

# Two Averett Estate Sales in Hancock Co Georgia

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## Foreword

Genealogical research in the late 1700s and early 1880s can be very difficult due to many factors. Prior to the Revolutionary War, the only records were British Colonial Records. Many of these no longer exist. There are very few American records prior to 1784.

Federal census records for 1790, 1800, and 1810 no longer exist for Georgia. Many Georgia census records for 1820 are not complete for some counties and don't exist for others. Therefore, we don't know exactly where they lived, if they had a wife, or children.

Marriages were not required to be recorded in Georgia until about 1805. Unless a wife's name was mentioned in a land sale record, or a will, or an estate record, her given name is unknown and her surname is unknown.

At the time of the Revolution, Georgia was divided into 12 Anglican parishes. After the war, Georgia was divided into 8 large counties. One of these was Burke Co. Soon, Georgia started creating new counties by dividing the old counties and adding Creek and Cherokee Indian lands.

Washington Co where most of the Averetts lived was formed in 1783. Greene Co was created in 1786 from portions of Washington and Burke Co's. Hancock Co was created in 1793 with the upper portion coming from Greene Co and the lower portion from Washington Co. Land records, probate records, tax lists, and etc. for Washington Co from 1783 until 1793 no longer exist. Finally in 1793, we start finding records that include the Averetts.

So what records exist prior to 1793 for the Averetts? They mainly consist of Federal land grant records and a few lists of Georgia militia records.

John Averett was the only Averett to receive a Colonial (British) land grant in Georgia. John received a land grant of 150 acres in St George Parish. Records for St George Parish no longer exist. No other Averetts are found in Georgia records prior to the Revolution. After the Revolution, the U.S. gave land grants to individuals to replace their Colonial land grants. This land for John was in in Burke Co.

After the war, John Averett and Henry Averett each received 287 ½ acres of land in Greene Co for their service during the Revolution.

After the war, other records start appearing for other Averetts such as Henry, William, Benjamin, Albright, and Archibald/Archeleus. When did they arrive in Georgia?

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“The History of Georgia” says that it was typical for South Carolinians to receive a land grant in Georgia. For a period of time, they would live in South Carolina and harvest their crops. After the harvest, they would go to Georgia and work to clear their new land. It might be several years before the land was ready for them to move their families to Georgia. Therefore, it is possible to find records for an individual in Georgia and South Carolina during the same time period.

In another booklet, I made an educated guess that the Georgia Averetts came from South Carolina where they were Everetts.

This booklet describes some of the relationships for individuals mentioned in the estate sale records of Albright Averett who died in Hancock Co in 1801 and John Averett who died in 1811. As a general guide, only those persons with some type of family relationship with the Averetts will be discussed.

For more details on the lives of most of the individuals listed in this booklet, visit my website, [sjcjr.com](http://sjcjr.com) .

## 1801 Albright Averett Estate Sale

account of the money ... stands in page 149." ...  
Pages 37-39. Inventory & Appraisement of estate of Albright Averat, dec'd. 6 Jan. 1801. Negroes named: man Catoe, woman Salley and two children, woman Silvy. Appraisers: William Cureton, Thomas Dickson, Wm. Gilliland. Buyers at sale 8 & 9 Jan. 1810: Arch. Averatt bought 1 negro woman and 2 children Frank & Stephen, and man Cato; Patty Griffin bought the negro winch named Silvy. Other buyers: John Averat, Zach Bickim (?), Wm. Worthen, Wm. Averat Junr., Richard Worthen, Joshua Jacobs, Arthur Herring, Robert McCook, Benjamin Averat, Jno. Caudle, Bolin Curenton, Shadk. Taylor, John Averat Junr., Wm. Pritchit, Jas. Wadsworth, Edward Denton, John Graves, Sterling Ammons, Patty Griffin, Joseph Jacobs, James Page, William Averat Senr., Jno. Brown, Sanders Herring, Thos. Dixon, David Averat, Assa Jordon. Total sales, bonds and notes \$2035.98. Exors: wife Sarah and son John. s/ Isham Huckabee. Wit: Mitchel Morriss, Drury Cook. No date of probate.

- A notice was published in the Milledgeville newspaper that Albright Averett, son of William Averett had died in 1800.
- 11-29-1800. William Everatt and John Everatt were administrators. David Everatt and Robert Stripling posted bond of \$3000.
- 12-20-1800 William Cureton, William Gilliland, and Thomas Dickson were appointed as appraisers.
- The estate sale was held on Jan 6 1801.

### INDIVIDUALS

Most of the individuals mentioned lived in the Little Ogeechee River area of Hancock Co.

Albright Averett- deceased. Has wife Sarah and son John who is old enough to be listed as a co-administrator. Not sure of age requirement for administrators. Assuming at least 16, John would have been born prior to 1784 and thus Albright and Sarah would have been married prior to this. Albright would have probably been born prior to 1766. Guess about 1760 which means father William would have been born about 1740. No other records have been found for wife Sarah or son John. There was a John Averet living in Greene Co at the time of registration for the 1805 Georgia land lottery. Relationship unknown.

There is a Brite Everit living next to William Everit in 1790 in Richland Co SC.

William Averett – documented father of Albright Averett. Lived in Warren Co. He owned land in Richland Co SC.

John Averett – married in 1769 when he applies for a Colonial land grant. So probably born before 1750. No documentation of a wife's name.

## 1801 Albright Averett Estate Sale

William Averett Jr – assumed son of William Averett Sr. Only known record of William Averett with a suffix of Jr. Not present at the 1811 estate sale of John Averett.

David Averett – assumed son of John Averett. David and Matthew were administrators of John's estate in 1811. They both had plantations on land owned by John Averett. Born about 1783.

Robert Stripling – Robert's wife was named Mary. There is no known documentation that suggests any daughters of John Averett. After extensive research of the Stripling line and group dna analysis by Sam Casey and Dan Knight, it is obvious that the descendants of Robert and Mary Stripling are related to the other Averett lines. The most likely scenario is that Mary was the daughter of John Averett. Marriage estimated as about 1794.

William Cureton – Justice of the Peace. Bolin Cureton was one of his sons.

## Where Did They Live?

Ten years have passed since the death of Albright Averett. The children of many individuals at the estate sale of Albright are now adults and making purchases at the estate sale of John Averett in 1811. For the most part, individuals mentioned at the estate sale of Albright will not be discussed again unless it helps for clarity.

Locations for Averetts and others at the time of the registration for the 1805 land lottery:

- Hancock Co – Archelaus Everett, David Everett, Jeremiah Everett, John Everett, Mathew Everitt, Robert Striplin, Reese Cureton
  - Warren Co – Alexander Averett, William Averitt
  - Greene Co – John Averet
  - Washington Co – Benjamin Averett, Henry Averett
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- 6-3-1811 David Averett and Matthew Averett were appointed as administrators of John Averett's estate. Three of James Miller, William Cureton, Thomas Dixon, Archelaus Averett, and West Vinson were to be selected as appraisers.
  - 6-4-1811 James Miller, Thomas Dixon, and Archelaus Averett were chosen as appraisers. The appraised value was \$391 and contained no slaves.
  - 1812 David and Drue Averett were listed as administrators.

W. Johnston - Poultry	2 81 1/2
James Claiborn 5 hls Corn	13 12 1/2
E. B. Brooking 2 chairs	1 00
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Edw. B. Brooking Adm.

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The amount of the personal property of John Averett decd. as follows:

1 Blue roan Horse	60 00
1 Red "	45 00
32 Head of Hogs	56 00
2 Cows + calves.	20 00
1 Satt Cattle	50 00
1 Wagon + Gear	40 00
1 Satt plantation Tools	17 00
1 Rifle gun + 1 shot gun	16 00
1 Bed + furniture	15 00
1 Bed + Bedsted	12 00
1 Saddle + saddle bags	6 00
1 Grind stone	2 50
1 Satt gear	3 50
1 Satt harness + box	50
1 Bee hive	2 50
1 Ram goat	1 00
1 Satt pots + Skillet	4 00
1 Satt pewter	5 00
1 Loom	6 00
1 Satt chairs + a wooden wheel	9 00
1 Pail + Pigger	1 00
1 Box + umbrella	4 00
1 Jug 1 <sup>00</sup> 1 Bed 8 <sup>00</sup> , cupboard <sup>5<sup>00</sup></sup>	14 25
1 Satt bricks 1 <sup>50</sup> Trunk <sup>25</sup>	1 75
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This is to certify that the appraisers was sworn to before me this 4th day of June 1811.  
 Wm. Averett J. P. Thomas Dickson  
 James Miller  
 Archibald Averett

The amount of Sales of the Personal Estate of John  
Averett dead. as follows:

Wm Averett 1 Sett Years	1 06 1/2
Samuel Smith Stretchers + chairs	2 00
Do — 1 grind stone	4 50
William Smith 1 brod axe	3 15 3/4
William Averett 1 Sett Iron	1 50
Do — 1 Sett - Do -	2 31 1/4
Burwell Rashels + Sett Tools	3 00
Wm Ameron J. 1 Handsaw	1 31 1/4
Frances Ceto 1 Beel	2 06 1/4
Jos. Sumley 1 Ride leather	2 31 1/2
Nancy Averett 1 Do.	2 00
Do - Do - 1 Do	1 75
Robert Dickson 4 Rows + pigs	10 00
Do. Do - 4 - 1st Choice hog	10 00
Wm Ameron 5 head hogs	8 06 1/2
Henry Pinkerton 5. 1st choice 2 per	20 00
John Phalar 5. 2 "	15 00
Wm Pritchett 5. 3 "	12 56 1/2
Do — Do 4 "	11 06 1/4
William Smith 1 ram Goat	1 43 3/4
Samuel Smith 1 waggon	32 25
Asa Jordan 1 currying knife	3 50
John Phalar 4 Blo. Corn	10 18 3/4
Do — 4 — Do.	10 31 1/4
Archiles Averett 4 Do	10 50
Do — 4 — Do	10 50
John Phalar 4 Do	10 50
Archiles Averett 4 Do	10 50
William Bird 1 Saom	6 50
Henry Averett 1 Horse	50 00
Wm Chveton 1 Blew	14 50
Do. — 1 — "	12 50
Do — 1 — "	8 00
Do — 1 — "	7 25



John

Do — 1 Steer	6 25
Archelus Averett 1 Blk Steer	3 00 1/2
Nixon Mayhew 1 cow + calf	10 68 3/4
David Cobb — 1 "	11 00
Do — 1 "	11 62 1/2
Benj. Averett - 3 Hens	15 00
Uriah Ameron 1 Small Bull	4 00
Robert Dickson 1 Horse	48 50
Archelus Averett 1 Rifle Gun	17 06 1/2
Henry Pinkston 1 Shov "	6 00
Matthew Averett 1 Saddle	8 25
Wm. Smith 500 bricks	2 12 3/4
Wm Averett 1 Cupboard	8 00
Tho Lamely 1 Spinning Wheel	1 12 1/2
Wm Smith 1 Trunk	1 13 3/4
David Averett 1 feather Bed	1 00
John Rhaldar - 1 do.	1 00
Jeremiah Averett 1 do	15 06 1/2
Benj. Averett 1 Kid leather	50 1/2
Nixon Mayhew 1 Dutch Anon	4 06 1/2
Mary Strippling 1 pot	56 1/2
Levin Vinson 1 Satt Pewter	1 25
John Northard - Pewter	2 56 1/2
Mary Strippling 1 pale	25
Henry Pinkston 1 Bedsted	1 00
Archelus Averett 1 Umbrella	1 62 1/2
John Northward 1 Skillett	68 3/4
John Rhaldar rent of land	32 62 1/2
Nixon Mayhew — do —	17 06 1/2
Jeremiah Averett 1 flat iron	75
Wm. Curton 1 pr. Sheep Shears	18 3/4
Rezon Curton 1 Jug	25
James Blare 2 Saddles	1 00
Rezon Curton 1 Bread tray	25

Wm Averett 4 chairs	1 12 1/2
Rezon Curton 2 head Geese	62 1/2
Pally Stripling 1 hdn	18 3/4
James Blare 1 Bee Gum	1 75
Pally Stripling 1 Rowd pig	1 25
Levin Tinson 1 Box	50
Pally Stripling rent of land	2 25
James Blare 1 Stamp	25
Matthew Averett 1 Row Sett	18 3/4
James Blare Corn to amt of	6 00
David Averett	50
Negro Jim - 1 Scribbling box	50
	<u>579 31 1/4</u>

David Averett, Admr.  
Matthew Averett, Admr.

Account of Sale of the real estate of John Averett  
decd. 6 October 1817

1 Tract of land	400 00
1 do do	155 00
1 do do	413 00
1 do do	166 00
1 do do	<u>230 25</u>
	\$ 1364 25

David Averett } Admrs.  
Matthew Averett }

1817 The Estate of John Averett Dr. to David Averett

1802 To notes on Pritchett	36 00
" work on house	4 00
" Father Stock	<u>2 50</u>
	\$ 42 50

David Averett  
David Averett Admr.

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## Where Did They Live?

William Averett – father of Albright Averett who died in 1801. Several dna matches from this line.

Benjamin Averett –

1. Possibly the Benjamin Averett (who was at the 1801 estate sale of Albright and a possible brother of William and John. This Benjamin was on the tax list of Baldwin Co in 1810. Several dna matches from this line.
2. Possibly Benjamin Averett, born about 1790, the probable son of John Averett who married Patsey Walker in 1809, daughter of John's neighbor Patsy Walker.
3. Possibly the Benjamin Averett (born 1775 -1794) who was living in Hancock Co in the 1820 census. Benjamin 26-45, 3 males <10; females 2<10, 1 26-45 (1775-1794); no slaves.
4. Possibly the Benjamin Averett (born about 1790 based on wife's age) who died in Crawford Co abt 1828. Estate sale info mentions wife and children but does not list names. He was possibly the husband of Martha Merritt Averett ( born 1791-1800). She was a widow in the 1830 Crawford Co census: Martha 30-39; males 1<5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14, 1 15-19, females 1 5-9, 1 10-14; no slaves. Group dna analysis suggests that Martha's husband was a son of John Averett.
5. NOTE: How many of these Benjamin Averetts are the same person is unknown.

Archiles Averett – probable brother to John and William and the probable father of Albright Averett born about 1790 who married West Vinson's daughter Mary. Several dna matches from the Albright Averett line.

Henry Averett –

1. Possibly the Henry Averett who received a land grant in Greene Co for his Revolutionary War Service?
2. Possibly Henry the son of Archibald Averett who was born about 1789 and married Martha ? about 1802. He was living in Muscogee Co GA in 1830 and Muscogee Co in 1840. No known dna matches from this line.

## Where Did They Live?

Matthew Averett – probable son of John Averett born about 1784 who married Kizziah Miller, daughter of James Miller. Many dna matches from his line.

David Averett – probable son of John Averett born about 1783 who married Elizabeth ? about 1804. Later in Baldwin and Putnam Co's. Many dna matches from his line.

Jeremiah Averett – possible son of John Averett. Born about 1783. Lived in Hancock Co until 1811 when he was in Jones Co and in Twiggs Co in 1818. Wife named Ester ?. No know dna matches from his line.

Mary Stripling – probable daughter of John Averett. Born about 1778. Married Robert Stripling about 1794. Many dna matches from her line.

Polly Stripling – unplaced. Polly was sometimes used as a nickname for Mary or Martha. Could this have been Mary and someone just entered the name as Polly?

Lemuel Smith – unknown relationship to other Smith's. John's son Drury Averett married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith. Drury was one of the appraisers for Lemuel Smith's estate in 1815 in Hancock Co. Many dna matches.

James Miller- father of Kizziah Miller who married Matthew Averett. father of Rhoda Miller who married Reason/Reese Cureton.

West Vinson – his daughter Mary married Albright Averett (b 1799) in 1829. Albright was likely the son of Archibald/Archileus Averett.

John- the son of Albright who died in 1800?

Drury Averett – born about 1790. Probable son of John. Named as guardians of John's only named minor heir, Allen Averett. Purchased John's homestead after his death. Was in Talbot Co in 1830.