by all who knew him. His death occurred June 16, 1876.

Mr. Avery was married in Stark county, Illinois, to Miss Martha Marsh, March 13, 1841. She was a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Daniel and Esther (Pettibone) Marsh, both of whom were born in Connecticut and removed to Illinois, where they died in 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Avery had twelve children, six of whom are still living, namely: Punderson; Florence, now Mrs. George Jones; Francis A., now Mrs. George Helm; George W.; Napolian B. and Gertrude, now Mrs. B. F. Irvine.

Mr. Avery was truly a representative Oregonian and his wife is an estimable lady, who aided her talented and illustrious husband in his undertakings and is now enjoying her life, surrounded by the comforts her hands helped to earn." [An Illustrated History of Oregon by Hines p. 458-9]

"J. C. AVERY. No history of Corvallis would be complete without extended and prominent reference to J. C. Avery, the founder and promoter of the town. He was closely associated with the progress and upbuilding of the state in many ways and was one of the honored pioneers to whom Oregon owes a debt of gratitude for what they accomplished here. He was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1817, a son of Cyrus Avery, who was a native of Connecticut, whence he went to the Wyoming valley of Pennsylvania, there following farming. He died at Tunkhannock that state.

His son, J. C. Avery, was a pupil in the schools of Wilkes-Barre and when a young man went to Stark county, Illinois, where he engaged in surveying and in the real estate and loan business. He was married near Wyoming, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1841, to Miss Martha Marsh, whose birth occurred at Kingston, Luzerne county, January 14, 1824. She was a daughter of Daniel C. Marsh, a native of Connecticut, who removed to Kingston, where he engaged in teaching. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Esther Pettebone, was also born in the Charter Oak state and

soon after their marriage they removed to New York and later to the Wyoming valley of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Marsh was a daughter of Oliver Pettebone, a pioneer of the Keystone state, living there through the period of Indian troubles, his brother having been killed in the Wyoming massacre.

In 1834 J.C. Avery became a resident of Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers of that state. He there carried on farming until 1845, when he started across the plains to Oregon, making the long and arduous journey to the Pacific coast for the purpose of finding a location for his family. He entered a claim of six hundred and forty acres at the junction of the Willamette and Mary rivers and took up his abode thereon in 1846 building a log cabin. The following year he was joined by his wife and children, who had traveled westward with the company commanded by Captain Sawyer, who was one of the party that had come with Mr. Avery to Oregon in 1845. Captain Sawyer then returned to Illinois for his family and Mr. Avery arranged that his wife and children should return with the captain's party, for it would have taken him eighteen months to go to Illinois and back, and he feared lest his claim might be forfeited in that time. Mrs. Avery's outfit consisted of a five-yoke ox team and a wagon filled with provisions. She also brought along two milch cows and after traveling for six months reached her destination. She was met in eastern Oregon by her husband, who then guided the party over the Barlow road, across the Cascades, and settled his family upon his claim at Corvallis. They had started on the 2d of April from Stark county, Illinois, and had crossed the Mississippi at Burlington, Iowa, the Missouri at St. Joseph and thence proceeded up the Platte river to the Oregon trail. After crossing the Missouri the train numbered eighty wagons, but from Independence Rock only six wagons came on to Benton county, arriving October 2, 1847.

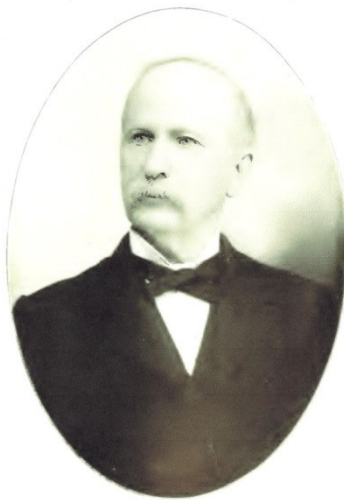
When gold was found in California Mr. Avery journeyed southward and engaged in mining in that state. He spent the succeeding winter at home but in the spring of 1849 again went to California, where he remained through the summer, making a few thousand dollars. Upon the return trip he brought with him a stock of general merchandise which he had purchased at San Francisco and shipped to Portland, thence up the Willamette to the present site of Corvallis, opening the first store in the town. It was not until the following year, however, that the town was laid out. He called it Marysville, but some confusion arose over the fact of there being another town of the same name in California, so that during his service in the legislature he succeeded in having the name changed from Marysville to Corvallis, meaning the core or center of the valley. It was also due to Mr. Avery that the post office was established here and he served as its first postmaster. He was also the general postal agent for Oregon and Washington. He continued to engage in merchandising at Corvallis until within four or five years of his death. He rented part of his ranch and also laid out additions to the town which have become principal parts of the city. He built several stores and in many ways contributed to the growth, upbuilding and success of the city which he had founded and which today stands as a monument to his enterprise and progressive spirit. He was greatly interested in the building of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad but died before its completion. He was chosen a member of the committee of three, his associates being J. F. Miller and B. F. Dougherty, to make the selection of a site for the Oregon Agricultural College. They were attracted by the broad meadows of Lake county the best lands in the state open for selection at that time and Mr. Avery took an active and helpful interest in the upbuilding of the college, his labors being very beneficial. His political allegiance was always given to the democratic party and he was twice elected to represent his district in the state legislature. His fraternal relations were with the Masonic order.

To Mr. and Mrs. Avery were born eight children of whom six are living, while Charles and James C. died in Corvallis. The others are Punderson, Napoleon, George, Mrs. Florence James, Mrs. Frances Helm and Mrs. Gertrude Irvine. He died June, 1876, at the age of fifty-nine years and Mrs. Avery passed away in January, 1911. Mr. Avery is numbered among the real promoters of Oregon's growth and greatness and his name should be inscribed high on the roll of its honored citizens." [Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston Vol IV p.879-880]

Children of Joseph Avery and Martha Marsh:

1. Charles Avery
b. 14 Mar 1842
d. 31 Mar 1861
buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

2. Punderson Avery
b. 1843
d. 1912
m. Dec 1864 Elizabeth Martha Mobley



PUNDERSON AVERY

"PUNDERSON AVERY. No citizen of Corvallis has so long resided here or is better acquainted with its history than Punderson Avery. His business interests have been of a character that have largely contributed to its prosperity and advancement, and his record has at all times been such as has won for him the good-will and confidence of those with whom he has come into contact. Success has crowned his intelligently directed efforts and at one time he was actively and extensively engaged in the manufacture of flour but is now giving his attention merely to the supervision of his investments. He was born in Stark county, Illinois, in 1843, a son of J. C. Avery, who was the founder of Corvallis and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was four years of age when the mother brought her three children to the northwest, the father having preceded them and prepared a home

for them in Benton county. He had secured a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres and it was upon this land that the city of Corvallis was laid out.

On the old homestead there, Punderson Avery was reared and as his father was the first merchant of the town he, too, early became connected with merchandising. In the meantime he had pursued his early education in the district schools and he afterward became a student in the Baptist College at McMinnville. He afterward spent eight years in his father's store but in 1872 removed to Lake county, where he engaged in the cattle business, having a large ranch on which he herded his cattle. He also put up hay and feed for the market. He spent fifteen years in the Chewaucan valley of Lake county in the cattle business, beginning with a small bunch of cattle—not more than one hundred head—but when he retired from the business he was the owner of fifteen hundred head of cattle and fifteen hundred acres of land. His father had been made one of the commission of three, to select a site for the state agricultural college and they had made choice of the meadow land in Lake county. While looking over the state they gained considerable knowledge concerning favorable locations and the reports which Punderson Avery heard concerning Lake county, its rich fields and its promising future, decided him to remove to that district. He bought one thousand acres of the college land which he fenced and improved.

He was living there at the time of the Modoc war and he and other settlers of that locality built Fort Chewaucan, which they occupied for four months or until the trouble with the Indians had subsided.

In 1887 Punderson Avery disposed of his business interests in Lake county and returned to Corvallis, where in 1889 he established a mill, forming a partnership with Mr. Smith and Mr. Rickard. They built the Benton County Mills and five years later the business was incorporated under the name of the Benton County Flouring Mills Company, of which Mr. Avery became president. The mill was erected in 1889 and has since been operated by steam power, the plant having a capacity of two hundred and twenty barrels per day. From the standpoint of excellence their output was unequalled in the state and they received the highest award at the Oregon state fair in 1902 and again, in 1903, on the Benton and Snow Fall brands. They also won other prizes at different times and their manufactured product included not only wheat but also graham flour and cereals. The capacity at the outset was one hundred barrels but this was increased with the growth of their trade and, improving their property, they became owners of one of the largest and best mills in the northwest, thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and operated according to most modern methods. In 1906, however, Mr. Avery sold his flour mill here and lives now as a retired capitalist. In addition to his milling business he has been the owner of two fine farm properties in Benton county devoted to the raising of grain and stock, one comprising four hundred acres a mile and a half south of Corvallis, while the other of three hundred and twenty acres is about twelve miles south of the city. Mr. Avery and his brother have also laid out two additions to Corvallis which are now attractive districts of the city.

It was here in December, 1864, that Mr. Avery was married to Miss Elizabeth Mobley, a native of Missouri, who accompanied her parents to California in early life, and in 1860 came with them to Benton county, Oregon. Her father, William Mobley, was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Avery have become the parents of five children: Chester, engaged in the cattle business in Klamath county; Clarence W., who is a graduate of the

Oregon Agricultural College and is now manager of the sawmill near Weston, Oregon; Mattie, the wife of Professor Fulton, of Corvallis; and Grover and Virgil, both residing on their father's farm near Corvallis.

Mr. Avery has not only figured prominently in business circles but has also been a political leader of his community. In 1870 he was elected treasurer of Benton county and served for one term. He was long a member of the city council and for a number of years was its president. He has always been a democrat and for many years acted as chairman of the county central committee and has served on the state committee. He also was a member of the upper house of the Oregon legislature. He belongs to the Oregon Pioneer Association and to the Corvallis Business Men's League. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. One of his public acts worthy of mention is that he succeeded in getting mountain water for Corvallis while a member of the state senate. Previous to that time the town was supplied with river water but now an excellent system brings pure mountain water into the city. He remembers the first federal court held in Benton county, as it was held in his father's home by Judge C. C. Pratt, and the only ones present were his mother and her children, the judge and Jo Meek, United States marshal. The business transacted was the sale of an old boat on the river near Oregon City. Not only by reason of his long residence but also of the value of his public Services and his creditable business record, Mr. Avery is accounted one of the foremost residents of Benton county, honored and esteemed alike by all who know him." [The Centennial History of Oregon by Gaston Vol IV p. 812]

"PUNDERSON AVERY is a capitalist and very successful man who is uniformly spoken of in terms of praise, commendation and good will. He is an extensive and successful manufacturer of flour and is the leader in this regard in the state. He is now serving as president of the city council of Corvallis, and Benton county has profited by his efforts in her behalf along many lines. It is, therefore, well that he should be mentioned among the representative citizens of the Willamette valley and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this record of his career.

Mr. Avery is a native of Stark county, Ill., born in 1843, and is a son of J. C. Avery, who was the founder of Corvallis and is represented elsewhere in this work. In the year 1847 Mrs. Avery came to the northwest to join the father, who had crossed the plains in 1843. She was accompanied by her three children, Charles, Punderson and Florence, and they were met in eastern Oregon by the husband and father, who conducted them by way of the Barlow route over the Cascade Mountains to the old town of Marysville, now Corvallis. Mr. Avery had secured a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres and upon this the city of Corvallis was established.

On the old family homestead Punderson Avery of this review was reared and in early life became connected with merchandising. He pursued his preliminary education in the district schools and afterward became a student in the Baptist College at McMinnville. Later he spent eight years in his father's store and in 1872 he removed to Lake county, Ore., where he was engaged in the cattle business, having a large range on which he herded his cattle and also put up hay and feed for the market. His father, together with John F. Miller and B. F. Doughthet, was selected by the state to choose a site for the Agricultural College, and made choice of the meadow lands of Lake county. They gained considerable knowledge of the state while endeavoring to make a location and Punderson

Avery, hearing favorable reports of the Lake county land, concluded that he would remove to that district and engage in the cattle business. Accordingly, he located there in 1872 and purchased one thousand acres of the college land which he fenced and improved. For fifteen years he remained there, being extensively engaged in the cattle business, and success attended his efforts. At the time of the Modoc war he and other residents of that locality built Fort Chewaucan which they occupied for four months during the Indian troubles. In 1887 he disposed of his business interests in Lake county and returned to Corvallis. In 1889 he began the milling business here, forming the present company in connection with Mr. Smith and Mr. Rickard. They built the Benton county mills and five years later incorporated the business under the name of the Benton County Flouring Mills Company, of which Mr. Avery has since been the president. The mill was erected in 1889 and has since been operated by steam power. The plant has a capacity of two hundred and twenty barrels daily and manufactures flour which is unexcelled in the state. In fact, the firm received the highest award at the Oregon state fair in 1902 and again in 1903 on the Benton and Snowfall brands. Other premiums have been awarded to the firm which not only manufacture wheat flour, but also place upon the market graham flour and cereals. The business was begun with a capacity of one hundred barrels, but in order to meet the increased demand of the trade the capacity was increased to two hundred and twenty barrels per day in 1899. The Wagner roller system is used and the plant is equipped with all modern facilities, the mill being one of the best in the northwest. It is a four-story structure and the power is supplied by a seventy-five-horse-power engine. The product is shipped to California, South America and the American possessions in the Pacific and to the Orient. In addition to his milling property Mr. Avery owns two fine farms in Benton county devoted to the raising of grain and stock. One of these farms comprises four hundred acres and is situated a mile and a half south of Corvallis, while the other comprises three hundred and twenty acres and is about twelve miles south of the city. Mr. Avery and his brother laid out two additions to Corvallis, most of which has since been sold and improved by the erection of good buildings.

In Corvallis Mr. Avery was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mobley, who was born in Missouri and went with her parents to California in early life, coming thence to Benton county, Ore., in 1860. Her father, William Mobley was a farmer by occupation. Unto this marriage have been born five children: Chester, who is engaged in the cattle business in Lake county; Clarence W., who is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and is now engaged in the stock business and is also manager of the Bingham Spring, near Pendleton; Mattie, who is now the wife of Professor Fulton of Corvallis; Grover and Virgil, who are at home.

In 1870 Mr. Avery was elected county treasurer of Benton county and served for one term, while for many years he has been a member of the city council of Corvallis and is now its president. He has always been a Democrat in politics and for many years was chairman of the county committee, and was also a member of the state committee. He belongs to the Oregon Pioneer Association and to the Corvallis Business Men's League and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He stands today among the prominent business men of the Willamette valley. Keen and clearheaded, always busy, always careful and conservative in financial matters, moving slowly but surely in every transaction, he has few superiors in the steady progress which invariably reaches the objective point." [Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley p.919-20]

3. Florence Avery

b. 05 May 1845

d. 20 Jan 1928

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

m1. 18 Apr 1863 Richard Cummins Johnson

m2. 08 Jul 1878 George Madison Jones

4. Gertrude Avery

b. c1847

d.

m'd J.B.. Irvine

5. Frances A. Avery

b. 01 Feb 1849

d. 28 Sep 1919 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

buried Masonic Cemetery, Albany, Linn County, Oregon

m'd George Washington Rea Helm

6. George W. Avery

b. 21 Sep 1850

d. 12 Nov 1928 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

7. Arthur Avery

b. 07 Nov 1852

d. 08 Aug 1854

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

8. James C. Avery

b. 05 Nov 1854

d. 16 Apr 1870

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

9. Chatham Avery

b. Feb 1857

d. 06 Feb 1863

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

10 Napoleon B. Avery

b. 1859

d. 1912

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

11. Fredric Avery

b. 01 Oct 1861

d. 14 Sep 1863

buried Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon