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PREFACE

This book is an indexed compilation of the newsletters published by the *Austins of America* Genealogical Society during its first ten years, during which time its membership expanded to make it the largest group of Austin family researchers in the United States. This is the first in a series of such volumes preserving Austin lines and heritage for posterity. It is gratefully dedicated to the authors appearing herein, and to all those members who by contributing their own research to the *Austins of America* library have made the articles herein more complete and accurate.

We are indebted to Pauline Lucille Austin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Sally Austin Day of Livonia, Michigan, and to the other Associate Editors listed herein for sharing their decades of basic Austin research with others. Special thanks to my beloved wife Patricia Biebuyck Austin, who has been instrumental in organizing raw research notes and correspondence into coherent articles, for without her years of devotion and companionship this volume would not have been possible.

— *Michael Edward Austin*

INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is intended to serve present and future genealogists in researching Austin family lineages. Over the years many persons have devoted a great deal of time and effort in researching their Austin lines. Unfortunately, the greater fraction of this valuable research has gone unpublished, hence others pursuing the same or parallel lines often conduct their research without benefiting from the labors of their predecessors. Thus, one purpose of *Austins of America* is to provide a place for such previously unpublished research.

Since local histories and newspaper articles often have limited regional circulation, *Austins of America* will also reprint articles previously published, whenever the original publication is of genealogical or historical interest to Austin lineages and the original is not generally accessible throughout the United States. An example is the article on Captain Artell Austin in this issue.

For those actively pursuing Austin lines, the best guidance often results from making contact with others who have searched or are searching similar lines, and we hope to publish lists of those doing research on lines in various states, so that resources may be pooled and problems shared with others looking in the same places or searching for the same ancestors.

If you are active in researching Austin lines, please let us know what lines and in what geographic areas you are searching. We also plan to publish queries, which may be sent to either Editor:

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Please ask for information regarding only one family group in each query and make it as specific as possible. The queries in this issue may be used as examples when writing your queries. Also, if your own research might prove of interest to others, you are invited to submit your work for publication. Finally, if you know of published magazine or newspaper articles which would be suitable for *Austins of America* please send them along to one of the Editors.

The following article on Captain Artell Austin originally appeared in *THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS* in Damariscotta, Maine. It is reprinted with the permission of its author, Dr. George F. Dow of Nobleboro, Maine.

CAPTAIN ARTELL AUSTIN

by George F. Dow

A most exquisite statue, hand carved from the finest Italian marble, reposes in the Lincoln Cemetery in Newcastle, Maine. The statue is in memory of Georgia H. Austin and was made in her likeness from a daguerreotype picture provided by her father. The life-like appearance of the statue, kneeling in prayer, shows her beautiful features and well-sculpted dress and curls. Her death in 1861 at six years of age was a tragic loss to her parents, but the marble statue is a fitting tribute to a father's devoted love for his daughter.

Georgia's father was Capt. Artell Austin, who was an excellent sea captain. Artell had learned the art of sailing from his father, Capt. Samuel Austin, who "could bring his ship through any storm." However, Capt. Artell Austin's life was interspersed with much sorrow. In 1847, he married Hannah Leighton, who accompanied him to sea. Their first daughter, Mary Weild, was born in 1851 while in Bermuda. But little Mary died off Cape Horn, at the tip of South America, and the captain was inconsolate. Arrangements were made to have her remains brought back, preserved in salt or rum, for burial in the family lot in Lincoln Cemetery. Her headstone has the following sentimental verse inscribed thereon:

*"Little Mary thou wast lovely
In thy sweet and spotless bloom,
E'er the hand of death removed thee,
From our presence to the tomb.
Little darling we would never
Call thee from thy new home down.
T'were unrighteous thus to sever,
Glory from the Saviour's Crown.
Nor will we sweet child deplore thee,
Now that all thy troubles o'er,
But the hearts from whome death tore thee,
Weep that thou art here no more."*

To the captain's eventual joy, a second daughter was born in August 1853, also named Mary Weild. Then, while the family continued at sea, a third daughter, Georgia Homans, was born in May 1855. But again the father became greatly shocked in August 1855, by the death of his second daughter. She also was buried in the Lincoln Cemetery, beside her sister. The headstone has a beautiful carving of three angels surrounding little Mary, with this inscribed verse:

*"Angels watched thy spirit's flight
From sorrow's world unto the light."*

Little Georgia, however, seemed especially robust and was her father's pride and joy, upon whom he bestowed even more affection than before. Then tragedy struck again. Georgia became ill, grew worse, and died in September 1861. She was buried beside her sisters, while her father was reportedly absent at sea. The captain was heartbroken. Upon his return he grieved prostrate at her grave all one night until Mrs. Austin induced him to come back into the house. There they had a daguerreotype of little Georgia, taken in France showing her standing, holding her doll. With this cherished picture, the captain made arrangements for an expert sculptor to use the daguerreotype as a guide in his carving. On the side of Georgia's monument is found this verse:

*"Gentle Jesus meek and mild
Look upon a little child
Pity my simplicity
Suffer me to come to thee
Fain I would to thee be brought
Gracious Lord forbid me not
In the kingdom of thy grace
Suffer me to have a place."*

In the meantime, Capt. Artell Austin continued his sea-going voyages, and two additional children were born, George Herbert in 1861 and Florence Leighton in 1864. Then Civil War erupted, and Capt. Austin found it desirable to sail under a French flag. While entering the English Channel in 1865, he collided with an English ship, was accused of negligence, and sued for damages. Lacking adequate funds, he was committed to an English prison. While awaiting the slow process of international law to obtain his release, he became greatly depressed. In the meantime, his wife died in 1869, and he had no interest in living longer. He requested his shipmate, Frank Smithwick of Newcastle, Maine, to do him the final favor of arranging to bring back his remains (he died in 1870) to be buried beside his beloved daughter, Georgia. This commitment was completed, and the statue stands now adjoining his grave.

This Austin burial lot is surrounded by an attractive iron fence, at the top of the rise, in this beautiful cemetery overlooking Damariscotta River. This well-cared-for cemetery is located on a knoll at the rear of the old Benjamin Lincoln homestead, a short distance from Damariscotta Mills when proceeding northwesterly on Route 215.

The Austin and Lincoln families are closely related and shared in various business ventures involving their sailing vessels. Martha Austin, sister to Capt. Artell, married Colonel Joshua Lincoln. This Joshua, with his brother Edward, operated father Benjamin Lincoln's shipyard in Nobleboro, Maine, on Great Salt Bay, just east of the alewife stream, adjoining the town landing.

Capt. Artell's brother, John Austin, was lost at sea in one of Capt. Edward Lincoln's vessels. Subsequently, Capt. Edward Lincoln also was lost at sea, with his wife and young daughter, during a severe storm off the coast of Maryland. Such were the all too frequent tragedies among these early sea-faring men who sought their fortunes in sailing ships built on Great Salt Bay, carrying cargoes of lumber sawed at Damariscotta Mills to be exchanged for goods in distant markets. The Lincoln Cemetery bears testimony to their leadership and courage, and also to their love of family and home. There could be no more lovely or fitting memorial than that for Georgia Austin to tell of a father's affection for his daughter.

QUERIES

2-1. **Oliver Austin** born 1760 died Berkshire, Vermont 10 March 1813, married before 1788 Sarah Powell born 1764 died Berkshire, Vermont 12 March 1818. Need ancestry, birth and marriage dates of Sarah and Oliver.

2-2. **Benjamin Austin** born Rhode Island circa 1794 died Berkshire, Vermont 20 February 1869, married Ruth (—) born Conn. 5 November 1784 died 29 August 1867. Need marriage date and ancestry of Benjamin and Ruth.

2-3. Milla Larabee born Springfield, Vermont circa 1794 died in Berkshire, Vermont on 14 December 1860 daughter of William and Amy (Ria) married **Oliver Austin** born Berkshire, Vermont May 1788 died there 21 May 1864. Need marriage date and ancestry of Milla.

2-4. **Jonah Austin** born 12 September 1782 or 1784 died Parkman, Maine 28 January 1859, married before 1813 Hannah Lombard of the greater Skowhegan, Maine area. Need ancestry of Jonah and Hannah.

2-5. **Daniel Austin** born 16 May 1788 married Nancy Reed 10 March 1811 in Greene, Maine. Nancy born 23 June 1787. Children recorded in Parkman, Maine. Need ancestry of Daniel and Nancy.

2-6. **Charles Henry Austin** resided in Farmington, Maine in 1798, thought perhaps to be part Abnaki Indian. One son Charles A. Austin resided in Phillips and later in Peru, Maine. Another son, Henry, 'half-brother' to Charles A., resided in Dixfield, Maine. Need the ancestry and wives of Charles Henry.

2-7. **Capt. William Austin** born probably circa 1757-62, fisherman sailed from ports in New London, Connecticut district. Resided Point Judith, Rhode Island area 1785-1788, resided New London 1790, owned land in Stonington, Connecticut 1796-1804. Arrived in Vermilion, Ohio in 1809, built ship *The Friendship* in 1816, was Captain on Lake Erie until his death in 1833 in Vermilion. Need William's ancestry and wife.

EDITH AUSTIN MOORE

1882-1979

Edith Austin Moore, who devoted much of her long life to researching Austin Family lines, passed away quietly on the evening of November 21, 1979 at the age of 97 years, 7 months and 2 days. She had been living in Rockville, Maryland, having moved there last year from St. Petersburg, Florida. Born on April 19, 1882 to Daniel Henry and Minnie Amelia (Chesebro) Austin, Edith May Austin graduated in 1901 from the Mexico Academy and High School in Mexico, New York. Four years later she married Wesley H. Moore on June 28, 1905. Edith was a member of O.E.S., D.A.R., and N.S. of New England Women. Her husband Wesley died in 1949 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

After her father's death in 1912, Edith became interested in searching for her ancestors who had served their country during the Revolutionary War. She later extended her research back to her first ancestor in this country. Finding little published on the Austin Family, and not being able to trace her own line, Edith began gathering Austin Family records in 1922, hoping in that way to find her line, either through her own research or through correspondence with others. In order to help further her family research, in 1942 together with her brother Henry Warner Austin, Edith founded the *Austin Family Association*, later renamed the *Austin Families Association of America, Inc.* This organization has grown through the years, currently having about 450 family memberships from all sections of the country.

Edith traveled extensively, visiting libraries in Westerly and Providence, R.I.; Boston; Hartford, Conn.; Montpelier, Vt.; New York, Brooklyn, Albany, Syracuse, Utica, and Buffalo, N.Y.; Chicago; Los Angeles; and Washington, D.C. She wrote many letters and sent out several thousand blank forms.

The 1850 U.S. Census indicated that Edith's great grandfather, Edward Austin, was born in Rhode Island. Thus it was that she concentrated in gathering data on the Austin families of Rhode Island. Her first book, *A Genealogy of The Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island*, was published in 1951. While gathering data for this impressive 738-page book, Edith copied down every Austin record she could find. This gave her data on eight different Austin Families who settled in the New England states during the 17th century. As correspondents kept writing to her for help in solving their own genealogical problems, she gradually accumulated and assembled all her records into two books and seven manuscripts:

*ROBERT AUSTIN of Kingstown, R.I.**RICHARD AUSTIN of Charlestown, Mass.**THOMAS AUSTIN of Andover, Mass.**JOSEPH AUSTIN of Dover, N.H.**MATTHEW AUSTIN of York, Maine**JOHN AUSTIN of East Haven, Conn.**JOHN AUSTIN of Stamford, Conn.**JONAH AUSTIN of Taunton, Mass.**UNPLACED AUSTIN RECORDS*

In addition to her *Robert* and *Richard* books, Edith donated a copy of each of her manuscripts to the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. Copies of her *Thomas*, *Joseph*, and *Matthew* manuscripts were donated to the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library in Boston, while the *John of East Haven* manuscript was given to the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, Connecticut. A copy of the *John of Stamford* manuscript was given to the New York City Public Library. The *Unplaced Austins* manuscript was donated to the Fort Wayne, Indiana, City library. Two additional manuscripts of her unplaced records were typed up and also placed in Fort Wayne by Lorena Austin, Secretary of the *Austin Families Association*.

Those interested in pursuing Austin family lines owe a great debt to Edith Austin Moore for her lifetime of labors and fruitful research, for gathering and organizing volumes of records, many of which might otherwise have been lost forever. Edith will never be forgotten, for she left us all with a monumental legacy of genealogical research for which she will be remembered with admiration and gratitude, not only by the present generation, but by many generations yet unborn.

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THE AUSTINS OF NOBLEBORO

by George F. Dow

An earlier article told of the beautiful statue in Newcastle, Maine, of Georgia Austin, daughter of sea captain Artell Austin [see page 1]. His home as a boy was in Nobleboro, Maine, where his great-grandfather, Ichabod Austin, Sr. had settled near the center of the town. Ichabod Sr. was born about 1712, came to Nobleboro from York, Maine, about 1760, and lived to about 100 years of age. He was an expert blacksmith and iron worker. He had a son, Ichabod Jr., who was born in York in 1750 before his father moved to Nobleboro. He served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War and in 1779 participated in the expedition against the peninsula of Major-Bagaduce [named after a Frenchman, Major Biguyduce, now the town of Castine, Maine]. In the 1790 U. S. Census for Bristol, Maine, the Austin family was listed under the name of 'Ichabod Awstin,' with a large family of ten that probably included both father and son. The census count included four males 16 years or more of age, four males under 16 years of age, and two females. Obviously the Austin family had a good supply of manpower for shoeing oxen and horses and doing other blacksmithing. These men, however, may not all have been Austins because of the common practice in those days for a skilled craftsman to have an extra boy or two as apprentices from another family to learn the trade.

In later years, the Austin homestead was occupied by Samuel and John, two sons of Ichabod Jr. Samuel Austin was not a farmer or blacksmith but was a sea captain, and his 26 acres of land in Nobleboro (as shown on the 1813 town map) was adequate for his home. This Capt. Samuel was the father of Capt. Artell Austin who memorialized his deceased daughter with the marble statue [page 1].

John Austin was not a seafaring man but lived at home on his 103-acre farm, adjoining Samuel's land. John's land extended westward from Pemaquid Pond to a point on the southern tip of the "Great Heath," not far from the present railroad tracks crossing on East Neck Road. John lived from 1769 to 1854, and his home location is shown on the 1857 county map as that of "heirs of J. Austin." The house is no longer standing, but the old cellar is reported to be not far from the present residence of Barbara and Roland Bragg. An excellent spring, found by the Braggs nearby, presumably provided drinking water for the Austin family or their livestock.

John Austin's first wife was Hannah, a daughter of early settler James Hall, but she died at age 33. John next married Hannah's sister, Deborah, who cared for Han-

nah's four children and also raised six of her own. Deborah died in 1849 aged 62, and John married a third time, to [—] Genthner.

The burial plot for John Austin and his two wives is located at a distance in back of the Bragg home and can be seen from new Route 1 on the north side of the highway. The plot is surrounded by well-placed tall granite posts, with connecting iron rods worthy of a blacksmith-iron worker family. We like to think of John in peaceful rest in this family cemetery, with his headstone displaying this verse:

*"Go home my friends, dry up your tears,
I must lie here till Christ appears,
Then burst Death's bonds with saved surprise,
And in my Savior's image rise."*

One of John's sons, Algernon Austin, was born in Nobleboro in 1811 and became a famous shipbuilder. He first learned the blacksmith trade at home; then in 1840 built a house in Newcastle, Maine; had a store across the road; and began shipbuilding in 1846. His shipyard was where the Congregational Church now stands. Within eight years, by 1854, he had built and sold ships worth \$590,500, including the brig "Victory." He served Newcastle as a selectman, was a representative to the State Legislative, a director of The Maine Bank of Damariscotta, and became the first president of the Newcastle National Bank. One of his descendants, Dr. Charles B. Cheney of New Haven, Conn., has recently corresponded with the us concerning the Austin genealogy, for which we have twelve pages of notes.

Alden Austin, another son of John, took to the sea, but lived only to age 28. He was an officer of the brig "Neptune" and died in port Aux Cayes in 1828, very likely having succumbed to yellow fever. However, Alden had a son, Addison Austin, born in Nobleboro, who became a sea captain at the age of 24 and made many long foreign voyages. Addison had a daughter, Minnie, who married Johnathan H. Chase, who was born at sea on the brig "Onward." Their grandson, also named Jonathan H. Chase, now lives in Damariscotta on the Bristol Road but is a "land-lubber." His talents include being an expert pianist and organ player whose services are much appreciated at the regular meetings of the Nobleboro Grange.

Capt. Addison's family also accompanied him on various voyages, and how the women folk must have yearned at times for the quiet peace of home, on shore! One of his daughters, Clara, died in Calcutta at the age of two years.

Another son of John Austin was Nathaniel, but he was a ship carpenter, stayed on dry land, and had a family of

13 children. One of his daughters married Capt. Frank Smithwick, who was a mate with Capt. Artell Austin and arranged to bring Austin's body back from England to be buried beside his beloved daughter, Georgia.

John Austin also had a daughter, Hannah, who married Deacon Zenas Hall of Nobleboro. Their son, Austin Hall, became a prominent citizen of Newcastle and the deacon in the Damariscotta Baptist Church. In 1889 he donated the bell that rings forth on Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Nobleboro, where he attended as a boy. The bell is inscribed with his name and the appropriate biblical verse: "Let all the people praise thee, oh God. Let all the people praise thee."

Mary Austin, an older daughter of John, married Josiah Winslow, a drummer in the War of 1812. A great-grandson of theirs is Hudson Vannah, one of the few remaining farmers in Nobleboro who operates an excellent livestock farm on Butter & Egg (Vannah) Road.

Willard 'Bill' Pinkham, former mail carrier of Nobleboro, who resides at the former Hussey Tavern, also is a John Austin descendant. Bill's grandfather was George Nelson Bartow, a Nobleboro blacksmith, who lived near the Tavern. He was a grandson of John Austin, following in the footsteps of his blacksmithing ancestors. Nelson Hancock also has George N. Barstow as an ancestor, and thus carries good rich Austin blood in his veins! Mr. Hancock is respected as an 'elder statesman' of Nobleboro, having served for many years as first selectman, lumberman, and supervisor of alewives.

We could cite numerous other Austin descendants (most all Nobleboro natives are related!), but we will close with Luella Genthner. She married William F. Morang, Nobleboro millionaire. She was a great granddaughter of John Austin. They lived in the home now owned by Albert and Gentelisca Bouffard. Mr. Morang constructed the ornate white picket fences across the road; beautified with hydrangeas and other flowering shrubs. This home was where our millionaire 'hung his hat' whenever he was not away in his Florida involved in major real estate developments in Fort Lauderdale and nearby areas.

Nobleboro folks can take justifiable pride in the accomplishments of her early settlers and their descendants! They built the ships, they sailed the seven seas, they were good farmers and blacksmiths, bankers, real estate promoters, lumbermen, mailcarriers, catchers of alewives, and devoted family people.

The preceding article originally appeared in *THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS* in Damariscotta, Maine. It is reprinted here with the permission of its author, Dr. George F. Dow of Nobleboro, Maine.

JOHN & JERUSHA AUSTIN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

by Francis Gould Butler

John Austin was a native of England, and came from Brunswick to the township of Farmington, Maine. He was a soldier under General Wolfe, and shared the fortunes of that victorious general in the battle fought on the plains of Abraham, near Quebec, September 13, 1759. He was also in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Austin was the first sexton in town, and served in that capacity many years. His settlement was on river-lot No. 46, west side, opposite the Center Village. Mrs. Austin, familiarly known among the early settlers as "Granny Asten," was a native of Cape Ann, and one of those rare women full of energy and capable of great endurance. As a doctress she rendered efficient service to the inhabitants for many years, and was largely employed in midwifery, a branch of medical practice in which she excelled. Few children were born in the township for the first fifteen years after its settlement, at whose birth she did not preside. Her field of visitation was mostly confined to the settlements on the river, occasionally, however, extending to what are now the towns of Stark and New Sharon, and also to Strong and Avon. When visiting her patients at a distance, she frequently went and came by boat; while at other times she would travel miles on foot, braving the merciless storms of midnight, and allowing no obstacles to prevent the accomplishment of her purpose. The town records state that "Jerusha Asten died in Jesse Gould's house, October 6, A.D. 1804."

The above article is drawn from Mr. Butler's book, *THE HISTORY OF FARMINGTON*, published by Knowlton, McCleary & Company, Farmington, 1885. The Gould house in which Jerusha Austin died is now occupied by Nelson and Betty Austin, who brought this article to our attention.

AUSTIN GOT THE GALLOWS

In February 1974 John Austin purchased the old steel Hangman's Gallows from the recently demolished Citrus County Jail, Florida, along with four large volumes of sheriff's records. You can imagine his surprise when his wife discovered his name in one of the volumes, dated April 1888! This led John to an interest in his family name, and after about a year of research, he traced his line through Edith Austin Moore's *JONAH AUSTIN* manuscript, and he contributed several colorful pages to that manuscript. Persons interested in the gallows or in John's unusual writeup of his branch of the Austins may send a SASE along with their questions to John Northam Austin, 6356 Sundown Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

QUERIES

6-1. **Amos Austin** born 22 February 1758 Whitehall, New York, married Sally Skinner on 29 June 1793 in Westchester County, N.Y. (she was born 15 January 1751). Their daughter Maria was born 5 January 1795, married Jacob Nelson who died 3 March 1834. Maria died 6 January 1864. Need ancestry of Amos.

6-2. **Thomas Austin** born 1655 married Hannah Foster 15 September 1690, died Andover, Massachusetts on 23 March 1711-2. Seek ancestry of Thomas.

6-3. **Nathan Austin** married Hannah Farnum 25 January 1725 in Methuen, Mass. Hannah was born 19 January 1722 and died 5 May 1804 Andover, Mass. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Preston) Farnum. Seek both sets of Hannah (Farnum) Austin's grandparents.

6-4. **Deborah Austin** born St. Albans, Vermont circa 1780, resided Westford, Vermont, married Sylvester Crandell of Milton, Vermont, in 1806 (he was born in 1775 in Newfane, Vermont, the son of Mary Reeves, and he died in 1876 in Dunham, Quebec). Need Deborah's ancestry and Mary Reeves parents.

6-5. **Elijah Austin** born circa 1774 in North Carolina, died after 1840 in Burke County, N.C. census. Married first Mary Teague and second Temperance Payne. Absalom Chrisfield Austin was a son from the second marriage. Need dates and ancestry of Elijah and Temperance.

6-6. **Henry M.? Austin** born 1809 possibly Jefferson County, N.Y., married 2 January 1835 in Saratoga County, N.Y. to Lucy G. Hall. Their children: Helen S., Leonard Demick, Edwin Zenas, Rachel C., Martha C., Monroe. Need parents of Henry Austin, his mother was Susan M. (—).

6-7. Do the names Monroe, Munroe, and Demick enter into any of your Austin family records? Desire correspondence with Cattaraugus County, N.Y. Austin descendants and anyone with Austin ancestors in Fowler, Michigan, between 1855 and 1860.

6-8. **Moses G. Austin** born Delaware County, N.Y. around 18 June 1811. First wife was Sofhronce Bradly, second wife Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of John Gordon. Need ancestry of Moses, also his firm birthdate, marriage dates, date and place of his death.

6-9. **Elias Austin** born Rhode Island 28 February 1780, died 16 December 1867 in Milford, Michigan. He married in 1798 to Temperance Handy. She was born 1 September 1779 died Milford, Michigan, 3 September 1841. Need birthplaces of Elias and Temperance, their marriage place, and ancestry of Temperance.

6-10. **Joseph Austin** married Jenny Alford 3 June 1800 in Amherst County, Virginia. Need birth data and ancestry of Joseph.

6-11. **Jonathan Austin** born 29 June 1747 died 1800, son of Pasco and Margaret (Sunderland) Austin. Need data on Jonathan, his wife and parents.

6-12. **Merwin Austin** born 1 August 1814 son of Daniel, married 27 October 1851 Almira Haywood. Need parents of Daniel and of Almira.

6-13. **John Austin** born 29 February 1648, died New Haven, Connecticut, September 1690. Married there 5 November 1667 Mercy Atwater. Need ancestry of John.

6-14. **Lottie I. Austin** born Norton, Mass. 25 May 1888, daughter of Edward H. and Cora B. (Leonard) Austin. Need all data on parents of Lottie.

LITERATURE

ROCHESTER, VERMONT - Its History 1780-1975, by the Rochester Town History Committee. Published by Queen City Printers, Burlington, Vt. 1975, 219 pages.

In 1793 John Austin of Methuen, Mass. bought a farm in Rochester, Vt. This early settler and his wife Martha had eight children. He died in 1838 aged 83 years, while Martha died in 1829 aged 71. Other Austins - possibly related - came to the town shortly thereafter from New Hampshire. Phineas Austin's was one of many Rochester families who made an exodus to Potsdam, N.Y. in 1816. This excellent, well-indexed town history includes a reprint of an earlier work, *History of Rochester, Vt.* originally published by Wendell W. Williams in 1869. The book has 33 references to 20 different Austins. It is available from the Town Clerk of Rochester for \$13.

THE AUSTINS OF SYRACUSE, by Maynard H. Mires, M.D. Published by The Village Press, Concord, N.H. 1979, 24 pages.

This well researched and written booklet traces Ezekiel Austin, born 18 November 1774 in Vermont, who migrated with his brothers to Onondaga Valley, N.Y. about 1810 and to Syracuse, N.Y. in 1819. Ezekiel and his wife Ann had ten children who are mentioned. One of these children was David Austin, born in 1811, and the remainder of the booklet traces some of his descendants. The booklet may be purchased from the author for \$2.50. His address is R#1 Hopkinton Village, Concord, NH 03301.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AUSTIN
OF WORTHINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

by Charles Maxwell Austin

J. JOHN¹ AUSTIN was born in England in 1740, and died 25 May 1820 at Worthington, Massachusetts, in his 81st year. He came to this country as a young man, and assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of private in Capt. Ebenezer Webster's Company of Worthington. John marched on 20 April 1775 to Cambridge, Massachusetts in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775. He served one month and five days.

John Austin married Rachel (Smith) Lawrence, born 4 March 1744 at Easton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (—) Smith. Rachel had married first at Brockton, Mass. to Jonathan Lawrence on 22 May 1765. She died on 30 August 1827 at Worthington, Mass. John and Rachel had two children:

J1. TIMOTHY, *b. 17 April 1780 +*

J2. JOHN, *b. 17 October 1783 +*

References: *Massachusetts Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War, Vol. 1*; Becket, Mass. Vital Records; National No. 31185; Mr. Franklin Austin, Franklin, Nebraska (1929); Mrs. Charles Channing Allen of 419 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

SECOND GENERATION

J1. TIMOTHY² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born on 17 April 1780. He married Rebecca Harris at Becket, Mass. on 22 October 1801. Rebecca was born on 2 December 1785, the daughter of James and Martha (Parke) Harris. They removed to Ripley Twp., Huron County, Ohio, where Rebecca died on 30 August 1855 and Timothy died on 15 December 1859. They had fifteen children:

J11. TIMOTHY JAMES, *b. 1802, d. 6 November 1806 age 4 at Worthington*

J12. HORACE S., *b. —*

J13. DEXTER, *b. —*

J14. ALFRED B., *b. in 1809, d. 12 May 1816 at Worthington*

J15. LYDIA MINERVA, *b. —, m. 10 January 1827 at Worthington to Samuel Cowing of Chesterfield, Massachusetts.*

J16. HOMER JOHN, *b. 1813, d. 1889 in Kansas, m. 22 June 1843 at Fairfield, Ohio to Adaline Cherry, b. 1822, d. 1909 in Kansas.*

J17. ADDISON A., *b. —, went to Wisconsin.*

J18. EDWARD [EDWIN?] L., *b. —*

J19. SIDNEY P., *b. 1818, d. on 25 October 1820 at Worthington in his 3rd year.*

J1A. MARTHA PARKE, *b. 5 November 1821, d. 30 August 1908, m. 4 May 1843 to William Hoy, m. 2nd 19 October 1852 Norman Stanley, b. 1819 d. 1889.*

J1B. MARY E. (or C.), *b. —, m. 26 October 1842 Phile R. Hoy at Ripley Twp., Ohio.*

J1C. SARAH A., *b. —*

J1D. ELIZA B., *age 22 in 1850 Ohio Census, m. — Eaton.*

J1E. FRANCES A., *age 16 in 1850 Ohio Census*

J1F. BENJAMIN DWIGHT, *Minor at the time his father made his Will on 17 June 1848.*

J2. JOHN² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born 17 October 1783 at Worthington, Massachusetts. Baptized on admission to church on 5 May 1822. He died 25 August 1827 at Becket, Massachusetts, and is buried in the Church Yard in Becket Center. John married on 4 September 1806 at Worthington to Lodemia Herrick Daniels. She was the daughter of Dan and Zeruah (Herrick) Daniels, born 6 February 1785 at Worthington, admitted to the church 3 November 1816, and died 1 April 1869 at Oberlin, Ohio. She is buried in the Rugby Cemetery, Vermillion Township, Ohio. John and Lodemia had ten children, the first five were born at Chester, Massachusetts, the others at Becket:

J21. EMELINE, *b. 29 April 1807, m. 15 January 1828 to Jesse Johnson at Becket.*

J22. MARIAH, *b. 4 February 1809, m. 12 December 1827 Dr. Chester Freeland at Becket.*

J23. CHARLES EDWARD, *b. 5 October 1810, m. 24 May 1842 Amanda Harris at Becket.*

J24. MARY ANN, *b. 2 July 1813, m. — May 1840 to Edward Morse.*

J25. WILLIAM ELBRIDGE, *b. 23 June 1815, m. 2 December 1845 Emeline Clark at Becket, m. 2nd 6 November 1867 Fannie Elvira Lester at Gilman, Iowa.*

J26. CAROLINE, *b. 21 August 1817, m. 31 December 1846 Frederick Clarke at Becket.*

J27. FRANKLIN DEXTER, *b. 3 October 1819, m. on 13 January 1853 to Caroline Florella Sprague at Worcester, Mass., m. 2nd 1 May 1865 Julia Maria Goddard at Worcester.*

J28. HENRY ALLEN, *b. 23 November 1821, m. on 28 September 1851 to Mary Wright Johnson at Becket, m. 2nd on 30 November 1871 to Caroline Maxim at Pleasanton, Michigan.*

J29. ELIZA JANE, *b. 5 April 1824, d. 12 August 1827 at Becket, buried Becket Center.*

J2A. SAMUEL JOHN, *b. 22 November 1826, m. 31 March 1858 Jennie S. Clarke at Lancaster, Mass., m. 2nd 8 December 1863 Susan Maria Miller at Royalston, Massachusetts.*

THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL AUSTIN OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

by Michael Edward Austin
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin

S. SAMUEL¹ AUSTIN was probably an immigrant, although his origins have not yet been found. Indeed, little is known of Samuel except that he was in Boston by the time of his son's birth in 1669. His wife's first name was Hopestill, sometimes shortened to 'Hope'. Where Samuel and Hope resided before or after the births listed below has not been learned. Two of their children were born in Boston:

- S1. SAMUEL, *b. 8 October 1669 +*
- S2. THOMAS, *b. 12 September 1671 +*

SECOND GENERATION

S1. SAMUEL² AUSTIN (*Samuel¹*) was born in Boston on 8 October 1669. He first appears on the list of taxpayers in Andover, Mass. on the Tax List dated 20 September 1690, along with his brother Thomas. Samuel married Lucy Poor in Andover on 11 October 1691, and they settled in the North End of the Towne. Lucy, the daughter of Daniel Poor and Mary Farnum, was born 28 September 1670 in Andover. Daniel, the Town Constable in 1689-90, was a close neighbor of Samuel's, for on 7 March 1697-8 the land records have: 'Sold to Samuell Asten that peece of land which Sargt Samuel Frie changed with ye Astine, which Leith on ye East Side of Daniel Poors land.' Also, in 1698 Samuel bought 13 acres from the Town (land formerly that of Samuel Frye's), lying to the east of Daniel Poor's land. Samuel appears several times more in the Andover land records, as he continued to add to his land holdings. On 14 July 1721, Samuel Austin sold to Samuel Smith four acres in Andover, 'lying Eastward of a brook called Boston or Beacher Brook'. Samuel died on 28 September 1753 in Andover aged 'about 84' years, while his widow Lucy died there 25 June 1759 aged 88 years. Their children were born in Andover:

- S11. SARAH, *b. 28 March 1692 +*
- S12. SAMUEL, *b. 27 August 1694 +*
- S13. JOHN, *b. 13 July 1697 +*
- S14. MARY, *b. 28 February 1700-1 +*
- S15. LUCY, *b. 3 April 1706 +*
- S16. DANIEL, *b. — 1711 +*

S2. THOMAS² AUSTIN (*Samuel¹*) was born in Boston on 12 September 1671. On 15 September 1690 in Andover, Mass., Thomas married Hannah Foster, daughter of Andrew Foster, Jr. and Mary Russ. Hannah was born 16 July 1668. Thomas first appears on the Andover Tax List dated 20 September 1690, along with his brother Samuel,

in the North End of the town. He was last taxed in the North End on 26 January 1690-1, and first appears on the Tax List for the South End of town on 29 June 1691. Like his brother, Thomas continued to add to his Andover land holdings, and on 26 November 1698 the town records have: 'Laid out to Thomas Austin halfe an acre of land that he bought of ye Towne, Lyeing on ye North Side of his other land & Lyeing on ye East side of Nathaniel Abbotts Land. . .'. He is last found on the Tax Lists in Andover in December 1709, the Minister's Rate tax, and must have removed from Andover shortly thereafter.

Thomas, along with Lt. Stephen Barker and John Gutterson, purchased of the widow Lydia Griffin land on the North side of the Merrimack River in the Township of Haverhill. . . eight score and eighteen acres which they divided into nine lots, three lots to each purchaser. This part of Haverhill was later to become the town of Methuen, and later still Salem, New Hampshire.

At the Haverhill Town Meeting of 1712, Thomas Austin and his neighbors applied for an abatement of their taxes for the ministry and the school, on account of the great distance they lived from the Town, and the difficulty they met with in coming. The town voted to abate one half of their ministry rate. Perhaps because of this great distance, it appears Thomas still attended church back in Andover, for Andover town records state that 'Joshuah Stevens & Thomas Austin were both drowned in Merrimake River going home from Meeting on the Sabbath Day being the 23 of March 1711-12'.

Thomas died intestate, his widow was granted administration of his estate on 10 May 1714. The inventory of his estate listed 150 acres of land, books, iron pots and wares, bedding, chairs and tables, cow-plow-husbandry tackling, three pigs, three cows, four oxen, two pair of steers, four heifers, a broad ax, and a young calfe, plus a few other illegible items. The widow received 'the house lott with the pasture land thereto adjoining for her third,' the other two thirds being divided into seven shares. The eldest son Thomas received two shares, while the other children each received one share.

The widow Hannah married again on 2 October 1722 to Jotham Hendrick in Haverhill, and a third time on 17 April 1729 at Haverhill to Henry Bradley of Newbury, Mass. It is of interest to note that Hannah's grandmother, Ann Foster, was accused, tried and condemned as a witch, as described in great detail in the *Foster Genealogy*. The children of Thomas and Hannah were born in Andover:

- S21. THOMAS, *b. 23 January 1691-2 +*
- S22. BENJAMIN, *b. 16 June 1694 +*
- S23. DANIEL, *b. 7 August 1698 +*
- S24. ZEBADIAH, *b. 17 July 1701 +*
- S25. ABIEL, *b. — 1703 +*
- S26. HANNAH, *b. 7 April 1706 +*

THIRD GENERATION

S11. SARAH³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born 28 March 1692 in Andover, Mass. She married James Bodwell of Methuen on 28 November 1739 in Methuen. James, the son of Henry and Bethiah (—) Bodwell, was born 10 January 1690-1 in Andover. Sarah died in Andover on 18 September 1769.

S12. SAMUEL³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born 27 August 1694 in Andover, Mass. He married Mehitable Frye of Andover on 2 February 1737. Mehitable, the daughter of Ebenezer Frye and Elizabeth Farnum. Samuel died in Andover 31 December 1764 aged 70, intestate. His widow Mehitable posted bond on 27 April 1765 and took an inventory of the estate in May 1765. She herself died 26 August 1778 in Andover. Samuel and Mehitable were apparently childless, for no children are recorded in Andover, nor is any mention of their offspring made in John Austin's will (below).

S13. JOHN³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born 13 July 1697 in Andover, Mass. He lived unmarried in Andover, and died there on 13 March 1764 'aged 68' years, leaving a will:

In the Name of God Amen I John Austin of Andover in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman calling to mind the mortallity of my body Do make this my last Will & First I commend my Soul into the hands of God my Creator believeing through his mercy and the merritt of my Saviour Jesus Christ I shall Inherit Eternal Life my Body I Commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried att the Discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned and Touching Such Worldly Estate with which it hath Pleas'd God to Bless me in this Life I give and Dispose of the Same as followeth— Imprimis I Will that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be Paid by my Executor in Conveiniant Time after my Dec^s:— Item I give to my sister Mary Austin forty pounds Lawfull money to be Paid to her by my Exec^r within two years after my Decease— Item I give to my sister Sarah Bodwell Wid^e of James Bodwell Dec^d Twenty pounds Lawfull money to be paid to her by my Executor within two years after my Dec^s:— Item I give to my syster Lucy Swan Wife of Asie Swan of Methuen thirteen pounds six shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money to be paid to her by my Executor within two years after my Decease— Item I give to my House keeper Ruth Stephens the Use and Improvment of my East and Lower room in my Dwelling house and so much Priviledge in the Sellar as Shee Shall have Occation for also one good Cow out of my Stock of Cattle to be kept for her Use Summer and Winter all which to be used and improv^d by her during her Natural Life— Also I give to the s^d: Ruth two good Bed Blanketts to be att her Disposal also I give to the s^d: Ruth the Use and improv^d: of so much of my household goods as she shall have occation for so long as she shall be pleas'd to Continue her Habitation in my house— Item I give to my three sisters aforesaid all my household goods to be Equally Divided Amongst them after the Decease or Removal of the s^d: Ruth Stephens— the foregoing Bequests to my three sisters is in full of what is my Pleasure they should have out of my Estate— Item I give to my Brother Daniel Austin my Mare & Colt— Item I give to my two Brethren Namely Samuel Austin & Daniel Austin all my money and the Contents of my bonds notes and other Debts that are Due or that may become Due to my Estate att my Dec^s: also my Husbandry Tackler Stock of Cattle horses sheep and swine also all my Provision of every sort all my corn meat and Hay and all other my

Personal Estate of Every Denomination to be Equally Divided between them after the payment of my Debts Legacies funeral charges and the cost of the Settlement of my Estate is Deducted out of my personal Estate afores^d:— Item I give to my s^d: Brethren Namely Samuel Austin and Daniel Austin all my buildings and lands in Andover to be Occupied Used and Improved by them in Equal Shares during their Natural Lives and in case their Wives or either of them should survive their husbands my Will is that my Real Estate shall be improved by them in Like manner During their Natural Lives and after the Decease of my afore named Brethren and their Wives my Will is that all my Real Estate Building and Lands shall be the Property in fee simple the first male heirs of the Body of my Brother Daniel Afores^d: that shall survive the Term of twenty one years and in case of Default in Male Issue of my Brother Daniel Afores^d: my Will is that my Real Estate afores^d: shall be the Property of the feemale heirs of the body of my Brother Daniel afores^d: in fee simple and in Equal Shares Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Brother Samuel Austin afores^d: the only Sole Executor of this my Will and I do hereby Revoke all other Wills heretofore by me made and do make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament— In Witness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and Seal the Twenty Eighth day of february Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty four and in the fourth year of his Majesties Reign— Signed Sealed Published and declared by the s^d John Austin to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers— John Austin his mark Seal

It is clear from John's Will that he was unmarried and without children of his own. Since John's brother Samuel died shortly after John, and was unable to carry out his role as Executor, it was undoubtedly Samuel's wife who was the 'Mehitable Austin' who gave bond in administering John's estate, which is confirmed by the fact that she also gave bond for her husband's estate on the same date, 27 April 1765. Thus Mehitable was John's sister-in-law, and not his widow as has been erroneously published.

S14. MARY³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born 28 February 1700-1 in Andover, Mass. She never married, and died in Andover on 27 December 1774 in her 74th year.

S15. LUCY³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born 3 April 1706 in Andover, Mass. She married Asa Swan of Methuen, Mass. on 6 February 1734-5 at Methuen. Asa, the son of Robert Swan, Jr. and Elizabeth Storie, was born 27 November 1687 in Haverhill, Mass. He died 14 January 1766 in his 78th year, having 'served the Town of Methuen 28 or 9 years in the office of Town Clerk.' Lucy died 10 June 1764 in her 56th year. SWAN CHILDREN: SUSANNA 1735, LUCY 1737, DANIEL 1740, JOHN 1742, MARY 1746, MARY 1747.

S16. DANIEL³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*^{2,1}) was born between 22 April and 1 July 1711. He lived in Andover, where he married Eunice Kimball on 25 February 1762. She was the daughter of Ephraim and Mary (—) Kimball and was born 3 July 1724 in Boxford, Mass. Daniel died on 14 September 1776 aged 65 years, while his widow Eunice died 27 December 1819 in Andover. The children of this couple who married so late in life were all born in Andover, and saved the S1. Samuel Austin line from extinction.

The second child John was undoubtedly named for Daniel's older brother John (S13) who died but a few months before his namesake's birth and who was so generous to Daniel's offspring in his Will (above). Children:

- S161. LUCY, b. 18 December 1762, d. 17 May 1764
- S162. JOHN, b. 1 July 1764 +
- S163. SAMUEL, b. 20 November 1765 +
- S164. SARAH, b. 13 August 1767 +
- S165. LUCY, b. 23 April 1769 +
- S166. MARY, b. 15 August 1771 +
- S167. BETTY, b. 8 June 1773

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NOTE: The preceding article was abstracted from a book of the same title currently in preparation by the authors, who would welcome additional information on Samuel Austin and his descendants for inclusion in the book.

LITERATURE

1979 AUSTIN REUNION BOOKLET, by Janet Austin Curtis, Genealogist for the Austin Families Association. Prepared for the Western Regional Reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico 1979, 36 pages.

This booklet discusses 12 different Austin Coats-of-Arms, 120 Austin Immigrants, and contains a bibliography of 40 books and manuscripts relating to Austin families genealogies. The immigrants were found by searching the 1880 Soundex Census schedules, and the author has covered about half the states. Since this booklet was published, Mrs. Curtis has continued her searching for Austin immigrants (see her article on page 12 of this Newsletter). Copies of the booklet may be obtained from the author for \$3.50 postpaid. Her address is 3329 Santa Clara, S.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87106.

AUSTINS IN THE EARLY NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN RECORDS, by Patricia Biebuyck Austin. Published by The Austin Print, Concord, Mass. 1980, 20 pages.

Copies of early New Hampshire town records are in the State Library in Concord, N.H., where they are also available on microfilm. The author has copied over 2900 references to Austins from the comprehensive Card Index to those records. Pages on which marriage and family records occur are so noted. Over 700 individuals are indexed by name and have also been cross-referenced in an alphabetized index by towns. While containing no dates, these indices do permit one to determine spouses, family groupings, and geographic distributions, and thus prove a useful aide in researching N.H. Austins. Copies may be obtained from the author for \$1.75 postpaid. Her address is 23 Allen Farm Lane, Concord, Mass. 01742.

QUERIES

10-1. **Joseph Austin** married Jenny Alford 3 June 1800 in Amherst County, Virginia. Her father was William Alford, and Benjamin Austin and Thomas Alford were witnesses. Joseph Austin came to Macon County, Illinois, about 1830 from Rutherford or Davidson Counties, Tennessee. He apparently died in Macon County about 1832. Need birth data and ancestry of Joseph.

10-2. **Moses G. Austin** born Delaware County, N.Y. after 18 June 1811. First wife was Sofronce Bradly, second wife Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of John Gordon. Moses lived in Delaware County, N.Y.; Bolivar, Allegany County, N.Y.; Cranberry Twp., Venango County, Penn.; Forest Twp., Richland County, Wisconsin, and Center Twp., Dade County, Missouri. Need ancestry of Moses, also his firm birthdate, marriage dates, date and place of his death.

10-3. **Randall Austin** born 1778-9 N.Y. (probably Pittstown, Rensselaer County) married Elvira Marsh born 1789 in Mass. Randall and Elvira named a son Holstead Austin, possibly after Elvira's mother. Randall and his brothers Perrigo, Peter, and Joseph went to Onondaga County, N.Y. Randall also resided in Wheeling, W. Virginia, and Belmont County, Ohio. Seek ancestry of Elvira and record of her marriage to Randall.

10-4. Have Revolutionary War document of ancestor of **Harold Washburn Austin** of Taunton, Mass.: a commission of Edward Martin as 1st Lt. in first regiment of Militia of Bristol Co., Mass. commanded by Capt. Noah Allen. Signed by Mass. Governor John Hancock, dated 1 July 1781. Seek advice as to best method of preservation and disposition of this document for future generations.

10-5. **Nathaniel Austin, Sr.** born circa 1720 (England?), married Agnes Richardson circa 1740 (England?). Left Lunenburg County, Virginia 1765 for South Carolina. Lived Laurens, Newberry, and Greenville Counties. Revolutionary War soldier. Indents 1779-1786. Acquired 'Gilder' 14 February 1797 Simpsonville, S.C. on Gilder's Creek. Died after 1800 Greenville County, S.C. Family tradition states Nathaniel had brothers Moses and Jeremiah. Need ancestry of Nathaniel and Agnes, also their birth and marriage dates.

10-6. **Nathaniel Austin, Jr.** born circa 1744-5 in England. Left Lunenburg County, Virginia for North Carolina. Participated Revolutionary War with South Carolina Militia. Res. Pendleton, S.C. 1790, Granger County, Tennessee 1799. Died in Gwinnett County, Georgia after 1832 land lottery. Children from bible records: Mary, Franky, Walter, John, Nathaniel, Henrietta, William Anderson, Sarah, Thomas Henry, and Anne. Seek wife's name, ancestry, birth and marriage dates.

11-1. **Robert Aiston** married Sarah Malvina Leete in Batavia, N.Y. 16 November 1844 coming from Canada. Sarah remarried George Allen and is buried in Azalia, Michigan. Need ancestry of Robert.

11-2. **Bill Austin**, 'famous Indian Scout', had a boy William captured by Indians. William allegedly married a daughter of Wamsutta, son of Massasoit and brother of King Philip. William's sons, Benoni and John, went to Wales, Maine from New Meadows (part of Brunswick, Maine). Seek ancestry and wife of Bill Austin.

11-3. **James Austin** born 1770 near Harpers Ferry, Virginia, moved to Washington County, Kentucky in 1790. Married Ann Howard of Virginia. Known children: Ambrose, Benedict, John, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine, Sally, Theresa, and Rose. Seek ancestry of James.

11-4. **George Austin** born circa 1761 Rhode Island, enlisted in the Rhode Island Regimentals and after the war went to live in Vermont. There he married Louisa Nichols and they named their first son Jonathan, born 5 August 1796 in Townshend, Vermont. Seek George's ancestry.

11-5. **William H. Austin** was born circa 1817 and died in Greeneville Center, ??? on 20 June 1890. His death certificate lists parents as Samuel Austin and Easter (Esther?) James. After William's death, a telegram was sent to New Canaan, Connecticut, to a Jonathan Austin and a James I. Samson. William was married to Harriet Stevens, possibly the daughter of Spencer Stevens whose family also came from New Canaan. They had two sons, Gould and George. Seek William's birth and ancestry.

11-6. **Zephaniah Austin, Jr.** born 12 March 1764 in Sheffield, Massachusetts, son of Zephaniah and Sarah (Egglestone) Austin. He married Miss — Comstock. Seek marriage data and Miss Comstock's ancestry.

11-7. **Truman D. Austin** was born 10 February 1788 in New York, married Susan B. Guyant in 1825 in Orleans Co., New York. Susan born 3 August 1803 in New London, Conn. Need all data on Truman & Susan.

11-8. **Stephen Austin** of New Haven, Conn. married on 19 April 1732 to Martha Thompson, born February 1709-10 to William and Martha Thompson in New Haven. Need all data on Martha's parents.

11-9. **William Austin** born 6 May 1769 probably Washington County, New York, married 10 November 1791 to Elizabeth Stevenson, daughter of Andrew Stevenson, born 23 October 1772, died 30 October 1845. William died 10 May 1858. Children born in Westfield, NY and Canada: Margaret 1792, Maurice 1794, Elizabeth 1796, Susanna 1798, William 1800, Gilbert Stevenson 1802, Mary 1804, James 1806, Robert Moffet 1811, Charles Gordon 1814. Seeking William's ancestry.

11-10. **John Austin** born 1755 married in 1777 to Ann Baden (Beeden?) in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. They lived in Virginia by 1782. Need John's ancestry, siblings, birthplace, deathplace, and deathdate. Also, where did John reside in Virginia, and did he remove to Kentucky as did his children circa 1804?

11-11. **Mary Austin** daughter of Jonah of Hingham and Taunton, Mass. married Thomas Lincoln, Jr., also of Hingham and Taunton, circa 1651. Their six child, Hannah Lincoln, was born 15 March 1663. Edith Austin Moore's *Jonah Austin of Taunton, Mass.* manuscript states that Hannah married Daniel Owen, and indeed the Taunton vital records have 'Hannah Lincolne and Daniel Oen' married on 23 December 1689. In *Lincolns of New England* by Waldo Lincoln (1926), it states that Hannah Lincoln (daughter of Thomas) married Peter Branch about 1684, and that the Hannah who married Daniel Owen was born 24 March 1666 in Taunton, the daughter of Samuel Lincoln. Seek proof to resolve this conflict.

11-12. **John Austin** born circa 1739 married Charity Kendrick? Their son Zachariah born 1763 Prince Georges Parish, Frederick County, Maryland. Other issue: James, Amelia, John K., Hezekiah, Amos, and Jonas. John's will 1823 Montgomery County, Maryland. Charity could have been married first to John's brother Thomas Austin, and was perhaps daughter of Thomas and Ann Kendrick of Frederick County. Need ancestry of John and Charity.

11-13. **Elizabeth Austen** born 4 September 1788 in Peekskill, N.Y., married Stephen Berrien and resided in Yonkers, N.Y. Elizabeth died 13 April 1880. Seeking the ancestry of Elizabeth.

Correction to Query 6-6 on page 6: Change Lucy G. Hall to Lucy G. Hall.

Austins of America is intended to serve present and future genealogists researching Austin family lines. Readers are encouraged to submit Queries, Responses, genealogical & historical articles to either Editor:

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**AUSTIN IMMIGRANTS FOUND
IN THE 1880 OHIO CENSUS**

by Janet Austin Curtis

The immigrants listed here are found in the 1880 Soundex Index of the Ohio Census, and are additions to the Austin immigrants published in the 1979 Reunion Booklet by the author (see *Literature*, page 10). The Soundex was made for Social Security purposes, and only includes those families with children 10 years of age or younger, so it is quite possible that not all immigrants have been found. Unless otherwise indicated, persons were born in the United States:

B. Austing age 44 b. Oldenburg; wife Anna b. Prussia. Ch: Kate 9, Anna 6, Agnes 4, Lina 2, and Joseph 2/12. Res. Cincinnati, Hamilton County. 30-180 / 56-24

Bernard Austing age 26 b. Oldenburg; wife Theresa 24 b. Oldenburg, Frank 2, Bernard 5/12. Res. Cincinnati, Hamilton County. 31-183 / 23-29

Charles E. Austin age 41 b. England; wife Ruth 36, Edwin 18, Ernest H. 16, Frank W. 7, Charles M. 5. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 14-32 / 35-18

Cyrus Austin age 35 b. England; wife Mabel 21, Alice 3/12. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 14-30 / 70-29

Daniel Austin age 51 b. England; wife Susan 51 b. England, Lannie 20, Minnie 17, Edward 14, Stanley 10. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 13-19 / 61-44

David Austin age 35 b. England; wife Jane 35 b. England, Humphorus H. F. 5, Ethel 3. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 15-50 / 22-8

Erwin Austin age 46 b. England; wife Kate 33 b. Canada, Frank 6, Gilbert 4, Earnest G. 2, Eva P. 1. Resided Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 15-54 / 7-39

Frank Austing age 48 b. Oldenburg; wife Catherine 44 b. Oldenburg, John 22, Joseph 21, Alvinins 19, Mary 12, August 9, William 5. Resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton County. 29-151 / 46-4

Frank Austing age 24 b. Prussia; wife Mary 23, Mary 4, Fresen 2. Res. Cincinnati, Hamilton County. 28-134 / 20-32

Gilbert Aston age 35 b. England; wife Mary 30 b. England, William 9, Hulbert 7, Emanuel 5, Lois 2, George 1/12. Resided in Corning, Monroe Township, Perry County. 51-215 / 34-1

James Austin age 45 b. England; wife Dinah 40 b. England, Bessie 18 b. England, Emily 16, Anna 11, George 8. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 13-17 / 47-1

James Austin age 31 b. England; wife Catherine 26 b. Bavaria, Louisa 9/12. Res. Avondale, Mill Creek Twp., Hamilton County. 26-96 / 38-13

John Austin age 47 b. England; wife Mary H. A. 41 b. England, Florence 4, Albert B. 2, Jessie 4/12. Res. Dover Township, Cuyahoga County. 16-60 / 37-17

John Austin age 35 b. England; wife Elizabeth 33, Blanche 5, Bertha 3, Lottie 4/12. Resided Mt. Vernon, Clinton Township, Knox County. 37-163 / 13-26

John Austin age 31 b. England; wife Margaret 27 b. England, Henry J. 4, Margie E. 2. Res. Geneva, Geneva Township, Ashtabula County. 2-10 / 28-29

John Austin age 33 b. Wales; wife Anna, Thomas 6, William S. 3. Res. in Youngstown Township, Mahoning County. 43-105 / 48-45

Joseph Austen age 78 b. England; wife Catherine 47, Lucy D. 6. Res. Mohican Twp., Ashland Co. 2-86 / 25-42

Margaret Aston age 38 b. Wales; John 21 b. Wales, Sarah 15 b. Wales, Margaret 13 b. Wales, Richard 12 b. Wales, William 9, Mary 6, Anna 6, Emma 4, Eliza 2. Resided Lawrence Township, Stark County. 60-142 / 82-2

Mary Austin age 41 b. Ireland; Michael 18 b. Ireland, John 16 b. Ireland, Timothy 13, Thomas 12, Mary 9, Katie 7, Nora 4. Resided in McArthur, Elk Township, Vinton County. 65-185 / 10-19

Michael Austen age 30 b. Ireland; William 2. Resided Zaleski, Madison Township, Vinton County. 65-189 / 23-25

Samuel Austin age 29 b. England; Sarah J. 28 b. England, Ida Martha 5, Wilber John 3. Res. Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 15-44 / 1-37

Samuel Austin age 49 b. England; wife Georgine 45, Thomas 25, James 22, Harriet 19, John 17, Alexander 14, David L. 10, Mary A. C. 7, Elizabeth 5, Richard 2, all b. England. Resided in Massillon, Perry Township, Stark County. 60-148 / 13-8

Samuel Austin age 49 b. Scotland; wife Sarah 44, Edward 16, Sarah 11 and Julia 8. Resided in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. 12-16 / 59-46

Thomas Austin age 10 b. England; a nephew of John Murphin. Resided in Saybrook Township, Ashtabula County. 2-24 / 13-17

William Austin age 61 b. England; wife Sarah 45 b. England, Ellen 18 b. England, Alice 16 b. England, Jane 14 b. England, Sadie 10, Mary 7. Res. in Cincinnati, Hamilton County. 29-15 / 27-4

THE AUSTIN DUELS*by Edward Rowe Snow*

Paul Revere, who was a man of many pursuits, actually was court-martialed because of his participation in the Revolutionary Penobscot Bay campaign. The court-martial resulted in the complete vindication of Revere. Later, however, politically he is believed to have favored one of the duelists in an encounter which occurred fairly close to the Old State House.

It is rare that one family participates in two duels in a single year, but such is the case with the Austin family of New England.

The duel between William Austin and James Henderson Elliot was fought March 31, 1806, less than two years after the memorable Hamilton-Burr duel of July 11, 1804. It is hard to realize that the period between the beginning of the century and the ending of the War of 1812 was one of extreme political beliefs, passions, and prejudices. In the Austin-Elliot duel Austin was hit in the thigh and Elliot was not hit at all. The wounded Austin lived to be 65, while Elliot lived barely two years after the encounter.

The second duel of the same year in which members of the Austin family participated came about because of an incident on the Fourth of July. The Republican Party of Boston had arranged a procession for July 4, 1806, with a banquet to be held afterward in a tent at Copp's Hill in the North End of Boston. All went well during the parade, but when it became known that the ambassador from Tunis would be attending the banquet in the tent, scores of people without tickets stormed the tent, and in the confusion the ticket taker was overwhelmed. Upward of one hundred persons without tickets 'crashed the gate.'

Two particular items for which the caterer had not been paid I shall never forget. They were, according to the Jefferson Tavern landlord who had supplied the feast, "seven roast pigs and ten bushels of green peas." When the payments were in, he found that he was far short of making expenses and put the bill in the hands of Boston attorney Thomas Oliver Selfridge. The attempts of Selfridge to collect the shortage by suit against the committee as individuals ultimately failed.

When the head of the committee, Benjamin Austin, was being questioned one day about the suit he answered that it was instigated by the Federalist lawyer Selfridge. The latter, who had an office in the Old State House, at the head of State Street, stated that Austin was mistaken. When it was proved to Austin that Selfridge had not been responsible for the suit action but had merely served as the lawyer in the matter, Austin retracted, but not with the sufficient enthusiasm needed to pacify Selfridge.

Thomas Selfridge now wrote a letter to the Boston Gazette in which he called Austin a "coward, a liar, and a scoundrel." Austin followed with a counter statement, and matters reached a crisis.

The details of this unusual duel are buried in the realm of obscurity. On August 6, 1806, in the middle of the day, Thomas Selfridge put his affairs in order. He then took a pistol from a drawer in his desk, left his room in what is now the Old State House, and started walking down the middle of State Street. He reached a point no less than ten feet from the location where the 1770 Boston Massacre had occurred. There he had expected to confront Benjamin Austin, but it was Austin's son who was awaiting him.

Eighteen years of age, Charles Austin was a student at Harvard College. Having chosen to act for his father, Charles had armed himself with a rattan cane. The two slowly approached each other. Then, before Austin was actually able to strike his opponent, Selfridge cocked his gun and fired, mortally wounding the Harvard youth. The lad managed to get in a few feeble blows with the cane before he collapsed, after which he was carried inside Mr. Townsend's shop nearby. Descendants of those who lived in Boston at the time still argue as to whether Selfridge, a relatively feeble man, shot Austin before Austin had a chance to strike him with the rattan cane. In any case, after being treated by Dr. Thomas Danforth, Austin died.

Selfridge was accused of the murder, as there had been many who had watched the encounter. The trial began before Judge Isaac Parker on November 25, 1806. Testimony of two important witnesses of the encounter follows, the first being that of Edward Howe.

"At a quarter past one o'clock on the 4th of August, I set off from Mr. Townsend's shop in State Street, with an intention of going home to dinner. Crossing the east end of the Old State House, met Mr. Selfridge, at the distance of about two rods from Townsend's shop. He passed me about three feet off on my right hand. I took particular notice of him, having seen the publication in the Chronicle that morning. He had on a frock coat, and his hands were behind him, but I am not able to say whether they were outside of his coat or not.

"I passed on six or eight steps when I heard a very loud talking behind me. I turned immediately round, and the first thing I saw was Mr. Selfridge's hand with a pistol in it, and immediately the pistol was discharged. The instant afterwards, I saw the person, who had been shot, step forward from the side walk, and strike Mr. Selfridge several heavy blows on the head. These blows were struck with so much force, that I think, if Mr. Selfridge had not had on a very thick hat, they must have fractured his skull. He stood about three or four feet from the brick pavement

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**THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL AUSTIN
OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

*by Michael Edward Austin
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

THIRD GENERATION [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10]

S21. THOMAS³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 23 January 1691-2 in Andover, Mass. He went with his father to that part of Haverhill later set off as Methuen. He married Sarah Lovejoy of Andover on 26 October 1714. Sarah, the daughter of Christopher Lovejoy and Sarah Russ, was born on 9 March 1689-90 in Andover, and was a second cousin to Thomas Austin through their common great-grand father John Russ who was born in England about 1612 and died in Andover in 1692. Their children were born in Methuen:

- S211. THOMAS, *b. 26 February 1716*
- S212. SARAH, *b. 8 December 1717, d. 1739-40*
- S213. HEZEKIAH, *b. 7 April 1719 +*
- S214. HANNAH, *b. 8 April 1722 +*
- S215. ISAAC, *b. 8 November 1723 +*
- S216. NATHAN, *b. 25 January 1725 +*
- S217. ELIZABETH, *b. 4 November 1726 +*
- S218. JOHN, *b. 23 August 1728 +*
- S219. PETER, *b. 12 May 1730 +*

S22. BENJAMIN³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 16 June 1694 in Andover, Mass. He was a yeoman and lived in Andover, where he married Mary Stevens of Andover on 17 July 1718. Mary was born 23 August 1695 in Andover, the daughter of John and Ruth (Poor) Stevens. Benjamin and Mary were still living in Andover in 1749, but later removed to Hollis, NH. Their children are recorded in Andover:

- S221. MARY, *b. 7 April 1719 +*
- S222. RUTH, *bp. 16 July 1721, d. 4 Dec. 1739*
- S223. BENJAMIN, *b. 12 February 1722-3, died 16 December 1739*
- S224. MARTHA, *b. 1 June 1725*
- S225. THOMAS, *b. 24 April 1727 +*
- S226. [daughter], *b. and d. 9 December 1729*
- S227. JOHN, *b. 25 January 1729-30 +*
- S228. SARAH, *b. 13 Dec. 1731, d. 16 May 1732*
- S229. TIMOTHY, *b. 16 March 1732-3 +*
- S22A. SARAH, *b. 21 May 1735 +*
- S22B. PHINEAS, *b. 3 Nov. 1737, d. 10 Dec. 1739*
- S22C. BENJAMIN, *b. 11 January 1740-1 +*

S23. DANIEL³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 7 August 1698 in Andover, Mass. He was a cordwainer, and married Priscilla Stevens of Andover on 26 June 1722 in

Andover. She was born 12 August 1699 in Andover, the daughter of John and Ruth (Poor) Stevens. Daniel and Priscilla lived in Andover until about 1726 when they removed to South Town or Turkey Hills, now the town of Lunenburg, Mass., occupying the house where Calvin Eaton had lately lived. Daniel was chosen constable 11 March 1729-30, and later served as tythingman, selectman, assessor, surveyor of the highways and other offices. In 1745 a road was laid out "Begining at the Road that comes from Hezekiah Wetherbes and Runs upon M^r Benja^a Bellows and Daniel Astins Land and Between the said Austin and John Fisks Land and across some common Land and across the ministreal Land. . ." On 30 September 1751, a Town Committee reported selling a pew on the Lower floor of the New Meeting house: "Sold the third pew Ground on the Left hand Going in at the front Dore adjoining to Daniel Austens: to Docter John Duns-moor. . ."

Daniel died 29 May 1773, while Priscilla died 10 May 1782. Both are buried in the South Cemetery in Lunenburg. Their first two children are recorded in Andover, while the others appear in the Lunenburg town and church records. The repetition of the first two children's names is somewhat troublesome since neither town has a record of their deaths. Judging by the marriage date, the Andover birthdates for the first two children seem reasonable. The Lunenburg records show only one Priscilla born in Andover and one Daniel born in Lunenburg. The dates differ distinctly from the Andover dates, and fill up very well what would otherwise be an uncharacteristically long gap between children. For these reasons we have chosen to believe both towns' records, and assume that the first two children died young:

- S231. PRISCILLA, *b. 26 July 1723, d. young*
- S232. DANIEL, *b. 1 October 1724, d. young*
- S233. PRISCILLA, *b. 11 February 1725-6 +*
- S234. DANIEL, *b. 13 April 1727 +*
- S235. LYDIA, *b. 3 June 1729*
- S236. TIMOTHY, *b. 2 March 1731*
- S237. RUTH, *b. 1 April 1733*
- S238. HANNAH, *b. 1 February 1734-5*
- S239. PHEBE, *b. 24 October 1736*
- S23A. PETER, *bp. 17 September 1738*
- S23B. JOSHUA, *bp. 13 July 1740*
- S23C. MARTHA, *bp. 4 April 1742*
- S23D. JOHN, *bp. 3 April 1743*

S24. ZEBEDIAH³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 17 July 1701 in Andover, Massachusetts. He lived in Methuen, where he was a husbandman. He married Sarah Gutterson of Methuen on 18 April 1729 in Haverhill. Their children are recorded in Methuen:

- S241. PHEBE, *b. 20 April 1730*
 S242. SUSANNAH, *b. 19 September 1732*
 S243. RUBEN, *b. 3 February 1734-5*
 S244. DEBORAH, *b. 14 June 1737*
 S245. DAVID, *b. 4 February 1739-40*
 S246. JONATHAN, *b. 10 June 1742*
 S247. JOHN, *b. 27 September 1744*
 S248. CALEB, *b. 19 March 1746-7*

S25. ABIEL³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born — 1703 in Andover, Mass. He was a cooper and yeoman, and lived in Methuen. Abiel enlisted from Haverhill in the fourth Indian War, begun in 1722, commonly referred to as the *Three Years' or Lovewell's War*. He was engaged in the fight, but was not wounded. He married Sara Moulton of Haverhill on 24 May 1727 in Haverhill. Sarah was the daughter of Nathan Molton, and was born in Haverhill and baptised 19 May 1706. Abiel, aged 86, was reported living in Salem, N.H. in 1790.

Although Abiel and Sarah continued to occupy the homestead which once belonged to his father, town and even provincial boundary adjustments continued to change his town of residence: his part of Haverhill was set off as the town of Methuen, and still later became Salem, N.H. Thus their first child is found in the Haverhill records, the next four children in the Methuen records, the last five in the Salem, N.H. records:

- S251. HANNAH, *b. 1 May 1728*
 S252. ABIGAIL, *b. 15 February 1729-30*
 S253. NATHAN, *b. 23 March 1732*
 S254. MARY, *b. 22 February 1734-5*
 S255. SARAH, *b. 24 October 1737*
 S256. DOLLY, *b. 29 May 1740*
 S257. ABIEL, *b. 8 September 1743*
 S258. RACHEL, *b. 27 August 1746*
 S259. LYDIA, *b. 20 August 1749*
 S25A. JOHN, *b. 25 August 1751*

S26. HANNAH³ AUSTIN (*Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 7 April 1706 in Andover, Mass. She resided in Haverhill, and was married there on 16 July 1722 to Hezekiah Lovejoy, also of Haverhill. The Lovejoys had ten children whose births or baptisms appear in the Haverhill or Andover records. They lived in Haverhill until their removal to Amherst, New Hampshire, where Hannah died on 1 December 1805, 'aged 101'. LOVEJOY CHILDREN: *Hezekiah 1721-2, (stillborn) 1723, Hannah 1724, Phebe 1727, Hezekiah 1729, Abiel 1731, Francis 1734, Phebe 1737, John 1739, John 1743.*

FOURTH GENERATION [TO BE CONTINUED]

Note: The preceding article was abstracted from a book of the same title currently in preparation by the authors, who would welcome additional information on Samuel Austin's descendants for inclusion in the book.

THE AUSTIN DUELS

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or sidewalk, in front of Mr. Townsend's shop, and was facing up the street. I saw the Defendant throw his pistol at the deceased, but I cannot say whether it hit him or not. I saw it roll on the pavement towards Mr. Russell's door."

Another witness, Ephraim French, testified: "About on o'clock I was in Mr. Townsend's shop and seeing old Mr. Austin go down, expected a squabble. I saw two young gentlemen go down street, and presently return. Mr. Bailey said one of them was young Mr. Austin. I saw Mr. Selfridge coming from the corner of the State House; he walked very deliberately, and looked sober. Young Austin went from near where I was standing, towards Mr. Selfridge. As he advanced I saw the pistol go off, and Austin struck several severe blows, and then fell near my feet.

"I should say that the pistol, according to my observation, was one or two seconds before the first blow was struck. I did not see any cane raised before the pistol went off. I looked particularly at Mr. Selfridge from the time he came in sight. After he had discharged the pistol, he threw up his arms to defend his head from the blows, and afterwards threw his pistol. No person stood between me and the parties, so that I saw them very distinctly, having gone out of the shop and stood on the sidewalk by Mr. Townsend's shop before they met."

The actual charge was that Selfridge "in his right hand, then and there held, to, against and upon the said Charles Austin, then and there, feloniously, willfully, and of the fury of his mind, did shoot and discharge; and that he the said Thomas Oliver Selfridge, with the leaden bullet aforesaid, out of the pistol. . . did kill and slay, against the peace of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and the law in such case made and provided."

The illustrious Paul Revere was foreman of the jury, which brought a verdict of 'Not Guilty,' but whether or not the jury had been influenced as was claimed by 'political predilections of the jurors' will never be known. Christopher Gore, Samuel Dexter, Harrison Gray Otis, and Charles Jackson defended Thomas Oliver Selfridge, and without question did their best for 'their fellow-laborer in the Federalist vineyard.'

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF OLIVER AUSTIN
OF BERKSHIRE, VERMONT**

by Carol Leighton Hull

O. OLIVER¹ AUSTIN was born 18 January 1761, died 10 March 1813 at Berkshire, VT. He married Sarah Powell, born 14 March 1764, died 12 March 1818. Oliver appears in the 1800 and 1810 census for Berkshire. He served frequently as a town officer from highway surveyor to selectman. He was serving as town treasurer at the time of his death in 1813. The fact of his death and the subsequent audit of his accounts are in the town books. He died leaving three minor children whose guardianship papers are at St. Albans: Raymond's guardian was Penuel Leavins, Powell's was Caleb Stevens, and Mary's was John Stone. Oliver and Sarah had five children born in Berkshire:

- O1. SALLY, *m. Caleb Stevens*
- O2. OLIVER, *b. 10 April 1788 +*
- O3. RAYMOND, *b. 7 May 1794 +*
- O4. POWELL, *b. 25 May 1800, m. Alzada Haynes on 9 January 1825 in Berkshire.*
- O5. MARY, *m. Thomas Sinders on 22 August 1813 in Berkshire.*

SECOND GENERATION

O2. OLIVER² AUSTIN (*Oliver*¹) was born 10 April 1788 in Berkshire and died there 21 May 1864. On 1 December 1811 in Berkshire he married Milla Larabee, daughter of William and Amy Royce/Rice, born 7 October 1791 in Springfield, VT, died 14 December 1860 in Berkshire. Oliver is listed in the census records for Berkshire from 1820 to 1860. Their children were born in Berkshire:

- O21. SOPHRONIA, *b. 19 February 1812, d. 24 July 1868, m. Stephen Stevens.*
- O22. SARAH E., *b. 13 March 1814, d. 20 December 1903 in Berkshire, m. Watson Richard Willis.*
- O23. MALVINA, *b. 25 January 1816, d. 30 April 1906 Enosburgh, m. Stephen Gates.*
- O24. HARRIET N., *b. 13 January 1818, d. 27 January 1892 Enosburgh, m. in 1837 to Dolphus Paul, Jr.*
- O25. MALINDA, *b. 11 January 1821, d. 16 August 1912 Enosburgh, m. on 23 February 1842 to Ethan Hull.*
- O26. ARVILLA, *b. 2 May 1823, d. 8 June 1908, m. — Andrus.*
- O27. OLIVER ELHANON, *b. 13 February 1826 +*

O3. RAYMOND² AUSTIN (*Oliver*¹) was born on 7 May 1794, died 3 July 1862 in Berkshire, Vermont. He married Abigail Ladd, born 5 February 1799, died 12 December 1887 in Berkshire. Raymond is listed in the Berkshire census from 1820 to 1860. He was an ordained Baptist elder as certified in the town book. Their children were born in Berkshire:

- O31. HORATIO NELSON, *b. 5 November 1818 +*
- O32. HAZARD PERRY, *b. 24 September 1820*
- O33. EZRA MERRILL, *b. 14 July 1824*
- O34. ALPHEUS M., *b. 30 July 1828, d. 11 May 1848 in Berkshire.*
- O35. ABIGAIL CELIA, *born 25 July 1838, died 21 November 1903.*

THIRD GENERATION

O27. OLIVER ELHANON³ AUSTIN (*Oliver*,² *Oliver*¹) was born 16 February 1826 in Berkshire, and died there 29 June 1894. He married Charlotte R. Moore, who was born 19 July 1829 and died 22 November 1891. Their children were born in Berkshire:

- O271. OLIVER EZRA ABIJAH, *b. 25 November 1851, d. 1 March 1864 of spotted fever.*
- O272. IRVING POWELL, *b. 28 September 1853 +*
- O273. MARY H., *b. August 1856, d. 17 September 1857*
- O274. ELLA H., *b. 16 February 1861, m. Miland N. Coffin on 6 November 1884.*
- O275. WILLIAM J., *b. 24 October 1863*
- O276. IDA MILLA, *b. 9 July 1872*

O31. HORATIO NELSON³ AUSTIN (*Raymond*,² *Oliver*¹) was born 5 November 1818 in Berkshire, died 27 November 1889 in Berkshire. He married on 6 April 1840 in Berkshire Caroline R. Comings, born 12 January 1821 in Cornish, New Hampshire. Their first four children were born in Berkshire, the fifth in Swazey, New Hampshire

- O311. ELLA ANNETTE, *b. 8 October 1841, m. Henry W. Kellog on 15 December 1864 in Berkshire.*
- O312. CAROLINE ROSALIND, *b. 20 February 1844, m. Charles P. Whitford 1 January 1870 Berkshire.*
- O313. RUTH ARABELLE, *b. 14 July 1847, m. to Moses Kellog on 24 February 1874.*
- O314. EZRA, *b. 10 May 1849 +*
- O315. JULIA V., *born 1855 Swazey, NH, m. to James H. Kenison on 21 February 1875.*

O32. HAZARD PERRY³ AUSTIN (*Raymond*,² *Oliver*¹) was born 24 September 1820 in Berkshire, Vermont, and died there 24 May 1887. He married Mary Ann Wheeler, who was born 13 April 1824 and died on 22 December 1888.

FOURTH GENERATION

O272. IRVING POWELL⁴ AUSTIN (*Oliver Elhanon*,³ *Oliver*,² *Oliver*¹) was born 28 September 1853 in Berkshire, and died there in 1915. He married on 19 February 1894 in Berkshire to Pearl M. Chauset, who died 27 Nov. 1945.

O314. EZRA⁴ AUSTIN (*Horatio Nelson*,³ *Raymond*,² *Oliver*¹) was born 10 May 1849 in Berkshire, and died 5 December 1920. He married Anna C. Hall, who was born 1852 and died 1933. The children were born in Berkshire:

O314-1. MERRITT LEON, *b. 14 October 1870, d. 20 April 1888 Berkshire of diabetes*

O314-2. CHARLES L., *b. 24 April 1872*

LITERATURE

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN AND ANNA AUSTIN 1778-1978, by Charles Arthur Wright and Lorraine Austin Wright. Published Columbus, Wisconsin 1978, approximately 551 pages, Accopress³²² binding.

The authors' family bible recorded the birth of Samuel McConnell Austin on 6 January 1794 in Grafton County, New Hampshire, to Benjamin and Ann Austin. Becoming thereby interested in genealogy, the authors have engaged in extensive correspondence since the late 1950's with Samuel's descendants, and have compiled an impressive work encompassing descendants of all surnames.

Samuel Austin married in Grafton County, and his first wife died there. He then moved West to Ohio, living there for about ten years before moving on to Wisconsin. This book traces the descendants of Samuel down to the time of publication in 1978, and has records covering the states from the East to West Coast and from the Gulf of Mexico up into Canada and Alaska.

The Benjamin appearing in the title of this book is a descendant of Samuel Austin of Boston, having a sequence number of S227-6 in the Samuel Austin genealogy (see pages 8ff and 14f of this *Austins of America* newsletter). Found in the book are a number of interesting photographs, including even one thought to be that of Benjamin himself. The book contains colorful descriptions of families, their travels, weddings, etc., in addition to the expected wealth of genealogical data. Indeed, perhaps the only deficiency of this book is its lack of comprehensive index, making it difficult to quickly locate persons in the book. Each section of the book, however, does contain a partial index to the persons in that section. Copies of this fine book may be obtained from the author for \$30.00 plus \$2.50 shipping. Their address is 424 North Lewis Street, Columbus, Wisconsin 53925.

QUERIES

17-1. **Almon A. Austin** born N.Y. 1830, married Emily (—). His brother, **Merritt F. Austin**, was born in N.Y. in 1826 and married Phebe (—). All were living 1850 in Freedom, LaSalle County, Illinois. Need ancestry of Almon and Merritt.

17-2. **Thomas Austin** and family from N.Y. state were residing in Knox County, Ohio, circa 1833-1842. Where did they move to, and what are the names and birthdates of the children?

17-3. **Francis Austin** and Mary Barton his wife were Quakers living in Burlington, N.J. Is anyone searching this line?

17-4. **Lucina Austin** born probably E. Hartford, Conn. 17 February 1784, married there 10 April 1804 Elijah Burnham. Need parents of Lucina and Elijah.

17-5. **Thankful Austin** born 22 August 1785 died 15 September 1814, married 17 February 1791 to Abraham Crabs, born 9 March 1767 died 5 February 1836. Need all data and ancestry of Abraham and Thankful.

17-6. **Caroline Austin** died 20 June 1879 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. She married circa 1840 in Onon County, N.Y. Charles Mitchell, born 1 March 1819 perhaps Middletown, Connecticut, son of Samuel and Lucinda (Cook). He died 13 April 1906 in Fond Du Lac. Need ancestry and data on Caroline and ancestry of Charles.

17-7. **James Austin** born Suffield, Connecticut 6 February 1776, son of Seth and Mary (Seymour). Need wife and death of James.

17-8. **James Austin** of Charlestown, R.I., married on 16 February 1812 in Hopkinton, R.I. to Wealthy Witter, born there 17 February 1776. Need parents of James.

17-9. **Frances E. Austin** was born on 18 May 1842 in Dixfield, Maine, daughter of Peter A. and Fanny Park (Newton) Austin. Frances married on 5 August 1891 to M—Dow, she was of Livermore, Maine, he of Jay, Maine. Seek ancestry of M—Dow.

17-10. **Moses Astin** of Berwick, Maine, was born 1742, married Elizabeth Clark 6 August 1767 in Berwick. He died 22 March 1820 aged 78. Seek ancestry of Moses.

17-11. **Nahum Austin** was born on 30 October 1789, married Jane Farnham 28 November in Belgrade, Maine. He d. 13 March 1881. Need parents of Nahum and Jane.

17-12. **Truman Dudley Austin** (see Query 10-13) came to Illinois in 1840 via Battle Creek, Michigan. Have collected genealogical data on some 230 of his descendants, and would be pleased to answer inquiries.

**WILLIAM AUSTIN:
THE CREATOR OF PETER RUGG**

by *Walter Austin*

Editor's Note: The following article was extracted by Carol A. Hull from the book *William Austin: the Creator of Peter Rugg, being a biographical sketch of William Austin, together with the best of his short stories*, published in Boston in 1925 by his grandson Walter Austin. Known errors have been noted and placed in brackets.

The earliest recorded notice of the Austin name in the Charlestown, Massachusetts, records is that of Richard Austin, who was admitted a freeman in 1651, probably when he became twenty-one years of age. From this Richard descended Benjamin Austin, commonly known as 'Honestus'; Jonathan Loring Austin, secretary to Dr. Franklin in Paris and afterward Secretary of State and Treasurer of Massachusetts; and the late Attorney-General, James Trecothick Austin. . . there is a tradition that two boys, brothers, came to Charlestown in 1638 - one of whom was Richard. . . and the other named Anthony, who first went to Rowley, Massachusetts, and thence to Suffield, Connecticut. . . These two boys were probably the 'two children' accompanying that Richard Austin of Bishopstoke, England, enumerated by John Hotten in his *Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700* as embarking from Southampton [Southton], bound for New England, in the ship *Bevis* in May 1638.

William Austin was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts 2 March 1778, the third [fourth] child of Nathaniel and Margaret [Damon] (Rand) Austin. His family left Charlestown when the British torched the town during the battle of Bunker Hill; their home was destroyed and they remained in Lunenburg until it was rebuilt in 1778.

Austin was a member of the class of 1798 at Harvard. After graduating he was appointed schoolmaster and chaplain in the Navy. He sailed with Commodores Nicholson and Talbot in the frigate *Constitution*. During the cruise of the *Constitution* in 1799 under Commodore Talbot's command a ship was captured from the French; in 1800 the court decreed that the captors were entitled to one-sixth of the value for salvage. Commodore Talbot had expected more and sent Mr. Austin to engage Alexander Hamilton to handle the case. According to tradition, Hamilton sent Austin, who was planning to study law, to examine the case as he had an interest in the salvage. Austin's portion of the salvage, about \$200, enabled him to study the law at Lincoln's Inn in London. The chaplaincy ended, Austin began his legal training with the commendation of Hamilton.

During the time he was in London he shared the company of such former neighbors and Harvard friends as Washington Allston, John Blake White, Edmund Towbridge Dana

and Arthur Maynard Walter. As well as studying he sent home letters which were published in the newspapers and later, in book form as *Letters from London*. The letters were about men, morals, politics, and literature; they expressed his Republican politics very strongly. He returned to this country and began to practice law in 1803 in Charlestown; he carried on this practice until shortly before his death in 1841. He represented Charlestown in the General Court in 1811, 1812, 1816, 1827 and 1834; he was elected to the Senate in 1821, 1822, and 1823.

In the early years of the Republic party feelings were very strong. Mr. Austin was a prominent Republican whose views were often in print. He was challenged to a duel for sentiments expressed in a newspaper article in March 1806 by James Elliott, a Federalist. The duel, though against the law, was fought 31 March 1806 in Cold Spring, Rhode Island (now a part of Providence). Austin was wounded, but not seriously, and Elliott was uninjured. Later in his life Austin deeply regretted his part in the duel.

Austin's publications ranged from a rebellious essay written while a student at Harvard to a group of short stories which influenced major New England writers such as Hawthorne and Melville.

Publications: *Strictures on Harvard University* By a Senior, Boston 1798; *Oration Before the Artillery Company, Charlestown, June 17, 1801* Charlestown, 1801; *Letters from London* Boston 1804; *Essay on the Human Character of Jesus Christ* Boston 1807; 'Peter Rugg, the Missing Man' *New England Galaxy*, 10 September 1824 continued 1 September 1826 and 19 January 1827; 'The Sufferings of a Country Schoolmaster' *New England Galaxy* 8 July 1825; 'The Late Joseph Natterstrom' *New England Magazine* July 1831; 'The Origin of Chemistry, a Manuscript Recently Found in an Old Trunk' *New England Magazine* January 1834; 'The Man with the Cloaks: a Vermont Legend' *American Monthly Magazine* January 1836; 'Martha Gardner; or Moral Reaction' *American Monthly Magazine* December 1837.

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AUSTINBURG, OHIO*by Mrs. Arnold Burton*

“And they shall dwell safely in the Wilderness and sleep in the woods.” God’s promise to ancient Israel must have been in the mind of Eliphalet Austin when, in the spring of 1799 he led a small band of men, women and children from their comfortable homes in Connecticut into the trackless Western Reserve. Here, in this place called “Austin’s Camp,” but known for thirteen years as Richfield, on the banks of Coffee Creek, Eliphalet Austin began his cabin on June 5th, 1799. Built as a bulletproof blockhouse, it served as a community center for some time.

The people who came here with Mr. Austin were Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. George Beckwith and two children, and three young men hired by Mr. Austin, Anson Colt, David Allen and Samuel Fobes. The Beckwith family built a cabin near the present site of Grand River Academy. Mr. Austin’s cabin was located on the east side of Route 45 where the brick house owned by Don Armstrong now stands. That summer the pioneers cleared the land, planted and harvested the first wheat.

Satisfied with these meager beginnings, Mr. Austin returned that fall to Connecticut to find colonizers for his camp. Early in the spring of 1800 Deacon Sterling Mills arrived with his family and built the third cabin in the southern part of the township. Other arrivals, either with or because of Mr. Austin, were Deacon Noah Cowles, Captain Joseph Case and his son, afterwards Deacon Joseph M. Case, Adna Cowles, Joseph B. Cowles, Roger Nettleton, Dr. Orestes K. Hawley, John Wright, Jr., Jonah Moses, Daniel C. Phelps, Isaac Butterfield, Ephraim Rice, Calvin Stone, and David Allen. It was not until the spring of 1801 that these men, including Judge Austin, brought their families.

During the first season, 1800, there were but three families here, yet they met regularly every Sunday for worship at Eliphalet Austin’s. With the arrival of the other families, in the spring of 1801, meetings were held either at Austin’s house, or his barn, when the population had increased, and also at Deacon Sterling Mills. The first regular sermon was preached here in August 1801, by Rev. Joseph Badger, the first Congregational Missionary on the Western Reserve. The first church on the Reserve was organized here by Rev. Badger on Thursday, October 24, 1801. The first members were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Case, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Case, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Brown, Deacon and Mrs. Noah Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nettleton, Roswell Austin, Clarissa Cowles, Mrs. Chloe Henderson, Deacon Sterling Mills, Mrs. Sibbell Austin and Mrs. Lois Cowles.

The first school was opened in 1801 by Miss Betsy Austin in her father’s barn. The first school house was built just west of the Academy, on the north side of College Street, in 1802. It was of notched plank with a mud and stick chimney.

The first saw mill in the county was set up by Eliphalet Austin in 1801. Mr. Austin then built his frame house, the first frame house on the Western Reserve, believed by some historians to be the first frame house in Ohio. It is located on the old Girdled Road, now known as College Street, on the west bank of Coffee Creek. In that same year Ambrose Humphrey built a grist mill near Austin’s saw mill. Both were located on Grand River at Mechanicsville.

In 1803 Eliphalet Austin contracted for the first mail route along the Lake Shore. Thus the first post office was established here in 1803 with Mr. Austin as postmaster.

In 1804 the first meeting house was built. It was of log and was located on the west side of Route 45, opposite the present cemetery. It was replaced by a second one in 1810. The first resident minister arrived here from Connecticut in 1811. This was Rev. Giles Hooker Cowles, his wife and eight children. For a time they lived in the meeting house, while their own cabin was being built.

The War of 1812 delayed the development of the settlements, and the blockade established by the British, together with their foraging expeditions, increased the hardships of the pioneers and delayed building. Perry’s victory in September 1812, which because of his youth came as a great surprise to the county residents who had seen him in Erie, relieved transportation and the people began the first frame church on the Reserve in 1814. This church was also the first in Ohio to have a steeple, and the ringing of the 500 lb. bell is said to have frightened away the wolves forever. This church was used for meetings from 1815 on, and although there was no way of heating it, it was filled winter and summer.

In 1815 Rev. Cowles built the house now occupied by his great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Ticknor (Margaret Cowles) and family. It stood at the rear of the log church, across from the cemetery south of the village. The parsonage study has, at the request of Miss Betsey Cowles, been kept intact since 1833. The same furniture, wall-paper and bright woven carpet are still there. Rev. Giles Hooker Cowles’ walking stick rests against the communion table from the first church. The huge stone fireplace with the Dutch Oven is still in use.

Also in 1815 Eliphalet Austin was building the beautiful brick home at the northwest corner of the intersection of the present Route 45 and College Street. Known as Syc-

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**THE DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES AND ANN HOWARD AUSTIN**

by Katherine Fleming Wright

J. JAMES¹ AUSTIN was born in 1770 near Harper's Ferry, Virginia. He was married to Ann Howard, who was born in Virginia. James came to Cartwright's Creek, Washington County, Kentucky, in 1790. His wife Ann died in that county around 1830, and there is pretty good proof that she was buried at St. Rose's Priory cemetery near Springfield, Kentucky. Two years later James moved to Union County, Kentucky, where he died on 23 July 1850 and was buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in St. Vincent, Kentucky. The children of James and Ann were born in Washington County:

- J1. BENEDICT, *born in 1792 +*
- J2. JOHN, *born circa 1794*
- J3. CATHERINE, *born circa 1797, single*
- J4. THERESA, *born circa 1800, died in Illinois, m. Benedict Smith in Union County*
- J5. AMBROSE, *born 1804 +*
- J6. SARAH, *born circa 1806, single*
- J7. ROSE ANN, *b. October 1807, d. 6 November 1859 in Union County, m. Edward Yates 4 October 1853*
- J8. THOMAS AQUINAS, *born 15 October 1810 +*

SECOND GENERATION

J1. BENEDICT² AUSTIN (*James*¹) was born in 1792 in Washington County, Kentucky. He was married in Washington County on 21 August 1825 to Margaret Yates. Margaret, the daughter of John and Henrietta (Cambren) Yates, was born circa 1804. Benedict died in July 1849 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, while Margaret died on 10 January 1855 in Union County, Kentucky. Benedict and Margaret may have had children prior to Edward, but if so they are unknown, as the St. Rose Church registers did not begin until 1830. Their children that were recorded in Kentucky included:

- J11. EDWARD, *born circa 1832 in Washington County*
- J12. MAHALA ANN, *born 17 September 1834 in Union County, m. John T. Bowles*
- J13. TERESA JANE, *born 1 December 1836 in Union County, m. Samuel Elliot 19 November 1856*
- J14. SARAH ELLEN, *born 28 May 1839 Union County, married a Willett or Pierceall*
- J15. ISABELLA, *born on 12 October 1841 in Union County, d. 3 November 1868, m. Philip Greenwell 29 October 1861*
- J16. SOPHRONIA CATHERINE, *b. 9 January 1847 in Graves County, m. Joseph A. Melton 14 June 1870*
- J17. MARGARET EDELIA, *born 10 February 1850 Graves County, married a Bolds or Ballou*

J5. AMBROSE² AUSTIN (*James*¹) was born in 1804 in Washington County, Kentucky. He was married in Washington County on 31 January 1827 to Mary Ann Herbert. Mary, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Hill) Herbert, was born on 28 December 1807 in Washington County, and died circa 1880 in Graves County. Ambrose also died in Graves County. Children recorded in Kentucky:

- J51. FRANCIS ROSEMOND, *born circa 1828 in Washington County, reportedly died in the Civil War*
- J52. MARY ANN, *born 1 July 1829 Union County, d. as an infant*
- J53. MARTHA ELLEN, *b. 4 May 1830 Union County, m. Charles Purcealle (Pierceall) on September 1856 in Graves County*
- J54. RICHARD LOGAN, *born 31 May 1834 in Union County, reportedly died in Texas*
- J55. TERESA ANN MELISSA, *b. in February 1835 in Union County, m. Henry Ryan*
- J56. ELIZABETH PAULINE, *born 20 February 1838 in Union County, m. John Riley*
- J57. MARGARET JANE, *born 10 January 1840 Union County, d. circa 1908 Carlisle County, m. Jeremiah M. Riley circa 1854 in Graves Co.*
- J58. JOHN ALFORD, *born 26 January 1842 in Union County, died as an infant*
- J59. JAMES, *born circa 1843 in Graves County, m.(1) Kate Anderson on 4 October 1888, m.(2) Elizabeth Nest on 24 February 1894.*
- J5A. JOHN AMBROSE, *born 4 August 1844 in Graves County, died 22 July 1894 in Carlisle County, single*
- J5B. SARAH FRANCES, *born 4 August 1844 in Graves County, m. Alfred 'Puss' Hargiss*
- J5C. ANN MODESTA, *b. circa 1849 in Graves County, died in Paris, Tennessee, m. James Carroll*
- J5D. SUSANNA JOSEPHINE, *born on 24 March 1852 in Graves County*
- J5E. THOMAS GULIELMAN, *born on 12 August 1854 in Graves County*

J8. THOMAS AQUINAS² AUSTIN (*James*¹) was born on 15 October 1810 in Washington County, Kentucky. He was married in Union County, Kentucky on 26 July 1836 to Mary Ann Railey. Mary, the daughter of Basil and Elizabeth (Spaulding) Railey, was born on 2 March 1812 in Marion County, Kentucky. Mary died 29 November 1856 in Union County, while Thomas died there 12 March 1864. Their children were born in Union County, except perhaps the last, who was born in Kentucky:

- J81. JAMES BASIL, *born 1 September 1837+*
- J82. MARY ANN ELIZABETH, *b. 20 January 1839+*
- J83. JANE VICTORIA, *born 20 August 1840+*
- J84. FRANCIS XAVIER, *born 26 February 1842+*
- J85. MARGARET ANN, *born 13 December 1843+*
- J86. THOMAS AQUINAS, JR., *born 7 March 1846+*
- J87. JOHN HOWARD, *born 5 December 1847+*
- J88. BENEDICT JOSEPH, *born 7 October 1849+*

THIRD GENERATION

J81. JAMES BASIL³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 1 September 1837 in Union County, Kentucky. He was married in Union County on 31 May 1864 to Mary Ellen Yates. Mary, the daughter of William and Maria (Montgomery) Yates, was born circa 1839 and died on 14 October 1921 in Union County. James died 29 July 1924, also in Union County. Children:

- J811. GEORGE EDWARD, *born 7 August 1866, died on 14 August 1866*
- J812. MARY GERALDINE, *b. 8 January 1868, d. 23 June 1918 m. — Greenwell*
- J813. CHARLES MARTIN, *born on 25 December 1869, died on 7 November 1934 m. Nettie V. Johnson on 31 October 1894 (five children)*
- J814. JAMES HERMAN, *born on 25 April 1871, m. Sue Emma Cruz 11 January 1898, had a large family*
- J815. ROBERT AARON, *b. 25 April 1873, d. 1 August 1948, single*
- J816. ANNIE CARRIE, *b. 5 December 1876, died single*
- J817. WILLIAM JOSEPH, *born in April 1881, died on 13 August 1881*

J82. MARY ANN ELIZABETH³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 20 January 1839 in Union County, Kentucky, and was married to — Mills. She died 29 November 1856. MILLS CHILDREN: BEN, WILLIAM, JOSEPH.

J83. JANE VICTORIA³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 20 August 1840 in Union County, Kentucky. She was married first on 7 June 1863 to Lafayette Martin, and second to — Hite. Her children were all by her first husband. Jane died on 7 November 1890. MARTIN CHILDREN: LAFAYETTE, LAVELLE, JAMES THOMAS 1865.

J84. FRANCIS XAVIER³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 26 February 1842 in Union County, Kentucky. He was married on 19 January 1874 to Mary Emma Hardin. Francis died in Mississippi or Arkansas. Francis and Mary are known to have had two sons.

J85. MARGARET ANN³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 13 December 1843 in Union County, Kentucky. She was married on 14 April 1874 to William Kendrick Yates. William was born on 6 April 1846, and died 29 November 1917. Margaret died 17 October 1921. The YATES CHILDREN: ANNIE LAVAILLE 1875, JOHN KENDRICK 1877, MARY MABEL CLARE 1879, THOMAS EDWARD 1881, GEORGE SYLVESTER 1883, MARY MAGDALEN 1886, AND MARTHA AGNES 1889.

J86. THOMAS AQUINAS³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 7 March 1846 in Union County, Ken-

tucky. He was married on 11 November 1874 to Frances Elizabeth Casey. Frances, an orphan living at St. Vincent Academy in St. Vincent, Kentucky, at the time of her marriage, was born on 17 January 1852 in Daviess County, Kentucky. Thomas and Frances both died circa 1925 in Union County. Children:

- J861. LEE T., *b. 8 February 1887, d. 13 July 1964, m. Johanna Minton (two children)*
- J862. GEORGE EARL, *b. circa 1891, d. circa 1962, m. Mary Emma Wathen (six children)*
- J863. HAROLD, *d. single*
- J864. BENEDICT THOMAS, *m. Lucy Earl Sandefur, early widow of John Raymond Austin (five children)*
- J865. REGINA, *b. circa 1894, d. circa 1975, single*
- J866. ETHEL *m. Henry Greenwell (two children)*
- J867. WALTER *m. Gertrude Clark (six children)*
- J868. FLORENCE GENEVIEVE, *m. William Yancy Compton (eight children)*
- J869. HELEN MAY, *born 8 April 1889*
- J86A. JOSEPH JOHNSON, *born 29 November 1880*

J87. JOHN HOWARD³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 5 December 1847 in Union County, Kentucky. He was married on 2 January 1871 to Martha L. Brown, the daughter of John and Susan Brown. John died in Henderson County, Kentucky. Children:

- J871. JOSEPH EDWARD, *b. 22 December 1874 Union County, d. 30 August 1919 Lincoln, Nebraska. m.(1) Mabel — circa 1905, m.(2) Cora Alice Tate circa 1907 (two children)*
- J872. CLAUDE, *born 10 August 1877 (twin), died on 2 November —, single*
- J873. HERBERT WILLIAM, *b. 10 August 1877 (twin), d. 17 April 1928 Evansville, Indiana, m. Claudia Morton Ely 11 July 1904 Evansville (five children)*
- J874. MARY MAGDELINE, *b. 20 October 1878 Uniontown, Kentucky, d. on 2 November 1932 in Beloit, Kansas. She married Charles Lawrence Peak on 1 February 1904 (eight children)*
- J875. JOHN RAYMOND, *b. 10 March 1882, d. 30 December 1905 (was thrown from a horse), m. Lucy Earl Sandefur 10 June 1903 (one child)*

J88. BENEDICT JOSEPH³ AUSTIN (*Thomas Aquinas*,² *James*¹) was born 7 October 1849. He was married first to Mary E. Leonard, an orphan living at St. Vincent's Academy, St. Vincent, Kentucky. Her father was born in Kentucky, her mother was born in France, according to the 1880 census. Mary was born circa 1848, and died circa 1887. Benedict was married second Catherine Clare Manning. Catherine was born on 8 April 1863, and died on 1 March 1946. Benedict died 14 February 1924. His first five children were by Mary, the others by Catherine:

- J881. WALTER T., *b. circa 1871, d. circa 1883 drowned (thought to have been murdered)*
- J882. ROSE ANNA, *b. January 1873, d. 17 October 1953, m. George M. Elder (eight ch.)*
- J883. BENEDICT, *b. circa 1876, d. circa 1876*
- J884. VICTORIA EMMA, *b. 4 June 1877, d. 30 October 1942, m. James Ladd (six children)*
- J885. MARY JOSEPH, *b. 2 November 1883, d. November 1970*
- J886. EMMA LEWIS, *b. 24 May 1891, living in 1981, m. James Francis Fleming 4 June 1913 (five children)*
- J887. ROBERTA CATHERINE, *b. 13 October 1892, d. living in 1981, m. James Martine Pearce 15 September 1939 (no children)*
- J888. EDNA CHRISTINE, *b. 3 July 1895?, d. 23 January 1973, m. Bayard McIntosh Starnes 30 November 1916 (two children)*
- J889. EVA CLARE, *b. 18 March 1898, d. 13 December 1948, entered convent 18 January 1923 - Sister Clare Benedict*
- J88A. MARGUERITE MARY, *b. 2 November 1899, d. 8 May 1900*
- J88B. WILLIAM JOSEPH, *b. 19 August 1901, d. 20 February 1930, m. Mary Thomas 9 June 1926 (one child)*
- J88C. CORNELIA JANE, *b. 29 December 1902, d. 2 June 1960, entered convent 18 January 1923 - Sister Catherine Joseph*

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LITERATURE

NICHOLAS AUSTIN THE QUAKER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BOLTON, by Harry B. Shufelt. Published by The Brome County Historical Society, Knowlton, Quebec, Canada 1971, 230 pages.

Nicholas Austin was brought up as a Quaker in New Hampshire, but married out of that sect and was consequently 'disowned' from being a member of the Quaker Society. He continued, however, to follow Quaker customs and "retrieved his standing and was forgiven." Nicholas was a resident of Middleton, NH in 1774 when he acted as an agent to employ carpenters to build Quarters for General Gage's troops in Boston. Publicly repenting of this action, Nicholas nonetheless warned New Hampshire Governor Wentworth in 1775 of a plan to seize him. A few years after the Revolutionary War, loyalist Nicholas turned his attention to ungranted lands in Canada.

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more Hall, because of the towering Sycamore tree beside it, this house was for many years a refuge for runaway slaves on the Underground Railway. The traditions established by the Austin family which made the great house a community gathering place have been carried on by the present owner, Austin Ellsworth.

In 1820 the Ashtabula-Warren Turnpike was completed and Austinburg was on the stage coach line. Thus both water and overland transportation aided in the growth of Austinburg. The first county fair was held here in 1823, with Mrs. Eliphalet Austin winning a prize for the best woolen flannel, and her husband a prize for the best bull. A total of \$40 was awarded. Joab Austin built a fine brick store here in 1826. It was the best in this part of the country. Merchants from Cleveland came to buy from him. In 1841 he tore it down and rebuilt it on the northwest corner of Route 45 and Route 307. It is now owned and operated by Pelton and Throop.

A beautiful brick church was completed in 1877. It was designed by Rev. J. K. Nutting, pastor here at the time, after one he had built in Iowa which was noted as the inspiration for the song "Little Brown Church in the Vale." It was erected at a cost of \$17,000 on land given by Capt. L. B. Austin. Miss Betsy Cowles, one of the truly great women of her day, was an active member of the building committee. One of the first gatherings in the church was for her funeral, as she died just as it was completed.

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After unsuccessful attempts to be granted two other Quebec province townships along the border with the U.S., Nicholas eventually was granted the township of Bolton in 1797, having been one of its pioneer settlers in 1793 or 1794.

This book makes for very interesting reading, filled as it is with numerous stories of Nicholas and his contemporaries. It is profusely illustrated with photographs and maps, tracing the history of the Eastern Townships of Quebec province. Although it contains some of the most comprehensively-referenced genealogical research ever to appear in print, this book is not an exhaustive study of Nicholas' descendants. Rather it is a fascinating collection of romantic reflections and recollections concerning the remarkable pioneer, Nicholas Austin, and the historic times in which he lived. Copies of this excellent and unique book are available for \$12.85 postpaid from The Brome County Historical Society, Box 690, Knowlton, Quebec, Canada JOE 1V0.

HOPESTILL AUSTIN OF SHELBURNE, NH*by Benjamin G. Willey*

The following article was taken from *Incidents in White Mountain History*, published by the author in 1856.

The history of Shelburne is strikingly diversified with scenes of toil and hardships endured by its early settlers. Mr. Hope Austin with his family, consisting of a wife and three children, moved into this town April 1st, 1781. At that time there was five feet of snow on the ground. All the way from Bethel (Maine) they waded through this depth of snow, occasionally going on the ice of the Androscoggin river, along which their path lay. The furniture was drawn by Mr. Austin and two hired men, on hand-sleds. Mrs. Austin went on foot, carrying her youngest child, nine months old, in her arms, with Judith the eldest girl, six years of age, and little James, then four years, trudging by her side. They went, in this way, at least twelve miles to their place of residence.

When they arrived at their new home, they found simply the walls of a cabin without floor or roof. To make a shelter from the rains and snows, they cut poles and laid them across the walls to serve as the support of a roof. On these they laid rough shingles covering a space large enough for a bed. With no more covering on its roof, and with only some shingles nailed together and put into one of the sides for a door, they lived till the next June. Then they covered all its walls, and gave it an entire roof. For something to shelter their cow, they dug a large square hole in the snow, down to the ground, and covered it over with poles and boughs. This served as a house till the snow went off, and then the poor cow needed no shelter but the open heavens. Thus they lived quietly and happily, if not very comfortably, till August, the time of the Indian massacre.

An account of this has been given, in part, in the narrative of the captivity of Nathaniel Segar. What was omitted by him, not coming under his observation, we shall here give. Segar tells us that a party of Indians from the woods, painted and armed with tomahawks, came upon him and some others while in a field in Bethel, bound them, and after plundering the house and making a rude assault upon the wife of one of the prisoners, started them off, saying they were prisoners and must go to Canada. The first hal they made was at Gilead, where they killed and scalped Mr. James Pettengill. After this they crossed the Androscoggin with these prisoners, and went to the house of Hope Austin of Shelburne.

Here they searched for plunder. Mr. Austin being away from home, they told his wife to remain in the house, and she should not be hurt. Hurrying on, they went to the

house of Capt. Rindge, further up the river. Here they killed and scalped Peter Poor, and took Plato, the colored man, prisoner. So far Segar, in his narrative, has traced their course, though much more minutely in its various details. Now, leaving him to pass on his way to Canada with the Indians, we shall take up those parts of the sad scene which he did not witness. Hope Austin, who was at Capt. Rindge's at the time the Indians and their prisoners went into his own house, when they approached Capt. Rindge's, after seeing Poor killed, and Plato taken prisoner, fled immediately across the Androscoggin. Following down this river a mile or two, he came to the house of Mr. Daniel Ingalls. Here he found his three children. His wife had been here, brought over the river in a boat by Mr. Ingalls, but had just gone back to her house on an important errand. The children came, one with a Mrs. Wentworth, who waded the river with it in her arms, and the other two in the boat with their mother. Mrs. Austin had just gone back to her house just before her husband came, in company with Mrs. Wentworth, to get some meal and bring it to Ingalls', she having more of that article than any other one in the vicinity. Very soon after Austin arrived at Mr. Ingalls', most of the neighbors came hurrying in, excited by the news of the sad affair that had just taken place near Rindge's house.

Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Wentworth not returning so soon as they were expected, the whole company crossed the river and went to Mr. Austin's house. Here they found them making all haste to gather the meal and return to Mr. Ingalls'. But after consulting awhile, and reflecting that there might be danger in all the houses, they concluded to take the meal and some maple sugar, and go to the top of a mountain near by, and spend the night. They did this, and after ascending its precipitous side, spent the night on the summit, in full hearing of the whoopings and shoutings of the Indians. From this circumstance the mountain has since been called "Hark Hill."

Finding, on their return from this mountain the following morning, that there were signs of Indians still in the neighborhood, they fled to Fryeburg (Maine), all the way through the forest, fifty-nine miles from Shelburne. Here they remained till the danger was passed. Then again they sought their home in the wilderness. The season being unpropitious, the return company, numbering about twelve persons, old and young, made their way back through many hardships and sufferings. It was March, and a large quantity of snow was on the ground. Their journey about half accomplished, they encountered a terrible storm of rain. The men were compelled to stand out in the open air, and buffet its force through one whole night, while the women and children were protected from it only by ticks of beds drawn over poles. These exposures they endured with noble courage and at length reached the end of their journey.

**AUSTINS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS
TAX VALUATION LIST OF 1771**

The following data was abstracted from *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771*, edited by Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, published in 1978 by G. K. Hall & Company, Boston. Maine was a district of Massachusetts until 1820, thus Austins living in Maine also appear here.

Andrew Asten	Berwick, Maine	1 house
Anthony Austin	Sheffield, Mass	Note 6
Anthony Austin, Jr.	Sheffield, Mass	1 house
Baby Austin	Sheffield, Mass	Note 5
Benj ^a Asten	Berwick, Maine	1 house
Benj ^a Austin	Boston, Mass.	1 house
Benoni Astin	Brunswick, Maine	0 house
Caleb Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 1
David Asten	Dracut, Mass.	1 house
David Auston	Norton, Mass.	1/4 house
Ebenezer Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	Note 7
Gad Austin	Sheffield, Mass	Note 6
Hannah Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 2
Ichabod Austn	York, Maine	Note 8
Isaac Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 3
Jacob Austin	Taunton, Mass.	0 house
James Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	0 house
James Auston	Norton, Mass.	1/4 house
Joab Austin	Sheffield, Mass	1 house
John Austin, Jr.	Charlestown, Mass.	1 house
John Austin II	Charlestown, Mass.	0 house
John Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	Note 7
John Asten	Dracut, Mass.	
John Asten	Methuen, Mass.	1 house
John Asten, Jr.	Methuen, Mass.	Note 1
John Auston	Norton, Mass.	1 house
John Austin	Sheffield, Mass	1 house
John Austin	Stockbridge, Mass.	0 house
Jonathan Austen	Dighton, Mass.	1 house
Joseph Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
Joseph Astens	Dartmouth, Mass.	1/3 house
Joseph Austin	Springfield, Mass	0 house
Joseph Austin, Jr.	York, Maine	0 house
Joseph Austin	York, Maine	Note 8
Joshua Austen	Dartmouth, Mass.	1 house
Joshua Auston	Norton, Mass.	1/4 house
Josiah Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1/4 house
Josiah Austin, Jr.	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
Josiah Auston	Norton, Mass.	1/4 house
Judah Austin	Egremont, Mass.	1 house
Lem ^l Austin	Sheffield, Mass	Note 9
Mary Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1 house
Matthew Austin	York, Maine	Note 8
Moses Asten	Berwick, Maine	0 house
Nath ^{ll} Austen	Dighton, Mass.	Note 4

Nath ^l Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
Nathan Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 2
Nathan ^{ll} Austin	Sheffield, Mass	1 house
Nathanael II	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
Peter Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 2
Reuben Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 1
Richard Austin	Springfield, Mass	1 house
Ruth Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
Sam ^{ll} Austin	Sheffield, Mass	1 house
Samuel Austin	Boston, Mass.	1 house
Samuel Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	0 house
Stephan Austin	Taunton, Mass.	0 house
Stephen Auston	non-resident	Note 10
Thomas Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1 house
Thomas Asten	Methuen, Mass.	Note 3
Timothy Austin	Charlestown, Mass.	1/2 house
William Auston	Taunton, Mass.	1 house
Zachariah Austen	Dighton, Mass.	Note 4
Zeph ⁿ Austin	Sheffield, Mass	1 house

NOTE 1: Caleb and John, Jr. each owned half a house, Reuben listed with them.

NOTE 2: Nathan and Hannah each owned half a house, Peter listed with them.

NOTE 3: Thomas and Isaac each owned half a house.

NOTE 4: Zachariah had one house, apparently adjacent to another house owned by Nathaniel.

NOTE 5: 'Baby' owned no house, but did own land & grain.

NOTE 6: Anthony owned a house, Gad listed with him.

NOTE 7: John owned a house, Ebenezer listed with him.

NOTE 8: Joseph and Matthew each owned half a house, Ichabod and Joseph, Jr. listed with them.

NOTE 9: Lemuel was listed with Samuel Slate.

NOTE 10: Stephen was listed with Joshua, John, James, David and Josiah, all in Norton, Mass.

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QUERIES

26-1. **Jeremiah Austin** was born 29 November 1792 in Vermont, died 15 December 1879 in Morley, St. Lawrence County, New York. Married Elizabeth Howard (born in New Hampshire) on 28 February 1819. Children and birthyears: Albert 1821, William 1823, Mahalia 1825, Joseph 1827, Minerva 1829, George 1832, John 1835, Pauline 1838, James 1840, Mary 1842, Samuel 1844. Need ancestry of Jeremiah.

26-2. **Freeman Austin** was born on 25 March 1770 (in Rhode Island according to 1850 Illinois census). From R.I. to New York 1784. Married Catherine Von Wagenen 18 April 1799. To Delaware, Seneca, and Niagara Counties (all N.Y.), then to LaSalle County, Illinois. At least four of his thirteen children were born in Delaware County, six in Seneca County. Freeman died 24 April 1856 LaSalle County. Seek birthplace and ancestry of Freeman.

26-3. **Thomas Austin** had at least two sons, Freeman and ???. Freeman was born in Massachusetts or Rhode Island 1770, married Catherine Van Wagenen a New Jersey Holland Dutch girl in 1799 state of New York. Freeman, Jr. married Niagara County, New York, Phebe Adair born in Canada. Seek ancestry of both Thomas and Phebe.

26-4. **Oren Austin** (Orin/Orinn) was born about 1809 in Rhode Island or New York, married Helena De LaMotte, daughter of Andrew DeMotte, in Yates County, New York. Need ancestry of Oren and information on Andrew.

26-5. **Grant Lincoln Austin** was born in Nebraska in 1853. He was an employee of the National Print Shop in Washington, D.C. He had an older brother Oscar Phelps Austin (who appears prominently in the early 1900's edition of *Who's Who*), and a sister Louella Austin born in Nebraska in 1859 who married Albert A. Post, lived in Rogers, Arkansas in early 1900's. Need parents of Oscar, Grant and Louella.

26-6. **Joseph Austin** married Jenny Alford 3 June 1800. Her father William Alford, consent, Benjamin Austin, surety *Marriage Register 1753-1852 Amherst County, Virginia*. Joseph came to Macon County, Illinois circa 1830 via Rutherford County, Tennessee, with three sons Benjamin Robert, William Alford, and Joseph. A half-brother of these three, Jesse, also came a little later. Need parents of Joseph.

26-7. **William Green Austin** was born in 1806 in North Carolina and was in Dickson County, Tennessee in 1820. He married Mary Cathey, had a son John F. Austin born circa 1838 in Dickson County. Would like ancestry of William and any descendants of John.

26-8. **John Austin** was born circa 1796 in Jacksonville, Alabama. He married Frankie King, born circa 1800 in Alabama. Their children were born in Alabama, the last four in Jackson: William K. ca. 1826, Emily ca. 1828, Eliza ca. 1830, Daniel Wesley 20 May 1832, James Madison ca. 1834, Mary ca. 1836, Delia ca. 1838. Seek ancestry of John Austin.

26-9. **James Austin** was born in 1838 in New York, died 1869, probably in Wisconsin. He married Mary Elizabeth Wright 1 April 1849. They had at least one child Mattie who married Frank Lemuel Waterman. Need ancestry, complete vitals for James and children.

26-10. **Lyman Austin** was born in 1824 in Cambridge, Vermont, married Selina Spaulding in Fletcher, Vermont. Sons were Zachary Taylor, Curtis, and Alfred Lyman. Need parents of Lyman.

26-11. **Sylvester Atwood Austin** was born 19 March 1832 in Michigan, died 4 March 1898 in Jasper County, Michigan, buried Wheatfield Cemetery. Came to Porte County, Indiana, in 1835 with parents. Searching for his brother Joseph P. Austin who also lived in Kankakee River area.

26-12. **John Austin**, son of John and Tamson (Mead), married Lucy French 5 August 1805, probably in Dorset, Vermont. They had eight children born in Hamburg, Erie County, New York. Seek all information on John and Tamson.

26-12a. **Mehitable Austin** was born on 14 January 1772, married Eli Grover born 1763 died 2 September 1837, son of Dea. James and Sarah (Wellman). Need ancestry of Mehitable and Sarah.

26-13. **Merwin Austin** was born on 1 August 1814 married Almira Haywood on 27 October 1851, probably in Rochester, New York. Need the birthplace and parents of Almira.

26-14. **Edward H. Austin** born in Norton, Mass. on 18 February 1856 died Taunton, Mass. 4 September 1927. He married Cora B. Leonard b. Norton December 1862, died Taunton 20 March 1940. Seek ancestry of Cora.

26-15. **Middy Austin** born circa 1856 in Quebec Province, Canada, son of Abram and Harriet. He m(1) in 1880 to Alice Ramo of Wilmot, NH, m(2) in 1882 to Mary Minar or Mary Rowe, m(3) Sophronia Laborse. Middy was a farmer, resided at Wilmot & Danbury, NH. Seek ancestry of Middy's wives and parents.

26-16. **Benoni Austin** married Abigail Lane in Swanzey, NH on 28 November 1805, both residents of Swanzey. They had at least two children: Mary b. 1817, Sylvester b. 1822. Seek ancestry of both Benoni & Abigail.

JEFFERSON C. AUSTIN

The following is based on a 1921 obituary submitted by Linda Austin Finster of Newbury Park, California. The accompanying photograph of Jefferson C. Austin was made available courtesy of Lee Watkins of Sedgwick, Kansas.

Jefferson C. Austin was born in Wisconsin on 28 March 1830. He died at the home of his son Alex near Dunlap, Oklahoma on 21 January 1921. Of sturdy German and English pioneer stock, Jefferson grew to manhood on his father's farm. When 16 years old he moved with his father to Illinois, where he met and a few years later married Miss Evelyn Echols. They settled in Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois. Happiness there, however was short-lived, for a few years later Evelyn died, leaving Jefferson with an infant daughter, the only child of their union. This daughter is still living, now Mrs. Henry Bohard of Dunlap. Jefferson soon after moved to Lewiston in Jefferson County (sic) where he met and later married Miss Katheryn Childress.

The Civil War came on, and in 1862 Jefferson enlisted in an Illinois regiment and served his country until the close of the war. After the war he made his home for a few years in Lewiston, but his pioneer blood called him westward, and in 1871 he moved his family by covered wagon to Macon County, Missouri. Here he lived for eight years, but the west was still calling and again the covered wagons were brought into use as he moved to Greenwood County, Kansas. Jefferson and Katheryn purchased a farm near Madison which became the family home for more than twenty years. Here their younger children grew to manhood and womanhood, and here in September 1902 Katheryn died and was buried in the family burying ground.

Mr. Austin was not satisfied after the death of his wife, and selling his farm to one of his sons, he came to Oklahoma in 1904 with five of his children and fled on land a few miles north of Dunlap, forming the settlement still known as Austin Valley.

Grandfather Austin, as Jefferson was now familiarly called, became an active booster for northwest Oklahoma, and by his influence many of his relatives and friends came to the area. He was an active farmer himself, and encouraged others, both by his words and actions. He was loved by everybody and for years his birthday has been celebrated by his relatives and friends for miles around.

Several years ago, his last daughter married, grandfather Jefferson found himself without a housekeeper and he closed up his home and went to live with his son Alex where he lived the last few years. He was strong and active, and raised his truck and potato patches each summer where he worked with more vigor than most men

years younger than himself.

Photo AOA-27

Soon after the first of the year, Grandfather had an attack of gall stones which at his extreme age was very severe.

He suffered intensely for several days and the children, of whom there are 17 living, were notified and soon began to arrive. On Tuesday the 18th there were 15 of his children at his bedside. He was conscious and knew them and called each by name. He lingered on until Friday evening when he passed away.

Grandfather was the father of a remarkable family of 22 children, 21 of whom are full brothers and sisters. His oldest child is 64 and his youngest 35 years of age. There are 84 living grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren.

The body was prepared for burial by Mr. Callaway, and on Sunday a beautiful funeral talk was given by Rev. McClain, after which the body was taken to Fargo and shipped to Madison, Kansas, where it was interred by the side of his loving wife and life companion.

Grandfather Jefferson is survived by two half-brothers, one of whom is Mr. Jerry (Jeremiah) Austin of Harmon, Oklahoma, and two half-sisters living in Missouri. His surviving children are: Mrs. Almira Bohard of Dunlap; Mrs. Pauline Jobson of Mission, Texas; Alison Austin of Woodward; Charles Austin of Doby Springs; Mrs. Amanda Tatman of Hartford, Kansas; Thomas Austin of Dunlap; Alex Austin of Dunlap; William Austin of Dunlap; Nathaniel Austin of Madison, Kansas; Mrs. Emma Weidrich of Doby Springs; Mrs. Rachel Baker of Oklahoma City; Fred Austin of Hamilton, Kansas; Mrs. Evelyn Mahaffey of Burlington, Kansas; Mrs. Wills of Dunlap; Mrs. Belle Blank of Madison, Kansas; Mrs. Lillie Stead of Woodward; John Austin of Madison, Kansas. Three granddaughters with families in Harper County are: Mrs. Ida Lipsic of Buffalo; Mrs. Margaret Simpson of May; Mrs. Katheryn Nixon of Laverne.

**AUSTIN IMMIGRANTS FOUND
IN THE 1880 CENSUS OF
MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN**

by Janet Austin Curtis

The following list of Immigrants has been compiled from microfilm of the 1880 Soundex index cards prepared by the U. S. Government for Social Security purposes, which cards were copied from original census records. Errors of interpretation have quite possibly occurred. Check originals to be sure of facts. Bear in mind that Soundex only includes those families with children under ten years of age. Newly marrieds with no children will not be listed, nor families in which all of the children are over ten. This list does not include immigrants from Canada, who will be covered at a later date. Unless otherwise indicated, persons were born in the United States:

August Austin age 33 b. Saxony; wife Maria 38 b. Baden, Charles 4, Frank 3. Res. Cannon Falls, Goodhue County, MN 5-152/37-15.

Gilbert T. Austin age 23 b. Norway; wife Georgie 21 b. Norway, Bertha A. 7/12. Res. Harmony, Fillmore County, MN 4-76/9-23.

John Austin age 27 b. Scotland; wife Edith 25 b. Canada, George 2, Elizabeth 6/12. Res. Dundas, Rice County, MN 13-134/32/27.

John W. Austin age 39 b. England; wife Elizabeth 32, George 15, Joseph 13, Esther 7, William 1. Res. Butternut Valley, Blue Earth County, MN 1-16/8-49.

Langamire Austin age 28 b. Norway; wife Bessie 24 b. Sweden, Ida 5. Res. Excelsior, Hennepin County, MN 7-219/16-47.

Olison Austin age 42 b. Norway; wife Valborg 33 b. Norway, Anna 13, Olena 10, Ernest 8, Inga 6, Aretta 4, Theodore 2. Res. Money Creek, Houston County, MN 7-115/14-11.

Robert Austin age 29 b. Scotland; wife Martha 25, Maggie 2, Babe 5/30, Margaret 60 b. Scotland. Res. Walcott, Rice County, MN 13-143/4-31.

David Austin age 66 b. Wales; wife Mary A. 45 b. England, David 20, Joseph 9, Frank 7, Byron 4, Alice 18. Res. Eldorado, Fond du Lac County, WI 9-36/27-41.

Elizabeth Austin age 70 b. England. Res. Deerfield Waushara County, WI 31-187/6-8.

Ellen Austin age 40 b. Ireland; Belle 18, Charles 15, Lizzy 13, William 11, Nellie 6, John 3. Res. (town not legible), Dunn County, WI 8-150/23-8.

German Austin age 35 b. Norway; wife Margaret 33, Adoph K. 4, Annie H. 6/12. Res. Lowville, Columbia County, WI 4-28/2-10.

Harry Austin age 27 b. England; Elizabeth 23, Parker 3, Martha Peely 11. Res. Spring Green, Sauk County, WI 26-261/8-10.

Henry Austin age 58 b. England; wife Mary 38 b. England, Elisa 27 b. England, Walter 19, Reuben 15, Alice 13, Edwin 10, Maple 3. Res. Lancaster, Grant County, WI 10-111/27-46.

Holiver Austin age 55 b. Norway; wife Betsy 49 b. Norway, Austin 18, Thomas 16, Lewis 13, Isibelle 11, Betsy 9, Christian 7. Res. Burnside, Trempealeau County, WI 28-62/35-1.

James B. Auston age 37 b. England; wife Minnie 36, James 10, Arthur 8, Albert 6, William 4, Joseph 11/12. Res. Hazel Green, Grant County, WI 10-108/7-46.

Jessie Austin female age 35 b. Scotland; John 13. Res. Racine, Racine County, WI 23-162/3-33.

John Austin age 41 b. England; wife Sarah M. 39, Mary 14, Nellie 12, Amy 10, Wm. H. 5. Res. Arena, Iowa County, WI 12-148/23-50.

John S. Austin age 40 b. England; wife Annie 35, Frank B. 3, Walter J. 2, Hannah 80 b. England. Res. Racine, Racine County, WI 23-166/58-14.

Lisabeth Austen age 69 b. Norway; Grinder 24, Marion 32, A. Olaves 1, Flora 10. Res. Waupaca County, WI 31-178/16-13.

Nelson Austin age 53 b. Norway; wife Gurnell 47 b. Norway, Thomas 20, Edward 18, Ameliaa 14, George 10, Willie 6, Emma 1. Res. Winchester, Winnebago County, WI 32-217/5-38.

Thomas Aston age 27 b. England; wife Mary 32 b. England, James 4, Betsy 2. Res. Milwaukee, WI 18-126/27-47.

William Austin age 50 b. England; wife Mary 47, John 22, Alenda 13, Elnora 10, Luther 12. Res. Cadiz, Green County, WI 11-134/23-37.

William Austin age 30 b. Prussia; wife Elizabeth 30, Carrie May 4, Edwin 1-1/2. Res. Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, WI 9-42/3-18.

JOHN AUSTIN HOUSE*by Michael Edward Austin*

The following article was based upon notes in the possession of the North Andover Historical Society, copies of which were provided to *Austins of America* courtesy of Mrs. Mary Flinn of the Society. The photograph of the house was taken by the author during a 1981 field trip.

John Austin, S13 in the Samuel line (see page 9), built his home in that part of Andover, Mass. which later became the town of North Andover. Perhaps the oldest existing Austin home in the country, John's home was certainly built sometime before 1743, for on July 5th of that year his father Samuel deeded "to my beloved son [John] all my land and meadow where he now dwells."

In his Will (page 9) John left the property to "the first male heirs of the Body of my Brother Daniel." This turned out to be John Austin S162, who was born in 1764, the same year his uncle John S13 died.

In 1831 John Austin S162, his wife Dorcas (Carlton) and his two sons John Austin, Jr. S162-4 of Methuen and Daniel Austin S162-8 of Haverhill sold the home on 29 acres 120 rods of land to Ezra Clark of Waltham. According to notes by Phila Slade of North Andover, who searched through the registry of deeds, the house title passed in 1880 to Charles O. He menway, in 1881 to Eveline H. Clark, in 1884 to George S. Chadwick, in 1888 to Horatio B. Ellis, in 1902 to Gustav A. Yunggebauer, in 1915 to Anthony Rogers, in 1927 to Thomas A. Tattersall, in 1930 to Margaret A. Rogers, and in 1966 to Margaret A. and Anthony Rogers.

Photo AOA 29-1

Although much of the interior detail is gone, John Austin's farmhouse remains a cogent reminder of North Andover's early farmsteads. It is still standing today at 307 Clark Street, at the corner of Holt Road. In 1975 Marshall Rogers conducted inspection visits by Steve J. Roper, N. J. Stack, and Frank Demers. Their sketch of the first floor is shown above. Some of their observations:

Photo AOA 29-2

West room downstairs has Georgian panelled wainscot, chair rail, corner cupboard in southwest corner. Posts project and cased in flat boards, no flare. Greek mantelpiece. Summer not visible behind lath and plaster. East room downstairs was remodeled in mid-20th century.

Marshall Rogers says his father removed summer, was rough-hewn and had no chamfering. [Editor's Note: a 'summer' is a heavy horizontal timber which serves as a support beam for the floor above].

Staircase - remodeling both sides of staircase. Lined with mid-Georgian panelling at second floor level, of long and narrow variety (see sketch), was not used as doors, but must have been wall panelling.

Second floor East - summer, posts, girts exposed, very rough hewn, no sign of any decorative treatment whatsoever. Posts very strongly flared. Second floor West - remodeled mid-20th century. Greek Rev. mantelpiece. No flared posts were visible.

Attic - Purlin roof system on heavy principals, top back purlin acts as ridge stud wall construction, did not notice any discontinuity in roof to indicate two periods of house construction - reached conclusion that house is one build, chimney stack rebuilt. Frame probably intended to be cased, though cast chamber may never have been finished. Probable date 1720-30's.

Cellar - under whole house. Chimney stack rests on large brick barrel vault running out from front wall. A peculiar timber at springing of vault projects into East end to carry hearth of fireplace in East end of house not into West.

WARREN SYLVANUS AUSTIN:

by Mark Austin Fountain

The following article is based in part upon an unpublished 1979 manuscript by the author entitled The History of Our Portion of the Austin Clan. The manuscript provides colorful details in the lives of some of the Austins of Hollis and Brookline, New Hampshire. Other details are found in the notes circa 1966 of Aleada Helen (Hammond) Austin, wife of Frank A. Austin. These notes are currently in the possession of Ellsworth Allan Austin and his wife Elizabeth Catherine (Jensen) of Brookline, NH.

Warren Sylvanus Austin was the second of five childre of Warren Eldridge Austin and Dorothy Ann Bean, and was born in 1844 in Hollis, NH, later moving to Brookline, NH. Like his father, he was a cooper all his life, but being an adventurous sort his life was a little more exciting than that of his father, who stayed around Brookline all his life.

Warren went on several whaling voyages, where coopers are always needed, and are highly valued among the ship's personnel, being on an even rank with the 2nd mate.

A cooper was a well-paying craft even on land. The going price was 16 cents a shook (all the parts of a barrel or box unassembled). A good cooper could make \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day, equivalent now to about \$50 a day.

In the summer of 1871 Warren was looking for coopering work in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the Whaling Capital where many casks of whale oil were produced every year. It was on August 20th that Warren, always an eager man with the brew, got drunk, possibly with some help along the way. At any rate, when the dawn of August 21st came, he woke up to find himself at sea - shanghaied

Warren learned he was on the New Bedford three-masted bark Hercules, a whaler headed for the Indian Ocean! He was told that as long as he was cooperative he would be all right. The Captain, Warren later recalled, was a very rough individual, and as the Captain was the only law in sight, it behooved Warren to bide his time, which he wisely did. It was a busy time onboard the Hercules. He served as a cooper, making the barrels to hold the oil from the dead whales. He often spoke of doughnuts fried in the fat from the whales. Once Warren came close to being killed, when he saw a whale sounding just under the hull of their whale boat. He yelled to the others and jumped. It was lucky for him that he had seen the whale coming, for it broke the boat in half, just where his knees had been!

Time passed, until finally they came to the rich whale hunting grounds of the Indian Ocean. They came so close to the shore of Australia that Warren jumped ship, and in this way escaped. They tried to capture him, but were unsuccessful, and they were left without their cooper. He got ashore, and came eventually to a sheep farm where he found work and saved money. On this farm with over 1000 sheep, his job was to cart supplies to the shepherds.

He thus worked his way across the Australian continent, finally reaching Sidney where he set sail for America

Warren had been away for two or three years. He came up to the house where his sister Jennie was living on Canal Street. He had changed somewhat in appearance, for he was wearing a full beard and wore sailor's clothing. . . his own sister didn't even recognize him at first

That was not the only voyage that Warren went on, but it is the only one of which we have any great deal of knowledge. Warren later settled down, marrying Nellie F. Cleveland of Brookline on 9 December 1880 in Mason, NH. He was 36, she 22, and it was the first marriage fo both. They had three children: Frank Allen Austin born 19 November 1881 in Wilton, NH, died 19 February 1956; Rolan Austin born 14 September 1883 in Brookline, NH, died 1 August 1953 buried in Brookline; and Jennie Etta Austin born 17 March 1889 and died 19 July of that same year. Warren died in 1913 and is buried in Brookline.

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**WILLIAM AND MILLY AUSTIN
OF ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

by Janet Austin Curtis

The following article was submitted in response to Query 26-8 which appeared in the August 1981 issue of *Austins of America*.

William Austin first showed up about fifteen years ago when the late Bess Machtley, at my suggestion, stopped at the Court House in Anderson County, Tennessee. In the *Index to Court Orders 1801-1809* she found listed, all on page 38, the following Austins: William, John, Hezekiah, Robert, Elizabeth, Zachariah, Daniel, and Nancy.

Unfortunately, the Order Book itself was *not* available in the Court House. The above information, however, implied an estate settlement, and so it has turned out to be.

About 1801, William Austin and his wife Milly were residents of Anderson County. Both died circa 1802. Milly apparently died first, and William was ordered to bring the above children into Court, but before he could do so, William died, and a Hannah and Nathaniel Austin settled his estate. Some of their children were bound out. The children included the John Austin of Query 26-8:

Zachariah Austin born circa 1784 in Virginia, was living in 1850 in Coffee County, Tennessee. He married 26 August 1807 in Grainger County, Tennessee to Martha 'Patsy' Thomson.

Robert Austin born 1785 in Virginia, living in 1850 in Fayette County, Alabama. Married, probably in Grainger County, Elizabeth Webster, daughter of Reuben Webster. When Reuben died they were residents of Marion County, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Austin, probably born circa 1786 or before.

Hezekiah Austin born 17 February 1787, died after 1844 probably in DeKalb County, Alabama. He married Nancy Jane Blevins, born in 1795 and living in 1860. The Stephen Blevins Austin discussed below at White's Chapel was the son of Hezekiah and Nancy.

John Austin born 26 October 1789 in Virginia, as was learned by Charles Edwin Austin from a microfilm of *Anderson County Tennessee Court Orders 1802-1815*. John died in April 1850 aged 59, a resident of Dade County, Georgia. The 1850 Census of that County, District 21, was taken in October 1850 and included John's family: Mary Austin 53 born in Tennessee, and children William 24, Daniel 18, Delila 12, and Mary 8, all born in Alabama. Note that Mary is John's second wife, not the Franky King mentioned in Query 26-8. Probably the daughter Mary is by this second wife. His daughter Emily born circa 1824/5 by his first marriage, married 1 September 1839 in DeKalb County, Alabama, to William J. Bean. She married second circa 1844 to John R. Vance, and they were living in 1850 in Carroll County, Arkansas.

Daniel Austin born 16 October 1793 in Kentucky, died

after 1873 in Vernon County, Missouri. He married on 17 November 1817 to Nancy Edwards in Anderson County.

Nancy Austin is perhaps the Ann Austin who married 27 December 1808 in Roane Co., Tenn., to Robert White.

In addition to the above children, William and Milly apparently had an older son Joseph born circa 1780 and a daughter Phoebe born circa 1795 who perhaps died between 1840 and 1850 who was listed in the 1840 Census of Fayette County, Alabama, as Phoebe Osten. She was not found in the 1850 Census, however her brother(?) Robert Austin was there in both the 1840 & 1850 Census.

At White's Chapel, near Grapevine, Texas, there is a marker which reads:

FOUNDED BY SETTLERS WHO CAME BY WAGON TRAIN FROM DADE COUNTY, GA. 1871. EARLY SERVICES WERE IN HOME OF S. B. AUSTIN, THE LEADER. AUSTIN GAVE LAND FOR A CEMETERY AND CHURCH. A LOG MEETING HOUSE WAS BUILT AND IN USE IN FEB. 1872. THIS WAS THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN THIS VICINITY. CIRCUIT RIDER PREACHERS DREW CROWDS HERE FROM AS FAR AWAY AS 20 MILES. AT FIRST CALLED "OAK HILL" FOR HOME CHURCH IN GEORGIA, THIS WAS SOON RENAMED FOR A PERMANENT PASTOR, THE REV. MR. WHITE. THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL WAS HELD IN SUCCESSIVE CHURCH BUILDINGS UNTIL 1916. MANY SETTLERS REST IN NEARBY CEMETERY.

The S. B. Austin referred to here is Stephen Blevins Austin, son of Hezekiah and Nancy (see above). The following inscriptions were copied by the author and by Mark A. Curtis in 1976 from the cemetery mentioned, where asterisks indicate broken stones:

S. B. Austin	4 Oct 1817 - 26 Mar 1894
Susan C. Ashburn*	2 Jul 1859 - 25 Jul 1886
Mrs. M. A. Austin	15 Nov 1819 - 8 Jun 1899
Sarah Naoma, d. H.H. & S.E. Austin	1 Nov 1889 - 10 Oct 1894
Ann E., wife J. B. Austin	5 Oct 1855 - 26 Aug 1880
John Brady Austin	1852 - 1933
Sarah Ellen Austin	1872 - 1952
Ruth, wife J. B. Austin*	25 Nov 1864 - 15 Sep 1886
John Brady Austin, Jr.	27 Mar 1901 - 21 Nov 1954
William Jefferson Austin	29 Sep 1873 - 1 Dec 1954
Sallie Bracken, wife W.J. Austin	6 Feb 1877 - 3 Sep 1964
Jennie Lou Austin	14 Oct 1888 - (no death date)
Charley Albert Austin	29 Aug 1886 - 24 Nov 1963
Permelia Austin	28 Feb 1879 - 2 Apr 1879
Nancy (Austin?)	9 Aug 1875 - 22 Mar 1876
Hezekiah H. Austin	6 Aug 1843 - 15 Nov 1913
Sarah Frances Austin	28 Dec 1853 - 23 Jan 1942
Blev. Austin	24 Oct 1869 - 12 Sep 1932
Mattie Lue Austin	26 Jul 1907
J. S. Austin	29 Aug 1832 - 5 Mar 1908
Elizabeth, wife of J. S. Austin	25 May 1832 - 7 Jul 1904
J. F., son of J. S. & E. Austin*	1852 - 13 Feb 1884
William Rhodes Austin	17 Dec 1846 - 20 Oct 1930
Elizabeth Tatum, wife W. R. Austin	1 Dec 1842 - 9 Mar 1911
S. Shelton, son W.R. & E.T. Austin	25 Oct 1875 - 7 Jan 1879
M. A. Austin, son J. S. & E.	(no dates)
M. M. Austin	17 Sep 1849 - 12 Jan 1931
Margaret, wife M. M. Austin	26 Nov 1846 - 10 Feb 1916

AUSTINS IN THE OLD BURYING GROUND IN NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

by Patricia Biebuyck Austin

Searching for ancestors can sometimes be exciting, even in cemeteries. Last summer our children lead my husband and me through dozens of cemeteries in search of their ancestor Thomas Austin (S2 in the Samuel Austin line, see page 8). The children were perhaps motivated less by genealogical interest than by money, as a bounty had been offered for each Austin gravestone found! Since Thomas had moved circa 1710 across the Merrimack River into Haverhill, settling in that part of the town later to become Methuen and later still the City of Lawrence, we painstakingly searched the oldest of those towns' cemeteries without success, although we did find and record the monuments of a number of other Austins. Recalling that Thomas had drowned coming back from 'Meeting on the Sabbath Day' in Andover (now North Andover), we located the oldest cemetery in the North Parish where he and his brother Samuel S1 had first settled

The Old Burying Ground on Academy Road in North Andover was the first cemetery in Andover. From Ref. we learn that men from Newbury and Ipswich began a settlement at Andover as early as 1641 or 1642, organizing a church in 1645. Their first Meeting House probably stood within the limits of the Old Burying Ground (Ref. 2). This cemetery served the North Parish of Andover until 1817, when the town voted to purchase an acre and a quarter of land from Jonathan Stevens for a new burying ground, also located on Academy Road, but closer to the present-day church. In his introduction to Ref. 3, Walter Muir Whitehill attempts to explain why few early settlers are found commemorated by gravestones in the old burying ground:

“Although it has always been believed that the first settlers of the town were buried here, it is to be noted that the inscriptions are almost entirely of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Apparently stone carvers were not generally employed in Andover in the first half century of the town's existence. The inscription commemorating John Stevens, who died on 11 April 1662, is the only one whose date goes back to the second decade of the settlement of Andover, and it is without contemporary companions. No stone commemorates the Reverend Francis Dane, who died on 17 February 1697 after 48 years service to the church, nor is there any indication of the resting place of Anne Bradstreet, the first American poetess. . . . Dr. Marius Barbeau of the National Museum of Canada, while staying with me in the spring of 1952, at once observed that the John Stevens stone so closely

resembled others of the first third of the eighteenth century that it seemed likely to have been erected many decades after the death of the man it commemorates, and this suggestion was confirmed by John Howard Benson of Newport, Rhode Island, whose skill in carving stone inscriptions gives unique weight to his views upon the technique of the craft. When the John Stevens stone is recognized as of the eighteenth century rather than 1662, one need no longer speculate about the absence of stones for seventeenth century founders and patriarchs.”

Not yet having read and been discouraged by the article just quoted, we optimistically and carefully went through the cemetery, overlooking no stone in search of Austins and their relatives, naively hoping to stumble upon the early graves of the brothers Samuel and Thomas Austin. Thomas S2 drowned in 1712, too early perhaps for other than a wooden marker. Even Samuel S1, who died decades later in 1753 had no stone monument to mark his final resting place. We were all elated, however, to discover the gravestones of two of Samuel's sons (see photographs and transcriptions on next page) - those of Samuel Austin S12 and John Austin S13, both of whom died in 1764.

Right across the road from the burying ground, a Dr. Thomas Kittredge built his house in 1784. He had two granddaughters, Miss Mary Hodges Kittredge and Miss Sarah Kittredge, who never married. They took an interest in the Old Burying Ground, and in the 1860's raised money to build the stone wall which now encloses it, and for many years they saw to its mowing. According to Reference 2, “Mowing once a year by scythe was considered sufficient with an occasional pulling of ivy.”

In October 1869, the Misses Kittredge and Messrs. Isaac Osgood and Frank Appleton copied down the inscriptions in the Old Burying Ground, which are available in Ref. 3. Their indexed compilation included only the same two Austin gravestones we ourselves had found, so it appears no Austin graves were 'lost' in the intervening 112 years. For subsequent Austin generations, one must search further down Academy Road at the second Burying Ground - a good excuse for yet another field trip

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Here lyes Buried
 the Body of M.^r
SAMUEL AUSTIN
 Who departed this life
 Decem^r y^e 31^{ft} 1765 in y^e
 71^{ft} Year of His Age

Photo AOA 33-1

Here lyes Buried
 the Body of
M.^r JOHN AUSTEN
 Who departed this life
 March y^e 13th 1764 in y^e
 68th Year of His Age

Photo AOA 33-1

Slate gravestones of the brothers
 Samuel Austin and John Austin can still be seen in the
 Old Burying Ground in North Andover, Massachusetts. They were sons of
 Samuel Austin S1 of the Samuel Austin of Boston line. The death year on Samuel's stone is not
 correct, as the town and probate court records indicate he died in 1764, and his wife took an inventory of his estate
 in May 1765. John Austin's original house, built circa 1720-30, still stands as a private residence today (see page 29).

**THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN AND CHARITY KENDRICK AUSTIN
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

by Jeane Austin King Galau

J. JOHN¹ AUSTIN was born circa 1739, place of birth and parents unknown at this writing. He wrote his will in Montgomery County, Maryland in 1818, which was probated 12 November 1823.

John married circa 1761/62, apparently in Frederick County, Maryland, as his first child was born there in 1763. His wife was Charity, born circa 1732 by the 1776 census. The record of this marriage cannot be found, however all evidence points to the fact that she was Charity Kendrick, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Kendrick of Frederick County. It is also believed that Charity was first married to John's brother, Thomas Austin. A birth is recorded in Prince George's Parish, Frederick County, a son born to Thomas and Charity Austin in 1760. This son Thomas is found living with John and Charity in the 1776 census, along with Alexander and Kesiah, believed to be children of Thomas and Charity. In the same census, a Mary Austin age 80, is also found in John's household, and no doubt is the mother of our John Austin. They are shown living in the Lower Potomack Hundred, land which was taken from Frederick County in 1776 and made into Montgomery County.

John and Charity were members of Prince George's Parish (Protestant Episcopal Church), then Frederick County, now Montgomery County. This parish covered a very large area, all records being kept in the same book. Today our Austin records are found recorded at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. and at Christ Church, Rockville, Maryland. We cannot know with any certainty just to which of these two churches John and Charity belonged. Although the listing of graves in Montgomery County is fairly complete, the burial place of John and Charity has not been located. Neither can the grave be found for John's mother. However, time and the farmer's plow have destroyed many of these old sand stones.

In 1778 John Austin (sic) took the 'Oath of Fidelity and Support' during the revolution before the Worshipful Samuel W. Magruder. No other records can be found of John's contribution to the rebellion.

John's plantation, as it was called in those days, consisted of 246 acres which was named 'Conclusion.' We have been unable to pinpoint this land exactly, but it appears it was in the area of the present day Bethesda, Maryland.

The children of John and Charity were born in Frederick County (now Montgomery County), Maryland.

- CHILDREN: J1. ZACHARIAH, *b. 20 January 1763, d. between 1830-34*
 J2. JAMES, *b. 1765, married Ann (Nancy) Howard.*
 J3. AMELIA, *b. circa 1768 (from census)*
 J4. JOHN KENDRICK, *b. 2 May 1770, d. 14 March 1857*
 J5. HEZEKIAH, *b. circa 1772*
 J6. AMOS, *b. 1775*
 J7. JONAS, *b. between 1777 and 1779*
 J8. [son], *b. after 1774 (under 16 in 1800)*
 J9. [son], *b. after 1774 (under 16 in 1800)*

SECOND GENERATION

J1. ZACHARIAH² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born 20 January 1763 in Prince George's Parish, Frederick County. He was married to Margaret (Offutt) Odle of Frederick County. Margaret, the daughter of William Offutt 3rd and Elizabeth Magruder, was born on 22 July 1760 in Frederick County. She died 1820-24 in Ohio County, Kentucky. Zachariah died 1830-34 in Ohio County, Kentucky. Their children were born in Montgomery County.

- CHILDREN: J11. BARUCH, *b. 1792*
 J12. BROOKS, *b. 1794*
 J13. WILLIAM, *b. 1796*
 J14. ZACHARIAH OFFUTT, *b. 30 November 1797, d. before 1855*
 J15. ENOCH, *b. 18 November 1799, d. circa 1820*
 J16. SAMUEL, *b. 18 November 1801, d. 1 December 1884*
 J17. JOHN MAGRUDER, *b. 14 December 1803, d. 1 July 1852*

Zachariah, Enoch, Samuel, and John were baptized at Rock Creek Chapel, Prince George's Parish.

J4. JOHN KENDRICK² AUSTIN (*John*¹) the son of John and Charity Austin, was born in Frederick County 2 May 1770, and died in Ohio County, Kentucky, 14 March 1857. He was married on 13 February 1799 by Rev. Thomas Reed of Rock Creek Chapel to Cassandra Odle, who was born 29 February 1780 in Montgomery County, and died 17 January 1832 in Ohio County, the daughter of Baruch Odle and Margaret Offutt.

John and Cassandra's first eight children were baptized at Rock Creek Chapel where they were married. It is believed John and his family attended the Church in Rockville.

It is thought that John and his family removed from Montgomery County, Maryland, to Ohio County circa 1814, and the Church records seem to bear this out, as their ninth son William was born 26 November 1814, and he is not listed in the Church Registry.

Some feel that the family came via the Cumberland Gap driving oxen, which was the land route usually taken from Maryland. Along with John and Cassandra and their eight children, was John's brother Zachariah and his family, who also settled in Ohio County, and another brother Hezekiah with his family, who first stopped in Ohio County before going on into Christian County, Kentucky.

Indeed these must have been hardy men, to pull up roots, all with large families, and venture into the then-wild country of Kentucky. John would have been about 44 at the time. Without checking deeds, it is not known just where in Ohio County that John settled, but when his will was made in 1855, he mentions a tract of 300 acres he then lives on. On the 1840 census he owned four slaves.

I feel that John lived in the vicinity of south Beaver Dam, as he is buried in an Old Austin Cemetery, along with his wife Cassandra and several of his children, just outside of Beaver Dam, on the old Taylor Mines Road. I visited this cemetery in the summer of 1977 and found it badly overgrown. Both John's and Cassandra's stones were broken and hers was buried about four inches deep, and was only found with the help of a tire iron. We dug up several other stones, and feel many more lay just beneath the surface, and plan to return this year and dig some more, looking for Zachariah Austin and his wife Margaret (Offutt) Odle. A good project for the descendants of John, and there are hundreds of us, would be to restore this very old cemetery. Cassandra was buried there in 1832.

After the death of Cassandra, John married Polly Redman on 9 October 1832, and on 25 October 1837 he married for the third time to Polly's sister, Anna Redman. There were no children from either of these marriages. The first eight children of John and Cassandra were born in Montgomery County, the last five in Ohio County

- CHILDREN: J41. BARUCH ODLE, *b. 17 November 1799, d. 10 April 1800*
 J42. HELEN, *b. 26 Feb. 1801, d. 29 August 1844*
 J43. JOHN, *b. 24 August 1802, d. young*
 J44. ROBERT, *b. 19 July 1804, d. 18 January 1866*
 J45. THOMAS ODLE, *b. 6 August 1806, d. 21 February 1875*
 J46. ELIZABETH, *b. 27 November 1807*
 J47. KITTY ANN, *b. 23 September 1809, d. 17 November 1872*
 J48. MARGARET, *b. 28 Mar. 1812, d. 23 Oct. 1873*
 J49. WILLIAM, *b. 26 Nov. 1814, d. 8 June 1883*
 J4A. ANDREW JACKSON, *b. 7 March 1816, d. 26 June 1886*
 J4B. HENRY, *b. circa 1818*
 J4C. ZACHARIAH, *b. 18 October 1819, d. 10 March 1862*
 J4D. GEORGE W., *b. circa 1823, Will dated 5 January 1867*

J5. HEZEKIAH² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born circa 1772 in Frederick County, Maryland. He was married in Rock Creek Chapel, Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County on 15 December 1796 to Elizabeth Odle. Elizabeth, the daughter of Baruch and Margaret (Offutt) Odle. Elizabeth died in Kentucky. Hezekiah also died in Kentucky, probably in Christian County. Their children were born in Montgomery County, Maryland.

- CHILDREN: J51. ELIZA, *d. circa 1839*
 J52. MARY ANN
 J53. MARGARET, *b. 17 November 1799*
 J54. JANE
 J55. SARAH ODLE, *b. 25 December 1802*
 J56. BARUCH ODLE, *b. 27 April 1807*

THIRD GENERATION

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The information in the above article was abstracted from a 1978 manuscript by the author entitled: *The Austin Family of Montgomery County, Maryland, and Ohio County, Kentucky, and Related Lines*. The author would like to express her appreciation to Mrs. Martha Pate Heavrin of Grand Prairie, Texas, who died in June of 1979, and to Mr. Arthur Clemet Austin of New York City, who descends from Zachariah Austin J1, for their generosity in sharing their genealogical material.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Volume 1 of the three-volume manuscript deals principally with the John Kendrick Austin lines. It contains a wealth of references, detailed copies of church records, deeds, wills, probate records, etc. Unfortunately this superbly-documented volume is not available for sale. However, copies have been placed in the following libraries:

Austins of America Library, Concord, Mass.
 Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky
 W. Central Kentucky Fam. Research Assoc., Owensboro
 Butler County Genealogy Society, Morgantown, KY
 Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin
 Morman Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

Some additional Prince George's Parish Records:

Violinda Austin, dau. Thos. & Martha	b. 19 Jan. 1753
Thos. Auston, son Thos. & Charity	b. 30 Sep. 1760
Charity Auston, dau. Jas. & Sarah	b. 7 Jun. 1761
James Austin, son James & Nancy	b. 10 Feb. 1792
Warren Burgess Austin, son Thos. & Eliz.	b. 7 Mar. 1800
Cassandra West Austin, dau. James & Ann	b. 20 Feb. 1802

These records are on file at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Washington, D.C., Montgomery County Library, Rockville, Maryland, the Hall of Records, Annapolis, and Christ Church, Rockville, Maryland. — J.A.K.G.

QUERIES

36-1. **Thomas Austin** of Stamford and Fairfield, Conn sold land in 1708 in Bedford, Westchester County, New York, to John Copp of Norwalk, Conn. His daughter Abigail married Samuel Canfield of Norwalk. She die 11 June 1710 in Norwalk. Need ancestry, wife, and other children of Thomas.

36-2. **Lydia Astens** of Dracut, Mass. married 26 December 1789 Jeremiah Stevens, probably born Methuen, Mass. 12 June 1755 son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Hunt). Resided Methuen and later Maine. Need deaths of both Jeremiah and Lydia, and ancestry of Lydia.

36-3. **Steven Austin** married Mary Briggs, daughter of George and Lydia (Warren) Briggs. Mary was born about 1785 in N.Y. She probably married Steven between 1806 and 1814, in Sherburne?, Chenango County, N.Y. They lived in Harbor Creek, Erie County, Penn. Steven died between 1830 and 1840, while Mary died between 1860 and 1870 in West Springfield, Erie County, Penn. The had daughter Huldah (Diadama) Austin who married Rila (Riley) Potter of West Springfield. Was Steven the son o Gad and Susanna (Callender) Austin of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass.? Did Steven marry first Betty Clark Did Steven have son Nathaniel of Harbor Creek?

36-4. **Joan Austin** was the second wife of Gideon Rathbone, who was born 1736 and died 1810, the son of John and Patience of Exeter, RI. Need exact dates and ancestry of Joan.

36-5. **Arvilla M. Austin** was born 2 May 1823 in Berkshire, Vermont, the daughter of Oliver and Milla (Larabee) Austin (see page 16). She married ——— Andrus, died 8 June 1908, and is buried in Berkshire. Need marriage date and given name of husband.

36-6. **Barbara Austin** born 3 June 1729 married 29 September 1752 to Daniel Butler who was born 20 March 1735. They had son Allen born Monson, Mass. 14 May 1770. Also had Samuel, William, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, Anna, and Hannah. Need parents and residence before 1770 of Barbara.

36-7. **Jeremiah Austin** born 29 November 1792 in Vermont, died 15 December 1879 in Morley, St. Lawrence County, New York. Married Elizabeth Howard (born in New Hampshire) on 28 February 1819. Children and birthyears: Albert 1821, William 1823, Mahalia 1825, Joseph 1827, Minerva 1829, George 1832, John 1835, Pauline 1838, James 1840, Mary 1842, Samuel 1844. Need ancestry of Jeremiah.

36-8. **Isaac S. Austin** was born 1805, probably in Vermont. Married Irma or Louisa (——). Removed to N.Y. where Philtus was born and removed to Blissfield Lenawee County, Michigan, in late 1830's or early 1840's. Seek ancestry of Isaac.

36-9. **Bletcher Austin** or Bledsoe Austin was born in 1807 in Virginia, married 4 December 1828 in Grayson County, Virginia, to Nancy Moore, daughter of Isaac and Sally. The family had nine children in the 1850 census. Nancy died 9 March 1853 in Grayson County. Seek ancestry of Bletcher or Bledsoe Austin.

36-10. **Austin Sisters** married Charles Roberts of South China, Kennebec County, Maine. Circa 1830 Charles had three children by (——) Austin: George, Ellen, and Emma. When his first wife died, Charles married her siste (——Austin and by whom he had two other children: Minnie, and Charles born 1856. Seek names and ancestry of the Austin sisters.

36-11. **Truman Austin** born 1787 in Mancester, Vermont, the son of John and Tamson (Mead), married firs Hannah Williams 26 November 1809 at Danby, Vermont. Had nine children. Seek information on ancestors and descendants of Truman and Hannah.

36-12. **Susan Austin** married Andrew Foshay. Their daughter? Susan Foshay born 1835 in New York City, married John Joseph Knox, a carpenter and joiner born in Glasgow, Scotland (he immigrated via Ireland). Their orphaned daughter Margaret (Mae) B. Knox born 18 February 1869/73 N.Y.C., shipped to Illinois in 1888/89 as a teenager. Seek information on Susan and Andrew's children, and on Susan and John's marriage.

36-13. **William Austin** married 23 August 1771 in Barkhamsted, Conn. to Sarah Fish, born in Voluntown, Conn., possibly the daughter of Samuel and Ruth. Seek parents of Sarah.

36-14. **Roderick Ransom Austin** born 18 February 1797 in New York, resided Muskingum County, Ohio; Pontiac, Illinois in 1876; Fairfield, Nebraska in 1878. Roderic married Nancy Wear/Weir who died in 1879. He died ca. 1880, and they are both buried in a country cemetery near Fairfield, Clay County, Nebraska. Need parents and ancestry of Roderick and Nancy.

36-15. **William Austin** died 1834 in Clay, Michigan. He had son William who resided in Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Need wife and children of William, Sr.

36-16. **James Austin** born 6 February 1776 at Suffield Conn. son of Seth and Mary (Seymour). Need all information on his wife, children, residences, death.

PRUIT ALIAS AUSTIN

by Janet Austin Curtis

J. JOSEPH AUSTIN was probably born circa 1730-35 in what is now Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and died circa 1810 in that same county. He married first circa 176 perhaps a Terry, this surmise is based on the fact that he named a son Champness. She apparently died right after the birth of son David in 1775-76. Joseph married second on 26 November 1777 in Pittsylvania County to Welthy Prewett, Wm. Goggin was surety. Welthy died after 1818 in Pittsylvania County, when she was last taxed on her personal property. She is also listed in the 1820 census for that county. Children by first wife

- J1. JOHN AUSTIN, b. 1760-65, d. 1827 Union District, S.C. m. 11 September 1788 Polly (Molly) Bennett in Pittsylvania County. He was a Revolutionary War soldier.
- J2. WILLIAM AUSTIN, b. before 1766 (over 21 in 1787 Tax Roll) died prior to 1830 Census in Pittsylvania County. He m. 24 August 1809 Mary Smith Hankins, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hankins of Pittsylvania County.
- J3. CHAMPNESS AUSTIN, b. 1769, died between 1850 and 1860 in Rockingham County, N.C. He married first 27 July 1796 in Pittsylvania County to widow Aincy Morton Dear, daughter of John Morton. He married second 31 October 1826 in Pittsylvania County to Elizabeth 'Betsy' Gover, who was b. 1796.
- J4. STEPHEN AUSTIN, b. 1769-71, d. after 1850 probably in Rutherford County, Tennessee. He m. 23 April 1800 Rebecca Hankins, daughter of Wm. & Elizabeth Hankins, who was b. Pittsylvania County 1780 and was living in 1850.
- J5. DAVID AUSTIN, b. 1775-76, died after 1850 probably in Drew County, Arkansas. He m. 8 January 1797 in Pittsylvania County to Elizabeth Oliver, b. 1778, living in 1850.

The above children are all Joseph's children by his first wife, and probably his only children by her, for in John Austin's Revolutionary War pension application he states that he is the eldest of five brothers, and makes no mention of any sisters.

Welthy Prewett (Pruit) had at least two children when she married Joseph Austin:

- P1. ARCHIBALD PRUIT, b. 1767, d. 1866 Tunnel Hill, Georgia. He m. 22 February 1790 in Pittsylvania County to Rebecca Blankenship, Charles Kendrick surety. He was known as Archibald Pruit Austin on Tax Rolls and in deeds. He left Pittsylvania County in the fall of 1795 and by 1800 paid one tithe in Capt. McDonald's Company, Jefferson County, Tennessee (East Tennessee Society Publication 1953-6, p.157).
- P2. FRANCES 'FANNY' PRUIT, m. first on 3 October 1777 Edward Covington and signed her own consent. Knorr in Pittsylvania Marriages gives James Austin as the surety, however in looking at the microfilm of the original it is written as Jas. or Jos. and I believe that Joseph Austin was surety for

this marriage just a few weeks before he married her mother, Welthy. Frances m. second as Frances Covington on 7 October 1817 to Obediah Minter in Pittsylvania County, with William Austin as the surety.

Children by second wife, perhaps:

- J6. LUCY AUSTIN, married Thomas Kendrick. They were in Rutherford County, Tennessee by 1810 and he died there in 1833. No marriage record per se has been found, either under the Pruit or Austin name, but deeds settling the estates of Joseph and Welthy name Lucy, wife of Thomas Kendrick.
- J7. MARY AUSTIN, m. 12 January 1796 to William Hankins, Jr. in Pittsylvania County, son of William and Elizabeth Hankins. David Austin surety.
- J8. PATSY AUSTIN, m. 21 September 1801 to Abraham Johns in Pittsylvania County, surety Joseph Johns.

These three sets of children lead to some confusion, and this compiler believes at this time (1982) that these are all the children of Joseph Austin, but proof is not likely to crop up. A diligent effort was made to find a widow Welthy Pruit, but none was forthcoming, that is not to say that it cannot be found, but that to date it has not.

In May 1755 John Austin, Sr. and John Austin, Jr., father and brother of Joseph Austin, witnessed the will of Daniel Pruit of Halifax County, Virginia. Among the heirs was a daughter Welthy Pruit (Will Book O, pages 71-72). This data shows that the Austin and Pruit families had close ties, and it also provides us with a Welthy Pruit of about the right age to have married in 1777 Joseph Austin and to have had at least two children prior to that time. There is no proof at this time that the Welthy Pruit who married Joseph Austin is indeed the daughter of Daniel Pruit, but it seems quite likely. If this is the case, we have a Welthy Pruit, unmarried with two children fathered by someone, and this compiler believes that Joseph Austin was the man. To lend support to this contention is the fact that in the settlement of Joseph Austin's estate there was no differentiation between the three sets of children. In a lawsuit in Pittsylvania County in 1813 to settle the estate of Joseph Austin, it states John Austin, Archibald Austin, David Austin, and Lucy Austin Kendrick and husband Thomas were not then residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It will be noted that Archibald is referred to as Archibald Austin at this time and yet when he was married in 1790 his marriage record is recorded under the name Pruit. In 1793 Archibald Pruit Austin purchased property in Pittsylvania County from John Alsop (Deed Book 9, page 372) and in September 1795 he sold this same property as Archibald Pruit Austin to John Carter (Deed Book 10, page 225).

All of this proves nothing, but it does indicate that the man Archibald P. or Pruit Austin regarded himself as an Austin, perhaps because he had grown up in Joseph Austin's household. However, Joseph's eldest son made a differentiation when he stated in his Pension application

that he was the eldest of five brothers. Since he was perhaps sixteen when his father married Welthy Prewett (Pruit) he may have had some animosity, and this point of view could be substantiated by the fact that he left home and saw service in the Revolutionary War and when he came back was not around many years before he married and went to South Carolina.

Interestingly, Maud Carter Clement in her *History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia* does not mention the Austin family, and yet they were in the area at an early date and are found successively in Brunswick, Lunenburg, Halifax, and Pittsylvania County Court records. John Austin, father of Joseph, held around two thousand acres of land which is hardly to be sneezed at, and he left each son about 400 acres in his will probated in 1760 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. By 1765 all the sons except Joseph had left and gone to other Colonies. Joseph remained in Pittsylvania and had a sizeable family, and while many of these migrated, there are still numerous Austins in the Pittsylvania County area.

For further information on this family, see "Southside Virginia Austins" by Janet A. Curtis in *The Virginia Genealogist*, December 1961, Edited by John Frederick Dorman. The article above corrects some of the data published in the 1961 article. - J.A.C.

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QUERIES

38-1. **Uriah Austin**, R227 in the Richard Austin of Charlestown line (pg. 29 in Edith Austin Moore's book) d. 28 December 1799, in Suffield, Connecticut. Need his burial place, occupation or Service Record; also need his wife Abigail Case's ancestry.

38-2. **Uriah Austin**, R227-4 in Richard Austin of Charlestown line (pg. 68 in E.A.M. book), d. 1 March 1820 at Suffield, Conn. Need his burial place, occupation or Service Record; need information on his second wife Rachel Hale. We are searching line of his grandson, blacksmith R227-414 Mark Anthony Austin, who settled in Logan County, and later in Union County, Ohio.

38-3. **John Austin** was b. ca. 1817 in Tennessee. In 1837 he was in Jackson County, Illinois; married Lucinda Polk 19 February 1845. Children all b. Illinois: Mary J. ca. 1840, Thomas ca. 1843, Elizabeth 1846, Minerva 1847, Oliver 1848, Henry 1850, Matilda 1852, Mahala 1853, Sarah 1854, George 1855, Jane 1858. John Austin d. 1872, age 55. Seek his birth and ancestry.

38-4. **Owen Ed Austin** b. ca. 1803 in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia, d. ca. 1850's. He married Telitha or Tabitha Jane Covington in Rutherford County, Tennessee in November 1829. Children: Levinia Margaret, John Covington, James, Mary, Lafayette, Eliza, Tabitha J. Seek missing link between Owen Ed Austin and J4. Stephen Austin of Pittsylvania County (see page 37).

38-5. **John Delos Austin** b. 1807 in New York, married Anna Maria Yolman (Yoeman?), b. 1813, also in New York. Removed to Oakland County, Michigan, where son Charles was b. 1844 and son Abner Delos was b. 1846. John & Anna both d. 1851 in Detroit. Need their ancestry.

38-6. **Robert Austin** was in Calaveros County, California in 1850. Seeking his descendants, and those of: James Aston whose wife Ellen d. 26 October 1853, age 23, buried Mission Dolores, CA. Also, Hiram Austin whose brother William went to Gold Rush circa 1849.

38-7. **George Austin** b. Port Hope, Canada in 1855, went to El Reno, Oklahoma, was the son of Hiram Austin. Hiram was b. 1823 in Ferrisburg, Vermont, and d. in 1896 in Wichita, Kansas. He was first child of Nicholas Austin who had seven other children all b. Canada. Seek the descendants of George Austin.

38-8. **Henry Austin** came from Virginia and settled in Pendleton or Harrison County, Kentucky. The Falmouth, Kentucky, library has an incomplete list of his children: James, Richard, Clay and Mary. I could not find his wife's name. Henry fought in the Civil War. I have the James Austin line, seek Henry's ancestry, wife and children.

**ALFRED AUSTIN OF MEIGS COUNTY, OHIO
AND MASON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

by Marjorie Austin Smith

C1. ALFRED ANDREW² AUSTIN (*Caleb*¹) was the son of Caleb and Lydia (—) Austin. Caleb and Lydia were born in Canada, and moved their family to Meigs County, Ohio, from New York when Alfred was twelve years old. Caleb Austin was first enumerated in the 1820 Meigs County census in Salisbury Township. Apparently Caleb and Lydia's other children were Elijah R. Austin, buried in Miles Cemetery at Rutland, Ohio; John P. Austin, Sheriff of Meigs County in 1845, later moving to Athens County, Ohio, then to Minnesota; and Abel J. Austin.

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Alfred married first to Sally Grant, by whom he had two sons. He married second in Meigs County, Ohio, on 11 August 1842 to Ann McGee, born in 1813 in Virginia. They moved to West Virginia about 1865. Ann died in December 1865 at West Columbia, West Virginia, where she is buried. Alfred married third in Mason County, West Virginia on 31 July 1871 to Maria Hoit, widow. A legal separation between A. A. and Maria Austin dated 21 July 1877 is recorded in Mason County. In 1880 Alfred was living with his son, Horton, in Clendenin District, Mason County. No record of Alfred's death exists, but his gravestone in the Austin Cemetery in Mason County states he died 12 May 1882.

- CHILDREN: C11. LAFAYETTE MARCUS
C12. ALONZO D., *m. Alice Gaston 4 Sept. 1865*
C13. HORTON ROLANDO, *b. 4 October 1844*
C14. JOHN PARK, *b. 1848, m. Annie Frances Brown 12 Sept. 1869 in Mason Co., d. 1916*
C15. CASSIUS COLUMBUS, *b. 1850, m. Lydia Ellen (Gillespie) Jeffers, sister of Dora Elizabeth, on 5 November 1880 in Gallia County, Ohio, he died 1925*
C16. EVA ANN, *b. 1852, m. Lemuel Shiflet 26 July 1871 in Mason County, she d. 1937*
C17. JANE O., *b. 1855, m.(1) Mr. Werner, m.(2) Harrison Clagg, she died 1931*

C13. HORTON ROLANDO³ AUSTIN (*Alfred*,² *Caleb*¹) was born 4 October 1844 in Pomeroy, Meigs County, Ohio. He moved with his parents to West Virginia about 1865. He was married in Mason County, West Virginia on 2 May 1875 to Dora Elizabeth Gillespie, sister to Cassius' wife Lydia. Their children are recorded in Mason County:

- CHILDREN: C131. ARTHUR PARK, *b. 1876, m. Maude Ann Rhoades 11 Feb. 1900 in Mason Co., d. 1928*
C132. KATHRYN L., *b. 1877, m. George Robert Mayes 12 May 1909 in Mason County, d. 1958*

Horton Rolando Austin

- C133. GERTRUDE A., *b. 1879, m. Ernest F. Day, she died 1960*
C134. ARCH, *b. 1882, married Edna Barker 19 December 1909 in Mason County, d. 1932*
C135. ODEN CASSIUS, *b. 1884, m. Helen Hope, he died 1966*
C136. HARRY O., *b. 1886, m.(1) Eva Stockoff, m.(2) Lena (Crow) Pancake, he d. 1961*
C137. ALICIA ALICE, *b. 1888, m. Russell E. Vaughan 19 March 1913 in Mason County, she died 1967*
C138. PEARL M., *b. 1890, m. Gilbert Francis Rogers 14 November 1908 in Mason County, she died 1967*

Horton Austin was a farmer. His obituary in a Mason County newspaper reads in part as follows:

“At his home on last Friday, October 9, 1903, Mr. Horton Austin, who is well known by a legion of the county's citizens, answered his Maker's call, after suffering for some time from a complication of diseases. The deceased was 59 years and four days at the time of his death, and his remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Redmond. Mr. Austin was one of Mason County's best citizens, and was a man held in the highest estimation of all who knew him.”

**THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN AND CHARITY KENDRICK AUSTIN
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

by Jeane Austin King Galau

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THIRD GENERATION

J11. BARUCH³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 1792 (58 in 1850 Census Ohio County, KY) in Montgomery County, Maryland. He married in Ohio County, Kentucky, on 10 August 1818 to Polly Render, the daughter of George and Sarah (Rowe) Render.

CHILDREN: J111. JAMES F., *b. 21 May 1821, Ohio County, where he m. 9 November 1843 to Corinna Thomas, b. 5 August 1825 dau. of William and Sarah (Jackson) Thomas. Corinna died 4 December 1893, while Rev. Bishop James F. Austin, a prominent Baptist Minister, died 4 October 1883*

J112. ELIZABETH, *m. Solomon Chapman*

J113. MARTHA J., *b. 1829, d. 1852 married John Benton*

J114. JULY ANN, *m. Nathaniel Shultz*

J115. SALLY, *m. James Lee*

J116. JOHN T., *m. Eliza Mason*

J117. QUINT C. S., *m. Elly Ann Lee*

J118. J. BROOKS (ENOOKS), *m. Mary Sanderfur*

J11. BROOKS³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 1794 (56 in 1850 Census Ohio County, KY). He was married to Rachel Benton.

CHILDREN: J121. URIUS, *m. 1838 Minerva Stevens who was b. 1819 daughter of Daniel*

J122. SARAH EMILY, *m. 1839 James Axley Stevens 1817-1833, son of Henry*

J123. MARGARET, *m. 1839 Tobert Leach*

J124. LUCINDA, *never married*

J125. HARRIS, *never married*

J126. GANETTA, *never married*

J127. RACHEL, *m. — Durham*

J128. WILLIAM, *m. Cintha Martin*

J129. MARY, *m. a preacher*

J12A. JOHN THOMAS

J12B. JEMIMA B., *d. 1853, age 25*

J13. WILLIAM³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 1796 (54 in 1850 Census Ohio County, KY). He was married in 1826 to Henrietta Ritty Laundrum.

CHILDREN: J131. JOSEPHINE, *b. 1832, m.(1) Col. Benjamin Field, m.(2) Rev. James Coleman*

J132. EMILY, *m. Henry Field*

J133. MOLLY, *m. Jim Skillens*

J134. HENRY

J14. ZACHARIAH OFFUTT³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 30 November 1797 Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County, Maryland, died prior to 1855 when estate settled in Ohio County, Kentucky. No issue.

J14. ENOCH³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 18 November 1799 in Prince Georges Parish, Montgomery County, Maryland. He was apparently unmarried.

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Judge Samuel Austin (1801-1884)

J16. SAMUEL³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*,¹) was born 18 November 1801 in Montgomery County, Maryland. He was married in Butler County, Kentucky on 9 August 1831 to Nancy (Annie) Wand James. Nancy, the daughter of Foster and Elizabeth (Wand) James, was born on 3 October 1811. Samuel was the first elected judge of Butler County, Kentucky, elected in 1850 and serving two terms. The accompanying photographs of Judge Samuel Austin (above) and of his son Richard and Richard's wife Aurilla (next page) were kindly furnished by Arthur Clement Austin. Nancy died 23 December 1871. Samuel died on December 1884, and is buried in the Old Salem Church Yard (Baptist) in Logansport, Kentucky.

CHILDREN: J161. RICHARD ELLIOTT, *b. 16 April 1833, m. 1856 Aurilla Janet Reid (see photo next page)*

J162. HENRIETTA, *b. 3 June 1839, m. Ike Goodall*

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J161. **Richard Elliott Austin and his wife Aurilla Janet Reid.** They married on 10 July 1856, and had eight children: Thomas Newell b. 11 May 1858, m. 21 November 1883, d. 8 January 1934; Infant daughter b. & d. 25 February 1860; Mary Louella (Lulu) b. 28 February 1862, m. January 1881, d. 12 March 1890; Nancy Elizabeth b. 27 April 1864, m. 18 January 1884, d. 4 May 1906; Amanda A. b. 12 December 1866, m. 28 August 1890, d. February 1906; Samuel Elvis b. 4 September 1869, d. 25 December 1950; Clement Reid b. 10 December 1871; John Robert b. 7 May 1875, unmarried, d. 1 July 1894. Richard died 26 August 1895 in Marlow, Oklahoma.

- J163. WILLIAM HENRY, *b. 2 March 1841, m. Mary E. Hill daughter of Samuel E. Hill*
 J164. JOSEPH GARLAND, *b. 24 January 1843, m. Martha Hill (sister of Mary), Union Army*
 J165. SAMUEL HAMILTON, *b. 2 July 1845, m. Helen Porter, daughter of Clark N. Porter*
 J166. ZERELDA, *b. 7 March 1847, m.(1) John Taylor, m.(2) John Brown*
 J167. JOHN MAITLAND, *b. 11 April 1849, m. — Barnes*

J17. JOHN³ AUSTIN (*Zachariah*,² *John*¹) was born 14 December 1803 in Montgomery County, Maryland. He was married in Butler County, Kentucky on 17 December 1827 to Zerelda James. Zerelda, the daughter of Foster and Elizabeth (Wand) James, was born on 1 December 1813. She died 22 July 1839, while John died 1 July 1852.

- CHILDREN: J171. AMANDA, *m. John C. Howard*
 J172. ADDISON, *never married*
 J173. ROSILENA, *m. John McKenown (Mary R. Austin)*
 J174. COLUMBUS, *d. age 8*
 J175. FOSTER TUCK, *m. (—) Herreld*

J42. HELEN³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick*,² *John*¹) was born 26 February 1801 in Montgomery County, Maryland. She was married in Ohio County, Kentucky, on 10 November 1818 to Joseph E. Miller. Joseph, the son of David A. and Dorcas (Holliday) Miller, was born on 3 November 1776 in Maryland. Joseph died 24 July 1875. Helen died 29 August 1844, and is buried in Austin Cemetery. MILLER CHILDREN: *J. Hamilton, David Austin 1826, Amelie, Thomas, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Dorcas, Cerilda, Martha, Joseph.*

J44. ROBERT³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick*,² *John*¹) was born 19 July 1804 in Montgomery County, Maryland. He was married in Ohio County, Kentucky, on 17 March 1829 to Mary (Polly) Render. Mary, the daughter of Robert Jr. and Charlotte (Barnes) Render, was born on 14 August 1809 in Ohio County. Mary died 19 July 1851. Robert married second on 4 October 1853 to Sallie (Porter) Chapman, no issue from this marriage. Robert died on 18 January 1866 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

- CHILDREN: J441. ELIZA, *b. 20 March 1830, m. William Render*
 J442. JOHN ROBERT, *b. 2 June 1831 m.(1) Susan Ann Steven, m.(2) Lizzie Arbuckle*
 J443. JOSHUA LOUIS, *b. 9 April 1833, m.(1) Frances Robertson, m.(2) Betty Maples, m.(3) (—) Hillard*
 J444. WILLIAM NEWTON, *b. 20 January 1837, m. Rena Hillard*
 J445. JOSEPH PENDLETON, *b. 19 May 1840, m. Ann Richard Wade, d. 7 March 1914*
 J446. MARGARET ELLEN, *b. 26 April 1835, m. Clark Thomas Porter*
 J447. CHARLOTTE ANN, *b. 7 September 1842, m. Robert Forsythe*

- J448. MARY CASSANDRA, *b. 5 January 1845, m. Nick Daniels*
 J449. THOMAS BERRY, *b. 30 October 1847, m. Lacke Gordon*
 J44A. ADDISON M., *b. 19 Nov. 1850, died young*
 J44B. ALFRED KELLY, *b. 1 Jan. 1839, d. young*

J45. THOMAS ODLE³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick*,² *John*¹) was born 6 April 1806 in Montgomery County, Maryland,. He was married in Ohio County, Kentucky on 6 September 1830 to Amelia Barnes. Amelia, the daughter of Weaver and Elizabeth (Miller) Barnes, was born on 11 November 1810 in Ohio County. Thomas was a merchant in Beaver Dam, Kentucky. Amelia died 19 March 1891, while Thomas died 21 February 1875 in Ohio County. Both are buried at Goshen Cemetery just outside of Beaver Dam.

- CHILDREN: J451. ELIZABETH MELVINA, *b. circa 1831, m. William T. Miller*
 J452. WEAVER HENRY, *b. 25 December 1832, m.(1) Katherine Arnold, m.(2) Lucinda Henry*
 J453. JOHN THOMAS, *b. 2 June 1834, d. ?9 January 1864, marker in Austin Cemetery*
 J454. DAVID HAMILTON, *d. in infancy*
 J455. SALLIE MARY, *b. 17 October 1843, d. 7 July 1852 of flux*
 J456. DORCAS CAROLINA, *b. 1 January 1838, m. 25 February 1858 James F. Carson 1835-1908, d. 9 December 1891*
 J457. WILLIAM ANDERSON, *b. circa 1840, m.(1) Judith Chick, m.(2) Mary T. Martin*
 J458. CASSANDRA, *b. 10 May 1844, m. David Gentry 1837-1899, d. 14 November 1920*
 J459. ANN ELIZABETH, *b. circa 1848, m. 10 June 1867 J. Warren Baker b. 1846, son of Isaac Harvey and Charlotte (Render) Baker*
 J45A. ELLA V., *b. 31 January 1850, m. 20 May 1866 John P. Morton 1841-1901, son of Jessie and Sally (Paxton) Morton of Virginia and Kentucky, d. 26 February 1944 age 94 years*
 J45B. ELVIS, *m. Nanny Rhoads*
 J45C. FLAVIUS ODLE, *b. 30 November 1851, m. Laura Ann Baker 1850-1920, daughter of Isaac Harvey and Charlotte (Render) Baker, d. 10 May 1907*

J46. ELIZABETH³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick*,² *John*¹) was born 27 November 1807. She was married on 10 January 1828 to Harbor Blackstone Taylor, who was born on 28 December 1806. Harbor died 25 April 1870, while Elizabeth died 26 July 1888 and is buried in Liberty. TAYLOR CHILDREN: *Clarissa Ann 1829, Susan Mahulda 1830, Horace 1832, Darcus Emeline 1835, William Harrison 1837, John Richard 1839, Samuel Payton 1842, Cassandra Odle 1845, Elizabeth Helen (Betty) 1847, Cordelia 1850.*

MOSES G. AUSTIN & FAMILY*by Russell A. Williams*

Our Moses G. Austin in 1880 told the census taker of the Township of Center, Dade Co., Missouri, that his parents were from Massachusetts but that he was born in New York. Family tradition that Moses was born in Delaware County, New York, has not been proven.

We first find a record of M. Austin in the 1840 Census in Friendship, Allegheny Co., NY. His family is listed as one male under 5, two between 5 and 10, and one between 20 and 30; two females under 5, one between 30 and 40. No other record has been located in that area.

Moses probably married Sophronia Bradley about 1830 in New York. Although her parents are unknown, we do find Charity, David, Peter and Stephen Bradley appearing in the 1810 Census of Delaware Co., NY, all having daughters in the correct age bracket. The best possibility is David, since Moses and Sophronia named a son David. This Delaware Co. data gives some faint credence to the tradition that Moses was born and raised in Delaware Co.

Moses' daughter Caroline, one of my great-grandmothers, said she was born in Bolivar, NY, which was set off from Friendship in 1825. After her birth, the scene shifts to Cranberry Twp., Venango Co., Penn. There the 1841 tax roll has Franklin Austin with two horses, two cows, 200 acres and Moses Austin, occupant. Township records dated 20 October 1842 list Silas Austin, although no connection has been found. Franklin and Silas do not appear in the following year's records. Moses and Sophronia named their first son Franklin W., but for whom?

In 1843 tax records Moses has a cow, two oxen, and 175 acres of land. He was taxed until 1854, although only 75 acres were taxed to him then. There is always an entry to Allison and Shannon for the David Poorman heirs of 200 acres entered next to Moses' assessment, which may be of some significance.

It is interesting to note that another Moses Austin settled in the nearby Twp. of Irvin, Venango Co., at an early date. He left a Will dated 4 July 1806, naming his wife Sarah, daughter Mary Davison, son Aaron and Aaron's wife Hannah, and daughters Hiley Leonard and Charlotte Austin. While I have not found a family connection, it is very possible that one exists, and could have been one reason for Moses G. Austin to move to Venango Co.

Sophronia died in Cranberry Twp. In 1977 my wife Alice and I visited the Brandon Cemetery located just north of Cranberry. Her tombstone was in excellent shape after 130 years, bearing the inscription "Sophronia, wife of M. G. Austin, died Feb. 19, 1847, age 38 years 9 mo. 26 da." This indicates a birthdate of 23 April 1808.

Correlating the 1840 and 1850 Friendship census records, we find that in 1840 Moses would have been 30, Sophronia 32, Franklin 8, Collins 6, Maryann 4, and Caroline 2. Wallace must be included to make everything match (the 1850 Census has him born in Penn.), but that lack of correlation isn't critical, since his mother had died and the 1850 census might have been in error.

John Gordon was a neighbor with a daughter Elizabeth, aged 17 in the 1850 census. While the local census records show several girls named Elizabeth, only Elizabeth Gordon's age corresponds with Moses's second wife's age from census records, 22 or 23 years younger than Moses.

The Cranberry Twp. 1855 tax roll has no Moses Austin. Where the family went is unknown. A great granddaughter (my mother, Freda May Ambrose Williams, alive and well at 87) always heard the family came to Wisconsin from Missouri, but this is not proven. A Sophronia C. Austin m. 8 November 1853 James Spain in Greene Co., Missouri, but we've found no connection.

Moses G. and Elizabeth appear on an indenture dated 18 September 1858 for the N.E. section 21 Tn 12 N, R2 W, of Forest, Richland Co., Wisconsin. On 5 December 1858 daughter Caroline married Hiram William Ambrose. Son David married 23 December 1870 Mary Jane Bender. Son Marshall married 9 February 1868 Caroline A. Wiltrout. These three couples spent the rest of their lives in Wisconsin. Eldest son Franklin W. wed Myrtle Dell Kintz of Richland County, and they moved to Missouri.

About 1872 Moses and Elizabeth went to Missouri with those children still at home. The 1880 Census finds them in Center, Dade Co. Moses is now 69, Elizabeth 47. Collins is shown as 26 but this is incorrect. Collins was listed as "idiotic" and had long been a care to the family (born circa 1834). Lawrence 21, Laura 15, and Ida 4 were the other children still at home.

Dade Co. Land Records show Moses and Elizabeth purchasing several parcels of property in 1885 in the Greenfield, Mo. The home was registered in Elizabeth's name. It seems likely that Moses died that year or shortly afterwards, though no record of his death has been located. The local newspaper recorded Elizabeth's death in December 1899, evidently a widow for a number of years, and her burial in the Greenfield Cemetery. Alice and I searched plot records and the cemetery. The only Austin stone carries the legend "Edward Austin, son of Lawrence and Nancy Austin." Moses and Elizabeth might be buried in this same plot with their grandson Edward.

We have followed much of Moses' long life, covering many hundreds of miles, yet we do not know when his life began or ended. Our record pages are still open, however, and we will be most grateful to anyone who can provide additional information on the Moses G. Austin family.

**JOHN AND ELIZABETH AUSTIN
OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

by Michael Edward Austin

Genealogist-historian Vernon Hood spent many years gathering records on Plainfield, NH, families. Pauline L. Austin of Marion, Iowa, provided *Austins of America* a copy of a 1967 letter Hood sent her, referring to John Austin's "account book" containing the births of John's children. Since none of the births appear in town records, we sought to locate and publish these unique vital records.

Plainfield Librarian Nancy Norwalk informed us that Mr. Hood died circa 1971, leaving his manuscripts and papers to the Special Collection Room of the Baker Library on the Dartmouth College campus in Hanover, NH. With the help of Ethel Mayo Warren of Shrewsbury, Mass., we sorted through several boxes of Hood's papers. The Account Book itself was not there, but according to Hood's notes, had been in the possession of Floyd H. Rogers of Plainfield as late as 1954. Mr. Rogers' son lives in Plainfield today, but he had no knowledge of what became of the Account Book after his father's death.

Unless and until John Austin's original Account Book can be found, all we have are the rather extensive notes extracted from the book by Vernon Hood. Hood's notes are exactly reproduced in their entirety on the next three pages, providing many colorful insights into the lives of an industrious, hard-working Austin family. Elijah Austin wrote his own accounts in Vol. II of his father's Account Book, but they are not reproduced here. The dates in Hood's notes are completely scrambled, whether by John Austin or Hood himself we do not know. Hood added some parenthetical comments, and in a few places he notes abridging portions of the accounts. The term 'Dr' stands for 'debtor' in these notes, while the frequent 'to' probably stands for 'ditto.' The name Muxdey was so written, with the 'o' crossed out. It was probably written as 'Mudey' (for 'Moody') in John's original book.

The labors of John Austin's sons Joseph and John are recorded in the Account Book, along with a pair of shoes for his daughter 'Betty,' a nickname for Elizabeth. In Vernon Hood's small book entitled 'Notes from John Austin's Account Book' was no list of births. However, we did find births included in another set of Hood's notes, and annotated: "Birth records taken from John Austin's account book." From these notes Hood compiled the list of children shown below. Some facts concerning John Austin eluded Hood, however, and he reports: "No record of the date of his b. or d. have been found. No record of the name or date of b. or d. of his wife has been located."

Determining the ancestry and wife of John Austin was a triumph of sorts for modern technology. Correlating the children's names against its extensive files, the *Austins of America* computer enabled us to locate a farmer Isaac Austin who had died in Lowell, Massachusetts from "chronic disease of brain" on 3 June 1845 age 52y 5m 1d, born in Plainfield, Vt. (sic), son of John and Elizabeth. The computer further found only one John Austin of Methuen marrying an Elizabeth in that time frame – the seventh child of S24 Zebediah and Sarah (Gutterson) Austin of the Samuel Austin of Boston line (see *Austins of America* pages 14-15). John and Elizabeth's first child was undoubtedly named after her father. These discoveries, coupled with additional research, enabled us to complete Vernon Hood's picture of John Austin's family:

S247. JOHN⁴ AUSTIN (*Zebediah*,³ *Thomas*,² *Samuel*,¹) was born 27 September 1744 in Methuen, Massachusetts, son of Zebediah and Sarah (Gutterson) Austin. his marriage to Elizabeth Pettengill on 13 July 1769 is also recorded in Methuen. Elizabeth, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lancaster) Pettengill, was born 14 October 1749 in Methuen. After living a few years in Methuen, John and Elizabeth moved circa 1774 to Dracut, Mass. Circa 1777 they moved to Dunbarton, New Hampshire, where on 10 March 1778 John was chosen Surveyor of Highways. They finally settled circa 1784 in Plainfield, New Hampshire, in the Black Hill section of that town. John died after 1811. All this while, John, a carpenter by trade, recorded their children's births only in his personal Account Book:

- CHILDREN: S247-1. JOSEPH, b. 15 October 1769 in Methuen, taxed 1798 Plainfield, but not in 1799.
- S247-2. JOHN, b. 25 January 1772 in Methuen
- S247-3. ELIZABETH, b. 6 Sept. 1773 in Methuen, m. 5 January 1792 Thomas Cady in P.
- S247-4. JOSIAH, b. 15 October 1775 in Dracut, d. 25 July 1797 in Plainfield
- S247-5. ELIJAH, b. 25 August 1777 in Dracut, m. Levina Williams 8 January 1818, d. 5 July 1853 ae 75y in Plainfield
- S247-6. DARKIS, b. 14 April 1779 in Dunbarton, d. 23 July 1797 in Plainfield
- S247-7. SARAH, b. 19 June 1781 in Dunbarton
- S247-8. DANIEL, b. 22 May 1783 in Dunbarton, m. Electa Lyman 5 or 15 April 1812
- S247-9. WEALTHY, b. 5 April 1785 in Plainfield
- S247-A. MARY, b. 4 July 1787 in Plainfield, m. 14 October 1823 James Kenyon
- S247-B. ISAAC, b. 3 January 1789 in Plainfield, m. Sarah (—), d. 3 June 1845 in Lowell, Mass.
- S247-C. —, b. 7 March 1791 in Plainfield, d. young.
- S247-D. BENJAMIN, b. 16 July 1792 in Plainfield
- S247-E. LYMAN, b. 15 March 1796 in Plainfield, m. Hannah Silloway 4 or 24 Dec. 1828, d. 20 June 1870 ae 73y

**VERNON HOOD'S NOTES FROM
JOHN AUSTIN'S ACCOUNT BOOK**

Plainfield May th 17 1788		feet of Pine Boards	6/18/6	Kimbel and found Due to me	0/3/0
Daniel Coal Dr to me for		1801 June the 1		Received of Mr Kimbel in	
Seven Days work	1/10/0	to Sawing 1370 feet		the year 1786 two pare of	
to Six Days work	1/6/0	of Pine Boards	0/17/0	shoes the Sum of	0/10/0
to on hankechife	0/1/0	to Six Days work	1/16/0	March 2 1787	
May the 9 1789		Plainfield Majar Joseph Smith		one Sheep Skin	0/4/0
to framing his Barkhouse	1/10/0	Dr to me for Sawing 8864		Received two Pare of	
to three chares frames	0/8/0	feet of Pine Boards	5/6/0	mens Shoes	0/18/0
to half a Day of Joseph	0/2/0	to Sawing Sletwork	0/8/0	one Boshel of whet	0/6/-
to four coutered chairs	1/0/0	to Sawing Plank 1342 feet	1/12/2	to three Pare of shoes	1/15/0
Cred to Mr Daniel Coal for		Plainfield June 2 1787 Moses Chase		Plainfield January th 19 1786	
Lather for one Pare of Shoes		Dr to me for Six Days and		This Day Reckned with Cap.	
and for two Days work chopping		a half	1/10/0	Joseph Smith and found Due to	
to Shuger		to Seven Days and a half		me the sum of	0/12/8
to two Pounds of tow		August 24 1790	1/14/9	to one Day a framing his	
to ox work two days		to 9 Days and a half	2/0/0	hog Peen	0/4/6
Leu Joseph Kinyon Dr to me		Plainfield April 26 1787		to four chairs	0/16/0
the sum of	0/3/0	Joseph Chase Dr to me for		January th 9 1789	
Credit to Mr Kinyon for work		four Days work	0/18/0	to three Days work	0/13/6
a halling wood five Days		Plainfield february 24 1786		to a Bedstead	0/10/0
himself and oxen and Brought		Nethniel alen Dr to me		Plainfield June 6 1790	
Rufus Gilbord one Day to chop		for work on his house five Days		James Cate Dr to me for framing	
Plainfield May th 17 1788		and a half of Joseph	0/11/0	his Barn Six Days of my Self	1/7/0
Cred to Mr Coal for two		and John work half one Day	0/1/0	to five Days of Joseph	1/0/0
Boshels and a half of whet		to two Days work a		Plainfield August 21 1795	
to weeving 36 yards of		framing his Barn	0/8/0	than Reckned with James Cate	
cloth	0/18/0	to two Days of Joseph	0/5/0	and Setled all acompts and	
to one Boshel of whet—		to two Days of John	0/4/0	found Due to me	0/18/0
to weving 30 yards of cloth	0/15/0	to John Six Days	0/9/0	for three Days work	
to 24 yards of cloth 6 Pur yard	0/12/0	to John one Day haing	0/2/6	Plainfield february the 22 1791	
to two yards and a half		to making of a Plow	0/7/0	than Recknd with Mr Nathnial	
of cloths	0/8/0	to one Day and a half	0/6/0	Alen and Setled all Book accompts	
to weeving nine hankechifs	0/9/0	of Joseph	0/5/0	and found Due to me	0/4/3
Plainfield May th 28 1785		to half a Day of Joseph	1/19/6	Plainfield April 12 1785	
Daniel Coal Dr to me		to John two Days a haing	1/6/3	Nathniel Dean Dr to me	
for two Days work	0/9/0	Plainfield Januar th 18 1788	0/13/3	for half a Days work	0/2/3
to making of a Pare		than Reckned with Nathniel		May the 18	
of	0/1/0	Allen and Setiled all acompts		to two Days work	0/8/6
to making of a Pare of		and found Due me	0/13/3	May 21 to one Day and	
Pulle Bloks	0/1/0	february the 20		a half work	0/6/9
September to four Days work	0/18/0	to five Days of Joseph	0/17/6	August 22 Dr to me five	
October th 28 to three		to half a Day work	0/1/6	days and a half work upon	
Days and a half work	0/15/0	to making of a cofen	0/2/6	his mill	1/4/9
to Sashes	0/4/6	to making of coffin	0/2/3	to half a Days work upon his mill	2
Plainfield March 10 1786		Plainfield february th 20	1/17/0	Plainfield August 12 1784	
Mr Abram Carpender Dr		1786 John Mcneal Dr to		Asa Gallop Dr to me for	
to me for one Day going		me for macking of a chest		nine Days work a framing	
to Cornish with Slay		the Sum of	0/7/6	his Barn	2/5/0
and horse	0/5/0	Plainfield January 3 1787		Plainfield April 2 1787	
May 9 to two Days work	0/9/0	Mr Benjamin Kimal		Let Able Stone Dr to me for	
Plainfield 1801 May the 9		Deptor to me for Six		eleven Days work n half	2/11/9
Magar Joseph Smith Dr		Days work	1/7?/0	to eight Days of Joseph	1/4/0
to me for Sawing 1048		July the 19 to making of		Plainfield April th 2 1789	
feet of Plank	1/15/0	a Pare of Cart wheals		Let Able Stone Dr to me	
to 332 feet of Boards	0/8/0	to Seven Days work framing	1/10/0	for making of flyars	0/1/6
Plainfield 1796		his mill	2/2/0	to one Day huen timber	0/4/0
Majar Jospheh Smith Dr		to four Days work	0/16/0	to me for five Days of	
to me for sawing 11522		Plainfield December the 18 1789		Joseph huen timber	1/0/0
		than Recknd with Mr Bejaman		to framing his house	
				four Days of my Self	0/18/0
				to Joseph three Days	0/12/0
				Let Able Stone Dr to me	2/15/6

to making of fliers	0/1/6	July 12 - Nov. 12) V.H.	harring" etc. inc.)	
to one Bed Poast	0/1/3	Plainfield December 22 1785	to Laying the Chamber flower	0/6/0
July th 10 1790		than movd to Ebenezer	to seven Days upon his house	
to Joseph and John five		thomas house	Plainfield November 10 1787	
Days a framing your Barn	1/17/6	Plainfield August 29 1785	thomas Willson Dr to me	
Plainfield April 28 1784		Simon Blancher Dr to me	thirty nine Days work	
Cap. Bengaman Captman		to six teen Boshels and a	upon his house the sum of	8/15/6
Dr to one Days work	0/4/6	half of ashes	1788 Sishes	
19 Days work upon his Barn	4/5/6	to six chares	(also more work on house in 1788,	
to making of a table	0/9/0	to to great chares	and seventy çsishes.")	
May the 13 1785		Plainfield December 18 1787	Plainfield January 1 1788 Cred to	
to Seven Days work	1/16/0	than Reckned with Robord	Jesse Carpenter for two	
December 1785 to two Days	0/9/0	Dunlap ê due me	Boshels of Chaff	
March 30 1786		Cred to Robord Dunlap for teen	to one Boshel of Purtaters	
to five Days work	1/2/6	hundred of hay	Nov th 7 1789 Jesse Carpenter	
to one Day work	0/3/8	two Boshels of chaff	Dr to me for one great chair	0/7/6
to one Days work	0/4/6	four Boshels of Purtaters	Plainfield 1790	
April 27 1787		Plainfield April 24 1788	Simon Blancher Dr to me	
to six chares	1/10/0	Atwood Williams Dr to me	for Eleven Boshils and	
June 28 1792		for 24 Square of Sishes	a half of ashes	0/1/8
to making cart whels	1/10/0	to six Days of Joseph huen	March the 18	
Plainfield January the 12 1797		Plainfield March 16 1787	to making of coffin	0/2/0
Joseph Chapman Dr to me for		Mary Williams Dr to me	Plainfield Marth th 11 1789	
five Days work the Sum of	0/115/0	for one Chest the sum of	Abraham Carpenter Dr for	
1797 to making his		to mending of a wheal	one chest	0/8/0
Brak the Sum of	0/12/0	to a Set of Spools	to one tabel	0/9/0
June th 15 1797		to a Suger Box 0/3/0	to three chairs	0/18/0
for framing his Barn Six Days		Plainfield April 2 1786	April 8 1789	
of my Self and five Days and		frances Smith Eq Dr to me	to a Shugar tob	0/4/0
a half of Joseph	2/12/3	for one Days work	to half a goose	0/2/0
Plainfield 1784		to a Bread troff	Plainfield June th 21 1788	
James Cate Dr to work huing		to thurteen Days work	Steven Cleavland Dr to me	
and framing his house and Barn		upon his mill	for Cobs 39 Boshels	
20 Days and a half	4/12/6	to six chairs	to making wheals	0/17/0
Febuary 23 1787		to making ox yoke	to Bottoming chairs	0/7/6
to five Days work upon		to making a Beed Steed	Plainfield July th 28 1790	
his house the Sum of	1:2:6	and finding of Posts	Mr Robart Miller Dr to me for	
to two chares	0/8/0	1789 April 6	framing your Sons Barn 7 Days	
Plainfield June th 5 1788		Bottoming chairs	and half my self	1/13/9
James Cate Dr to me for		Plainfield June 1787	Plainfield June th 27 1788	
framing Mr huggins		John Whitton Dr to me	David Davis Dr to me	
Barn five Days	2/0/0	for five Days work	for work	1/16/0
Cr to Mr Cate for one boshel		Plainfield March 16 1787	Cr to Mr Davis for	
of corn and half a Boshel of		Younis Spaldon Dr to	fifteen Pound and a half	
rye to two Boshels of corn		me for five chares	of Chees 7 Pence Pur Pound	0/8/9
and one Boshel and half of whet		to one wheal	to 22 Pound of Poark	0/14/8
and half a Boshel of rye		By the hand of hur	Plainfield 1791 Joshua Willson	
January to one Boshel of corn.		Brother Phines	Dr to me	
Plainfield th 22 1785		Plainfield June th 13 1786	to framing your Barn five Days	
Than Recknd with the wido		Jesse Carpenter Dr to me	my Self and Joseph	2/2/6
Atwood williams found Due		for work a framing his Barn	Plainfield May th 26 1788	
to hur the sum of	0/15/0	six Days of my Self and five	Mr Rusel Dr to making	
Plainfield December 1799		Days and a half of Joseph	of a coffen	0/4/0
Cap Benjamin Chapman		Plainfield June 28	Plainfield Decembe 31 1788	
Dr to me for two Days	0/8/0	1787 David Read Dr to me for	Crd to Mr Coal for	
1801 April 21 Dr to two Days		fourteen Days and a half a	Seventy three Pound and half	
and half - Two Dolers and fifty cents		framing the meeting house	of Poark 4 Pence Pur Pound	
Plainfield July th 27 1785		Cre to mr Read four Boshels	to half Boshel of Peas	0/2/6
Docter Ebenezer Wright Dr		of whet and to half a Boshel	Plainfield December 11 1789	
to me for work Sixteen		of inding corn	thomas Gallop Dr to me	
Days upon his house	3/12/0	Plainfield November 14 1786		
(and 21 more days of work		(a long list of credits to Ebenezer		
		Thomas, reeping, haying, plowing,		

<i>five Days of my self and Joseph a making the water wheel the sum</i>	2/2/6	<i>Credeate to Bejamam Cutler for six Boshels of whet to teen Pounds of Poark Plainfield Leu Joseph Kinyon Dr to me for tember to one Pare cider mill Screws and Boaring the Beams</i>	2/2/0	<i>and a half Jonathan herrone Dr to me for one Sheep</i>	0/1/10
<i>Plainfield 1791 frances Smithe Dr to me for three Days and half a sawing</i>	0/14/0	<i>Plainfield March the 15 1798 Doctor Parkhurt Dr to me for one Sheep</i>	0/12/0	<i>Plainfield hesekiah french Dr September to me for three Days the 6 1801 upon his Sider mill</i>	0/9/0
<i>1799 to making his Sider Mill nine Days and half Plainfield May th 18 1791 Mr Timothy Cory Dr to me for Cart wheels</i>	2/7/6	<i>1799 to one mule Plainfield 1796 (account of labor etc. with Peter Bogby) Plainfield March th 20 1798 Mr. James Ward Dr making Cobard</i>	0/01/6 0/10/0 5/14/0	<i>July the 6 John Colburn Dr to me 1805 for mending his whels September to four Days and half making your Sider Mill and Boaring the Beam to mending your Slay to making tee Pot handel Plainfield March the 17 1808 Levi Bloss Dr to me for half Day work on the mill to Putting in your Crank to your Sawmill to twenty lits of Sheses Plainfield April 30 1808 Peter Abot Dr to me for one Yard of tow Cloth to twenty three nots of Sone thread Plainfield 1805 Mr Porter Dr to me for weven twenty one yards of two cloth at Six Pence per yard to one harrow crock 1805 Daniel Kingsbury had 65 yard of Cloth (Tow in mostly small lots.) 1807 Joesph Swan Dr to me for four days work Plainfield July the 30 1810 Sylas Reed marchant Dr to me for thurty one Pound and one forth of Rags Cred to Sylas Reed marchant for one Pound of tobacker to one Small Pudon Pan to one Pare of taps to one Set of Cops and Saurasers July the 8 1809 Barney Tisdal Dr to me for one Day work Plainfield June 24 1809 Benjimin Cutler Dr to me for work a framing Plainfield July the 25 1810 Cyrel Drown Dr to me for work Recieved one Log that made 600 feet of Claboards of Ebenezer. Plainsfield May 1798 Amos Farnum Dr to me for sawing five thousand feet of Pine Boards the sum of teen Dolers.</i>	0/18/0 0/4/0 1/4/0 0/3/0 0/1/6 0/1/0 0/3/0 0/3/0 0/1/6 0/3/0 0/10/6 0/4/0 1/4/0 0/7/6 0/1/6 0/0/8 0/1/6 0/4/3 0/5/0
<i>to axeltree and Spire(?) to making Sishes Plainfield May th 9 1801 Majer Joseph Smith Dr for sawing 1048 feet of Plank to 332 feet of Boards to six Days work to Claboard 5 hund feet to Sawing Slitwork Plainfield Daniel Coal Dr to me 1791 to Spinnig nine Run and half 1792 to Spinning Seven Run 1800 to nine Days a framing his house Plainfield 1793 John Muoëxdey Dr to me for one Day work upon your house to making Sashes to Sashes February 22, 1791 Cred to Jesse Carpenter to making one Pare of Shoes for Betty to making three Pare of Shoes to mending two Pare of Shoes 1798 Jesse Carpenter Dr to me for four Pounds and eleven ounces of So Lather one doller and 18 cents to Lather 8 Shilings Plainfield Janury 11th 1793 then we Reckoned and Settled all Book accounts from the Beginning of the World to this Day found Due to me one Pound nine Shilling and Elevon pence Lawfull mony as witness our hands</i>	0/5/0 0/4/6 1/15/0 0/8/0 1/16/0 0/18/0 0/12/0 0/9/6 0/7/0 2/14/0 0/4/6 0/2/6	VOL. II JOHN AUSTIN'S ACCOUNTS <i>Plainfield June th 9 1801 Amos Stafford Dr to me for sawing 3593 feet of Pine Board to making a coffing for his child to making a coffing for your father to making a coffing for your mame Plainfield Silas Levemore Dr to me for August one Day work 1802 December to six Days work upon the chool house Plainfield July th 7 1806 Lynard Pulcefer Cre to one galon of Rum to one Pen nife Plainfield Cady and Kingsbury Dr to me for framing ten Days and finding my self two meals a Day and finding Dog two meals a Day nine Days (1801? see Prop. records: first Tues of Jan. 1802 proprietors of Plainfield met at house of "Kingsbury & Cady" now Baptist Parsonage) ÜPlainfield May the 11 1803 Samuel harroon Dr to me for twenty nine nots of Shoe thread to one Run of Shoue thread</i>	0/9/0 0/12/6 1/16/0 0/16/0 0/6/0 0/3/0 0/0/8 0/0/8		
<i>Plainfield Lemuel Smith Dr to me 1798 for Setting your hitchell to making a yoak 1800 making harro and fering Cart tong Plainfield May th 25 1795 Reckned with Walter Smith and found Due to me the sum of Plainfield April 1794</i>	0/11/0 0/3/0 0/6/6 0/18/0				
	Joseph Smith John Austin				
				END OF VERNON HOOD'S NOTES	

**KENDALL AND EMILY AUSTIN
OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

by Ethel Mayo Warren
and Floyd Ellison Warren

S225-36B. KENDALL FREDERICK⁷ AUSTIN (Thomas,^{6,5,4} Benjamin,³ Thomas,² Samuel¹) was born 15 June 1837 in Surry, NH, the 11th child of Thomas and Lucy (Kendrick) Austin of the Samuel Austin of Boston line (Reference 1). As a young man he moved to a small farm in Alstead, NH, where

he lived the rest of his life. He married on 2 July 1856 to Emily Roxanna Nash, daughter of David and Abigail (Howard) Nash of nearby Sullivan, NH. Emily was born 16 January 1838 in Marlow, NH, and she died on 2/3 March 1897 in Alstead. After Emily's death Mrs. Ella Putney was Kendall's housekeeper for over twenty years.

Kendall Austin was a Civil War soldier, serving in the "Fighting Fifth" regiment of the New Hampshire volunteers. He was mustered in 30 September 1863 as a private; missing 25 August 1864 at Ream's Station, Virginia; returned; mustered out 28 June 1865.

Some colorful insight into Kendall's war service is provided by Dr. William Child, a major and surgeon with the "Fighting Fifth," who later wrote of the 1864 Ream's Station conflict in Reference 2:

August 24. No rebels in sight. We are destroying the railroad below Ream's Station. At 7 p. m., we are laying at Ream's Station, expecting to remain for the night.

August 25. We were in the breastworks during the fore-noon. About noon the enemy came down on us in heavy force, drove in our pickets and attacked our left flank, but were repulsed. Now they attack our center closed *enmasse*; again they were repulsed with terrible slaughter. Again and again they attack, but each time are repulsed, our artillery mowing them down by hundreds. The fifth time they assaulted our right center, and succeeded in breaking our line, capturing several of our guns. The Second Corps, under General Hancock, leave the works and retreat past the church, down the hill, through the woods, leaving sixteen cannon in the hands of the enemy. At about 6 p. m., Major Larkin of the Fifth, with some choice men from his regiment, returned to the works, now between the two lines, and brought away several of the captured cannon. Other officers and another regiment are mentioned as having done this. The writer of this can testify to this action, and remembers the anxiety with which he witnessed the operation from a comparatively safe position in the edge of the woods. The writer also remembers how earnestly General Hancock attempted, with his staff, to arrest the retreat of his men. With sword in one hand and hat in the other, he faced his retreating regiments coming from the center, and exclaimed "For God's sake do not run!" But they did run. They ingloriously retreated. The writer also remembers how two mule teams, loaded with entrenching tools, also ingloriously retreated, tools flying, mules

galloping, wagons jumping and rocking from side to side. The corps in this disastrous conflict lost 3,500 men, seven colors and five guns. The Fifth lost twenty-three killed and wounded. Among the killed was Lieutenant Robert H. Chase, lately promoted from sergeant.

August 26. We found ourselves, at about 3 p. m., on the extreme left of our lines, where we had destroyed breastworks on the 12th and 13th of July, having fallen back from Ream's Station last night. We are encamped near the Williams house.

August 27. We remained near the Williams house until 10 a. m., and then returned to our old campground in front of Petersburg. Sutler arrived today.

Sunday, August 28. Today all are busy cleaning camp. Had an inspection. All quiet along the lines. There was heavy firing last night.

August 29. Pleasant; heavy cannonading during afternoon, continuing until 11 p. m.

August 30. An occasional shot from our guns. Payrolls for six months made out.

August 31. Today all mustered for six months' pay. Weather very hot during middle of the day; cool at night and morning. Quiet along the lines.

Thursday, September 1. No firing; last night cool, today hot. Still in camp near Ninth Corps. At 7 p. m. we have order to pack and be ready to move at a moment's notice. Same countermanded and we remain in camp.

September 2. This morning a deserter was shot in the presence of the division. He deserted from a picket post, became mired in a marsh, was discovered, brought in, tried, found guilty and was shot sitting on his burial box.

September 3. Nothing of importance has transpired to our regiment, brigade, division or corps. A man was hung in the Tenth Corps today for murder-shot a comrade. News of the capture of Atlanta, Ga., was received with cheers.

Kendall clearly saw action, and his eyesight was much impaired by a slight wound he received in the service. Back in Alstead, he was an active member of the W. S. Hancock Post N.9, G.A.R., and is pictured here in 1910 with other Alstead veterans in a photograph being preserved by the Alstead Historical Society.

In 1918 Kendall sold his farm where he had lived for over fifty years to Ernest Burroughs, with whom Kendall lived until his death on 9 March 1919 in East Alstead. The parents, siblings, and children of Kendall Austin and Emily are well documented in Reference 3. They had five children, the first born in Keene, the others in Alstead:

- CHILDREN: S225-36B1. FRED MERRILL, *b. 23 August 1858, d. 31 December 1883 Alstead*
S225-36B2. JULIA EMMA, *b. 10 April 1861*
S225-36B3. CELIA MELISSA, *b. 4 May 1867*
S225-36B4. ARTHUR MORRIS, *b. 23 April 1870, d. 17 July 1879 from kick of a horse.*
S225-36B5. PROCTOR ALLEN, *b. 2 Feb. 1874*

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Civil War Veterans, Alstead, NH 1910. Back Row: Wilson Colburn, Kendall Austin, Jonathon Rawson, Manley Gasset, ---Webster; Front Row: Julius Porter, Solomon Davis, James Nash, Dr. George Belt, Edward Kingsbury, (unidentified)

S225-36B5. PROCTOR ALLEN⁸ AUSTIN (*Kendall Frederick,*⁷ *Thomas,*^{6,5,4} *Benjamin,*³ *Thomas,*² *Samuel*¹) was born on 2 February 1874 in Alstead. He married (1) in September 1897 to Marcia Baine, daughter of Edward R. and Lilla Ann (Spooner) Baine. They divorced, and Proctor married (2) Mrs. Eva Belle (Dupies) Ellis, born 4 January 1875 in Alstead, the daughter of Joseph Feasant and Laura Jane (Howard) Dupies. Proctor, shown in the photograph on page 50, was a well-known horse trader in his time. He had a few problems with the Cheshire County Humane Society, as recorded in the 1912 New Hampshire newspaper article reprinted on page 50. Apparently *caveat emptor* - let the buyer beware - was not a very popular concept in those times! Whether because of his horse-trading activities or not, we do not know, but in any event using the alias "John Bolio" Proctor moved to New York where he again married Eva Austin. Eva Bolio died 11 September 1949, John Bolio died soon after in April 1950, and both are buried in Graceland Cemetery, Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York, in the same plot with their sons Fred Marshall and Walter.

- CHILDREN: S225-36B5-1. LAWRENCE A., b. 9 Dec. 1898, d. 1913
 S225-36B5-2. FRED MARSHALL, b. 28 November 1899, m. Florence B. Moore 10 December 1919 Southbridge, Mass., d. October 1963
 S225-36B5-3. LOUISA JANE, b. 22 June 1901, m. 29 April 1919 Louis Joseph Mayo, Jr., d. age 72yrs.
 S225-36B5-4. WALTER ALLEN, b. 28 April 1908, m(1) Grace Greene, div., m(2) Julia Abdellia, d. 7 June 1942
 S225-36B5-5. ARTHUR JAMES, b. 9 September 1910, d. 14 November 1953

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QUERIES

50-1. **Nathaniel Austin** born 1775 in Rhode Island, m. Betsey Dodge, b. 1781 NY. Need Ancestry of Nathaniel.

50-2. **Stephen Decatur Austin** b. 1 December 1819 in Maine, m. circa 1856 Lucy Barnard in Wisconsin, d. 18 April 1888, Langlade Township, Langlade County, WI. Need Stephen's parents, and was he a brother of John Bailey Austin?

50-3. **Charles William Austin** b. 7 December 1884 Newport, Arkansas, m. 1 April 1910 Cedenia Elvira Pierson. He d. 30 January 1960 Stevinson, California. On his army record Mrs. Elsie Frazier, 1411 East 10th St., Sedalia, Missouri, was listed as next of kin in 1906. Need ancestry of Charles, also any data on Mrs. Frazier.

50-4. **Mary Austine** m. 28 October 1852 in York County, Penn., to William Neal b. in Perry County, Ohio, 15 October 1828. Seek descendents of William and Mary.

50-5. **Molly Austin** b. 5 November 1750, dau. of Samuel and Mary. She m. Jesse Rice/Roys/Royce, who was b. 10 September 1742 in Wallingford, Conn., d. after 1832 in Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York. He was the son of Josiah

and Eunice (Alling/Allen) who lived in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass. (1790 Census) and Aurelius, New York (1810-20-30 Census). Jesse was a Revolutionary War soldier. Need children of Jesse and Molly.

50-6. **Abigail Austin** daughter of Thomas of Stanford, Conn., d. 11 June 1710. She m. 1 August 1709 in Fairfield, Conn., to Samuel Canfield, who was b. 1679 and d. 1712. One son, Samuel Canfield, Jr., was b. 4 June 1710. Samuel, Sr. m. Abigail Dean in 1711, he d. in 1712. Need birthdate of Abigail and all data on Thomas Austin.

50-7. John Austin b. 1787 in New York, d. 1859 in Fulton County, Illinois. He m. Rachel (è), b. 1795 in New York and d. 1876 in Fulton County. Children: Hiram 1810, Alison 1812, Russell 1814, Peter 1815, Alvina 1817, Justin 1819, James 1820, Syntha Jane 1822, Jesse 1824, Elizabeth 1825, Cyrus 1827, Harriett 1828, Almyra 1834, Wm. Jasper 1836. Need data on John and Rachel, and their descendants.

Researchers are needed to author sections by state and county of a volume entitled:

Austins in the Federal Census of 1850

Thirty states were admitted to the Union prior to the 1850 Federal Census. If you are interested in helping to compile Austins from this 1850 census, please write to *Austins of America*, 23 Allen Farm Lane, Concord, Mass. 01742.

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Well Known Horse Trader Brought Into Court In Troy by Agent Jennie B. Powers

Through the efforts of Agent Jennie B. Powers of the Cheshire County Humane Society, A. P. Austin of Troy, known as "Proc" Austin, a horse jockey who has done business in this county for several years, has been sent to the house of correction at Westmoreland for selling a horse unfit for labor.

Austin was arrested Tuesday by Agent Powers for selling a horse Sunday, July 22, to William Harding of Troy, the animal getting down within three days and being so weak it could not get up. Four witnesses testified to the condition of the horse, which was found in "fearful" shape, according to their testimony. Agent Powers shot it. Harding had paid \$8 for it.

When Austin was brought to Troy he refused to enter the court room and it was necessary to call Deputy Sheriff Stanley and Constable Nelson, who took him before Judge Platts. Constable Nelson and Mr. Dustin accompanied Agent Powers when she took Austin to Westmoreland. Besides the three month's sentence he was fined \$25 and costs of \$15.28.

For years Austin has traded and sold horses in the county among the poor people, many of whom have had to kill the animals soon after, or the horses have died. Agent Powers has been called in numerous cases, but until the present one has not been able to get sufficient evidence to bring Austin into court. Austin was in a mixup in this city a year ago, having traded horses with a North end resident.

**THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN AND CHARITY KENDRICK AUSTIN
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

by Jeane Austin King Galau

THIRD GENERATION [Continued from page 42]

J47. KITTYE ANN³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born 23 September 1809 in Montgomery County, Maryland. She married on 15 February 1830 to George M. Borah, the son of George E. and Mary (Treater) Borah, born on 30 March 1801. George died 16 September 1853, Kittye died 17 November 1872. Both are buried in Whalen Cemetery, Butler County, Kentucky. BORAH CHILDREN: *Valentine 1832, Margaret 1834, William Posey 1836, John H. 1841, George 1843, Caroline 1848, Calvin 1848.*

J48. MARGARET³ AUSTIN (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born 28 March 1812 in Montgomery County, Maryland. She was married on 18 February 1830 to Willis Borah, the son of George E. and Mary (Treater) Borah, born 3 December 1805 in Near Borah's Ferry. Willis died 3 May 1859, and is buried in Mt. Ida Cemetery in Grant County, Wisconsin. Margaret died 23 October 1873 in Butler County, Kentucky and is buried in Taylor Cemetery. BORAH CHILDREN: *Sarah ca1831, Elizabeth 1833, Sally 1834, George 1838, Amanda 1841, Eliza 1845, Martha 1846, John J. 1847.*

J49. WILLIAM³ Austin (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born 26 November 1814. He was married on 31 October 1836 to Sarah Ann Taylor, the daughter of Harrison and Philina (Pigman) Taylor, born 30 October 1818. William died 8 June 1883, while Sarah died 25 December 1913. Both are buried at the Austin Cemetery.

CHILDREN: J491. SUSAN ANN, *b. 3 August 1837, d. 31 October 1860, buried Austin Cemetery*
 J492. HARRISON, *b. 4 April 1839, m. Josephine Brown, d. 1 November 1927*
 J493. JOHN, *b. 3 January 1842, m. Mary Frances Cooper, he died 20 June 1877*
 J494. HANNIBAL, *b. 12 March 1844, d. 7 February 1872, buried Austin Cemetery*
 J495. MARGARET ELIZABETH, *b.1846, known as 'Betty,' she m. Daniel Tichnor, no issue*
 J496. CATHERINE, *b. 25 March 1849, d. 20 August 1870, unmarried, buried Austin Cemetery*
 J497. HELEN, *b. 21 February 1852, d. 16 May 1883 bur. Austin Cemetery, m. John Hocker*

J4A. ANDREW JACKSON³ Austin (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born 7 March 1816 in Ohio County, Kentucky. He married in that county on 31 August 1840 to Dorothy Chinn.

Andrew died 26 June 1886 and is buried in the Old Austin Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Kentucky:

CHILDREN: J4A1. BURGESS, *m. Caldonia Chick*
 J4A2. LUCY ANN, *b. near Slaty Creek, Ohio County m. 13 October 1864, d. to Archie L. Chick, son of Ambler & Eleanor (Sanders) Chick*
 J4A3. LOUETTE, *m. William Blankship in 1884, no issue*
 J4A4. ALICE, *m I. Barnard*
 J4A5. MARILDA, *m. ---Shakleforte, moved to Texas*
 J4A6. BETTY, *m. Adam Nave*
 J49A. EUGENE, *b. 28 February 1860, d. 13 March 1862, buried Austin Cemetery, d. 13 March 1862, buried Austin Cemetery*

J4B. Henry J.³ Austin (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born in 1825 in Ohio County, Kentucky. He was married in that county on 6 November 1838 to Marelda Stevens. Their children are recorded in Ohio County, Kentucky:

CHILDREN: J4B1. ADA, *b.1850, m. George Patton b.1840 KY*
 J4B2. LENA, *b.1852 m. Jefferson French*

J4C. Zachariah³ Austin (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born 18 October 1819 in Ohio County, Kentucky. He was married to Caroline Taylor. Caroline was still living in 1866. Zachariah's Will was dated 7 October 1866 in Ohio County, Kentucky. Their children are recorded in Ohio County, Kentucky:

CHILDREN: J4B1. ADA, *b.1850, m. George Patton b.1840 KY*
 J4B2. LENA, *b.1852 m. Jefferson French*

J4D. George³ Austin (*John Kendrick,² John¹*) was born circa 1823 in Ohio County, Kentucky. He was married in that county on 2 May 1844 to Amanda Thomas. Amanda, the daughter of William and Sallie (Jackson) Thomas, was born on 14 June 1827 in Ohio County. Amanda died 8 January 1899 in Ohio County, and is buried in Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery. George's Will dated 5 January 1867 in Ohio County. Their children are recorded in Ohio County:

CHILDREN: J4D1. MELISSA, *b. 20 June 1845, d. 30 May 1870; m. James Clinton Davis, son of Alexander H. and Sarah (Liles) Davis*
 J4D2. HENRY, *m.(1) Liza Barnes, m.(2) Lizze Herring*
 J4D3. MARCELLA, *b. 1849, m. Edward Cooper*
 J4D4. SARAH, *m. William Stewart*
 J4D5. JOHN, *b. circa 1853 from census, m. Time Walker*
 J4D6. CHRISTOPHER (KIT), *b. 1854, m. Laura Ashford*
 J4D7. MARY (MOLLY), *b. 1858, m. — Simpson*
 J4D8. BYRON, *b. 3 April 1869, d. 11 June 1933; m. Frances French 1869-1954.*

COOPER-FROST-AUSTIN HOUSE OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

*by Bainbridge Bunting
and Robert H. Nylander*

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Cambridge is almost unique in terms of domestic architecture. Although many communities have larger, more elaborate dwellings dating from a particular period, few have so wide a range with examples of every period from the 17th century to the present. Within the few square miles of this survey district, one finds an extraordinarily complete review of three centuries of American houses.

In 1635 five years after the founding of Cambridge, a register made for the town fathers listed 74 houses; in 1642 the number was 104; in 1647 only 90. A great proportion of these buildings was within the limits of the original town close to Harvard Square and has therefore disappeared. Further from the square, however, two important dwellings survive which retain aspects of their 17th century character although remodeled in the 18th century. Fortunately both buildings are owned by historical societies that keep them in excellent repair and open to the public.

The Cooper-Frost-Austin house, 21 Linnaean Street, was begun about 1691 by Samuel Cooper, at a time when the Cambridge Common extended as far north as Linnaean Street. Originally only half its present size, the house was enlarged about 1720 by Walter Cooper, who added the left half, with further changes made about 1810 and 1830 by Thomas Austin. In 1912, after the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities purchased the property from the Austin heirs, the house was carefully restored by Joseph Chandler.

Rising to its present height, the original house contained only the entry and rooms on the right. Fenestration also has been altered, once in the first half of the 18th century and again in the early 19th; but traces of the original scheme survive in the framing. It is probable that the facade had banks of triple casements filled with diamond-shaped panes which might have resembled those in the restored Abraham Browne house of about 1695 in Watertown. A 17th century origin is also announced by the steep roof where the framing of the rafters indicates there was originally a front gable. Such cross gables were not uncommon, as one knows from the House of Seven Gables in Salem. Still other Medieval aspects are the overhanging end gable and the rear lean-to roof with its long sweeping lines. Indeed, the rear view of the house is the most convincing: set in a thicket of trees it presents a picture of an early Cambridge dwelling.

Photo AOA 52-1

One more typical 17th century feature is the large central chimney whose exterior surface is decorated with brick pilasters. Despite its unified appearance, the chimney-stack was built at three different times. Because of the way the flue for the hearth of the lean-to is joined to the masonry, it is clear that it has been added; likewise, another pair of flues must have been fused to the center chimney when the left half of the house was added about 1720. This means that originally the main downstairs room served for cooking as well as for living, a true in the medieval sense, but when the fireplace was added in the lean-to, kitchen activities were removed there. As in so many other old houses modernized in the 18th and 19th centuries, the huge 17th century hearths were reduced in size by the simple expedient of building a new, smaller, and more efficient fireplace within the older one. When the house was restored in 1912, the fireplaces were reopened to their original size.

Photo AOA 52-2

The Cooper-Frost-Austin "hall" and parlor give an accurate impression of 17th and early 18th-century interiors. The ceiling of the old "hall" (now used for dining; see upper photograph) was originally unplastered, so that the wooden framing and flooring of the chamber above were exposed. Most notable is the enormous 12 by 11 inch summer beam that extends between the outside and fireplace walls, a clear expression of the hierarchy of support as the floor load above is transferred to joists, to summer beam, to chimney and end girts, to vertical posts. The notching and fitting of the joists is skillful and the chamfer of the summer beam complex. This open ceiling was later plastered over but was uncovered during the 1912 restoration. The somewhat later parlor (see middle photograph) also has a summer beam (which had to be shored up by an interior post when the house was restored) but, in keeping with the 1720 date, the ceiling here has always been plastered in order to hide the joists and thus to obtain a smoother, flatter, more formal appearance. Still the transition was not yet complete, because hewn girts and summer beam project below the plaster surfaces; now, however, their corners are finished with a bead molding instead of a chamfer. Furthermore, a fireplace of such large scale as that in the parlor was decidedly old-fashioned for the 1720's; (the present rough-hewn lintel is an inaccurate restoration of 1912).

Photos AOA 53-1, 53-2, 53-3 Unavailable

Both second-floor rooms contain fairly elaborate paneling, because it appears that, until the end of the first half of the 18th century, upstairs chambers were often considered the best rooms and were used for entertaining as well as for sleeping, undoubtedly a reflection of the European *piano nobile*. In both instances, paneling on the fireplace wall is supported by wooden framing members independent of the brick chimneystack, so that the paneling projects slightly in front of the fireplaces. The fireplace wall in the older hall chamber is composed of vertical, shadow-molded sheathing that has a linear look recalling Tudor linenfold work, while the rear wall of the same room is sealed with horizontal boards (see lower photograph). The raised paneling in the parlor chamber has a tentative Early Georgian look, its fireplace opening and mantel shelf enlivened by complex moldings that do not yet conform to standard Classical profiles.

Since almost no house remains untouched generation after generation, so the Cooper-Frost-Austin house was again modified in the 19th century. The out-building now serving as an open porch with graceful elliptical arches dates from about 1810, while the entrance hall was enlarged about 1830. Uncomfortably dark and narrow in its original form, the hall enlargement took the form of a projecting vestibule with windows on the sides. At the same time, the stairs were rebuilt and their direction reversed, a relatively simple change entailing no modifications of major structural members; there was, however, insufficient room to make them straighter or less steep. The details of the new stairs are typical of Old Cambridge usage between 1800-30: the newel is gracefully turned, and the rectangular balustrades have thin, light proportions.

AUSTINS OF GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK

by Jean C. Denison

The following material was copied from The Salisbury Collection found in the Holland Land Office in Batavia, New York. Evidentially circa 1904 a group of individuals who were interested in genealogy started collecting information on many of the Genesee County families. The information is gathered together in approximately ten notebooks, arranged alphabetically by surname.

John Austin married Eliza Huyck and lived in Buffalo, NY. Their daughter **Elizabeth Austin** was born in 1848, and married Edwin J. Niles of LeRoy NY on 29 August 1867. Edwin was the son of Ebenezer and Eliza (Sprague) Niles. Elizabeth Austin Niles died in 1913, and is buried in Me Peleh Cemetery in Le Roy.

Mabel Austin of Connecticut m. Jedediah Crosby of Connecticut and settled in Bergen NY in 1805.

Jennie Austin m. Elias O. Albee, son of Isaac and Sophia (Lincoln) Albee of Vermont. Elias was born 7 June 1841 in Norfolk, St. Lawrence County NY, removed to Buffalo and then to Le Roy in 1880.

Elizabeth Austin 1822-1864 buried in Me Peleh Cemetery in Le Roy.

Ira Austin was born 13 February 1816 in Darion, married **Adeline Austin** and lived in Cowlesville, Wyoming County, NY. Adeline was born in Le Roy on 12 May 1836. Their daughter **Iola Austin** was born 12 May 1861 in Cowlesville, married on 28 February 1888 to John W. Mullen of Stafford, son of William and Elizabeth (Ford) Mullen. John was b. 17 September 1854 in Stafford.

Maria Austin was first wife of F. S. Wright, son of Samuel & Hannah (Judd) Wright, resided in Oakfield NY.

Robert Austin married Martha Searles. Their daughter **Jane Austin** married Albert Wesley Ward, son of Daniel and Catherine (Phelps) Ward.

James Austin came to Bergen NY between 1801 & 1810.

Joseph Austin came to Le Roy NY at an early date, died 25 August 1813, buried in Myrtle Street Cem. in Le Roy.

James Austin came to Le Roy NY in 1803.

Eliza Austin died in Le Roy 25 December 1864, aged 42.

Pheobe Austin Butler 1855-1919, buried in Hillside Cemetery in the town of Pembroke.

Bertha E. Austin 1878-1924, buried in Byron Cemetery.

Albert Austin 1812-1902, buried in Elba Village Cemetery, with his wife Charlotte B. 1817-1871.

Cordelia E. Austin 1840-1902, buried at Elba.

Hattie J. Austin 1856-1892, buried at Elba.

Richard Austin died 26 February 1873 aged 89, buried in Hunn Cemetery in town of Alexander, with his wife Laura who died 20 September 1878 aged 92.

Lucy Austin 1831-1920, buried in Hunn Cemetery in Alexander.

Maria A. Austin 1813-1906, wife of Alden Higgins, buried in Hunn Cemetery in Alexander.

Abel Austin's wife Hannah died 20 April 1830 aged 84, buried in Temperance Hill Cemetery in Batavia NY.

Elizabeth Austin married Edwin Niles and lived in Stafford in 1874.

Ruth I. Austin on 12 December 1912 became the first wife of William Nelson Wellman, son of Albert and Laura (Smith)Wellman.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
HENRY AUSTIN OF KINCAID TOWNSHIP
IN JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

The following article was extracted by Anthony Kent Austin from The *Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois*, Biographical Publishing Company, Chicago 1894, pp. 556-557.

Henry Austin, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Kincaid Township, Jackson County, residing on section 2, has the honor of being a native of this locality, for his birth occurred in Bradley Township, on the 24th of December 1850. His father, John Austin, was a native of Tennessee, and when a young man came to Illinois, settling in Bradley Township. Throughout life he followed farming, and was very successful in his undertakings. His death occurred in 1872, at the age of fifty-five. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucinda Polk, passed away during the early childhood of our subject. Their children were: Thomas, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Elias Glenn; Ann, wife of Frank McBride; Minerva, deceased wife of William Stanton; Oliver, deceased; Matilda, wife of Willis H. Bilderback; Mahala, widow of Benjamin Bilderback; Sarah, who died in childhood; John, Caroline and George, all deceased; and Jane, widow of Alfred Wiggins. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Austin wedded Susan Creath, and they became the parents of three children, but all died in early life. Mr. Austin was a popular and prominent citizen of this county, and took an active part in politics, supporting the Democracy. Socially, he was connected with the Masonic order.

Henry Austin passed his boyhood quietly upon his father's farm, and early became familiar with all the duties of agricultural life. When he had attained man's estate, he began farming for himself on the place where he now lives. It was then a tract of wild land, but with characteristic energy he began its improvement. The farm comprises one hundred and forty-seven acres, much of which is highly cultivated. The fine residence, good barns and other necessary buildings all stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He also purchased the old home farm of three hundred and twenty acres in the same township, of which one hundred and sixty acres are under the plow. Much of the remainder is pasture land. This place is also improved with good building and a large orchard.

On 21 September 1871, Mr. Austin was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia J. Talbott, daughter of William E. Talbott. Ten children were born to them. Horace G., born 22 September 1872, was married 31 July 1892 to Lavanda Jarrett, and they have one child,

Grace. The other children are: Albert, born 14 September 1874; Emma born 8 December 1876; Harry born 27 September 1878 and died 29 September 1880; Charlie E. born 10 August 1880; Lydia born 1 October 1882 and died 30 August 1889; Freddie H. born 20 April 1885; George Morris born 19 September 1887; Minnie Beatrice born 11 December 1889; and John Conner born 11 November 1893.

Mr. Austin is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Ava and the Knights of Honor. He has always been a faithful Democrat and is prominent in local politics. He has served as Highway Commissioner, was elected Justice of the Peace, but refused to qualify, and is now holding the office of Collector for the fourth term, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity which win him high commendation. Pleasant and genial in manner, he has many friends throughout the community, and the high regard in which he is held is justly merited.

QUERIES

55-1. **Seth Austin** married - Smith. Their daughter, Sarah/Sally Austin, was b. 2 August 1793 in Salisbury, Connecticut, or Tunbridge, Vermont. She married William Kelsey. Need Sarah's ancestry. See *Page 57!*

55-2. **Philo Austin** b. Vermont circa 1824, listed in several census records for Moriah, Essex County, New York, with mother Susannah Austin, b. Rhode Island circa 1790. Both are buried in the Sherman Burying Ground in W. Moriah VT, next to Densy/Prudence (Austin) Shaw, wife of Richard Shaw b. Vermont circa 1820. Was she also a daughter of Susannah? Need ancestry of Philo.

55-3. **Lyman Austin** was born circa 1800 in Oneida County, New York, died in 1863 in Palermo, Oswego County, NY. He married circa 1825 Pauline Reed, born 2 June 1799 in Lee, Mass., the daughter of John & Elizabeth (Cracker) Reed. Need ancestry & children of Lyman.

55-4. **Richard Austin** was born in England circa 1598, died in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He married in England. Need death of Richard and wife.

55-5. **Nancy Austin** was probably born in New York in 1801, died Altmar, Oswego County, New York on 7 January 1887. She married, probably in NY circa 1819, Asa P. Parkhurst born Whitesboro NY, 1796, died 15 October 1872 Dugway, NY. He was the son of Josiah and Hannah (Tyler) Parkhurst. Need ancestry of Nancy.

55-6. **Abigail Austin** married Samuel Hale, born 26 October 1741 died circa 1809, an Ensign from Connecticut in Revolutionary War. Need all data on their children.

**MARY AUSTIN CAPTURED BY ABENAKI
INDIANS AT YORK, MAINE IN 1692**

by *Kenneth Roberts*
and *Emma Lewis Coleman*

The following excerpts were taken from Kenneth Roberts' 1933 book *Trending into Maine*, and Emma Lewis Coleman's 1925 book *New England Captives Carried to Canada between 1677 and 1760 During the French and Indian Wars*, Southworth Press, Portland.

On Sunday, 24 January 1692, one hundred and fifty Abenakis from the Kennebec, under the chief Madockowando, came to the foot of Mt. Agamonticus on snowshoes, and sent scouts forward to examine York Village. They were hungry Indians after their long journey, and they had no time to waste; so although snow was falling heavily, they decided to attack the settlement early the next morning.

So numerous were the Indians, and so sudden the appearance of those hideously painted red men when they attacked, that the inhabitants made no resistance. One of the first to be slaughtered was Mr. Dummer, the minister, who was preparing to mount his horse to pay a visit to a parishioner. He was shot down, his clothing torn off, and his body mutilated in the manner approved by Indians in the early days, and more recently by Ethiopian warriors.

In two hours all important houses in York and its neighborhood had been burned, all the women and children captured, nearly all the men killed and horribly mangled, all horses, cattle, sheep and pigs killed or burned, and all the corn and fodder destroyed. Three hours after the attack the Indians, loaded with loot, were on their way back to the Kennebec, driving their prisoners before them through the thick woods.

Seventy-three captives, mostly women and children, made that long trip to Canada through the snow and the dark forests. Some were young – incredibly young to make such a journey. Mary Austin, for example, was five years old. How difficult it would be, lacking the records, to believe that little Mary Austin, sometimes carried by red men and sometimes by white, and sometimes stumping along on her own small legs, traveled four hundred miles, beneath dark pines, over mountains, across frozen rivers, and at last came safely to Montreal! Yet the record exists. She was sold as a servant to a French family, brought up as a Roman Catholic, and entered on the French records as Mary "Haustein."

In 1695 Mary "Astin" remained in Canada, and in 1710/11 Mary "Osten" is still there. In the summer of

1708 Lieut. Josiah Littlefield wrote from Montreal that "Mary Austin of York is well."

On 7 January 1710, Etienne Gibau, twenty-three years old, son of Gabriel Gibau of the parish of La Valterre, and of Suzanne Duvand, living now in this parish, married Marie Elizabeth Haustein, daughter of Mathieu Haustein and of Marie Littlefield his wife, of the town of York in New England, in the presence of Etienne's brother; Jaques la Selle, his brother-in-law; the Sieur de Senneville and of several other relatives and friends.

Etienne could not write his name but Mary could. Among the witnesses was Marie Françoise (Freedom) French of Deerfield. Etienne was a carpenter.

On the Notre-Dame register are baptismal records of nine children: 1711, M. Elizabeth, whose godmother was Marie-Joseph Sayer, the only name of a N.E. friend appearing as a sponsor; 1712 Etienne; 1714 Jean-Baptiste; 1716 Genevieve; 1718 Marie-Therese – the mother's name given as Hasting; 1720 Jacques-Joseph; 1722 Jean-François; 1724 Charlotte; 1725 Antoine.

On 4 October 1755, Marie Elizabeth Hastin, wife of Etienne Gibau, joiner, was buried in the cemetery near the church (Notre-Dame of Montreal) having died the preceding day about 8 o'clock A.M. and about 68 years old. Present were priests Amplement and Durumer.

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**SETH AND HANNAH SMITH AUSTIN
OF TUNBRIDGE, VERMONT**

by *Pauline L. Austin*

This response to Query 55-1 is based upon the author's own research, and a 1966 letter from Mrs. Louise Austin of Ocean Park, Washington.

Seth Austin was the sixth of eleven children of R242 Thomas and Hannah (Hale) Austin, of the Richard Austin line (see pp. 35,88,89 of *The Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts*, by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day). He was born 13 September 1748 in Salisbury, Connecticut, married Hannah Smith on 26 April 1770, died in Tunbridge, Vermont on 23 July 1819. Seth sold land to an older brother Samuel b. 3 May 1746 (deed reproduced below), and after whom he probably named his son Samuel Austin whose birth is recorded in Vol. II of the Salisbury records, along with Seth and Hannah's marriage.

Seth Austin served in the Revolutionary War as a Ser-geant (pension record), Lieutenant (State of Connecticut Records Vol. IV, page 184), and as a Captain (State of Connecticut Records Vol. V, page 212). Many years after his death, widow Hannah petitioned for a pension:

Declaration *State of Vermont At Tunbridge*

On this 24 day of August at 1844 personally appeared Hannah Austin of Tunbridge in the County of Orange and State of Vermont aged ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law douth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 that she is the widow of Seth Austin who during the Revolution resided in Sulsberry in Connecticut. She supposed he was a sargent and served in the War of the Revolution several campaigns. The first service he was gone from home in said war was the alarm at Lexington or Bunker Hill but did not reach place until the battle was over and returned in a few days. The next year he went into the service early in the spring or summer and was at the Battle or about where the Battle of Long Island was fought and the abandoning of New York and White Plains Battle. I heard him talk of these Battles and early in the spring 1777 he went in the service as she supposed was at the burning of Danburry and Sarus? and he was out at the Battle of Bennington and Still Water or near them. I well recollect this year on one of the alarms my husband hired Deacon Heseekiah Camp's mare to go to see Col. Burnell and his horse was shot and he brought his saddle home on his back but got orders to go in the service from Col. Burnell and went of the following morning. He had to pay 18 lbs. for the horse. On one of these alarms he helped make horse shoes in the night to be ready for an early start, and he went to guard Poughkeepsie the same season. She thinks he was out that year about 8 months and it may have been more and he was afterwards out to gard New Haven and was gone some months but don't know how long. Her husband spent most of his time engaged in said war through the whole of the war. He had authority to enlist soldiers and take up cowboys and was always ready at his country's call. She supposed that he filled different posts of office during said war, some times as Captain or Commander. At one time by reason of sore eyes hired Daniel Stanand to take his place 2 months in the winter but Stanand was taken prisoner as she understood and escaped by hiding in a brush heap and the enemy sus-

pecting him there pounced on the heap gouging him and said damn him if he is under here he is dead enough now and left him. He stayed some time in the cold until it was dark and he escaped. This is as he told me.

She further declares that she was married to the said Seth Austin April 1770 by minister Lee and prior to that time her name was Hannah Smith and her husband the aforesaid Seth Austin died on the 23rd day of July, 1819, aged 71 and she has remained his widow ever since. As will more fully appear by the proof here unto anexed and by reason of age and loss of memory I cannot recollect any facts more particular.

(signed) *Hannah Austin*

Witness

*Samuel Austin
Wm. Hebard*

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year first above written

Wm. Hebard Judge of the Supreme Court

Hannah's claim was suspended awaiting specific statements as to the amount of service and names of officers under whom Seth served in each enlistment and which was never furnished.

SETH AUSTIN DEED TO SAMUEL AUSTIN

To all People to whom these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that I Seth Austin of Tunbridge in the County of Orange and State of Vermont for the consideration of thirty pounds L.Mo. receivd to my full satisfaction of Samuel Austin of Tunbridge in the County & State afors^d Do give grant bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Samuel Austin his Heirs and assigns to their own propper use benefit, and behoof forever a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Tunbridge it being the one half of Lots No. 65 & 80 belonging to the original Rights of George Palmer and William Whitney it being the Easterly Half of Each Lot. Containing in the Whole one Hundred Acres more or less as may be Seen by the Plan and Records of s^d Town.

To have and to Hold the above granted and bargained premises with the Appurtenences thereof unto him the said Samuel Austin his Heirs and Assigns forever to them and their own proper use and behoof and also I the Said Seth Austin do for my Self my Heirs Executors and administrators Covenant with the said Samuel Austin his Heirs and assigns that at and untill Ensealing these presents I am well seized of the premises as a good indefensible Estate in fea simple and have good Right to Bargain and Sell the Same in Manner and form as above written and that the Same is free of all Incumbrance whatsoever and further more I the said Seth Austin do by these Presents bind my Self and my Heirs forever to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained Premises to him the said Samuel Austin his Heirs and Assigns against all Claims and Demands Whatsoever claiming by from or and me or the original grantee.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this 1st Day of October Anno Domini 1773

Seth Austin (seal)

*Signed Sealed and Delivered
in Presence of*

*Abiel Austin
Eli Austin State of Vermont Orange County Personally appeared Seth Austin the Signer and Sealer of the above written Instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and Deed before me this 11 Day of July Anno Domini 1797 Alexander Hadman, Justice of Peace*

*Tunbridge August 5th 1797 Receiv^d the above Deed for Record
Attest Hezekiah Hutchinson Town Clerk*

**HEZEKIAH AND NANCY AUSTIN
OF ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
by Charles Edwin Austin

Editor's Note: The following article concerns the same family discussed in Janet Austin Curtis' article on *William and Milly Austin of Anderson County, Tennessee* published on page 31 of *Austins of America*. The present article questions whether William was the father of the children attributed to him by Mrs. Curtis, including the subject, Hezekiah Austin.

The first recorded history of Hezekiah Austin is found in the transcription of the *Minutes of the Pleas and Quarterly Court of Anderson County, Tennessee*. The *Minutes* for the third session, September 1802, include:

p.16: *Ordered that William Austin bring the orphan children herein named, which were presented by the Grand Jury (viz): Joseph Austin, Elizabeth Austin, Zachariah Austin, Hezekiah Austin, John Austin, Daniel Austin, Pobe [Phoebe] Austin, and Nancy Austin to the next Court to be held for the county of Anderson on the second Monday of December next, to be disposed of as the Court may think proper.*

Few conclusions are possible from this entry alone. However, based upon the assumption that the children are listed in the order of their birth (such is the case with Hezekiah, John, and Daniel), it would appear that there is an excellent possibility that there were additional adult children. The following transcripts from the December session of the Court establish some important facts about the family. They do not, however, indicate who was the father of the children. At first glance it may appear that William Austin was the father, but this is not confirmed by the available Court transcripts:

p.19: *Ordered by the Court that Hannah Austin and Nathaniel Austin have the Administration of all and singular the goods and chattles and credits of William Austin deceased. They having en-tered into Bond in the sum of One Hundred Dollars and give Arthur Crozier and John Howard – Securities - they were qualified accordingly.*

p.19: *Ordered by the Court that Arthur Crozier have Hezekiah Austin, a boy born Feb^y 17th 1787 Bound to him until he attains the age of twenty one years. That John Howard have John Austin, a boy born 26 Oct., 1789 until he attains to the age of Twenty one and that Stephen Heard have Daniel Austin, a boy born 16 October, 1793 until he shall attain to the age of twenty one years.*

p.19: *Ordered by the Court that Hannah Austin be allowed the sum of ten dollars for keeping the*

children of Milley Austin (viz): John Austin, Daniel Austin, Nancy Austin, and Pheobe Austin, from September 1802 to December.

p.86 *John Howard brought into court an orphan boy named John Austin who had been formerly bound to him by this Court and was discharged from the obligation of his indenture. Said Howard being about to release.*

p.87: *Ordered by the Court that an orphan boy named John Austin be bound as apprentice until William Underwood Esquire until he shall attain to the age of twenty one years who entered into indentures as the law requires.*

Additional information is available on one Betsy Austain on pages 86 and 152 of the above Court records.

As mentioned above, the possibility of additional, older children, does exist if the first list of the children is in the order of their birth. Thus, the children were probably of the following ages in 1802: Joseph ca.20, Elizabeth ca.19, Zachariah ca.17, Hezekiah 15, John 13, Pheobe ca.11, Daniel 9, and Nancy ca.7. As can be seen in the above records, Pheobe and Nancy may be in reverse order. If there are any adult children, there is an *unproven possibility* that William Austin, of neighboring Grainger County, may have been one of the adult children of this family. It is *presumed* that the William Austin who was directed to bring Milley Austin's orphan children to the December Court term is the same William Austin who married Rebecker Moses 22 March 1798 in Grainger County, Tennessee. Note that Anderson County was formed from

Grainger and Knox County lands, and William may well have been living in what was later to become Anderson County.

A deed to William Austine dated 16 March 1801 in Knox County, was recorded in Anderson County on 8 June 1802. (Anderson County was formed in 1802.) The same land was sold on 27 November 1802, and was proven in Court on 30 May 1803. The later deed was witnessed by Valentine Austin with his name being stricken, with Nathaniel being added in place of Valentine. Thus the deed was accepted in court with Nath^l Austin and Ruben Ragland as witnesses. For the deed to have been proven in court at least five months after the death of William seems unlikely, therefore, it would appear that there were two William Austins, perhaps father and son. Additional Anderson County and Grainger County court records reflect other Austins in the immediate area in that time period, including a Stephen Austin. There is little doubt that Valentine, Stephen, and Clisbe Austin were of the

John Austin family of Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia. The last known record of William Austin, circa 1750-60, of the said John Austin family is in Surry County, North Carolina in 1777. Even though there is a possibility that Hezekiah Austin was a descendant of this John Austin, there is no positive proof that this is the case.

The next record of Hezekiah Austin is found in the Tennessee Governor's appointment book, when Hezekiah was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant in the 31st Regiment of the Tennessee State Militia for Bledsoe County on 16 April 1811. It would appear that Hezekiah stayed in Bledsoe County at least until 1815, when he, Daniel and John signed a Land Law Petition there. That being the case, Hezekiah met and married Nancy Jane Blevins circa 1812, in Bledsoe County. They were blessed with their first child, John H. Austin, in 1813. The 1830 Census for Bond County, Illinois, lists a female child 10 to 15 years of age who is unknown to the Hezekiah Austin family researchers. This child was apparently born to Hezekiah and Jane while they lived in Bledsoe County, if indeed she was their child.

Shortly after the formation of Marion County, partially from Bledsoe County lands, Hezekiah apparently bought his first tract of land. This is a very broad statement, since Hezekiah never recorded a deed of conveyance to him. Fortunately Hezekiah bought three tracts of land in Marion County that were original purchases, therefore these required government surveys which were recorded in the county. The first two of these tracts were surveyed 29 June 1825, the third on 3 October 1826. Of these three tracts, there is only one deed of conveyance from Hezekiah of record in Marion County. Hezekiah's failure to record deeds was perhaps because in those days a man's word was his bond, and the southern pioneer was a very independent and individualistic person, not wanting anyone to know his business unless it was necessary.

As noted above, Hezekiah was bound out to Arthur Crozier at age 15 for his food, shelter, clothing, and presumably his education. The brother of merchant John Crozier, Arthur was an attorney, and served six years as Chief Justice of the Anderson County Pleas and Quarterly Court. It appears that Hezekiah remained in touch with Arthur Crozier until Mr. Crozier's death, perhaps in 1838. Hezekiah is indexed as being on the same page and paragraph as was a hearing to determine Mr. Crozier's death date at a session of the Bledsoe County Civil Court. Since the resource document was a very poor transcription of the original document, neither Hezekiah's name nor Mr. Crozier's death date were found therein.

Hezekiah and Nancy Jane (Blevins) Austin were further blessed with the following children while they lived in Marion County, and apparently in neighboring Jackson

County, Alabama: Steven Blevins 1817, Malinda Belle 1821, Jonathan Asbury 1823. In addition, the Bond County Census lists another male child under five years old. In some instances the U.S. Census indicates the above children were born in Tennessee, while in other cases they are listed as born in Alabama.

Sometime in 1828, Hezekiah and (Nancy) Jane moved, along with their Marion County neighbor Stephen A. Blevins, to Bond County, Illinois. While there, they completed their family with William Hezekiah Austin 1829, and James S(cruggs) Austin 1832. At that time they returned to Jackson County, Alabama. They remained in Jackson and DeKalb Counties, Alabama, for the remainder of their lives.

Hezekiah and his brother John were both Lay Deacons in the Methodist Church. Family tradition relates that they preached the first Methodist sermon to the white pioneers of Dekalb County, Alabama, and Dade County, Georgia. Hezekiah lived south of Sulphur Springs, Alabama, in DeKalb County, John lived north of Sulphur Springs just inside the Georgia State line. Hezekiah, John, and possibly Zachariah, moved to the old Cherokee Nation immediately after the infamous "Trail of Tears" of the Cherokee people in 1838. The Hezekiah and John Austin families were close neighbors in the pioneer days with some ties remaining between the two families down to modern times. This unusually strong bond exists partially due to a double relationship created by the descendants of Hezekiah and John marrying descendants of Daniel Brunson Burkhalter. A total of five marriages came of this relationship. Additionally, John Austin's family migrated along the same paths as did two of Hezekiah's sons, as well as portions of other Hezekiah families.

The descendants of Hezekiah Austin are extremely proud of their heritage, and prouder still that five of the six known families remain in active contact with each other one hundred ninety-six years after the birth of our progenitor, the Rev. Hezekiah Austin. We are also proud of the Christian heritage of our forefathers, with some member of every generation having served as ministers in various Christian churches.

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HOLLANDS CREEK CHURCH CEMETERY OF HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

by Janet Austin Curtis

This cemetery was copied about 1970 by the author. It is located in what was the old 8th Civil District, now the 5th Civil District, on Hollands Creek in Hardin County, Tennessee. This is an old Methodist Church Cemetery, and the early graves were marked with only fieldstones, if at all. Nearly everyone in this cemetery is related in some way to the Austin and Qualls families. Maiden names have been included in parentheses where they are known.

Marked Graves

Stephen Austin (see photograph next page)	1755-1850		
Fredye George Austin	1933-1935		
Grover C. Austin	1887-1938		
Amy Q(ualls) Austin	1892-1939		
Louisa E. Qualls, wife of J.W.	17 Jul 1876 - 28 Feb 1939		
J. W. Qualls	31 May 1867 - 11 Jul 1938		
Kennie C. Austin	26 Dec 1888 - 24 Dec 1967		
Martha (Benson) Austin , wife K.C.	23 Jan 1894 - (no death date)		
Mack Austin	1 Oct 1885 - 1 Jan 1950		
Ethel (Scott) Austin , wife of Mack	13 Apr 1895 - 30 Jul 1936		
Otis Lee Austin , WWII Pfc 793 Field Art.B	24 Jun 1924 - 14 Jul 1967		
Allie M. (Austin) Freeman	18 Sep 1901 - 15 Dec 1938		
Robbie Marie (Benson) Austin , wf. Albert	6 Mar 1921 - 24 Jul 1944		
Mattie Lee (Fox) Tidwell	27 Feb 1905 - (no death date)		
S. Lon Tidwell, husband of M.L.	23 Oct 1906 - 10 Oct 1956		
Mollie Franks	22 Dec 1891 - 15 Aug 1951		
James A. Austin	24 Jan 1862 - 12 Jan 1935		
Nancy E. Austin	13 Sep 1868 - 24 Feb 1941		
Retha Austin	5 Jul 1902 - 2 Jul 1948		
Martha T. Austin	20 Aug 1897 - 15 Apr 1949		
William Stan Austin	14 Nov 1889 - 20 Aug 1956		
Hilda (Austin) Tune	6 Nov 1906 - 5 Dec 1960		
D. Hamilton Tune, hus. of Hilda	15 Aug 1902 - (no death date)		
Mattie Benson	1881 - 19—		
Jeff Benson	1882 - 1963		
Marlin Lloyd McDaniel	15 May 1920 - 9 Jun 1921		
William L. Nolen	31 Jul 1838 - 28 May 1919		
Rosy Etta (Austin) Nolen	18 Jul 1875 - 18 Apr 1907		
W. M. Seaton	10 Sep 1873 - 18 Aug 1919		
Vicey Fox	1877 - 1949		
Mintie Ida (Johnson) Sheppard, wf. Elijah	12 Mar 1876 - 24 Sep 1914		
Ada Lee Seaton	14 Mar 1910 - 22 Dec 1932		
John Wm. Seaton, son Wm. & Vicey	15 Feb 1903 - 24 Jan 1904		
James H. Atkinson	1890 - (no death date)		
Osha (Austin) Atkinson , wife of J.H.	1889 - (no death date)		
Lizzie (Austin) Smith	29 May 1882 - 19 Dec 1949		
John Quincy Smith (obit. in Courier)	d. 21 Mar 1971 ae 87y		
Louisa (Sharp) Seaton, wife of L.N.	6 Mar 1835 - 30 Dec 1915		
Levi H. Seaton	3 — 1832 - 25 Mar 1904 ae 72y 7m 22d		
Betty (Austin) Pickens , wf. of Avery	11 Nov 1869 - 22 May 1947		
James A. Lard	Mar 1859 - (no death date)		
Judia (Austin) Lard	11 Oct 1858 - 26 Dec 1926		
Richard Lard, Co.H 5th Tenn. Cav. CSA	1823 - 1900		
James Lard	circa 1836 - 27 Oct 1890		
Hiram Haynes	1835 - 1896		
Sarah (Lamb) Haynes	1834 - 22 Nov 1905		
Archie D. Benson	15 Nov 1908 - 2 Nov 1961		
Lue (Austin) Benson	4 Jul 1912 - (no death date)		
Arch Qualls	9 Sep 1831 - 19 Jun 1887		
Calvin H. Benson	1872 - 1945		
Mary E. (Lard) Benson	1876 - 19—		
H. R. 'Bob' Benson	12 Sep 1868 - 17 Jun 1944		
Mattie (Qualls) Benson	18 Jun 1871 - 4 Feb 1940		
Sally (Milligan) Banks	15 Apr 1864 - 18 May 1953		
Samuel H. Banks	15 Feb 1856 - 25 Oct 1915		
Manus Milligan	1869 - 1947		
Erasmus D. Lambert	1854 - 1928		
George W. Qualls	W.W.I		
Hubert L. Alexander WWII Pfc TN 4 Div 22 Inf Co B	18 Dec 1921 - 19 Nov 1963		
James D. Alexander	5 May 1879 - 23 Mar 1935		
Mary E. Wood	1920 - 1953		
Benj. Newton Barrier	20 Jul 1876 - 3 May 1949		
Laura (Haynes) Barrier, wife of B.N.	13 Mar 1877 - 15 Nov 1955		
William T. Barrier	1883 - 1939		
Rose Ann (Atkinson) Barrier, wife of W.T.	1889 - 1939		
John M. Qualls	9 Oct 1861 - 30 Apr 1943		
Betty (Tune) Qualls	8 Mar 1862 - 20 Nov 1928		
Claton Beam	d. 1963		
Louise Beam	(no dates)		
Henry E. Pollard	19 Sep 1885 - 31 Oct 1971		
Myrtle J. (Benson) Pollard	27 Aug 1897 - 23 Jan 1959		
Geo. Washington Martin	1877 - 1960		
Mary Ellen Jones Martin	1886 - 1965		
T. D. Fox	14 Apr 1873 - 10 Jan 1960		
Ida Fox	8 Feb 1876 - 23 Aug 1923		
Wilson Fox	d. 1962		
Mary E. Fox	d. 1917		
John Wesley Johnson	1836 - 1910		
Mary A. F. Johnson, wife of J.W.	1830 - 1916		
Nancy (Moore) Austin , wife of David	1813 - 31 Dec 1886		
Artie Tidwell	1910 - 19—		
Sudie Bell Tidwell	1877 - 1913		
Wife of E. L. Fox	d. 1918		
Frank G. Ward	d. 16 Sep 1972 ae 77y		
Julia Stricklin Ward	(1st wife, pre-deceased F. G. Ward)		
Allie Seaton Ward	(2nd wife, pre-deceased F. G. Ward)		
Mandy Martin	1859 - 1929		
Osker Martin	1885 - (no death date)		
Albert Steeley	1883 - 1918		
Mattie (Barrier) Steeley	1885 - 1960		
Ezra Lee Fox	1887 - 1967		
John T. Fox	1882 - 1948		
Anna E. (Barrier) Fox, wife of J.T.	1880 - 22 Jun 1970		
Elmer E. Fox	1948 - 1951		
Junior Ray Johnson	1932 - 1961		
Turner D. Benson	1925 - 1953		
John D. Austin	28 Feb 1844 - 18 Dec 1918		
Sarah A. (Armstrong) Austin , wf. of J.D.	13 Jul 1850 - 9 Apr 1912		
A. G. Austin	14 Sep 1847 - 21 Feb 1912		
Mrs. Emma Scott	1887 - 1911		
John Carroll Qualls	1886 - 1951		
Frederick M. Lard	21 Jul 1950 - 27 Jul 1950		
Wallace G. Lard	28 Jan 1925 - 21 Feb 1965		
Eller Haynes	1903 - 1904		
Mary Elizabeth Conway	1881 - 1898		
Mrs. Johnnie McDaniel	d. ae 62y (no dates)		
J. C. Johnson	27 Mar 1840 - 9 Aug 1920		
Mattie (Austin) Johnson , wf. of Coss	20 May 1871 - 21 Nov 1936		
Henry Seaton	1905 - 1916		
Jim Barrier	d. 1918		

Jewell Barrier d. 1918
 Clarence Barrier 1900 - 1938
 W. Enoch Qualls 2 Feb 1884 - 11 Jul 1956
 Annie L. (Sharp) Qualls, wf. of Enoch 23 May 1884 - 21 Aug 1922
 Milton Abner, son of Orval b. & d. 9 Jan 1928
Infant son of Tim Austin b. & d. 2 Jul 1945
Joyce Faye Austin b. & d. 13 Jul 1937
 Levin Benson 28 Jul 1895 - (no death date)
 Bessie J. (White) Benson, wife of L. 12 Nov 1902 - 3 Apr 1967
 Josie Qualls 1890 - 1921
 William Elmer Qualls 26 Jun 1892 - 15 Feb 1962
 Rosa Qualls, wife of Elmer 1895 - 1937
Rachel (Austin) Qualls, wife of Arch 29 Dec 1830 - 9 Feb 1928
S. Artemus Austin 1920 - 1922
 E. A. 'Buddy' Swinford 27 Aug 1916 - Sep 1954
 Elsie M. Swinford 21 Apr 1922 - (no death date)
 Rosie Lee Swinford, dau. I.H. & Bell 19 Jul 1908 - 19 Mar 1933
 Isaac H. Swinford 12 Sep 1877 - (no death date)
 Belle (Barrier) Swinford, wife of I.H. 18 Jun 1877 - 8 Mar 1959
 Willie A. Lee, son of J.W. & N.J. 1878 - 1889
 John V. Stansell 1889 - 1939
 Amy (Milligan) Stansell, wife of J.V. 1894 - (no death date)
Harrison White, WWI Pvt 42 Co 165 Depot Brig. 18 Sep 1888 -
 23 Oct 1961
 Lottie (Smith) White, wife of H. 1908 - (no death date)
 Willie D. Smith 1940 - 1965
 Bed. B. Qualls 1896 - 1949
 James T. Qualls 1865 - 1949
Mary A. (Austin) Qualls 1866 - 1942
 Betty J. Qualls, dau. Arch & Gert 1935 - 1935
 Dave D. White 1875 - 1961
 Louizy E. (Pollard) White, wife of D.D. 1878 - 19-
 Ben Milligan d. 29 Jun 1970 ae 69y 9m 10d
 Carmon Robert Steeley 15 Feb - 9 Dec 1917
 Linia Estell Steeley 13 Jan 1910 - 12 Jun 1911
 Baby Boy Steeley d. 6 Jul 1970 ae 10hrs 45min
Gustie Austin d. 24 Aug 1969 ae 61y 9m 27d
 Henry Lamb 1843-1929
 Tommie Johnson, son of Coss & Mattie d. 6 Nov 1902 ae 7m 10d
 Jesse M. Austin 8 May 1872 - 26 Jan 1948
Nancy (Lard) Austin, wife of J.M. 20 Apr 1877 - 11 Nov 1960
Cassie Lola Austin, dau. of Z.T. & M.J. 12 Sep 1884 -
 25 Nov 1918
Ola Ethel Austin 14 May 1903 - 16 Jul 1903
Beulah A. Austin, dau. T.F. & Selina 14 Jan 1888 - 5 Aug 1892
Thomas Frank Austin 23 Apr 1863 - 9 Aug 1938
Zuba Austin, dau. T.F. & M. 15 Jul 1909 - 14 Nov 1926
Roe Austin 28 Sep 1877 - 1 May 1954
Tennie (Quails) Austin, wife of Roe 3 Nov 1889 - (no death date)
Tilda A. Austin 16 Mar 1886 - 21 Apr 1886
Noah Austin 1875 - 1953
Nancy (Hopper) Austin, wife of Noah 1873 - (no death date)
 Robert N. Johnson 3 Apr 1875 - 20 Mar 1956
 William Owen Austin 15 Feb 1867 - 8 Aug 1936
Millard Austin, son of W.O. 4 Dec 1907 - 9 Jan 1932
Rubie E. Austin, son 12 May 1902 - 20 Sep 1904
 Tennessee Qualls d. 19 May 1948
Thomas B. Austin 5 Oct 1862 - 9 Oct 1910
 Lina (Tune) Austin, wife of Thos. 1 Dec 1863 - 14 Dec 1935
George Earlin Austin 27 Feb 1911 - 20 Apr 1932
Marvin Austin 1879 - 1948
Lillie E. (Lard) Austin 1886 - 1953
Katie A. Austin 24 Jul 1884 - 8 Mar 1958
John Austin 8 Jun 1816 - 2 Nov 1896
 „Isahe U. V. (Quaus) Austin, wife of John 2 Apr 1851 - 2 Jul 1924
Jane (Lamb) Austin, 1st wife John, m. 31 May 1835 1819 - 1880

Zachary T. Austin 7 Sep 1848 - 1 Feb 1892
 Nancy E. (Qualls) Austin, wf. of John 12 Jul 1863 -
 13 Feb 1934
 ~/**Martha J. (Qualls) Austin**, wf. of Z.T. 1 Apr 1848 - 7 Mar 1929
Johnny W. Austin, hus. Nancy 28 May 1864 - 2 Jan 1898
Ralph N. Austin 11 Sep 1877 - 14 Dec 1938
 Ina Gustelle Milligan, wife of Waymon d. 21 Feb 1873 ae 43y

**STEPHEN AUSTIN
 ARMSTRONG'S
 N.C. CO.
 WASHINGTON
 DRAGOONS
 REV. WAR
 B. 1755
 D. 1850**

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Stephen Austin was born on November 1755 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He died 1850 per marker, but his last Revolutionary War pension payment was in 1844, which is probably a more accurate death year.

Unmarked Graves

In addition to the marked graves listed above, the following individuals are probably also buried here, but there is little to prove it.

Dorcas Austin, wf. of Stephen, d. 13 Apr 1836 (Bible record). **Sanders Austin**, son of Stephen & Dorcas, b. 1782 Virginia and d. between 1856 (made a deed) and 1860 (census). **Nancy Qualls Austin**, wife of Sanders, b. 1791 Virginia (census) d. 186- (1860-70 census). **David Austin**, b. 18 16/7 Tennessee (1850 census), d. between February 1850 (census) and August 18 50 (His estate in Court) as result of a knife fight with a man named McDougal. **Stephen Austin**, b. ca. 1810 (1850 census), d. ca. 1872 per Court records. **AM Lamb Austin**, wife of Stephen, b. ca. 1815/6 (per census), living in 1880. **William Austin** b. ca. 1820 (census), living in 1880. **Sarah Qualls Austin**, wife of William, b. ca. 1826 (per census) living in 1880. John Qualls, brother of Nancy Qualls Austin, b. 1798 (census), d. 186- (1860-70 census). Mary (Polly) Qualls, b. 1805 Tennessee (1850 census), d. bef. 1878 (court record). Henry Qualls, son of John, b. 1824 (census), living in 1880. **Angeline Austin Qualls**, wife of Henry, b. 1825 Tennessee (census), living in 1880. Henry Lamb, b. 1776 Va. (1850 census), d. after 1854 (deed).

**PHINEHAS AND LODICA AUSTIN
OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
AND POTSDAM, NEW YORK**

by Fanny R. Andrews

The following material was obtained from many sources. Early information from Edith Austin Moore, and more recent contributions by AFA Midwest Historian Pauline L. Austin and the *Austins of America* Editor, Dr. Michael E. Austin, are gratefully acknowledged. The single most important resource for the present article, however, was the collection of many letters and photographs which belonged to my husband's grandmother, Adelaide Hannah Austin Andrews, who was a granddaughter of Phinehas and Lodica.

Phinehas Austin was born circa 1774, the son of S216-1 Nathan and Phebe (Barker) Austin of the Samuel Austin of Boston, Massachusetts line (Reference 1). Phinehas is believed to have been their fourth child. Mrs. Moore (Reference 2) has his birthplace as Antrim, NH, but it is not found recorded there. Dr. Austin points out that Nathan and Phebe's third child Daniel was born 16 January 1773 in Methuen, Massachusetts, and that they probably were not even in Antrim, New Hampshire, until after 22 March 1775 for on that date Nathan and his brother S216-3 Abijah Austin were warned out of Pelham, New Hampshire. Thus, it seems more likely that Phinehas was born in Methuen, or even in Pelham, rather than in Antrim.

Phinehas moved with his parents from Antrim, New Hampshire, to Rochester, Vermont. There he met and married Lodica Washburn on 18 December 1800. Lodica (sometimes her name is found spelled 'Lodice,' and she was variously nick named 'Dicey,' 'Dicy,' or 'Disa') was born 7 August 1786 in Connecticut, the daughter of Ezra Washburn, Jr. and Lucy Fuller. It is interesting to note that Phinehas' younger sister, S216-16 Hannah Austin, married Lodica's older brother, Ezra Washburn III.

In Reference 3 we find that in March 1802 in Rochester, Vermont, Ebenezer Sparhawk surveyed the 20 acres of land that Phinehas Austin sold to Jared Hall. Reference 4 has a shep mark recorded for 'Phinehas Austen' on 6 April 1904, and later that same year records:

"be it remembered that I the subscriber decent from the major Part of this Town in Religious opinion" - Rochester July ye 3rd 1804
(signed) Phinehas Austen.

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From page 65 of Reference 3 we learn "In February (1816) the exodus of Rochester families to Potsdam, N. Y., begun the year before by Elkanah Shaw, grew in numbers, taking the families of Willard Jefferson, Phineas Austin, Forrest Morgan, J. B. McCollom and Si meon Parker. Phinehas Austin died in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York, on 15 April 1863, while his wife Lodica died 20 August 1865 aged 80. The portrait above is believed to be that of Phinehas and Lodica. Their children were born in Rochester, except for the youngest, who was probably born in Potsdam, New York.

CHILDREN: S216-141. OLIVER, son of 'Phinehas and Disa'
b. 23 December 1801, d. 14 August 1808
S216-142. OLIVE, b. 1 September 1803, d. 5
September 1812, bur. Rochester
S216-143. LUCY, b. circa 1805, m. William Sealy
S216-144. PHINEAS, b. 18 March 1807, d. 25
March 1896 (see below)
S216-145. OLIVER, b. 22 July 1809, d. 22 March
1893 (see next page)
S216-146. LODICA, 'Disa' d. 26 September 1812
age 5 months.
S216-147. MELISSA, b. circa 1815, m. --Brown
S216-148. JOESPH B., b. 1817, m. Rhoda A.

S216-144. PHINEAS' AUSTIN (*Phineas*,⁶ *Nathan*,^{5,4} *Thomas*,^{2,2} *Samuel*¹) was born 18 March 1807 in Rochester, Vermont. He was married in Rochester, Vermont, first to Harriet Abbott, and second to Harriette M. Powers. Harriette, the daughter of Ai Powers, was born on 26 September 1816 in Potsdam, New York. Phineas and Harriette were in Sterling, Illinois (where he was working 22 September 1870) and La Crosse, Wisconsin. They eventually migrated to Garnet, Kansas, with at least one of their children, Adelaide Hannah. Harriette died 4 May 1891 in Garnet, and Phineas died in there also on 25 March 1896. Both buried in Garnet. The first three children are by Phineas' first wife. All the children were born in Potsdam, New York.

- CHILDREN: S216-1441. EDGAR A., b. 1834, d. age 84, San Diego, California
- S216-1442. BETSY JANE, 'Jennie' b. 1836, d. 12 April 1907 Sandwich, Illinois
- S216-1443. JULIA, b. 1838, m. Ezra Carter Palmer on 12 October 1856. Ezra was b. 28 February 1832 in North Troy, Vermont, died 1 January 1899 in Sandwich, Illinois. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil War, built a church at Poplar Grove, Virginia, 25 February 1865 with 50th Reg. U.S. New York Volunteer Engineers.
- S216-1444. ADELAIDE HANNAH, b. 6 July 1851 m. John Whiteside- Andrews, resided Topeka, Kansas, m. 26 March 1874 Sterling, Illinois, d. 28 April 1946 Glendale, California. See page 64.
- S216-1445. EDWARD A., b. 9 June 1853, m. Carrie Snow in April 1883, d. 18 January 1911, Des Moines, Iowa
- S216-1446. ELLA BERTHA, b. 24 June 1857, m. Ellery D. Parks

Photo AOA 63-1

**Phineas Austin
1807-1896**

Photo AOA 63-2

The obituary of S216- 145 Oliver Austin appeared in a newspaper at the time of his death:

Oliver Austin

Mr. Oliver Austin died at his home in Potsdam, March 22, 1893, at the age of 84 years. The funeral services were conducted at the house by his pastor, Rev. A. C. Loucks, assisted by Rev. A. Bramley. Fourteen years ago Mr. Austin suffered from paralysis. Since that time his health has been quite delicate. During the present winter he has seemed usually well, but the death of his wife, which occurred so recently, seemed to rob him of all power to resist the encroachments of disease, and so, suddenly, and almost as peacefully as the going to sleep of a child, he passed away.

Mr. Austin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Austin. He was born in Rochester, Vt., in 1809. At the age of six years his father removed with his large family to Potsdam, N. Y. The country was at that time so much of a wilderness that the older members of the family were obliged to use the ax in clearing a road to their place of settlement, while Oliver drove the ox team. One brother, Phineas Austin, of Kansas, aged 86; and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Sealy and Mrs. Melissa Brown; of Potsdam, survive him.

At the age of 22 years Mr. Austin went to Canada, where he remained two years. While here he became acquainted with Harriet Sarah Sealy, to whom he was married Aug. 1, 1833. At the time of his marriage he gave up his position as stage driver in Canada and settled on a small farm two miles east of Potsdam. This he enlarged from

time to time until it reached its present proportions. His work for many years in this, then, comparatively new country was largely pioneer work. The land had to be cleared. To bring the fields to their present state of cultivation required an amount of toil and effort that can hardly be appreciated by the present generation. To this task Mr. Austin brought an energy of character and strength of physique that enabled him to cope successfully with the difficulties that confronted him. The cultivation of his land and the care of his large family so taxed his time and energies that he had little time to cultivate the social or aesthetic side of his character, and yet he read and took a lively interest in all questions pertaining to the church and to the public good. His sympathies and efforts were always on the side of virtue and sobriety.

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Above: Adelaide Hannah Austin with her husband John Whiteside Andrews and two of their children, Herbert & Gertrude. Below: Phineas Austin's daughters (left to right): Ella Bertha b. 1857, Julia b. 1838, Adelaide Hannah b. 1851, Betsy Jane b. 1836.

Photo AOA 64-2

**ZACHARIAH AUSTIN
OF PRINCE GEORGE'S PARISH
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

by Arthur Clement Austin

The Zachariah Austin discussed in the following article is the son of John and Charity Kendrick Austin (see *Austins of America*, page 34).

When General Burgoyne surrendered his Army at Saratoga, N.Y. on 17 October 1777, Zachariah was 14 years old in Montgomery County, Maryland. The troops numbered some five thousand men, half British and half Hessian, and posed a serious problem for the Continental Congress. It was agreed by the *Convention Treaty* that the prisoners would be shipped back to England via Boston. The Congress feared they would be diverted if shipped to a Tory port like New York, and returned to the fighting. Much confusion and charges of perfidy on both sides followed while the troops were held in the North. Finally they were marched through Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (where it was hoped some of the Hessians would escape into the German-speaking farms, and a few did), Maryland and finally Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Baroness Riedesel who with her three daughters under age five had accompanied her husband, a surrendered Hessian General, wrote an account of her experience in Charlottesville. Violinist Thomas Jefferson at nearby Monticello had the officers and their wives frequently as guests for dinner and musicales. The Baroness sang for these affairs.

In 1780 came Cornwallis & Tarleton and the savaging of the South. It was correctly thought that an attempt would be made to free these *Convention Treaty* prisoners so they were moved to Frederick, Maryland. Zachariah Austin was now seventeen years old, and enrolled in the Second Company, Class (Squad) One, of the Lower Battalion of Montgomery County. Col. John Murdock commanding, July 15, of that year. Clan Gregor records it as the 29th Battalion. In Class Seven was Baruck Odle (Odel), recently married to Margaret Offutt, granddaughter of patriot and Judge, Samuel Magruder the Third. Thirteen other men named Offutt were in the Battalion. In the middle Battalion, Fourth Company Class 40, was John Austin, who may have been Zachariah's father.

The directives from the Maryland Council to Colonel Murdock and others in 1781, as found in the Archives of Maryland, Vol. XLV, Maryland Historical Society:

February 3 - Full Company of militia to Frederick to guard the Convention troops. **March 20** - Convention troops ordered to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. . . "March Them There." **April 9** - Troops (county) cannot be ordered out of the county until they are "cloathed. . .

move them to the border." **June 6** - "You will deliver the recruits and Draughts. . . to Col. Adams. . . their cloathing will be delivered to them as soon as they get here and their unwillingness to march must not be regarded." **June 29** - (Letter to General Washington) Two battalions of militia. . . 1340 effective men and officers will be raised. **July 2** - Release selected militia for harvest time. **August 4** - Warning of invasion of Baltimore from Cape Henry "40 Sail of Vessels, 12 barges rumored." **October 19** - Cornwallis gives up Yorktown and the War. **November 5** - "We are informed there are a number of Militia Draughts and substitutes in and about Georgetown who are useless and an expense to the State. We therefore request you to give them a discharge and send them off to their respective homes." The POW's were moved to Lancaster and most got back to England.

Some months before Yorktown, Margaret Offutt Odle presented her husband with Cassandra, the first of six daughters she would bear in the next eight years. Baruck's will dated late 1788 and probated 9 June 1789 has: ". . . to my beloved wife, Margaret, and my six children (not named) my plantation Grubby Thicket." When the enumerator for the first federal census arrived at Grubby Thicket in June 1790 he listed as head of household Zachariah Austine (sic), three males under sixteen, and seven free white females (the term "free" was still used as a holdover from the days of indentured servants) and three slaves. As Zachariah's wife, Margaret delivered seven sons by mid-1803 (see *Austins of America* page 34). Two of Zachariah's younger brothers would marry two of Margaret's daughters, thus his step-daughters would become his sisters-in-law. No blood lines crossed here. All thirteen children reached adulthood, and most made the trip to Kentucky. Plantation owner Zachariah sat on the Grand Jury of Montgomery County Court in November 1791.

Not a fire bell in the night, but a good-sized alarm and shakeup was the Whiskey Rebellion in Western Pennsylvania occasioned by Alexander Hamilton's tax on whiskey. The farmers out on that frontier found it more profitable to distill their grain crops into liquid than to try to transport it via land and water to distant markets. Troops were called up, primarily from Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Washington was to command some 15,000 troops, more than he ever had during the so-recent war. Under Militia Appointments for the 18th Regiment is found: June 18, 1794 - Zachariah Austin, Ensign; September 6, 1794 - Zachariah Austin, Lieutenant; October 22, 1795 - Zachariah Austin, Captain and resigned.

No shots were fired in anger or otherwise, and this might well be called the Whiskey Whimper. In nearby Federal City, soon to be known more familiarly as Washington, D.C., Thomas Jefferson had been elected President by one vote in the Electoral College. The census of 1800 lists the household of Zachariah Austin thus: three males under 10 years of age, one male 10-16, two females 10-16, one female 16-26, one female 26-45, ten slaves. When the census of 1810 was taken, land deeds were still recorded in British pounds or American dollars, and President James

Madison was about to have an upcoming war named, by its opponents, as "Mr. Madison's War." Later historians called it "The Second War with Britain." Of this "War of 1812" Zachariah's sixth son, Judge Samuel Austin of Butler County, Kentucky, in his later years would tell his grandchildren how he had watched the Capital City in flames in the year 1814. By late 1815, Zachariah, having bought from Margaret's daughters and their husbands their two-thirds rights to Grubby Thicket, sold the entire plantation to George Bohrer of Georgetown for \$2960.

If all the Austins-Offutts-Odles who settled in Kentucky at this time moved in a group by ox-cart and mules, they formed a formidable caravan, and probably travelled the recently-completed Cumberland Road across the top of Maryland and Pennsylvania, then along the Ohio River into the mid-heart of the state. Here in 1816 Zachariah bought for \$1,589 on Rough Creek some 800 acres of land where the tax records of Ohio County for 1821 list by name Zachariah, Zachariah Jr., John, Brok, William O., Francis, and Barrock, plus thirteen slaves and five horses. In the census the preceding year only one female was listed as "over 45 years". . . Margaret would have been age 60. This is likely the last record found of this remarkable woman, for on 5 June 1824 Zachariah, "For and in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his said son, (name of son), and the further consideration of one dollar. . ." distributed his land to four sons by separate deeds. Since Margaret did not sign away her dower rights, it can be presumed that she had died.

In 1830 President Andrew Jackson opened up the White House in Washington City to any citizen who wanted to walk in and look around. That same year the Ohio County, Kentucky, census revealed the household of Zachariah

Austin was truly diminished by earlier standards: one male 15-20, one male 60-70, nine slaves.

A legal settlement among two sons and a third party over land and slaves bears the laconic line "a gift of Zachariah Austin deceased." This was dated 18 October 1834. Zachariah left no will. His son Baruk filed a final paper in 1837 accounting for notes due him and small payments for funeral expenses. Neither the exact date of death nor the location of the graves for Margaret or Zachariah has been discovered. The most likely site is the Austin Cemetery on Taylor Mines Road, noted by Jeane Galau (page 35). A Bare Bones Obituary might read:

Zachariah Austin was born at the close of the French and Indian War, enrolled as a Private in the American Revolutionary War, served as a Captain in the Militia of Maryland in the Whiskey Rebellion. He witnessed the construction and destruction of the national capital in the War of 1812.

He transported his multi-complex family to a land formerly known as the dark and bloody ground, where ten years earlier the county was paying 8 shillings bounty for wolf pelts and where the land survey used such terms as "35 degrees north from a white oak tree. . . to a sour gum tree. . . 23 poles west."

Zachariah lived under the presidencies of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Adams, and Jackson. From his mother's birth circa 1732 to his own death circa 1832, a century was spanned. In truth and in sum it was the time of the birth and establishment of this new nation.

QUERIES

66-1. **Jeff Austin** b.1844 in So. Carolina? d. 1 July 1897 in Anderson County, Texas. Married Mary Jane (Jennie) Wilson b. 14 January 1843 in Alabama, probably Talladega County. William Austin, a brother, visited in Texas. Need ancestry of Jeff Austin.

66-2. **Hannah Austin** was born 23 March 1820 in Westchester County, New York. She died 25 April 1909 in Portis, Osborne County, Kansas. She married Walter W. Hoyt 15 March 1840. Her parents were Samuel Austin and Esther James. Need ancestry of Samuel and Esther.

66-3. **James C. Austin** was born 18 September 1790, purchased land in Brewer, Maine, in 1816, married there in 1818 Sarah Bradley. Seek parents of James and Sarah.

66-4. **Margaret Ann Austin** was born 17 September 1837 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. Supposedly orphaned (with two siblings, gender unknown), married 12

November 1851 to John Quincy Adams Doan/Doane, son of Eleazor and Margery (Catell) Doane, Quakers I believe. John died in 1861, and by November 1862 Margaret Ann remarried in Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. She also married a third time there, later came to Nodaway County, Missouri, until her death 18 April 1919. Seek her parents.

66-5. **Lydia Austin** born 25 July 1838 in Addison County, Vermont. She married first William Ramsdale, circa 1854, where? He died circa 1858. They had a son, William born circa 1856. Lydia then married second Alonzo L. Percival in 1860 in Kendall County, Illinois. Alonzo was born in Washington County, New York. They lived in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Their children were: Edgar, Ruby, Merley, Georgia, and Viola. Lydia died in 1821 in Meeker, Oklahoma. Seek parents or the brothers and sisters of Lydia.

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George Town and Federal City, or City of Washington. Engraving published on June 1st 1801. Reprinted with permission, from I.N. Phelps Stokes Collection, The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox and Tilden Collections. This might well have been the view Zachariah had from his homestead, from which he witnessed the construction & later the burning of our nation's capital.

QUERIES

67-1. **Lyman L. Austin** was born 1799 in Connecticut, m. Oswego County, New York, Pauline Reed (1799_1845); lived Green Lake County, Wisconsin. Need parents of Lyman and descendants of children: Angeline Crouch, Lyman, Amanda Martin, Minerva Peckham, Theron, Andrew J., Melinda Baker, Elizabeth Ames, Matilda Phillips, and William H. *See Query 55_3!*

67-2. **Ambrose Austin** was born 19 June 1757 in England, married Susannah Beard on 18 November 1779. She was born 3 December 1759. They lived in Jeromesville, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1816. Seeking the parents of Ambrose or their prior residence.

67-3. **Daniel Austin** married Hamden, Connecticut, circa 1800 Adah Dorman, had a son Henry Austin. Need the parents of Daniel.

67-4. **Phoebe Austin**, born about 1760, married Benja-

min Carter in 1795. Living in Washington County, New York in 1800. Need place of birth, parents, and any other data on Phoebe.

67-5. **Orson David Austin** was born in New York in 1818, moved to Michigan by 1846, and on to Wisconsin about 1863. His wife was buried in 1889 in Dunn County, Wisconsin. Orson moved back to Michigan by 1897 and died and was buried there in 1908. Obituary states he died after an illness in the home of Mrs. Edwards, and the funeral was also held in her home. What relation was Mrs. Edwards to Orson, if any? Seek all information on Orson.

67-6. **Moses Austin** married Berwick, Maine, 6 August 1767 to Elizabeth Clark. Elizabeth died 27 February 1793, and Moses m.(2) Esther Garland of Lebanon on 19 February 1794. Moses died in Berwick on 22 March 1820, age 78. Seeking all data on Moses, Elizabeth, and Esther.

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THE REVOLUTIONARY ADVENTURES OF JOHN AUSTIN OF VIRGINIA

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John Austin of Fauquier County, Virginia, was among the first to respond to the crisis at Boston. He enlisted in the summer of 1775 for three years; however, he served seven, receiving his final discharge in 1782. His military adventures took him as far north as Canada and as far south as Georgia. He was a participant in several battles, the most notable, Quebec, Saratoga and the Cowpens.

In his pension declaration, Austin says, "He marched from Winchester, Virginia, to Quebec, then to New Jersey, then to Connecticut, then to Pennsylvania, then through Virginia and North Carolina to South Carolina and Georgia, and on his return was at the siege of York." Also, "he was in the battle of Stillwater, Monmouth Courthouse, White Plains (sic) and the Cowpens." He served under Daniel Morgan, Colonel (Richard) Butler, Major Benjamin Morris, Captain Charles Porterville (sic), Captain Gabriel Long, and others he couldn't recollect [1].

John Austin was 96 years of age when he made the above declaration on 20 August 1832, at the Courthouse in LaGrange, Oldham County, Kentucky. It had been fifty years since he had received his discharge in Frederick County, Virginia, from General Morgan. There was a great deal he couldn't recollect; time and old age had dulled his memory.

Using John Austin's pension declaration as a guide, the following text traces John's military activities during our glorious revolution. John was illiterate and did not leave a diary or a journal of his saga, so most of the information on his activities has come from the military historians of the units in which he served. When he originally enlisted in 1775, John joined Daniel Morgan's rifle company. Later he was in Morgan's Rifle Regiment, and still later in the Eleventh and Seventh Virginia Regiments, Continental Line. In pinpointing John's participation and specific duties, we have had to examine the pension applications, diaries and journals of veterans who at one time or another stood at John's side during a particular battle, shared his mess, or accompanied him on any of the number of long grueling marches that the defense of liberty from imperial tyranny required.

John Austin was born in 1736 and lived an incredible one hundred and nine years, passing on in 1845. Little is known of his early history. Family tradition has him born in England or Virginia, and possibly on the ocean-sea while his parents were enroute to the Old Dominion [2]. There is some unsupported material that suggests that he took part in the Colonial Indian Wars and that he had been married to a Miss Grigsby [3]. However, documentation on his parents, his childhood, early

manhood and marriages (if any) have yet to be uncovered. In a future article we will look into his family life after the revolution, that is, his marriage on 3 November 1788 to Elizabeth (Lindsey) Browning, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren [4].

On 14 June 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise ten companies of "expert riflemen" – six from Pennsylvania, two from Maryland, and two from Virginia, to aid in the siege of Boston. On that day the American Army was born. The next day, 15 June, George Washington was chosen to be commander-in-chief.

At the time congress was making its resolves, John Austin was a resident of Fauquier County, Virginia. He was thirty-nine years old, living in Leed's Parish, where he was a farmer and possibly a widower with grown children. In neighboring Frederick County, the Committee of Safety appointed Daniel Morgan to captain one of the two Virginia companies mentioned in the congressional resolve. Drummers were sent into the countryside and into the neighboring counties to recruit the rank and file. In Leed's Parish, Austin must have heard the beat of one of Morgan's drummers.

There is no telling why Austin decided on joining Morgan. However, it is known that Virginia was up in arms over the inflammatory tales of Lexington and Concord, and Englishmen were worried about their rights under an unsympathetic Parliament. One of the Virginia patriotic songs of this critical period called upon men of valor to defend their liberty. It was called "American Hearts of Oak," and was written in 1775 by J. W. Hewlings of Nansemond, Virginia:

*Come rouse up my lads, and join this great
Cause, in defence of your liberty, your property,
and laws! 'Tis to honor we call you, stand up
for your right, And ne'er let our foes say, we
are put to flight.*

*For so just is our cause, and so valiant our
men, We always are ready, steady boys, steady;
We'll fight for our freedom again and again.*

*The valient Bostonians have enter'd the field,
And declare they willfall there before they
yield; A noble example! In them we'll confide,
We'll march to their town, stand or fall by their
side.*

The last few lines seem to have been most appealing to John Austin, or again, maybe it was the need for adventure. Whatever, sometime in late June, he put together a few personal belongings, secured his tomahawk and hunting knife to his belt, picked up his rifle-gun, and