

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Haley Avery VAS2322
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

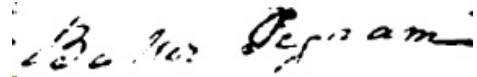
Virginia – Sussex County Sect.

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said county William Whitfield And made Oath that he the said Whitfield served as a private Soldier during the Late revolutionary War under the command of Lieutenant William Haley Avery sometime between the years seventeen hundred and seventy six and the years seventeen hundred and Eighty and to the best of his knowledge and belief this said Avery served sometime as a Lieutenant and afterwards as he believes as a Captain in the said service.

Given under my hand & seal the sixteenth day of September Eighteen hundred and seventeen.
Nath'l Cargill J.P.

I do hereby Certify that I served in the Sixth Virginia Regiment, on Continental Establishment; In the Old Revolutionary War, from the 1st day of January 1776 till some time in the month of March 1778. That William (or Billy) Haly Avery entered into the army on the same day, as first Lieutenant to the Company I belonged. That in a few months the said Avery was promoted to the Rank of a Captain in the same Regiment. That we went on together to the Northward & that the said Avery served the whole time as Captain in the Regiment, and I left him in that Command, when I was discharged as above stated. (March 1778) – That in May or June 1779 I saw the said Avery at Cabin Point (Va) & had conversation with him; when he informed me, that he was on leave of absence, for the first Time; to see about his affairs; & that he should return shortly to the army again. Given under my hand this 18th day of May 1818.

Baker Pegram



Dinwiddie County Sect.

Major Baker Pegram personally appeared before me a justice of the said Court of Dinwiddie and made Oath that the within Certificate signed by himself, as to the grade & services of Billy H. Avery Contains the Truth to the Best of his Recollection & belief.

Given under my hand this 18th day of May 1818. Burwell Goodwyn J.P.

It does not appear by the Books in this Office, that any military Land bounty warrant or warrant has issued to William or Billy H. Avery for his services in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Land office/ May 29 1818

John Davenport Clk

The Executive will please take up the Case, as to Avery's Representatives, & Sturdivants & if satisfactory proof is not aduced their Clerk, William Robertson Esq'r is in possession of more facts, as relates to Avery, than any person in the world, knowing him to have been in the Old evolutionary War. taken as prisoner, & his disch[page torn] & the probable grade of the s'd Avery which, at this time, his Representatives cannot prove, by others. This solicitation to the Executive is made by the agent and Friend to the Orphans.