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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*

MEMORIAL DIRECTORY OF AUSTIN VIETNAM VETERANS <i>by Cheryl Austin Akusis</i> Author's Note: The following names and data were found in the <i>Vietnam Veterans Memorial Directory of Names</i> , published by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., Washington, D.C., in January 1988 (seventh printing). The Directory helps visitors locate over 58,000 names inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall, which was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on Veterans' Day in 1982. An asterisk beside the death year indicates the veteran was missing in action. The two numbers following his rank and branch of service indicate the section and line numbers where the veteran's name is inscribed on the Wall.		ROBERT AUSTIN 9 DEC 1946 — 16 NOV 1967 MODESTO, CALIFORNIA SERGEANT, USA 29E-103
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JAMES EARL AUSTIN 13 FEB 1932 — 18 FEB 1971 SOUTH BEND, INDIANA MASTER SERGEANT, USA 5W-114	PAUL JASPER AUSTIN, JR. 20 OCT 1948 — 30 AUG 1970 WASHINGTON, D.C. SPECIALIST-5, USA 7W-23	WILLIAM OLEN AUSTIN 10 DEC 1948 — 13 OCT 1968 EL PASO, TEXAS PRIVATE 1ST CLASS, USA 41W-56
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QUERIES

312-1. **Joseph Austin** was born circa 1824 in Ohio or Indiana. He married circa 1850-52 to Mary —, born circa 1824 in Ohio. From the 1870 Census for Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio their children were: Silas P., Margaret, Mary E., Sarah E., James Henry (my grandfather), Sylvester, and Inda. Seeking all available information on Joseph and Mary's lines.

312-2. **Jane Austin** married widower William Brantley Deese after 1917. Jane's family was from Union County, North Carolina. Seeking her ancestry and descendants.

312-3. **Silas Austin** was born in 1770, perhaps in Connecticut. He died in 1846, and is buried in Quincy, Branch County, Michigan. Silas is found in Steuben County in 1820 through 1840, he had at least six sons and six daughters. Possible children: Silas Jr. b. circa 1804; David R. b.1808 d.1848; Phebe b. circa 1815; Reuben b. circa 1814 d.1864; Aaron b. circa 1817 d.1894; Orson David b.1818 d.1908. Reuben and Aaron are buried in Hillsdale County, Michigan. Orson resided in Lenawee County, Michigan, and Dunn County, Wisconsin. Seeking information on Silas and other Austins of Steuben (now Schuyler) County, New York.

312-4. **Rollin J. Austin** married Carrelin Warran or Caroline Warren in 1849 in Rockingham County, North Carolina. No proof, but I think his father may have been Chapness Austin, son of Joseph and Terry? Austin of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, son of John and Hannah Austin. The family possibly came to North Carolina by way of Brunswick, Lunenburg, Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties, Virginia. Seeking Rollin's ancestry.

312-5. **Thomas Austin** was born circa 1800 in Franklin County, Virginia, and married Nancy — circa 1820. In 1830 he lived in Montgomery County, Virginia, and in 1840 in Floyd County, Virginia. By 1850 until his death before 1880 he lived in Russell County, Virginia. His father was possibly David Austin, who was in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1810 and 1820 and in Patrick County, Virginia in 1830, aged 60 to 70. David had 8 or 9 children. William Austin's Will in Franklin County, dated 4 February 1805, mentions his wife Ann and son David. Want to contact others working this Austin line.

312-6. **George N. Austin** was born on 22 March 1846 in Binghamton, New York. He married first to Loretta Sutherland, they had a son Frank. George married second on 9 June 1895 to Gertrude L. Pomeroy, daughter of James and Louisa (Kimble) Pomeroy, born 8 March 1862 in North Franklin, New York. Their son Charles Jay Austin was born on 30 March 1899 in Gifford Hill, New York. He married on 31 December 1923 to Hattie Cornelia Kellogg

in Oneonta, Otsego County, New York. Hattie, the daughter of William and Jennie (Whitney) Kellogg, was born on 15 September 1901 in South Hill, New York. George died in Oneonta. Gertrude died in 1945 age 83 in Worchester, New York, while Charles died on 28 June 1952. Need the ancestry of George N. Austin.

312-7. **Aaron Austin** was born 23 March 1844 in New York, the son of Perservid and Ana (Nims) Austin. He married on 11 June 1865 to Mary E. Lilly in Niles, Michigan. Mary was born on 22 November 1846 in Michigan, she died 14 February 1911 in Galesburg, Iowa. The first of their six children was born in Niles, the rest in Galesburg: Clarence Edgar b. 1865, William b. 1867, Cora b. 1870, Irvin b. 1871, Lulu b. 1875, and Robert Wesley b. 1881. Seeking Aaron's ancestry and the New York County where he was born.

312-8. **Henrietta Austin** was born in 1842 in Ohio. She married Ezra Thomas, born in 1842 in Kentucky. They resided in Missouri in the 1860's then California. Need the ancestry of both Henrietta and Ezra.

312-9. **Solomon Austin** was born circa 1780 in Rhode Island. His wife, Delight —, was born circa 1784 in Albany County, New York. Their children were Isaiah, Julia, and Mercy. Isaiah Austin married Lydia Emery, they had four children: Delight Austin who married Merritt Cornwell; Robert Austin who married Anna Richardson; Delilah Austin who married — Teeter; Filanda Austin who married — Colby. Seeking all available information on Solomon and Lydia.

312-10. **Richard Henry Austin** was born in 1815, perhaps in Mississippi. He married in 1841 to Margaret Elizabeth Scott in Harrison County, Texas. Richard died circa 1856. Need information about his ancestry.

312-11. **Arva O. Austin** was born in 1791 and died in 1863. Need information about possible third marriage to widow Elsie Hill in Sweden, New York, and a child born circa 1836-1838.

312-12. **William Thompson Austin** was born circa 1829-1830 in Eastern Tennessee, either Morristown or Grainger Counties. He married Louisa P. Easley 28 March 1849 in Grainger County, and they had a tobacco farm on the Cumberland River where they raised their nine children. This family is shown in the 1850 census of Blount County, Tennessee. In the 1860 census William Austin is shown in Grainger County. Need the ancestry of William. *See also Query 241-1.*

312-13. **David Austin** was born in Connecticut circa 1770-80, married Hannah Rathbun. Their son, Jehial was born 11 November 1814 in Delaware County, New York. Family was in Hector and Tompkins Counties, New York, from 1828 to 1841. Seek David's ancestry and descendants.

313-1. **Rebecca Austin** was born circa 1796 in Virginia. Her father, Stephen? Austin was born in England, came to Virginia circa 1755, served on the American side during the Revolutionary War, then married circa 1790 to a woman of French ancestry. The family moved circa 1810 to Lincoln County, Tennessee. Rebecca Austin married James Gray circa 1815, they lived in Lincoln and Wayne Counties, Tennessee and in Searcy County, Arkansas. James and Rebecca had seven children born in Tennessee and two in Arkansas. Rebecca died in August 1864 along with several other family members at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, when they left Arkansas by river boat. They were trying to escape persecution during the Civil War being on the Union side. Need Rebecca Austin's parents, siblings and place of birth.

313-2. **Samuel W. Austin** married Mary (Polly) Craig on 1 January 1835 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of John and Mary Craig. They moved in 1838 to Boone County, Indiana, where Mary died on 6 January 1849, leaving a blind husband and nine children: Mary Elizabeth b. 24 November 1835, married Samuel Milton Adams on 5 August 1852 in Rock Island County, Illinois; Ann W. b. 1837, married Swan Nelson; Sarah Lucy b. 1838 married Carlton Stacy; Pricilla b. 1839; William H. b. 1841; John W. b. 1843; Hannah J. b. 1847; and twins Martha S. and Lucenda M. b. September or October 1848. Samuel W. Austin died 3 June 1876 in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, at the home of Carlton Stacy. Seeking any other information on this Austin line and Samuel's ancestry. *See also Query 175-12.*

313-3. **Michael Austin** was born in 1818 in South Carolina. He grew up in Campbell County, Georgia. He married another Austin, Edith, the daughter of Etheldred and Candis Lake Austin, and a descendant of the Irish immigrant William Austin who died circa 1771 in Southampton County, Virginia. Michael was an original settler of Pauldings County, Georgia, where he died in 1884. Seeking Michael Austin's ancestry.

313-4. **Calvin Austin** was born circa 1803/4 in New York state. He married Nancy (Amanda) Utley circa 1825/6 in western New York. From the 1830 Census through the 1860 Census, the family was located in or near Clarence, Erie County, New York. They had at least six children: Susannah, b. ca. 1827, married Samuel Few in 1850; Catherine, b. ca. 1828/9; Sarah Miranda, b. 1830, married Joseph Elias Root in 1854; Harriet A., b. ca. 1833, married Samuel Pratt; George b. ca. 1837; Mary Ann, b. ca. 1848/9. Sarah and Joseph Root lived in Rapids, Niagara County, New York, for a while before moving to Michigan in the 1860's. They had four children: Arthur Elias, Melvin Austin, Stella, and Effa. Seek Calvin's ancestry and any other information on his Austin line.

AUSTIN MARRIAGES IN LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

1824-1865

by Harriet E. Walter

Author's Note: The following information was extracted from a volume found at the TLC Public Library entitled *Marriages of Lorain County, Ohio 1824-1865*, compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Elyria Chapter. The number in brackets is the page on which the record appears in the DAR volume.

- Ann Eliza Austin** m. James Day on 17 September 1835. [31]
- Bessie Austin** m. A. C. Moore on 2 May 1855. [76]
- Camilla Austin** m. Edmund Day on 3 September 1846. [31]
- Charles Austin** m. Malinda Ferguson on 2 July 1854. [4]
- Daniel Austin** m. Louisa Rugg on 26 September 1833. [4]
- Earl C. Austin** m. Mary E. Randall on 29 October 1854. [4]
- Electa H. Austin** m. Jennings Millis 15 October 1836. [75]
- Esther Austin** m. John Martin on 10 February 1848. [73]
- Gardner Austin** m. Lovina Durchant on 16 May 1837. [4]
- Henry Austin** m. Jane Root on 12 April 1827. [4]
- Henry Austin** m. Minerva Smith on 25 March 1863. [4]
- Henry Austin** m. Mrs. Esther Nelson on 1 August 1864. [4]
- Jediah Austin** m. Cynthia Smith on 13 January 1833. [4]
- Jerome Austin** m. Electa Teachout on 2 February 1843. [4]
- Jerome Austin** m. Angelia Bohall on 25 April 1854. [4]
- Justin Austin** m. Harriet Halford on 28 October 1838. [4]
- Lydia Austin** m. John Daley on 13 November 1855. [30]
- Lyman Austin** m. Julia Ann Higgins on 1 January 1844. [4]
- Mary Ann Austin** m. Edward Morse 6 December 1840. [77]
- Priscilla Austin** m. Norman Sheldon 3 September 1837. [99]
- R. F. Austin** m. Lydia Shephard on 7 July 1862. [4]
- R. H. Austin** m. Adeline Pierce on 2 July 1853. [4]
- Rehew Austin** m. Justin Williams on 11 April 1827. [120]
- Sarah Austin** m. John Schupe on 26 March 1851. [97]

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
PHINEAS H. AUSTIN AND SABRINA MILLER
OF VERMONT AND ILLINOIS**

*by Eunice Hampton Johnson
and Grace Clohan Austin*

Editor's Note: The origins of this line have not yet been proved, but the line perhaps descends from the Phineas Austin born on 25 January 1755 in Hollis (later Raby), New Hampshire, or one of his younger brothers. Phineas was married first on 24 June 1777 to Elizabeth Spaulding of Townsend, Massachusetts, and married second on 9 June 1814 to Ruth Baldwin, also of Townsend. At the present time, there is no known record of Phineas' children by either wife. Phineas's younger brothers were: Thomas born 11 July 1758 in Hollis, Ebenezer born 16 August 1760 in Hollis, Jacob born 6 April 1770 in Raby, and Abner born 26 August 1772 in Raby.

P. PHINEAS H.¹ AUSTIN was born on 8 July 1790 in Granby, Essex County, Vermont [1]. He married on 14 February 1814 in Rutland, Vermont, to Sabrina/Sabra/Sebra Lorinda Miller, who was born on 25 July 1794 in Rutland, Vermont. Their daughter Polly was married in Canada in 1836. Their youngest son was married in Winnebago County, Illinois in 1858. It is not known when Phineas and Sabrina first moved there, but Sabrina died on 1 May 1866 in Winnebago, and Phineas also died there only 18 days later, on 19 May 1866. The Family Bible [in the possession of Eunice Johnson], shows that Phineas and Sabrina had nine children with the following birthdates:

- P1. SALLY L., *b. 27 December 1815, d. 26 March 1816.*
- P2. POLLY L., *born 29 March 1818 in Vermont, married 29 March 1836 in Canada to Isaac Dolphin, b. 18 September 1811 in French Canada. Isaac died on 16 May 1870 in Onalaska, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, Polly died on 18 November 1888 in LaCrosse, both are buried in Onalaska. Dolphin children: Elizabeth A. b.1836, George E. b.1839, Royal M. b.1840, Isaac M. b.1842, William Benjamin b.1843, Lucius M., Jasper b.1849, and Louisa Sebra b.1853.*
- P3. JOHN B., *born 27 June 1819 +*
- P4. STILLMAN B., *born 29 August 1821 +*
- P5. CHARLOTTE A., *born 13 October 1823.*
- P6. EUSEBIUS, *b. 11 January 1826, d. 1 August 1826.*
- P7. ELIZA, *born 13 July 1827*
- P8. SALLY L., *b. 27 Jan. 1832, m. Benjamin Mitchell?*
- P9. STEPHEN L., *born 16 September 1835. +*

SECOND GENERATION

P3. JOHN B.² AUSTIN (*Phineas H.*¹) was born on 27 June 1819 in Swanton, Vermont. He was married to Harriet Adeline Conwright on 13 August 1850 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois [2]. Harriet was born circa 1832 in New York. John B. Austin served as a private in Company

A, 147th Illinois Infantry, from 4 February 1865 to 20 January 1866. He enlisted at Marengo, Illinois, and was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia [3]. At the time of his enlistment, John's occupation was "mechanic." After leaving military service, the family resided for six years in in Rockford, Illinois; for seven years in Austin, Minnesota; for seven years in Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa; and then at Lake Fremont, Martin County, Minnesota. John died after 23 June 1898. He and Harriet had four known children:

- P31. BENJAMIN F., *b. 1853 in New York.*
- P32. FLORENCE, *b. 1854/5 in Illinois, m. Noah B.? Silcox*
- P33. LOTTIE A., *b. 1858 in Iowa, m. — Parker*
- P34. ALBERT E., *b. January 1861*

P4. STILLMAN BLANCHARD² AUSTIN (*Phineas H.*¹) was born on 29 August 1821 in Vermont, probably near Swanton, Franklin County. He was married to Elizabeth Coburn, who was born in Ireland, although no record of their marriage has yet been found. Stillman called himself "a blue-bellied Yankee." He was a farmer, and a very strong man, lifting huge salt barrels. Stillman died on 30 July 1886 in the barber's chair in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, where both he and Elizabeth are buried. Their five known children were all born in New York:

- P41. STILLMAN BLANCHARD, *b. 8 August 1852 +*
- P42. ROSIE, *born circa 1854??, m. — Shafer*
- P43. ISABELLE, *born circa 1856??, m. — Morris*
- P44. PHINEAS HERRICK, *b. circa 1858?? (twin) +*
- P45. ETTIE, *b. circa 1858?? (twin), m. David Welsh, one known child: Al Welch.*

P9. STEPHEN L.² AUSTIN (*Phineas H.*¹) was born on 16 September 1835 in Rutland, Vermont. He was married first on 7 October 1858 in Winnebago County, Illinois, to Helen M. Hill, born in 1834 in New York. Stephen served as a private, corporal, and com. sergeant in the 147th Regiment, Illinois Infantry, during the Civil War. His term of service was from 4 February 1865 to 6 February 1866. After military service, his occupation was auctioneer [4]. Helen died on 10 May 1872 in St. Ansgar, Mitchell County, Iowa, and is buried there. Stephen married second on 15 April 1873 in Charles City, Floyd County, Iowa, to Martha Henderson. He died on 27 August 1904 in Rochester, Olmstead County, Minnesota, from complications following surgery, and is buried in Osage, Mitchell County, Iowa, where he had lived for some 30 years prior to his death. Stephen had two known children, both by his first wife:

- P91. EDNA INA, *born 14 July 1860 in Rockford, Winnebago County.*
- P92. FRANK CLIFFORD

Photo AOA 317

Austin family reunion photograph was taken in 1912 at the home of L. J. Austin in Bakersfield, California. Left to right: Mrs. Al Welch, with her parents-in-law, David and P45 Ettie (Austin) Welch; Almon Austin in front of his father P441 Horatio and his infant sister Rose held by his mother Mina (Anderson) Austin; P415 L. J. Austin and his wife Frances Conception (Lisalda) Austin; Infant son Kermit held by his mother Eleanor (Hunter) Austin, next to her daughter Ora, son Kyle, and husband P412 Ray Austin; P413 Wilbur Austin and his wife Mabel with their son Donovan; Myrtle and her husband P414 Arthur Austin; P417 Winfred Earl Austin, P416 Loran Limon Austin; P42 Rosie Austin; in the rear are Viola Lucinda (Harrison) Austin and her husband P41 Stillman Blanchard Austin, Jr.; the smallest girls in front are P448 Gladys Austin and P447 Verla Austin, behind them are P445 Joybelle Austin and P446 Harold Austin, behind them are Molina (Davis) Austin (wife of P44 Phineas), her daughter P443 Leila Austin and son P442 Clyde Austin, standing in front of their father P44 Phineas Herrick Austin.

THIRD GENERATION

P41. STILLMAN BLANCHARD³ AUSTIN (*Stillman Blanchard*,² *Phineas H.*¹) was born on 8 August 1852 in New York. He was first married to Rosinda 'Cindy' Johnson, who was born on 2 June 1854 in Iowa, died on 27 February 1896. Stillman remarried in Minnesota to Viola Lucinda (Harrison) Barnhart, born circa 1862 in Minnesota, who had daughters Nina and Bessie Barnhart from her first marriage. Like his father and brothers, Stillman was a farmer, but he also delivered the mail, and at one time had a small store. Circa 1908 the family moved to Bakersfield, California, settling in the "ARP Addition" in Riverview. Stillman died on 7 November 1922 in Bakersfield, Viola also died there. He had five children by his first wife and three by his second wife, all were born in Minnesota:

- P411. LLOYD
- P412. RAY, married Eleanor Hunter. Known children: daughter Ora Austin b. circa 1903, sons Kyle Austin b. January 1909 and Kermit Austin b. circa 1911.
- P413. WILBUR, married Mabel —. Known child: son Donovan Austin b. circa 1906.
- P414. ARTHUR, married Myrtle —, no known children. P415. L. J., born 4 August 1888 +
- P416. LORAN LIMON, born 1 October 1899 +
- P417. WINFRED EARL, born 10 October 1902 (twin).
- P418. WINIFRED MERLE, born 10 October 1902 (twin), died circa 1906.

P44. PHINEAS HERRICK³ AUSTIN (*Stillman Blanchard*,² *Phineas H.*¹) was born in New York. Judging from the photograph above, and knowing that his brother Stillman was born in 1852, Phineas was likely born circa 1858. He married Molina Davis, their children, except Eugene, appear in the photograph on page 317:

- P441. HORATIO, *b. ca. 1885?, m. Mina Anderson, son Almon b. ca. 1909 and daughter Rose b. ca. 1911.*
- P442. CLYDE, *b. circa 1890?, m. Oral Anderson*
- P443. LEILA, *b. circa 1893?, m. F. Presnell*
- P444. EUGENE, *b. circa 1895??, m. Beth Chamberlain*
- P445. JOYBELLE, *b. circa 1900?, m. Roy Lautzenhiser*
- P446. HAROLD, *b. circa 1903?, m. Vernie Lautzenhiser*
- P447. VERLA, *b. circa 1907?, m. Bert Bates*
- P448. GLADYS, *b. circa 1909?, m. Alf Eden*

FOURTH GENERATION

P415. L. J.⁴ AUSTIN (*Stillman Blanchard*,^{3,2} *Phineas H.*¹) was born on 4 August 1888 in Amor Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota. He married on 14 August 1910 to Frances Conception Lisalda, born 16 October 1890 in Kern County, California, the daughter of Felipe Lisalda (b. 1861/62 in California) and Maria Conception Ruedas (b. 8 December 1873 in Lone Pine, California). L. J. died on 14 April 1940 in Bakersfield, Kern County, California. Frances also died there, on 8 January 1986. They had one known child:

- P415-1. CLIFFORD ROBERT, *b. 17 April 1916 in Los Angeles, California. He m. on 3 September 1939 in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Ida Helen Donaldson, b. 29 July 1914 in DeLeon, Commanche County, Texas, the daughter of Robert Homer Donaldson (b. 20 January 1891 in Lake Creek City, Delta County, Texas) and Cora Lois Nowlain (b. 1 January 1896 in Dallas, Texas). One known child: Stephen Brian Austin, b. 2 January 1945 in Bakersfield, m. on 22 June 1968 in Oakland, Alameda County, California, to Judith Ann Wolff. No known children.*

P416. LORAN LIMON⁴ AUSTIN (*Stillman Blanchard*,^{3,2} *Phineas H.*¹) was born on 1 October 1899 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. At age nine he went with his parents to Bakersfield, California, where he attended Beardsley School and Seventh-Day Adventist Academy. In his youth Loran worked for the Kern County Land Company, Miller and Lux and Stockton Horseshoe Ranch as a vaquero (as cowboys were called in that part of the country). At age 21 he took up a 640-acre homestead around the Rattlesnake Grade and improved upon it. Circa 1922 Loran married to

Photo AOA 318

Loran Limon Austin (1899-1987)

Esther Sweet, born 10 October 1897 in Santa Cruz, California. He worked at the Bakersfield City Fire Department in the early 1920's. After a divorce and leaving the Fire Department, Loran continued his rodeo experiences with saddle bronc riding in California, Oregon, and Washington. He worked at Wofford Ranch in Kernville, and A. Brown Cattle Company in Weldon where he began doing stunt work in the old silent pictures. This took him to Hollywood, F.B.O. Studio where he continued stunt work. He went to Santa Monica and worked at the Uplifters Club where he met the famous Will Rogers, who asked Loran to referee a polo match.

Returning to Bakersfield, Loran got a job driving a truck for Carl Ingells and Henry Sturgeon. There he met his second wife, Grace Elwood Clohan, who was born 28 September 1908 in San Mateo, California, the daughter of Frank Elwood Clohan and Grace Florence Thompson. They married on 6 June 1934 at the Presbyterian Church in Bakersfield. Loran continued in trucking, working for the Neilson Truck Company, the Daigh Stewart Truck Company, and the Lacey Truck Company, while Grace was a Bakersfield City school teacher.

In 1954 Loran retired from the trucking business and began his own quarter horse training business. He trained and showed registered quarter horses, and had the reputation of being one of the best known horsemen in the dying breed of the old time cowboys. Loran died 12 March 1987 in Bakersfield, where Grace still resides. Except as noted, Loran's children were born in Bakersfield:

- P416-1. NORMAN LEROY *b. in April 1924, m. in Bakersfield to Jackie Scott, who was born in Bakersfield as were their two children: Sheila Rae Austin b. 1952, Eric Scott Austin b. 1956 d. June 1984.*
- P416-2. LORNA MERLE, *b. 2 August 1935, m.(1) on 14 February 1960 in Reno, Nevada, to Don Beatty b. 30 October 1920 in Centralia, Illinois. Don died 26 March 1969 in San Jose, California. Lorna m.(2) on 24 October 1973 in Reno to Dr. Alfred Langlois (optometrist), b. 12 January 1922. They divorced in 1987. Beatty children born in San Jose: Elizabeth Ann b. 1962, Richard Alan b. 1965. Lorna Langlois was a nurse residing in Chico, California in 1987 and she still lives there.*
- P416-3. JUDITH ELAINE, *b. 10 November 1937, m.(1) in January 1953 in Las Vegas, Nevada, to W. Eugene Renfrow, born in 1924 in Oklahoma, son of Cecil and Beulah Renfrow. They divorced in 1957. Judith m.(2) in 1958 in Las Vegas to Bill Buzard, born in 1925. They divorced in 1964, and Judith m.(3) in 1964 in Las Vegas to Robert Gifford, born in 1922, the son of Howard Gifford. Judith died on 2 July 1968, buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Bakerfield. Her children were all born in Bakersfield: Jeffrey Eugene Renfrow b. 1953, Deborah Lynn Renfrow b. 1955, Dorothy Lucille Buzard b. 1959, Billy Loran Buzard b. 1962.*
- P416-4. LORAN JOSEPH, *born 12 April 1941, m.(1) in February 1964 in Bakersfield to Roberta Rowland, born in October 1945 in Bakersfield, the daughter of Bill and Kay Rowland. They divorced in 1965, and Loran m.(2) in 1966 in Bakersfield to Sherry Helms, born in 1944. They divorced in 198?. Loran, a cowboy and poet, had one child by his first wife, two by his second wife: Kathleen Grace Austin b. 31 August 1964 in Bakersfield, Shannon Lee Austin b. 2 August 1970 in Bakersfield, and Dustin Mitchell Austin b. 22 July 1976 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1988 Loran and Dustin both resided in Dewey, Arizona, Kathleen resided in Bakersfield, and Shannon in Spokane, Washington.*
- P416-5. JOHN CLOHAN, *born 26 January 1944 in Ashland, Oregon, m. 3 October 1964 in Bakersfield to Linda Lane, born 4 July 1944 in Bakersfield, the daughter of Henry (b. Arkansas) and Marie (b. 1916) Lane. Their two sons were born in Bakersfield: Jason Loran Austin born 12 September 1965 and Kyle Erin Austin born 11*

August 1968. In 1987 John was a welder, and the family resided in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

- P416-6. JOAN MARIE, *born 4 November 1945 (twin), m.(1) on 16 June 1965 in Bakersfield to Fred Cronk, born in September 1944 in Michigan, the son of Joe (b. 1924 TN) and Johnny Pearl (Jackson) Cronk. They divorced in 1985. In 1988 Joan resided in Bakersfield, and in 1988 she was engaged to marry Jerry Ishmael, born in November 1950 in South Dakota, the son of Ralph and Viola Ishmael. Cronk children born in Bakersfield: Angela Rhea b. 1967, Annette Marie b. 1970.*
- P416-7. JEANNE ALICE, *born 4 November 1945 (twin), m.(1) on 19 June 1966 in Bakersfield to Charles Langel, born in February 1945, son of Charles and — (Krause) Langel. They divorced in 1979, and Jeanne m.(2) on 13 October 1979 in Chico, California, to Dennis Clark, born in November 1943 in Idaho. In 1987 Jeanne resided in Roseville, California. Clark children born in Chico: Eddie b. 1965 (in Marines in Hawaii in 1988), Kathy b. 1972.*
- P416-8. MARY LUCINDA, *b. 4 July 1947, m.(1) in July 1967 in Bakersfield to Richard T. Harris, born in 1945 in Bakersfield, son of Woody and Jackie Harris. They divorced that same year. Mary m.(2) in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Ronald Yohn, born in Wisconsin, son of George and Elva Yohn. They divorced in 1977, and Mary m.(3) in Bakersfield to Bruce Dawson, born in 1933 in Earlimart, California, the son of — and Opal Dawson. They divorced in 1983. Mary had no children by any marriage.*
- P416-9. WILLIAM LEWIS, *b. prematurely in February 1949 due to illness of his mother, he died shortly after birth.*

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**THE RISE AND DEMISE OF
THE TOWN OF AUSTIN SPRINGS
IN WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

by Ouida Jewell

Editor's Note: The following is based upon the author's two articles appearing in the *Dresden Enterprise* sometime after 1978. 'Chris' Austin's roots have not been determined. However, there was a Clisbe Austin born 22 December 1846 in Tunnel Hill, Georgia, a son of Rev. Clisbe Austin (born 21 January 1801 in Morristown, Tennessee, son of the Archibald Pruitt Austin discussed on *Austins of America* page 37) and Jane Ann Hammond (born 31 October 1812). Clisbe and Martha Ann (Smith) Austin had four children in Austin Springs: Julia Austin born in 1871, Willie Austin and Frank Austin who died young, and Thomas G. Austin born in 1884. By 1886 they had moved to Greenville, Tennessee, where they had five more children. No 'Chris' or Christopher Austin appears in our records for that area of Tennessee: possibly 'Clisbe' has been corrupted to 'Chris' here? Please share any information on Chris Austin with others through *Austins of America*!

Although Northwest Tennessee has never been hailed as a tourist center in days gone by, right here in Weakley County, a small community by the name of Austin Springs was acclaimed far and wide as being the place to go to "get the cure fer what ails ye." This was due to the fact that, at the time (the late 1800's through the early 1900's), it was thought to be quite healthful to drink the water that flowed from a mineral spring there. People came from not only surrounding communities such as Dukedom and Fulton, but from as far away as Illinois and Missouri to receive the medicinal treatment that the iron-laden reddish water could provide.

According to a lifetime resident of the Austin Springs community, Mrs. Ethel McClure, "for the first two or three days you drank the water, it had a funny taste, but after you got used to it, no other water tasted right." Mrs. McClure can also remember people bringing jars and bottles to the springs to get water to take home and drink. The one person that Mrs. McClure recalls most vividly was Jim Cy Cavender of Dukedom. "He would come to the springs in a horse-drawn wagon and fill up several jugs to take home. It was the only water he drank."

Austin Springs was named after Chris Austin who purchased land in the early 1880's and soon thereafter discovered the springs. He bricked up the sides and then began telling friends and neighbors of the elixir-like effect of the water that flowed freely from the springs. Today, part of the curbing of the springs can still be seen on the west side of Powell Creek. The water has found a new outlet. It now flows openly into Powell Creek.

Shortly after Austin discovered the springs, a town began to emerge. The people who had first come to visit the springs liked the area so well that many of them settled there. The businesses in Austin Springs were Tom

Johnson's General Store, later operated by his sons, Chap and Clyde, 'Fount' Gibsons' General Store; George Harris' General Store, a barber shop operated by Charlie Vincent, a blacksmith shop and Gristmill operated by Clarence Berryman, a cream station operated by Bunis Westbrook. There were also two hotels and a Woodmen of the World lodge. There was also a saloon, a "lock-up" jail, a post office, and a sawmill. There was a Baptist church near Austin Springs that was named Unity. That same church exists today under the name of New Salem, located about two miles southeast of Austin Springs. The town also had three groceries and a grist mill in the 1930s.

When local folks first applied for a post office they were told another post office in Tennessee had already been given the name "Austin Springs." September 25, 1889 was the date that the first postmaster, A. M. McGuire applied for and was granted the name "Unity," however, the town remained "Austin Springs." Postmasters never had any local routes, and on discontinuance, the town was served by a Dukedom route.

Clyde Johnson remembered John Stone bringing mail by mule, later by buggy and auto. On the old application, which Dukedom Postmaster Howard Harris now has, Austin Springs was located nine miles south of Cuba, eight miles southeast of Pilot Oak, five miles slightly southeast of Dukedom, seven miles north of Palmersville, seven miles northwest of Elms Tree, (Bumpus Store), eight miles southwest of Boydsville, and two miles southeast of Foy, which was located near Knob Creek on the Kentucky-Tennessee state line.

Not only Austins resided there, but other early names nearby were Benjamin Farmer, Gibson, Murrell, Harris, True, Johnson, Frields, McGuire, Duke, Ainley, John Cavitt, Isaac and William Willingham, John Rogers, J. B. Davis, Peter Williams, Marcus [Moses] Austin, John Stephenson, Bethel, John and Jane Sims, McClain, Bynum, Rickman and many others, who are not omitted intentionally. The town has several cemeteries: Acree, McGuire, Murrell, Harris, McClain, and Pinegar.

The town's beautiful grove was lost due to flooding. The springs rose, flooding the flat land, hence the board walks. Dreams of making Austin Spring "the garden spot of the state" were lost with the coming of new highways and railroads, which by-passed the town. Although the springs continue to flow, one cannot imagine that the space where the traces of decaying buildings and the tangle of brush and weeds now occupy what was once a town. Only one building remains intact inside the "town limits," a store that was first operated by Ray Robertson and then Russell Hall, who ran the store until going out of business in 1978. Its "medical" properties couldn't save the town, but the red water continues to bubble in Austin Springs!

**NOTE: Pages 321 through 330 have been deleted.
They included the 1850 Federal Census for New York
which is separately published on this web site.**

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES G. AND CELIA AUSTIN
OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA**

by Harriet Malinda Grizzle Barnes

J. JAMES G.¹ AUSTIN must have been born in the early 1760's, to have been old enough to have served in the Revolution, and to have been an 'invalid octogenarian' in 1849 living in Forsyth County, Georgia, when he was granted a Federal Pension for his Revolutionary War service [Ref. 1]. He was perhaps married earlier, but we know only of his marriage to Celia —, who was born circa 1780. James resided in Hall, Polk, and Forsyth counties in Georgia. He apparently died between the time of his pension grant in 1849 and when his 'widow' Celia died in February 1850 at age 70 [Ref. 2]. Of their children, we know only of one son, who was born in South Carolina:

J1. JOHN GIDEON, *born circa 1801 +*

SECOND GENERATION

J1. JOHN GIDEON² AUSTIN (*James G.*,¹) was born circa 1801 in South Carolina [Ref. 3]. He married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of — and Malinda Jones, who was born circa 1802. Perhaps Elizabeth's middle name was Malinda, for J111 Stephen B. Austin referred to his grandmother as 'Malinda Jones' [Ref. 4]. In the 1830 census John and Elizabeth resided in Hall County, Georgia. In the 1840 and 1850 census they were in Forsyth County, and in the 1860 census they were in Polk County, Georgia.

John and Elizabeth had five sons and three daughters born before the 1840 Forsyth County census. Four of these older children were not enumerated with their parents in the 1850 Forsyth County census — James G. Austin was married with two children and listed separately in that county, but the names and whereabouts of the other three older children is unknown. In the 1850 census a 'Milly' Jones age 90 born in Virginia (perhaps Elizabeth's mother Malinda?) and a Frances Jones age 60 born in North Carolina (perhaps Elizabeth's older sister or a cousin?) lived with John and Elizabeth. From that census we also find that John and Elizabeth had three additional children born before 1850, for a total of eleven children:

J11. JAMES G., *b. ca. 1822 in South Carolina. +*

J12. [daughter], *b. ca. 1824. She was possibly named "Malinda," and married — Garrett, for J111 Stephen B. Austin in a 1906 letter to the government refers to an Aunt "Linda" Austin Garrett who had received land during the Cherokee Indian removal [see the second column on the next page].*

J13. [son], *b. ca. 1826*

J14. [daughter], *b. ca. 1828*

J15. WELLS, *b. ca. 1831 in Georgia, married Sarah A. E. Bell?*

J16. DRURY J., *b. ca. 1833*

J17. CELIA A., *b. ca. 1834*

J18. WILEY C., *b. ca. 1837*

J19. JOHN H., *b. ca. 1842*

J1A. CASSA, *b. ca. 1844*

J1B. SARAH M., *b. ca. 1847*

THIRD GENERATION

J11. JAMES G.³ AUSTIN (*John Gideon*,², *James G.*,¹) was born circa 1822 in South Carolina [Ref. 3]. James was married on 25 December 1841 in Forsyth County, Georgia, to Mary Ann Bennett [Ref. 5]. Mary was born in 1821 in Precise County [now Forsyth County], Georgia. James served in the Civil War, and according to his service record, he received an honorable discharge from the Army due to deafness. James died in 1863, his wife Polly Ann in 1874 in Alabama. James and Mary had Stephen and Sarah listed with them in the 31st District 1850 Forsyth County census (along with cousin? Caroline Jones age 10), who are among their four children:

J111. STEPHEN BIRDETT, *b. 15 September 1843 +*

J112. SARAH E., *b. ca. 1845*

J113. JEFFERSON DAVIS, *b. 3 August 1859 +*

J114. MARY, *m. Mart Wright, they lived in Oklahoma.*

FOURTH GENERATION

J111. STEPHEN BIRDETT³ AUSTIN (*James G.*,³, *John Gideon*,², *James G.*,¹) was born 15 September 1843 in Cumming, Precise County [now Forsyth County], Georgia [Ref. 6], on Coal Mountain. 'Bird' enlisted for the Civil War in 1861 at Paint Rock, Jackson County, Alabama, joining Captain A. S. Bibb's Company G, 12th Alabama Volunteers Infantry Regiment. A 1921 census of Confederate Soldiers gives the enlistment date of "Private Stephen Berdett Austin" as June 1861, and states he "served until he was released from prison at close of war in August 1865 at Fort Delaware" [Ref. 7]. In 1923 the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department said his records show that Stephen B. Austin enlisted on 15 August 1861, and that he was discharged on 31 December 1862 "on certificate of disability" [Ref. 8]. The earlier enlistment date appears more accurate, for Private S. B. Austin appears on the Muster roll of Capt. Bibb on 3 July 1861. Also, in 1899 when Stephen first applied to be placed on the Alabama pension rolls [Ref. 9], he simply put a dash on the application form in response to "wounded at the battle of ___," which seems to imply he was not wounded during his military service.

Stephen B. Austin married first to Margaret Wilson, of whom little is known to the present author, except they had

at least one child born in Jackson County. Stephen married a second time on 23 March 1873 to Celia Ann Kirkpatrick in Jackson County. Celia was born on 3 February 1850 in Jackson County, the daughter of Martin E. Kirkpatrick and Mary E. Redman.

Stephen and Celia were still living in Jackson County in the 1880 census. They are believed to have taken the family to Texas sometime after that. Stephen suffered a stroke circa 1896, and he walked with a stick, but it did not stop him from working. He and Celia returned to Jackson County sometime before 1899. They appear there in the 1900 census for Jackson County.

On 6 June 1899 Stephen filed for a pension [Ref. 9], stating he was 56 and that he had paralysis. He valued his house and lot in Paint Rock at \$75. He also listed two hogs valued at \$5, plus watches, clocks and jewelry valued at \$2.50, and household and kitchen furniture valued at \$20. The Pension Board wrote "paralysis of left side, has difficult of walking. Cannot get about without use of crutch or cane. Been paralyzed for the last three years. Should be placed in Class No. 4." [Ref. 10]

Roy Williamson, who resided in Paint Rock in 1984, remembered that 'Uncle Byrd Austin' worked in his youth at the pencil factory. Later, Roy recalled, Uncle Byrd operated a grist mill located behind Butler and Rousseau's store in Paint Rock. The town was without electricity, so the mill was operated by gas. Roy remembered going and having corn ground into meal many times at the mill. A new dam on the river eventually allowed construction of a water-powered mill, which was cheaper to operate than the old gas-powered mill.

Stephen B. Austin claimed to be of Cherokee descent, and on 13 August 1907 he applied for a share of the fund set up by Congress for the Eastern Cherokee Indians. In his application he refers to an earlier application:

"I made application for allotment in Nov 1897 for land in Cherokee Nation. I was informed by the Commissioner that because I did not remove to the Cherokee Nation at the time the Cherokee Tribe moved there that I forfeited any right to allotment in land." [Ref. 4]

On 19 May 1908 Stephen B. Austin answered questions posed by the Special Commissioner to the Court of Claims relating to his application for participation in the distribution of the Eastern Cherokee Fund.

"In answer to your letter of the 13th will state I do not know why I was not enrolled in 1851 with the Eastern Cherokees. I was never a slave. My father lived with the Cherokee when they left this country and came from Georgia as far as Guntersville Ala. with them when they left, but left them and went back to Georgia. I do not know whether my father was ever

enrolled with the Cherokees. I have an aunt a sister of my father — Austin who married man named Garrett who shared in a payment to the Cherokees it was in Forsyth Co Ga. I have a brother in the Indian territory who received his allotment of lands with the Cherokees. This shows that my claim as to blood is all right."

On 29 June 1908 Stephen B. Austin filled out Application #34442 claiming to be connected to the Cherokee Tribe:

"My name is Stephen B. Austin. I live at Paint Rock, Ala. I was born in 1843 in Precise County, Ga. I claim through my father and his father. I claim to be connected to the Cherokee tribe. My father told me that we had Cherokee blood. My father died in 1863. He was born in 1822. He was born in N.C. My grandfather came from N.C. to Ga when my father was not grown. My father and his father were recognized as mixed breeds, part Indian and part white. They did not associate with the Indians much. My father came down here to Guntersville here with the Indians when they went west, but he turned around and went back. I don't know why he went back. They did not make him go, because he did not have to. He was living in Ga. when the Indians went away from there. My father's aunt, Linda Garret, I think got some money from the Indians. I don't know why only they said she was entitled to it. She was living in Precise County then. Her name was Garret at the time she got this money. Her maiden name was Austin. I never heard of my father and grandfather being enrolled with any tribe or Indians. I never heard of my father or grandfather taking any part in tribal proceedings. I never heard of my father or grandfather living with the tribe. The Indians were around there. In 1882 I was living down here at Paint Rock. I never heard of any enrollment at that time. If my father ever tried to be enrolled, I don't know it. He never got any money or land from the Government. I never heard my father speak of a treaty that the Govt. made with the Indians in 1835. I don't know whether my father voted or not. I have a brother, Davis Austin, and a sister, Mary Wright, her name was Austin at that time, living in Okla. who received an allotment of land."

Stephen's claim was rejected, despite a letter written to the Special Commissioner by Congressman William Richardson on his behalf dated 6 August 1909, in which he writes "I sincerely hope that you will most carefully reconsider such evidence as is presented in support of Mr. Austin's claim, and unless entirely inconsistent with your duties, I hope that you will see proper to replace his name in the Enrollment." The Commissioner replied on 11 August 1909: "I do not see how it would be possible for me

Photo AOA 333

Stephen and Celia's daughters with their Uncle Davis, left to right: Mary (Austin) Rutherford, Harriet Newton (Austin) Grizzle, Jefferson Davis Austin, Virginia (Austin) DeLapp

to change my decision. Mr. Austin is no doubt, as you suggest, an Indian descendant, but seemed to have been entirely unable to establish the fact of Eastern Cherokee descent under the terms of the . . . Court of Claims." Stephen's claim was rejected because: "(1) No ancestors on roll, (2) No ancestors party to Treaty of 1835-36, and (3) Shows no connection with Eastern Cherokee."

On 10 July 1911 Stephen applied to have his pension changed to second-class. [Ref. 6]. The Jackson County Pension Board noted "he is not quite 70 yrs old but has lost the use of his left arm and leg from paralysis," and they upgraded his pension to Class 2. On 13 October 1916 he applied to have his pension changed to first-class [Ref. 11]. In this latter application, it was certified by J. L. Jones, Justice of the Peace, who noted that the applicant "is unable to work . . . he is now 73 years old and unable to do manual labor and is very poor."

Stephen B. Austin died at age 79 on 24 August 1922 in Paint Rock, his death certificate lists him as a "carpenter." The death certificate informant on 13 September 1922 was "J. R. Austin," whoever this informant was, he/she appears not to have known the maiden name of Stephen's mother. Celia also died in Paint Rock, on 19 March 1924. Both are probably buried in the old Paint Rock "Mountain Cemetery," since the town had not yet purchased their new cemetery. Stephen had at least one child by his first wife Margaret, and Celia gave him five additional children:

- J111-1. TABITHA ALICE, b. 1870 in Jackson County, m. — Reynolds. She died circa 1906.
- J111-2. MARY, b. 6 May 1874 in Jackson County, she married there on 25 January 1890 to James Franklin Rutherford, who was born 20 October 1868 in Alabama. Mary died 1 December 1964 in the State Hospital in Big Springs, Texas, she is buried in the Odessa Cemetery, Odessa, Texas. Rutherford children: Lucille B. ('Lily') 1892, John B. 1893, Harriet Vera 1899, Maxie 1901, William Calvin 1903, Oma 1905, Dezzie L. 1909, Delbert 1912.
- J111-3. HARRIET NEWTON, b. 7 February 1876 in Jackson County, m.(1) on 6 April 1898 in Cooper, Delta County, Texas, to William Franklin Grizzle (he had m.(1) to Mattie Pearl Wilson). William was b. 14 April 1872 in Jackson County, Alabama, he died 2 February 1965 in Cooper. Harriet m.(2) on 23 June 1921 to F. H. Gandy in Enloe, Texas. In a 1923 pension application, Celia Austin at age 74 listed her daughter Harriett Gandy as living in Birmingham, Alabama. Harriet m.(3) W. J.

('Jack') Lemmond. She died on 6 February 1938 in Paris, Lamar County, Texas, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Cooper. Grizzle children (see photo next page): Leslie Leon 1899, Violet 1902, Corene 1903, Winnie Lucille 1907, Fannie Ruth 1910, William Austin 1912 [in Hopkins County, Texas, his daughter authored this article.]

- J111-4. GEORGIA, b. 2 July 1878 m. Joseph E? Bingham
- J111-5. JAMES ['JIM?'], b. 1884, supposedly d. in 1902 from typhoid fever in Mt. Joy, Delta County, Texas, where he is buried in the Staton Cemetery. Also, he was not listed in 1907 among Stephen's children [Ref. 4].

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**Harriet Newton (Austin) Grizzle with her children
(clockwise): William Austin Grizzle, Winnie Lucille,
Violet, Corene, and Fannie Ruth Grizzle.**

J111-6. VIRGINIA ['JENNIE'], *b. 1889 in Paint Rock, m. on 17 August 1906 to James DeLapp in Garth, Jackson County, Alabama. In 1923 Celia Austin listed daughter 'Ginnie' living in Birmingham, Alabama. Children: Clyde 1913, Mildred 1923.*

J112. JEFFERSON D AVIS⁴ AUSTIN (*James G.,³ John Gideon,² James G.,¹*) was born 3 August 1859 in Alabama. He married Sarah E. Rutherford, who was born on 9 December 1858. Davis was living in Enloe, Delta County, Texas, in 1906. Sarah died on 23 July 1932, while Jefferson died on 16 December 1936. Both are buried in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. They had seven children:

- J112-1. JAMES HENRY, *b. 4 January 1881 +*
- J112-2. GREY EDWARD, *b. 18 September 1882, d. 18 September 1890, buried in Alabama [dates from Austin family bible are not very clear].*
- J112-3. ALVA STOKLEY, *b. 21 February 1886 +*
- J112-4. HARVEY OAKLEY, *b. 21 February 1886 +*
- J112-5. JOHN OLLIE, *b. 2 March 1888, d. 1958, buried in Long Beach, California. He married Emma Patrick, they had two children: Estel Austin who was living in Oklahoma City in 1983, and Teenie, who lived in Long Beach in 1983.*
- J112-6. STEVEN BIRDETTE, *b. 5 March 1891, d. 13 April 1951, is buried in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, cemetery. He served in the First World War as a Private in the 2nd Wing Conc. Brig. A. S. He was married for a brief time, but had no children.*
- J112-7. DELLA AUDIA, *b. 30 December 1893, d. 23 November 1908, is buried in Lone Grove, Texas.*

FIFTH GENERATION

J112-1. JAMES HENRY⁵ AUSTIN (*Jefferson Davis,⁴ James G.,³ John Gideon,² James G.,¹*) was born 4 January 1881. He married Lula Bourland, who was born 21 May 1890. James died on 17 February 1944, while 'Lucy' died on 17 April 1970, both are buried in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. James and Lula had four children:

- J112-11. JAMES EDWARD, *d. before 1983.*
- J112-12. CLAUDIA, *living in Nevada in 1983.*
- J112-13. IDA MAE, *living in Nevada in 1983.*
- J112-14. WYNONA, *d. before 1983.*

J112-3. ALVA STOKLEY⁵ AUSTIN (*Jefferson Davis,⁴ James G.,³ John Gideon,² James G.,¹*) was born on 21 February 1886, a twin brother to Harvey Oakley Austin. He changed his name as a child, and married as "A. A. Austin." Alva married on 6 October 1907 to Cornelia ("Neel") Estella Stokton in Cooper, Texas. Cornelia was born 13 February 1888, the sister of Flora who married Harvey (see below). Alva farmed for a few years in Cooper before they moved in 1913 to Wynnewood, Garvin County, Oklahoma, along with Harvey and Flora. Alva got a job on the railroad, later he went to work for a cotton company. They moved to Maysville about 1923. Alva lived in Maysville until his death on 31 October 1954, and is buried there. In 1983 Cornelia was in a nursing home in Ada, Oklahoma. Alva and Cornelia raised six children:

- J112-31. WALTER LEE, *b. 10 July 1909 +*
- J112-32. DELLA PAULINE, *b. 12 September 1912 in Cooper, Texas. She m.(1) Glad M. Bailey in 1933 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. They divorced, and she m.(2) Albert Chandler in 1950 in Wayne, Oklahoma. Albert died, Della m.(3) Floyd Trammell in 1953 in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Children: Donald Ray Bailey 1934, Gladys Lunette Bailey 1936, James Louis Chandler (adopted) 1951, Thomas Alva Trammell 1954. Della died on 30 June 1974, is buried in Delaney, Arkansas.*
- J112-33. NELLIE ALENE, *b. 28 March 1915 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. She m. Robert Thomas Journey in 1937. Journey children: Roberta Nell*

1937, Thomas Davis 1947. Widow Nellie lived in Roswell, New Mexico in 1983.

- J112-34. ALVA BYRD, b. 10 February 1918 +
 J112-35. MARY OLLIE ('ESTELLA'), b. 8 February 1921 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, m.(1) Rayburn Cecil Howerton in 1937. They divorced, she m.(2) Joe Tingle in 1950. They divorced, she m.(3) Haskell H. McCurdy in 1960. In 1983 widow Mary lived in Ada, Oklahoma. Howerton children: Alice Estella 1938, Shirley Ray 1940, Patsy Ann 1942, Mary Charlene 1947.
 J112-36. BILLY JEANE, b. 10 September 1928 in Maysville, Oklahoma. She married Roy Kenneth Smith in 1947. Smith children: Mack Austin 1949, Jeffrey Kenneth 1954. In 1983 Billy lived in Ada, Oklahoma.

J112-4. HARVEY OAKLEY⁵ AUSTIN (*Jefferson Davis*,⁴ *James G.*,³ *John Gideon*,² *James G.*,¹) was born on 21 February 1886, a twin brother to Alva Stokley Austin. Harvey married to Flora Lucinda ('Tode') Stockton, born 24 August 1890, the sister of Cornelia who married Alva (see above). In 1913 they moved to Wynnewood, Garvin County, Oklahoma, along with Alva and Cornelia. Harvey died on 25 June 1969 in Wynnewood, and Flora died there same year, on 9 September 1969. Both are buried in Wynnewood. Harvey and Flora raised Flora's niece, Flora May Stockton, along with three of their own children:

- J112-41. ARGYLE DAVIS ('A. D.'), was living in 1983 in Norman, Oklahoma.
 J112-42. MARY ALVA, m. — Litchfield, she d. 28 September 1971, is buried in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.
 J112-43. HARVEY EUGENE, living in Burnsville, North Carolina, in 1983.

SIXTH GENERATION

J112-31. WALTER LEE⁶ AUSTIN (*Alva Stokley*,⁵ *Jefferson Davis*,⁴ *James G.*,³ *John Gideon*,² *James G.*,¹) was born 10 July 1909 in Cooper, Texas. He married Carmon (Creppon) Pace in 1930 in Marietta, Oklahoma. Carmon had a daughter Clara Pace born in 1928 by her first marriage. Walter and Carmon had two children together:

- J112-331. BRYCE ALVA, b. 30 May 1939, m.(1) Lorraine — in 1960, later divorced. He m.(2) Barbara Kane in 1965, later divorced. Bryce's children: Bryce Alva Jr. b. 6 April 1962, Lisa Lorraine b. 12 March 1963, Donna Marie b. — March 1965, Derek Lee b. 20 November 1966. In 1983 Bryce Alva Austin Sr. was living in Attleboro, Massachusetts.
 J112-332. KAY TAYLUE, b. 5 January 1941, m. Manuel Forsythe in 1960. Forsythe children: Kenard Lee 1960, Gaylyn Taylue 1962. In 1983 Kay was living in Cypress, Texas.

J112-34. ALVA BYRD⁶ AUSTIN (*Alva Stokley*,⁵ *Jefferson Davis*,⁴ *James G.*,³ *John Gideon*,² *James G.*,¹) was born 10 February 1918. He married Helen Pearl (Selzer) Guest in 1945. Helen had a daughter Freeda Ann Guest born in 1940 by her first marriage. Alva and Helen had three children together:

- J112-341. ALVETA ALLYNE, b. 22 August 1946. She married Wesley Taylor in 1965, they had two children: Terrell Austin 1966, Chad Daniel 1978.
 J112-342. LARRY BYRD, b. 10 February 1952, m.(1) Julie — in 1971, later divorced. He m.(2) Pat — in 1975. Children: Cristy Kay b. 17 November 1971, Larry Craig b. 3 December 1974, Scott Allen b. 19 July 1976.
 J112-343. GARY ARTHUR, b. 24 March 1953, m. Darla — in 1974, they had three known children: Deatra Denise b. 7 February 1975, Gary Samuel b. 29 July 1977, Dawn Michelle b. 17 July 1981.

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**PETER AND DESIRE AUSTIN'S DEED
TO THEIR SON AMOS MOZART AUSTIN**

Editor's Note: This 1883 Oxford County deed appears on page 463 of Volume 202, in South Paris, ME. Of the Samuel Austin of Boston line, Peter and Desire herein create their own version of "Social Security!"

Know all Men by these Presents, That We Peter Austin and Desire Austin both of Rumford in the County of Oxford and State of Maine in consideration of our maintenance & support during our lives by Amos M. Austin of Rumford aforesaid the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns forever, all our right title and interest in and to the following real estate situated in said Rumford on the south side of the Androscoggin and being our homestead farm. And for the above named consideration it is agreed that the said Amos M. Austin his heirs executors administrator or assigns shall well and sufficiently maintain and support the said Peter Austin and Desire Austin in the house conveyed by these presents unless otherwise agreed by the parties in sickness and health and to furnish them at all times with food and clothing drink, nursing medicine, medical attendance and all other things necessary for their comfortable support to the satisfaction of said Peter & Desire and in case of failure on the part of the said Amos to faithfully perform the above named conditions then this deed is to be wholly void and the property therein described reverts wholly and unconditionally to the said Peter & Desire and they hereby retain full power to dispossess the said Amos of any and all right to the above described premises and the said Amos is to have the whole use and profit of all the stock and farming tools now owned by said Peter and Desire so long as he fullfills the above agreement.

To have and to hold the aforegranted and bargained premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And we do covenant with the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantee to hold as aforesaid; and that we and our Heirs, shall and will warrant and defend the same to the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, we the said Grantors have hereunto set our hands and seals this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

<i>in presence of</i>	<i>Peter Austin</i>	<i>Seal</i>
<i>Waldo Pettengill</i>	<i>Desire Austin</i>	<i>Seal</i>

SOME TENNESSEE AUSTIN MARRIAGES

by Anthony Kent Austin

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Ref. 1)

James Austin to Heneretta Rogers..... 3 February 1872
 Jane Austin to Jasper S. Hamilton..... 24 May 1855
 Julia A. Austin to Rubin Short..... 1 December 1866
 Manerva Austin to William Johnson..... 23 December 1839
 Nancy Auston to Milton Montgomery..... 19 January 1843
 S. B. Austin to Margaret Boman..... 3 March 1867
 Washington Austin to Mary Gipson..... 20 December 1845

RUTHERFORD COUNTY (Ref. 2)

Jackson Austin to Laura Austin..... 28 August 1865
 Lucinda Austin to William Weaver..... 9 September 1835
 Martha J. W. Austin to Jesse M. Tatum 23 December 1834
 Owen E. Austin to Tabitha Jane Covington.... 23 Nov. 1829
 William Alstin to Missouri V. Cole..... 2 June 1870

SHELBY COUNTY (Ref. 3)

Emily Austin to John Gillis..... 6 December 1843

SMITH COUNTY (Ref. 4)

Anne Austin to James A. Grenade..... 6 January 1852
 Booker W. Austin To Nancy M. Hall..... 1 December 1853
 James Austin to Vina Warmack..... 12 March 1851
 Jenny Austin to Albert Young..... 20 September 1874
 John B. Austin to Patty Duncan..... 18 January 1860
 John W. Austin to Margaret L. Wakefield 30 January 1866
 Martha A. Austin to Jefferson J. Sutton..... 18 January 1854
 Mary A. Austin to John Ballard..... September 1859
 Parthenia Austin to Howard State..... 5 October 1849
 Polly Austin to William Patterson..... 11 July 1853
 Rebecca H. Austin to William J. Smith..... 24 Nov. 1853
 Sarah Austin to Leander J. Wyatt..... 24 November 1850
 Sarah E. Austin to James F. Russell..... 1 December 1863
 Sela J. Austin to David C. Sutton..... 20 September 1857
 Shelby Austin to E. J. Wakefield..... 26 April 1861

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TENNESSEE AUSTIN WIDOWS

CIVIL WAR PENSIONS

by Sally Austin Day

Editor's Note: The following names were obtained from *Civil War Pension Records* at the Tennessee State Archives. Pension number is shown in brackets. See also the article "Tennessee Austins in the Civil War," appearing on *Austins of America* pages 305-306.

Sarah Ann Aston of Washington County, the widow of Washington Jackson Aston [2214]

Mary E. Aust of Wilson County, the widow of W. H. Aust [10384]

Amanda Austin of Hawkins County, the widow of John Austin [3648]

Ann Elizabeth Austin of Weakley County, the widow of Moses Vincent Austin [2916]

Louiza Austin of Lauderdale County, the widow of John R. Austin [1809]

Lucinda Jane Austin of Hamblen County, the widow of William Austin [5039]

Mary Ann Austin of Dickson County, the widow of George Wyatt Austin [428]

Mary Lucy Austin of Decatur County, the widow of John J. Austin [8796]

Sarah Edna Austin of Dickson County, the widow of Charles Van Buren Austin [8493]

Susan Austin of Haywood County, the widow of Albert Morris Austin [9859]

**ARVA OWEN AUSTIN,
ITINERANT PREACHER IN
NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA**

by Virginia Cain High

Arva Owen Austin was born 14 February 1791 in Paris, Oneida County, New York. His family appears on page 242 of *The Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638*, published in 1969 by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day. An itinerant preacher, Arva wrote the following letter to his daughter Amanda and her husband Aldrich Lusk, while visiting with his son Alfred in Sinclairville, New York. He died in the spring of 1863 at age 72 in Boon County, Illinois, so this was likely his final tour of New York and Pennsylvania. He apparently left Sinclairville sooner than he had expected in his letter, for by New Year's Day 1857, Arva had moved on to his daughter's home in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Sinclairville Dec^m 8th 1856

Dear children - it is four weeks today since I started from home. I had a pleasant journey & arrived at Alfreds on Wednesday. I found them all well. My health has been & is verry good as yet. I have visited around Among my old friends & acquaintance. My visits have been made agreeable on the account of the Warmth of Reception. I have but just commenced as yet. It will take me at Least two months yet before I shall get around. I have not seen any of the Douglasses yet, but I expect to before long. I have visited the graveyard in this town, where Lies the wife of my youth & four of our children & A good many other of our former friends. I expect soon to be numbered among the dead. I often feel as if it would be a pleasure for the time to arrive, but I wish to be perfectly resigned to the will of God. I have abundant cause of thankfullness love & gratitude to my heavenly father for the peace of mind & the consolations of the holy spirit that I have had since I left home.

Sinclairville is a handsome lively village there is three meeting housses - congregational baptist & methodist. I have heard them all preach & tended prayer meetings with them all & have been blessed at each place whosoever doeth the will of my father which is in heaven the same is my brother & sister & mother. Dear children I want to see you I pray that God would bless you all with health & the necessary comforts of this life & enable you to live as you will wish you had when you come to die. Oh think what an awful thing it will be for any of us to have it to say at Last the summer is past & the harvest is ended & our souls are not saved. Let us be wise unto salvation & put our trust in God & lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven & be doers of the word & then we have the promise of immortality & eternal life beyond the grave. Oh think what our blessed Saviour has done for us that we mite be saved from the wrath to come. Let us Live agreeable to his requirements that we may be members of that Little flock of whom it is the fathers good pleasure to give the kingdom. Glory be to God for the precious promises to those who obey the Gospel of his dear son. I pray that God would enable us all to be of that number.

Alfred has but three children Living - them are all girls the oldest about sixteen the youngest about eight they have sent a little present to Ellen. Tell the Little Grandchildren I want to see them, & have them hug & kiss me & be good Little girls till I see them again.

I want you should write to me as soon as you receive this & direct it Sinclairville Chautanque County New York.

Alfreds folks joins with me in Love to you all.

this from your affectionate father

Aldrich &
Amanda Lusk

Arva O. Austin

**SOME AUSTIN MARRIAGE LICENSES
IN LONDON, ENGLAND 1521-1869**

*by Glenn Matthew Austin
and Sally Austin Day*

Editor's Note: The following data is from a book *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869*, edited by Joseph Foster, published by Bernard Quaritch, 15 Picadilly W., London, in 1887. Austin males were submitted by Associate Editor Sally Austin Day, the Austin females were submitted by Glenn Matthew Austin. The letters in brackets appear to be volume references.

Abigail Austin, spinster daughter of Richard Austin, of Co. Kent, gentleman, and Richard Worrall, clerk, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, 16 December 1624. [B]

Agnes Austin, spinster of St. Magnus, London, and Edmund Morriss, general license, 10 July 1565. [B]

Alice Austin, spinster of Westminster, and Thomas Falconer, of same, at St. Margaret, Westminster, 1 February 1616/7. [D]

Anna Austen of Hoxston, Middlesex, spinster about 18, with consent of her mother, Mrs. Katherine Austen, widow of same, and Skynner Byde of Ware Park, County Herts, esquire bachelor about 20, with consent of his father Sir Thomas Byde, knight, at St. Andrew, Holborn, 14 May 1675. [V]

Anne Awsten, now of the city of London, spinster dau. of John Awsten, late of Ludlow, County Salop, deceased gentleman, and Edmund Foster of Lincoln's Inn, gentleman, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4 October 1586. [B]

Anne Austin of city of Canterbury, spinster about 23, her mother's consent, and Richard Osbiston of Rumford, County Essex, esquire bachelor about 32, at any church in said city of Canterbury, alleged by Josiah Moore, of St. Giles, Cripplegate, citizen and grocer, 16 July 1675. [V]

Anne Awsten of St. Katherine, Coleman, spinster, and Thomas Parker of St. Martin, Ludgate, haberdasher, at St. Catherine, Coleman, 16 November 1580. [B]

Anne Austen of Horsemanden, County Kent, 20, spinster daughter of Francis Austen of said county, clothier, who consents, and Nathaniel Pix, of Hawkhurst, County Kent, gentleman bachelor 23, at Hawkhurst aforesaid, 23 December 1661. [F]

Anne Austin of Great Warley, County Essex, 19, spinster daughter of James Austin, of same, who consents, attested by her brother James Austin, of same, gentleman, and Christopher Wood of Childerditch, Co. Essex, bachelor 25, at Trinity, Minorities, 11 February 1696/7. [B]

Edward Austen of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, freemason, and Margaret Okeley, of same, widow of George Okeley, gentleman, at St. Martin, 9 June 1619. [B]

Edward Austen of St. Andrew, Holborn, esq. bach. 28, and Susanna Strickson of St. Anne, Westminster, spinster 25, at St. Andrew aforesaid, or. . . , 29 July 1701. [F]

Edward Austen of the city of Westminster, gentleman bachelor 19, father dead, consent of mother, Dorothy Austen, alias Canero, of same, and Rebecca Austen, spinster 19, consent of her father, Francis Austen, of same, gentleman, attested by Joane Austen, mother to the said Dorothy (sic), at St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street, 16 July 1641. [B]

Eline Austyne of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Nicholas Rydley, 4 July 1548. [F]

Elizabeth Austen of St. Botolph, Aldergate, London, haberdasher, and James Wright of Christchurch, Newgate, butcher, at St. Botolph, aforesaid, 16 November 1614. [B]

Elizabeth Austen, spinster daughter of Richard Austen, of Hounslow, County Middlesex, yeoman, and Francis Thompson, vintner, at St. Bennet Fink, London, 7 September 1620. [B]

Elizabeth Austen of Waltham Abbey, widow 25, relict of Henry Austen, deceased, and William Lake of Stanford Rivers, County Essex, gentleman bachelor 23, at All Hallows Barking or Loughton, County Essex, 11 August 1640. [B]

Elizabeth Austin of St. Margaret, Westminster, spinster about 20, her parents dead, consent of her guardian, John Taylour of same, gentleman, and Richard Baylie of Hallows, in the parish of Bradford, County York, esquire about 40, in parish church or chapel of Westminster, 19 September 1677. [V]

Eustace Awsten of St. Botolph, Aldgate, butcher, and Katharine Harwyn, spinster, of St. Clement, Eastcheap, at St. Clement aforesaid, 14 December 1582. [B]

Frances Austin, widow of Thomas Austin, gentleman, and Edward Okeley, girdler, at St. James Clerkenwell, Middlesex, 10 November 1624. [B]

George Austen of London, and Jane Harrison, spinster, of St. Nicholas Olave, to marry there, 30 May 1579. [B]

Henry Austen of Waltham Holy Cross, Essex, gentleman bachelor 26, and Elizabeth Stock, of same, spinster 24, daughter of Thomas Stock, of same, yeoman, who consents, at Loughton, Essex, 19 December 1632. [B]

Henry Austin of Brill, County Bucks, gentleman bachelor about 26, and Mary Carter, of same, spinster about 19, consent of father, Edward Carter, gentleman, at Brill aforesaid, 2 August 1670. [V]

Isabell Austen of St. Martin Outwich, London, widow of Edward Austen, and Robert Browne of St. Helen, London, tailor, at St. Martin Outwich aforesaid, 27 November 1626. [B]

Jane Austin, 22, spinster daughter of John Austen of Bromley, Middlesex, esquire, who consents, and William Blackbourne of St. Andrew Undershaft, London, bachelor 25, at St. Dionis Backchurch, London, or. . . , 10 October 1695. [F]

Johanna Austen, widow of Westham, and William Marvell, general license, 24 January 1570/1. [B]

Johanna Awsten of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, spinster, and Thomas Chapman, taylor, at St. Sepulchre, 5 July 1581. [B]

John Awsten of Audley End, in the parish of Walden, County Essex, cobbler, and Susan Wright, of same, widow, at Arkesden, County Essex, 28 May 1621. [B]

John Awsten of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, butcher, and Damazine Hill, spinster daughter of Thomas Hill, of Lewton, County Beds, cordwainer, at St. Mary, White-chapel, Middlesex, about 13 December 1623. [B]

John Austen of Hall Place, Bexley, County Kent, bachelor 21, and Rose Hale, spinster 16, daughter of Sir John Hale, knight, of Stagenhoe, parish of St. Paul, Walden, Herts, who consents, as does also Sir Robert Austen, bart., father of said John, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great or Less, London, 6 December 1661. [F]

John Austen of St. John Zachary, London, esq. bachelor 22, and Jane Mascall, spinster 17, dau. of Robert Mascall of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London, who consents, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, All Hallows-in-the-Wall, or St. Michael, Cornhill, London, 10 September 1673. [F]

Joziana Awsten of the City of London, widow, and Samuel Abell of St. Anne & Agnes, Aldergate, gentleman, general license, 11 February 1582/3 [B]

Katherine Awsten of St. Margaret, Westminster, and Alexander Knighte, of same, 10 October 1655. [D]

Leonard Austen of Hurstpierpoint, Co. Sussex, gentleman bachelor about 22, and Mrs. Ann Mead, of Barnish Rueden, Co. Essex, spinster about 17, consent of father, Mr. John Mead, at Barnish Rueden, 11 July 1677. [V]

Margery Awsten of Kensington, Middlesex, spinster, and Richard Lynell of St. Magnus, London, at Kensington, 18 July 1577. [B]

Martha Austen, about 21, spinster daughter of William Austin of St. Margaret, Westminster, who consents, and John Collins of Tower Street, London, gentleman widower about 36, at St. Margaret, Westminster, or Lincoln's Inn Chapel, 19 January 1662/3. [V]

Mathew Austin of Stepney, County Middlesex, gentleman bachelor about 21, and Mrs. Elizabeth Upton, of same, widow, about 24, at same, 31 July 1669. [V]

Rebecca Austin of St. Olave, Southwark, County Surry, spinster above 25, and William Tufnell of St. John Evangelist, Westminster, bricklayer bachelor above 30, at St. Bennett, Paul's Wharf, London, or St. George, Bloomsbury, or St. Paul, Covent Garden, Middlesex, 28 April 1739. [F]

Robert Austen esquire, of Tenterden, County Kent, bachelor 31, and Mrs. Jane Strode, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, spinster 24, her father dead, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 30 April 1703. [B]

Sampson Austen of Acton, County Middlesex, yeoman, and Joan Worner, of Islington, widow of William Worner, late of Wilsden, County Middlesex, gentleman, at Islington aforesaid, 30 August 1598. [B]

Samuel Austen of Goudhurst, County Kent, bachelor about 25, and Frances Cryer, of Beningden, said county, spinster about 30, alleged by Peter Courthop, of Goudhurst, clothier, at Hockhurst, Kent, 6 September 1661. [V]

Susan Awsten of St. Sepulchre, London, spinster dau. of Matthew Awsten, bricklayer of same, and William Knebb, bricklayer of same, at St. Matthew, Friday Street, London, 7 February 1604/5. [B]

Susanna Austin of Stratford Bow, Middlesex, spinster 19, consent of mother, and Richard Hoare of London, goldsmith about 23, at Lincoln's Inn Chapel, 27 July 1672. [B]

Susanna Austin of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, widow, and Edmond Prideaux of Netherton, County Devon, esquire bachelor 26, at Branston, Co. Leicester, or any other church in the borough of Leicester, 23 November 1672. [F]

Thomas Austen of the City of London and Mary Corye, spinster, of All Hallows Staining, London, general license. 17 October 1566. [B]

Thomas Awsten of Hoggesden, County Middlesex, yeoman, and Margaret Assetor, spinster of the City of London, daughter of Francis Assetor, late of Southall, County Middlesex, yeoman, deceased, general license, 7 February 1589/90. [B]

Thomas Awsten of Waltham Holy Cross, County Essex, gentleman, and Margaret Knagg, of same, spinster daughter of William Knagg, of same, yeoman, at same, 17 November 1604. [B]

Thomas Austin of Hoggesdon, Herts, esquire bachelor about 27, and Mrs. Arabella Forcett, of Marybone, Middlesex, spinster about 18, consent of her mother, Mrs. Anne Forcett, of same, widow, at St. Giles, Gripplelegate, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, or Marybone, Middlesex, 13 October 1673. [V]

Ursula Austen, 19, spinster daughter of Sir Robert Austen, bart., of Hall Place, Bexley, Kent, who consents, and George Stawell of Cotheyleston, County Somerset, esquire bachelor 37, at the parish church of Bexley, or in Sir Robert Austen’s chapel, 29 March 1662. [F]

William Austen, haberdasher, and Katherine Keale, of St. Mary Woolchurch, London, widow of William Keale, late of same, goldsmith, at St. Mary Woolchurch aforesaid, 15 February 1602/3. [B]

William Austen, sailor, and Alice Hubberd, of Wapping, at St. Mary, Whitechapel, Middlesex, 30 May 1626. [B]



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QUERIES

340-1. **John Austin** born circa 1796. They were listed in the 1850 census of Smith County, Tennessee and the 1860 census of Monroe County, Kentucky. It is a possibility that John married Miss Mary Bryan on 14 February 1829. Also the ages of their children match this marriage date. But if John had married at approx 21 years of age, this would put the date of his birth circa 1807 and they could have had children gone from home by the 1850 census. His White County marriage record lists John as John Jr., born circa 1802 and Mary born circa 1805. Any help in sorting out this family would be greatly appreciated.

340-2. **James Austin** from Dereuyter area in New York probably had Archie, Robert, Edward, Mim and maybe more. Archie married Hyla Brown; they had James McKee, William, Wallace, married daughters were Ethel Lewis, Phoebe Glove, Ira Gremmel and Laura Cranson. Need the ancestry of James and his decendants.

340-3. **Samuel Austin** came to Caldwell County, North Carolina from Texas when he was 18. He bought land in the area in 1883, married and remained there to father thirteen children by two wives. His children thought that his mother died at birth, and that he was raised by his aunts. They felt that he might have been illegitimate. Need the ancestry of Samuel and his decendants.

340-4. **John Benedict Austin** was born 3 December 1873, in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Norman and Alvina/Elvina Austin. He had two known brothers, Alfred Austin an architect, resident in Sarasota, New York; and Harold Austin. He married Alice Pearl Carey in 1908, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born 17 July 1887 in Baldwin, Douglas County, Kansas. Their three children were born in Indiana: Jack Benedict b.1909, Jane Alvina b.1913, and Dickson Taylor b.1914. John died on 20 March 1947 in Los Angeles. Alice died in 1970 in California. Need the ancestry of John.

340-5. **Jacob Austin**, a stonemason, age 33 with wife Ruth and children John, Columbia, and Nathan in the 1850 Meigs County, Ohio Census. Seeking any information.

340-6. **John Austin** age 36, a clothing merchant, born in Ohio, wife Eliza, children: Ann, Sarah E, Josephine and John Jr. in the 1850 Meigs County, Ohio Census. Need the ancestry and descendent of this family.

340-7. **James O. Austin** sixth child of James and Susan Austin, born in Newcastle County, Delaware on 15 October 1808, residence also in Wayne County, Indiana, married to Catharine Spangler on 13 August 1837. They had five children: George W., James S, Mary C., Sarah J. and Henry C. James owned a sawmill and died in 1852. Need more information on this family.

NOTE: Pages 341 through 350 have been deleted. They included the continuing pages of the 1850 Federal Census for New York which are published elsewhere on this web site.

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AUSTIN, "FAMOUS SCOUT"**

*by Michael Edward Austin
and Marjorie Cutts Drisko*

Editor's Note: Although Reference 1 mentions "Bill Austin, famous scout," his fame seems to have been rather limited. The material reproduced in this article includes all that has been discovered about him and his descendants to date by Austin family researchers. However, much of the material appears of dubious reliability, so reader beware! Comments enclosed in brackets are those of the Editor.

W. WILLIAM1 AUSTIN was also known as "Bill" or "Will" Austin. Little is known of him, except what Cochrane tells us in his 1894 history of Monmouth, Maine [Reference 1]:

James [Labree] was born in Woolwich March 5, 1761. At the age of thirteen he had the honor, so it is stated, of piloting the first ship that sailed up the Kennebec from Bath to Gardiner. Two years later he enlisted in the Continental army, and served in the ranks until 1779. He married Mercy Austin, a granddaughter of Bill Austin, the famous scout, whose son William was carried into captivity by the Indians when a small boy. . .

James was the son of Peter Labree who came from France circa 1759 and lived at Woolwich [Reference 6]. Actually Mercy was not the "granddaughter" of Bill Austin, but rather the great-great-granddaughter, for her own grandfather Benoni Austin proudly claimed that his grandfather was a brother to King Philip (see below). As this reference to Bill Austin is the only one uncovered to date, we know of only the one child:

W1. WILLIAM, *b. circa 1670?* +

SECOND GENERATION

W1. WILLIAM2 AUSTIN (*William1*) was likely born circa 1670. He was captured as a small boy and raised by Indians, William would have been circa five years old when King Philip's War broke out in June 1675 at Swansea, Massachusetts. He is said to have married an Indian princess. The tribe of his bride is not clear, but Reference 1 implies she was a Shawnee:

. . . , and, remaining with them until he became a man, married a sister of the celebrated chief, Tecumseh. After his marriage he left the tribe and settled in Bath [Maine], where his daughter Mercy was born. James and Mercy Labree had five children. . .

Massasoit (1580-1661) g-g-grandfather of Benoni Austin

Cochrane appears to have made at least two mistakes here: (1) Mercy was not the daughter of William and his Indian princess, but rather the daughter of John Austin, himself the grandson of William, and (2) William could not have married a sister of Tecumseh. Tecumseh was a Shawnee, an Algonquin tribe who were inveterate enemies of the English colonists, of whom they boasted they had killed more than any other tribe. Under their chief Tecumseh, the Shawnee were almost constantly at war with the Americans. Tecumseh was killed on 5 October 1813, in the battle of the Thames, fought on the banks of the Thames River in southeastern Ontario, Canada, just east of Thamesville. In that battle the Americans under General William Henry Harrison defeated the British and Indians. Tecumseh and the Shawnee may have taken Americans such as William Austin captive, but it would have been impossible for William Austin to have married chief Tecumseh's sister, since she, like Tecumseh, would have been born circa 1768, about 100 years after William! A marriage to Tecumseh's sister also contradicts the assertion of William's own son Benoni Austin which implies that William married an Indian of the Wampanoag tribe [Reference 2]:

At the end of two years [in 1778], six other families came from New Meadows. They were those of John Welch, Ichabod Baker, Alexander Thompson, Hugh Mulloy, John Austin, and Benoni Austin. Welch built his cabin a few rods west of M. L. Getchell's, and took up nearly two (continued on page 352)

hundred acres of wild land having for its northern boundary the rangeway on which Maple Street was subsequently laid out, and extending as far south as the northern limit of the land appropriated by Ichabod Baker, who settled on the place lately owned by Ambrose Beale.

Thompson settled on the lot now known as the "Widow Ann Blake place" a few yards north of the Academy; Mulloy, on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Bickford, south of Monmouth Centre; John Austin on the Blossom place, and Benjaoni Austin, on the great bog, between Monmouth and Leeds.

Benjaoni Austin was a man nearly sixty years of age. He asserted, with evident pride, that his grandfather was a brother to King Philip, the celebrated chief who figured so conspicuously in the Indian Wars of the seventeenth century.

King Philip's father was the celebrated Massasoit, King of the Wampanoags or Pockanokets. He was chief of this tribe when the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth, and his name is never to be severed from their history. He had two sons, Wamsutta, afterward named Alexander, who succeeded his father as head of the tribe, and Pometacom, alias King Philip, to whom fell the honor at the death of Alexander, in 1657. [Editor's Note: Cochrane appears to be incorrect here, for according to Reference 3, a son of Massasoit named Moanam was the father of Alexander and King Philip.]

Granting that Austin's statement was true, the celebrated Wamsutta must have been his grandfather. "But," says one who had seen his swarthy skin and straight coal-black hair, "If Wamsutta was not his grandfather *some other Indian* certainly was."

Two years later, or about 1781, Peter Hopkins and Capt. James Blossom came in. Hopkins was an Englishman. He came from Boston, but probably stopped in Hallowell, or Augusta, several years before coming to this town. In North's *History of Augusta*, mention is made of one Peter Hopkins, who held no lands or real estate, but who was elected to the offices of selectman, highway surveyor, and tythingman in the year 1771. As his name does not appear on the tax lists after 1780, it is probable that he settled here [in Monmouth] not far from that time. He made a clearing on the farm now known as the "Johnson place," at North Monmouth, at the head of the road leading from the brick mill to the county road leading from Monmouth to Winthrop.

Capt. Blossom came from Barnstable, Cape Cod [Massachusetts]. He bought out John Austin's claim, and Austin went over to Leeds Bog and made a clearing on the farm now owned by John Plummer, Esq. The remains of the stone chimney he build may still be seen; or, at all events, could be seen not many years ago. The deed which Blossom took from Austin was about as large as a man's hand. In it "the aforesaid Austin" bargained, sold and conveyed "unto said Blossom, all right, title, and interest in the estate formerly held by him, excepting the boards on the roof of his house," the walls of which were built of logs. The house did not stand on the site occupied by the present "Blossom house," but beyond the upper dam, at the north end of Cochnewagan Pond.

Massasoit (1580?-1661) was Sachem of the Wampanoags, an Algonquian tribe which lived along the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay, and which signed a peace treaty in 1621 with the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Massasoit was only a title of address, the grand sachem's real name was actually Wasamegin, meaning "Yellow Feather" [Reference 4]. Massasoit had a son Moanam who had sons Wamsutta (Alexander) and Metacomet or Pometacom (King Philip) [Reference 3]. A third son, Sunsonewhew, was born circa 1641 and briefly attended Harvard College [Reference 7].

It is alleged that Wamsutta died "of a mysterious illness after eating a meal with Governor Winslow," but this seems somewhat unlikely, since the Plymouth Colony Governor Edward Winslow died in 1655, while Wamsutta died two years later in 1657. In any event, King Philip became the Sachem of the Wampanoags in 1657. The Wampanoags were nearly exterminated in King Philip's War with the New England colonists (1675-76), and have been extinct since the 18th century.

Wamsutta married circa 1653 to Weetamoo, also known as Namumprum or Tatapanum. She was known as the Squaw Sachem of Pocasset, and a sister of King Philip's wife. William's Indian princess might have been the daughter of Wamsutta and Weetamoo. This would be consistent with Benoni Austin's statement in Cochrane [Reference 2], but that statement would also be consistent with the princess being the daughter of King Philip's younger brother, Sunsonewhew. In any event, William and his Indian wife are believed to have settled in Bath, Maine, and to have had at least one son who claimed "a brother of King Philip" as his grandfather, and thus Massasoit as his great-great-grandfather:

W11. BENONI, *b. circa 1712?* +

THIRD GENERATION

W11. BENONI³ AUSTIN (*William*^{2.1}) was probably born circa 1712. Cochrane [Reference 2] states that Benoni was "nearly sixty" when he arrived in Monmouth circa 1778. However, this age estimate appears incorrect, for it would make Benoni under age 14 when he married on 4 February 1732 to Mary/Mercy Thompson in Biddeford, Maine. Mary, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Frye) Thompson, was born on 1 April 1712 in Kittery, Maine.

Benoni and Mary had five children in New Meadows, a part of what is now Brunswick, Maine. Maine was part of Massachusetts before 1820, and indeed we find "Benoni Astin" on the Massachusetts Tax List of 1771 for Brunswick [see *Austins of America* page 24], but surprisingly Benoni is listed as having no house. He and Mary had five children who appear in the Brunswick records:

- W111. JOHN, *b. 20 August 1732 +*
 W112. DAVID (DANIEL?), *b. 1 April 1735*
 W113. ROSANNA, *b. 7 April 1737, m. Samuel Allen of Topsham, Maine, on 8 March 1755 in Brunswick. Rosanna died in Topsham.*
 W114. MARY, *b. 6 June 1739*
 W115. BENONI (BEONEY), *b. 11 May 1741, m. int. 29 July 1763 to Jean Andrews, both of Brunswick. In the Revolution, Benoni Austin, Jr. was in Captain Austin's Co. in New Meadows.*

FOURTH GENERATION

W111. JOHN⁴ AUSTIN (*Benoni*³, *William*^{2,1}) was born on 20 August 1732 in Brunswick, Maine. He was in Bath, and later in Wales. He was likely the John Austin who signed up for Revolutionary War service in Georgetown, Maine, serving from 1 January 1777 to 31 December 1779. He married, and had at least two children:

- W111-1. MERCY, *b. 5 June 1762 in Bath, Maine. She married James Labree, b. 5 March 1761 in Woolwich, Maine, the son of Peter Labree. James died 28 May 1831 in Wales, Maine, while Mercy died there 20 March 1843.*
 W111-2. HENRY DEARBORN, *born 1777 in New Meadows, m. Rachel Keenan, dau. of James Keenan. Their daughter Elizabeth Austin was b. 18 February 1816 in Hallowell, Maine, she m. Frederick Clark. Henry d. 19 February 1863 in Hallowell, Rachel d. 22 February 1863 ae 80, Elizabeth d. 14 February 1891 ae 75.*

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QUERIES

353-1. **Nathan Austin** was born in 1805 in New York. He married circa 1828 to Lydia Stiles, daughter of Luther and Clarissa (Pierce) Stiles. They resided in Lenawee County, Michigan at the time of her death on 5 November 1831. Nathan settled in Brancy County, Michigan in 1836. Seeking Nathan Austin's parents and birth date.

353-2. **Saline (Sally) Austin** was born on 11 February 1760, Suffield, Connecticut, the fifth child of Daniel and Abigail Phelps Austin. Saline married 20 September 1786 to James Smith, Jr., born 22 February 1761 in Suffield. Their first four children were: Diantha born 27 December 1786, James, Rufus and Dotha, all of whom are buried in Halifax, Vermont. I need any available information on these four children of Saline and James Smith, and on their other four children whose names I have not yet found.

353-3. **Polly Austin** was born circa 1806, probably the daughter of Henry and Polly (Dickenson?) Austin. She married on 13 March 1825 to Jesse Meador, who was born 20 February 1800 in Virginia, died on 15 October 1853. Need proof that Polly was the daughter of Henry and Polly.

353-4. **Solomon Austin** born in 1744, married Joannah Thomas circa 1770. They moved to Canada circa 1795. He died 15 February 1826 Ontario, Canada. Their children: Solomon born circa 1770, Esther born circa 1785, Elizabeth born circa 1789, Moses born on 13 July 1801, Anne, Phillip and Jonathan. Any information – especially on Solomon's parents – would be greatly appreciated.

353-5. **Stephen D. Austin** was born 1 December 1819 in Maine. He married Lucy Barnard circa 1856, probably in Wisconsin, resided in Winnebago and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin. Stephen died 18 April 1888 in Langlade. Seeking the parents of Stephen D. Austin.

353-6. **Hannah Austin** had a son Stephen Austin born circa 1780. Hannah married in July 1796 to Roswell Bourn in Fairfax, Vermont. He died, and she remarried after 1803 to James Polson, probably in Potton, Quebec. Stephen married Betsy Blanchard in February 1801 in Newport, Vermont, both residents of Potton. Was Stephen illegitimate, or did Hannah have an earlier husband named Austin? Seeking any and all information on this family.

**ALVAH HEMAN AUSTIN
PIONEER BRIDGE BUILDER
OF WEBSTER CITY, IOWA**

by Duane Merlin Dingman

Editor's Note: This article is partly based on newspaper clippings from the *Webster City Daily Freeman Journal*, found among the files at the Kendall Young Library in Webster City, Iowa. Other information was found in Edith Austin Moore's manuscript *Joseph Austin of Dover, New Hampshire*, which contains the earlier generations of this Austin line. The accompanying photograph of Alvah H. Austin is courtesy of the Kendall Young Library, which received it in 1941 from one of Alvah's daughters.

J186-365 ALVAH HEMAN⁷ AUSTIN (*Nathaniel*,⁶ *Solomon*,⁵ *Samuel*,^{4,3} *Thomas*,² *Joseph*¹) was born on 7 September 1848 in Colchester, Vermont, the fifth of the ten children Nathaniel Austin had by his two wives, Elizabeth Ketura Lord and Philura Lurilla Coon. Alvah grew to manhood, and finished his education at the University of Vermont. He began to turn over in his mind the advice of Horace Greeley, "Go West, Young Man."

Two of his friends, Charles Wickware and Col. Crosley, had gone west to Webster City, Hamilton County, Iowa, and Alvah felt that they had made a wise choice. At the age of 21 he too decided to try his luck, so he packed his things and took a train to Webster City. Alvah stepped off the train in 1869, the same year the Illinois Central railroad first came through.

Alvah's first job in Webster City was filling in the names of landowners on a blank map at the County Auditor's office, and staking out trees in the court yard. At this time he also put up the rafters of the Universalist Church. It was in 1877 that Alvah Austin first became interested in bridge building. At first he worked with a man from Cedar Falls, who was building bridges in and around Hamilton County — among them the bridge over the Little Sioux river. Alvah then decided to be his own contractor.

Tearing down a bridge that had washed out at Bell's Mill was Alvah's first contract. This was a long and tedious job, for first he had to get the parts of the washed-out bridge up onto dry land, and then move the parts still standing to a site near Randall for rebuilding. The freeze that year was late in February, and Alvah finally got the material hauled the 22 miles at that time.

Alvah Austin built many bridges in Hamilton County, sometimes walking to work ten or more miles. He thus came to know and love every corner of his community. He also erected many bridges in other parts of Iowa. He was engaged occasionally in other types of construction work,

Photo AOA 354

Alvah Heman Austin (1848-1944)

but just as with his bridges, whatever he built was done well, proving as en during as co uld be expected. He employed many men from time to time, they all regarded him highly, and many of them with real affection.

In 1878, Alvah sent for his bride-to-be, Chloe Scullin from New York, and the couple were married soon after her arrival. They had four children, all born in Webster City:

- J186-3651. ROY GRANT, *born on 8 October 1879, graduated from Iowa State College at Ames. He married Lolo Derr on 16 November 1910 in Webster City, and they had two daughters: Margaret Ann Austin b. 12 September 1911 who married Robert Greef, and Rachel Derr Austin b. 7 August 1917 who married Kelly Wodtke and resided in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.*
- J186-3652. JESSIE MELISSA, *born on 1 March 1881, was graduated from Iowa State College at Ames. She married Samuel B. Boys, no children. They resided in Ithaca, New York. Jessie was a professor of Home Economics at Cornell University.*

Photo AOA 355

Chloe Scullin Austin (1847-1896)

- J186-3653. GRACE EMMA, *born on 3 November 1883, she was unmarried and acted as a homemaker for her father until she died 7 August 1926.*
- J186-3654. FRED HARRISON, *born on 1 March 1887, he graduated from Iowa State College at Ames, married Lottie Maxon, no children. In 1944 Fred was living in Webster City.*

Education was of primary importance in Alvah Austin's opinion. He became the School Director between the years of 1895 to 1901. Recognizing that the schools were overcrowded, Mr. Austin was instrumental in having the east and west ward buildings erected. For a number of years he was a member of the School Board, and served as the President of the Board for part of that time. He was a School Board member when the Lawn Hill School building and that on the east side of the river were erected.

Alvah Heman Austin also served as mayor of Webster City during those years, and was much concerned about the affairs of the town. The City Hall which was started in 1900 was a serious proposition to him. Most of the City Council members were eager to start as soon as the idea presented itself, but Mayor Austin stalled the proceedings by his insistence that funds should be available before arrangements were made for the contracting. He was elected mayor of the city when mayors were still chosen by popular vote, and not by members of the City Council, as has been the case since the adoption of the City Manager plan in 1915, but Mr. Austin was a believer in the manager plan and supported it.

While Alvah Austin was mayor, a well-known character by the name of Dan Wren caused the city authorities lots of trouble. Dan was a good citizen when sober, but quite frequently became violently intoxicated. He was taken before Mayor Austin upon one of these occasions, and the mayor gave him thirty days in duration vile. When later Mr. Austin was up for re-election, some of Dan's friends were surprised to find Dan out working for the mayor's reelection, and asked him why he was doing so, after the way the mayor had punished him for violating the law. Dan replied: "He did only his duty, and that's the kind of mayor Webster City is entitled to." Well, Alvah was re-elected by a very large majority.

Mr. Austin's final work for the city was as city inspector of the building of the swimming pool, seeing that the work was done according to specifications.

Alvah continued to make his home in Webster City until around 1934, when he went to live with his daughter Mrs. Jessie A. Boys in Ithaca, New York. Even then, they would always drive "back home" to spend each summer in the Austin home in Webster City, for he enjoyed living in his hometown and community. He liked to talk with his many friends, and conversed intelligently about world affairs, his mind was unusually alert even at age 93. About 1942 when Alvah's health would no longer permit him to travel, and he died on 6 July 1944 at age 96 in Jessie's home in Ithaca. Alvah was fondly remembered in a *Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal*, which read in part:

"Mr. Austin was a very public spirited citizen, and was very much interested in the up-building of Webster City and did his share to contribute to the town's prosperity."

"Mr. Austin is entitled to be remembered as one of the very substantial and worthwhile citizens of Webster City and Hamilton County over many years of active and successful endeavor, and remained in the harness until the weight of years and a serious accidental injury forced him into retiracy."

Rev. Dow Crewdson officiated at Alvah Heman Austin's funeral on Monday, 10 July 1944, and Alvah was buried in the Graceland Cemetery in Webster City, Iowa.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AND RUTH AUSTIN
OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA**

*by Boyd Lamar Austin, Jr.
Stewart Randall Austin,
and David E. Sims, Jr.*

Editor's Note: Information received from the authors of this article expands considerably on the article entitled *The Austin Family of Stanly and Union Counties in North Carolina* by D. Nance, which appeared on pages 232-234 of *Austins of America* in August 1987. Union County was formerly a part of Anson County.

W. WILLIAM¹ AUSTIN was an Irish immigrant, who died circa 1770 in Southampton County, Virginia. He married to Ruth —, and they had five children:

- W1. CHARLES born circa 1725 +
- W2. JOHN
- W3. RICHARD +
- W4. SARAH, m. — Jackson
- W5. MOLLY

SECOND GENERATION

W1. CHARLES² AUSTIN (*William*¹) was born circa 1725. He married to Mary —. Prior to the Revolutionary War, Charles and Mary came to this section from Ireland. They brought with them their family Bible, which was still in the Austin family in 1929. After Charles died circa 1771, his widow married a Mr. Hood, and they had one son named Charles Austin Hood. Nance does not list Reginald among Charles and Mary's children (perhaps he died young?), and states that seven children came with their parents from Ireland:

- W11. PEGGY, *b. 9 June 1751 (twin)*
- W12. REGINALD, *b. 9 June 1751 (twin)*
- W13. WILLIAM, *b. 1 April 1754*
- W14. CHARLES, *b. 31 May 1756*
- W15. JOHN, *b. 3 January 1759 +*
- W16. MARY, *b. 10 June 1761*
- W17. JAMES ALLEN, *b. 10 March 1764 +*
- W18. SARAH, *b. 3 September 1766*

W3. RICHARD² AUSTIN (*William*¹) was a brother to Charles Austin, for Charles Austin's Family Bible lists the children below as being his nephews. Bryant, Richard, Michael and John are known to be brothers. We assume here that Jake and Jonathan were in this same family:

- W31. BRYANT +
- W32. MICHAEL ('MIKE'), *also settled on Richardson Creek, in the same section as his brother Richard. They sold their land about 1820 and went West.*

- W33. JOHN +
- W34. JACOB ('JAKE')
- W35. RICHARD, *settled on Richardson Creek, below his cousin James Austin. He sold his land about 1820 and went West with his brother Michael.*
- W36. DRURY
- W37. WILLIAM
- W38. JONATHAN?

THIRD GENERATION

W15. JOHN³ AUSTIN (*Charles*,² *William*¹) was born on 3 January 1759 in Virginia. He married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Isaac Jones. John lived in Johnson County, North Carolina, before moving to Georgia. He was listed in the 1832 Land Lottery as a Revolutionary War soldier, and he appeared in the 1840 census as a citizen of Walton County, Georgia. He died around 1848 in Walton County. John and Elizabeth had eight children:

- W151. CHARLES, *b. circa 1789, m. to Elizabeth Strawn. Listed in the 1850 Census of Fayette County, Georgia.*
- W152. ISAAC, *b. ?, d. ca. 1830, married Margaret Brewster, who d. 1840 in Walton County.*
- W153. ETHELDRED, *b. ca. 1794-1800 +*
- W154. EADY, *b. 1798 in Georgia, m. Green Berry Haynes. Eady d. 8 March 1852.*
- W155. WILLIAM, *b. 1800, m. Nancy Brannon. William d. ca. 1860-70 in Walton County.*
- W156. JOHN JR., *b. 1804, m. Nellie Forrister.*
- W157. JAMES, *b. ca. 1807, d. 1840*
- W158. FRANCES, *m. James Thompson*

W17. JAMES ALLEN³ AUSTIN (*Charles*,² *William*¹) was born 10 March 1764 in Ireland, and came to this country with his parents. He was married to Fanny Snipes, and they settled on Richardson Creek near the old Nance Mill. James is buried beside his wife and grandson Clement Nance near the old homestead. James and Fanny reared ten children:

- W171. EADY, *m. to Jesse Gurley*
- W172. BERRY, *b. 23 December 1795 +*
- W173. BRYANT, *b. 16 May 1797, m. to Mariah Tarlton. They had a son Lawson Austin.*
- W174. JAMES, *b. 3 April 1799 +*
- W175. CHARLES, *b. 1801 (Nance has 16 May 1797) +*
- W176. MARY, *b. 12 September 1802, m. to Blackstone Mullis, went to Georgia.*
- W177. AARON, *b. 12 November 1804 +*
- W178. DELANEY, *b. 29 September 1806, m. to Henry Baucom. Children: James, Riley, William, Hiram, H. M., Ellis, Calvin, Sarah, and Mrs. George Tucker.*

W179. FRANKY, *b. 17 November 1808, m. to Harbert Nance. Nance children: Clement, Henry, James, and Silas.*

W17A. JOHN, *b. 21 April 1811, m. to Nicey Barber, they went West.*

W31. BRYANT³ AUSTIN (*Richard*,² *William*¹) was married to Miss — Osborn. They settled on Rocky River, in what is now Stanly County, North Carolina, just above the Coble Mill. He lived there during the Revolutionary War, and was among the Regulators who Governor Tryon refused to pardon. Bryant fled from Hillsboro and settled in the wilds of what is now Stanly County. Tryon's officers went to his home to arrest him, he offered them a barrel of brandy if they would go on and say nothing about him. They backed their cart up to his cellar door and he rolled the barrel of brandy into their cart and they went on their way rejoicing, and left him to be the ancestor of a large and influential family:

W311. JACOB +

W312. BRYANT +

W313. JONATHAN +

W314. AISLEY +

W315. SARAH, *b. 23 December 1783, d. 14 April 1852, m. to John Griffin. Children: Hurley and Nancy.*

W316. REBECCA, *m. to Enoch Griffin. Griffin children: McGuire, Thomas, Sidney, John, Mrs. Green Phifer, Mrs. Ervin Phifer, Mrs. Andrew Helms.*

W33. JOHN³ AUSTIN (*Richard*,² *William*¹) was married to Rebecca —. Like his brother Bryant, John was also a member of the Regulators, and there was a warrant issued for him and the officers traced him from Hillsboro to Salisbury where he, with a Mr. Mills, was arrested and compelled to take the oath of allegiance. He then came to what is now Union County and settled between Rocky River and Richardson Creek. Only one child is known:

W331. JOHN +

FOURTH GENERATION

W153. ETHELDRED⁴ AUSTIN (*John*,³ *Charles*,² *William*¹) was born circa 1794-1800. He was married to Candis Lake. They moved from Walton County, Georgia, to Cobb County, Georgia about 1840. A letter shows he was living when his father died in 1848, but he does not appear in the 1850 census, in which his wife is listed as living in the McClung household. Etheldred and Candis had five known children:

W153-1. EDITH, *b. 20 May 1820 +*

W153-2. WILLIAM H., *m. Catharine Umphries.*

W153-3. MARY POLLY, *b. 15 April 1827, d. 18 May*

1900, m. Thornton McClung.

W153-4. MARGARET

W153-5. ZEBULON PIKE, *m. to Caroline —.*

W172. BERRY⁴ AUSTIN (*James Allen*,³ *Charles*,² *William*¹) was born on 23 December 1795. He was married to Susanna Gurley, they had sons and six (sic) daughters:

W172-1. JACOB

W172-2. JOSEPH +

W172-3. JOHN J. +

W172-4. SOPHIA, *m. to Riley Griffin. Griffin children: Mrs. E. M., Milton, J. Wilson, Cornelius, Hiram D., and Mrs. William D. Liles.*

W172-5. MARY, *m. to Andy Moore. Children: Troy, Frank, James, Ellison, Henry and Thomas.*

W172-6. [daughter], *married Wyatt Holmes. Holmes children: William and John.*

W172-7. FANNY, *m. Hugh Purser. Purser children: David, William and Hugh.*

W172-8. BETTIE, *m. Cass Hasty. Hasty children: John W., Ell(is?), and Brac.*

W174. JAMES⁴ AUSTIN (*James Allen*,³ *Charles*,² *William*¹) was born on 3 April 1799 and was married to Winny Thomas. James and Winny had four sons:

W174-1. JOHN M.

W174-2. THOMAS

W174-3. JAMES

W174-4. ALPH +

W175. CHARLES⁴ AUSTIN (*James Allen*,³ *Charles*,² *William*¹) was born circa 1801. He was married to first to Betsy Nance by whom he had six children, and second to Gilla Tyre by whom he had his seventh child:

W175-1. WYATT

W175-2. JAMES

W175-3. JANE, *b. 1825 in North Carolina, lived in Mississippi, d. 1872 in Henderson County, Tennessee. She m. Sanders Brewer.*

W175-4. POLLY, *m. William Stewart*

W175-5. LUCY, *m. Frazier Carpenter*

W175-6. MARTHA, *m. John Brewer*

W175-7. ASHLEY

W177. AARON⁴ AUSTIN (*James Allen*,³ *Charles*,² *William*¹) was born on 12 November 1804 in Anson County, North Carolina. He was married to Priscilla —, who was born circa 1812. Perhaps Priscilla is the 'Nicey Hinson' named as Aaron's wife in Reference 1. She died after the 1880 Census. Aaron and Priscilla had their first child in Anson County, the others in Union County, North Carolina. Reference 1 mentions only three daughters: Franky, Polly, and Jane. In Reference 2 we find also daughters named

Elizabeth and Harriet. Perhaps these are other names of the three daughters of Reference 1 (e.g., Frances Elizabeth, Mary Elizabeth, Harriet Jane, etc.):

- W177-1. PHILIP, *b. circa 1837*
- W177-2. WILLIAM HENRY, *b. 27 March 1840 +*
- W177-3. FRANCES ('FRANKY'), *b. ca. 1842, m. James Walters*
- W177-4. JAMES P., *b. circa 1843, m. Eliza J. Smith on 19 May 1872 in Stanly County, NC.*
- W177-5. MARY ('POLLY'), *b. circa 1844, married Emberry Walters*
- W177-6. ELIZABETH, *b. circa 1845*
- W177-7. HARRIET, *b. circa 1848*
- W177-8. JANE, *b. circa 1852, m. J. Stanly Smith*

W311. JACOB⁴ AUSTIN (*Bryant,³ Richard,² William¹*) was married to twice, although the name of his first wife is unknown. He married second to Miss — Marshall. Jacob had eleven children, six by his first wife, and five by his second wife:

- W311-1. JACOB COLEMAN +
- W311-2. MARCUS +
- W311-3. JOHN E. +
- W311-4. CULPEPPER +
- W311-5. CHARLOTTE, *m. to — Lingle.*
- W311-6. BRYANT E. +
- W311-7. DAVID +
- W311-8. WHIT +
- W311-9. STANLY +
- W311-A. THOMAS +
- W311-B. LAMSON, *moved to Arkansas.*

W312. BRYANT⁴ AUSTIN (*Bryant,³ Richard,² William¹*) was married to Temperance Williams. Temperance was born on Clark Creek in Montgomery County, the daughter of Alfred Williams and granddaughter of Isham Williams. Bryant and Temperance are buried with his father on the old homestead above the Coble Mill in Stanly County. Nance states they had ten children, but he only lists nine:

- W312-1. RILLA, *m. T. Wilson Griffin. Griffin children: Dr. Brady, Crag, Jestice and Gertie.*
- W312-2. CALVIN S., *never married*
- W312-3. NICEY, *m. John Foil of Cabarrus County.*
- W312-4. REBECCA, *m. to Sherd Rowland. Rowland children: Minnie, Alice, Mrs. W. D. Mask.*
- W312-5. NANCY
- W312-6. LILLY, *m. John Exum Smith. Smith children: Calvin J., Stanly, W. Jasper, George W., Mrs. George Bryant, Mrs. Tempe Huneycutt*
- W312-7. SARAH M., *never married*
- W312-8. JANE, *m. — Holley, moved to Tennessee.*
- W312-9. LEAH N., *never married.*

W313. JONATHAN⁴ AUSTIN (*Bryant,³ Richard,² William¹*) was married to Miss — Williams, and they had seven children:

- W313-1. MILTON S., *moved to Texas.*
- W313-2. BRYANT DEBERRY +
- W313-3. WILLIAM M. +
- W313-4. [daughter], *m. to Ervin Lotharp. Lotharp children: Neal, and Mrs. Cyrus Lemond.*
- W313-5. MARY, *m. to John W. Hoose.*
- W313-6. STANHOPE
- W313-7. PERMELIA, *m. to Daniel Palmer.*

W314. AISLEY⁴ AUSTIN (*Bryant,³ Richard,² William¹*) was married to Amos Griffin, and they had ten children: Riley Griffin who m. W172-4 Sophia Austin (see above), Amos Hurley Griffin who m. Sarah L. Austin (parents of one child who died young), Kinley Griffin, Huberry Griffin, Thomas Jefferson Griffin who m. Mary (Polly) Austin (parents of Ashley Calvin and Mrs. Wm. R.), Enoch Griffin, Jack Griffin, Madison Griffin, Betsy Griffin, and Sally Griffin.

W331. JOHN⁴ AUSTIN (*John,³ Richard,² William¹*) was born on 25 October 1775. He was married to Lucretia Coburn, who was born on 9 July 1779, the daughter of John and Mary Coburn. Information here was obtained from records in Jonathan Austin's papers, supposed to have been compiled at the time of the settlement of the estate of John Austin, Jr. Mary and John Austin had eight children:

- W331-1. JESSE, *born in 1803 +*
- W331-2. ELIZABETH, *b. 2 September 1803, m. John A. Nance. Nance children: Jesse Pinctney, James D., Alfred H., Ferington L., Wyatt D., Jane and Quintina.*
- W331-3. NANCY, *b. 11 April 1806, m. John Sasser*
- W331-4. JONATHAN (JOHNATHAN) +
- W351-5. MARY (POLLY), *b. 9 July 1812, m. T. J. Griffin. Griffin children: Jane, Emeline, Deberry, Ashley and Calvin.*
- W351-6. RICHARD, *b. 27 January 1815, nothing else is known of him.*
- W351-7. SARAH L., *b. 21 September 1815, m. Amos Hurley, Jr.*
- W351-8. REBECCA, *b. 3 September 1818, m. J. W. Huneycutt*

FIFTH GENERATION

W153-1. EDITH⁵ AUSTIN (*Etheldred,⁴ John,³ Charles,² William¹*) was born on 20 May 1820 in Walton County, Georgia. The family moved to Cobb County, Georgia, where she married circa 1840 to Michael Austin, who was born on 20 March 1818 and died on 13 April 1884.

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QUERIES

359-1. Joseph Austin was born circa 1826 (from his step-children's pension papers), although he was listed as age 49 in the 1870 Census for Jefferson County, Nebraska, so he was more likely born circa 1821. He possibly was married in Lebanon, Indiana, to Matilda Vancleance? Jolly, a Civil War widow with four children. They moved to Nebraska before 1869, as Oscar their oldest son was born there, as well as Aulty born in 1871. Matilda divorced Joseph in 1878, as she found out he was already married at least once, and was still married to another woman. In 1924 a John Austin died in Orofino, Idaho, and 10 years later Oscar and Aulty Austin were awarded the remainder of his estate, as they were half-brothers. John was born in 1852, supposedly the son of Alfreda Austin in College Springs, Page County, Iowa. The Iowa information lead me to find Joseph H. Austin in the 1850 Census for Linn County, Iowa. By the 1870 Census, Joseph H. Austin had moved to Cass County Nebraska, with his wife Sarah and eight children. In 1885 he was from "W. Canada" still listed in Cass County, with a wife Elvira and one more child age 8 - the child of his second wife. Joseph was in the Civil War from 7 November 1862 to 10 December 1863. He died on 16 December 1891, and is buried in the Sciota Cemetery, Cass County, Nebraska, with his first wife Sarah who had died on 21 August 1874. Buried in the same cemetery are his parents Leonard Austin d. 10 July 1872, ae 69y 2m 25d and Lydia who d. 4 January 1881 ae 76y 6m 19d. Need to determine whether or not these two Joseph Austins are the same person. [Editor's note: see also Austins of America page 84.]

359-2. Preston Hunt Austin was born on 7 April 1801 in Lancaster or Garrard Kentucky or Tennessee. His father was an Indian named Hunt, his mother had been kidnapped by the Cherokee Indians when she was young. The girl and her father, Billy Austin (from Kentucky and S.E. Missouri) raised Preston, and gave him the Austin name. The daughter was sent to England where she married a man named - Ogleby. Preston married Elizabeth Lasure/-Layser/Leisure, who was born in 1801, they had seven children: Caroline b. 12 February 1830 in Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky, m. on 2 August 1844/5 to John S. Ferris; Nancy b. 1838 m. in 1857 to Robert Burnside; Bettie m. James Pease; David b. 1835 m. D. Ellen Todd circa 1861/2; John b. circa 1839, unmarried; Nathaniel b. 4 March 1833, m. Rosa Anna William on 31 January 1861 in Madison, Indiana; Preston Jr. had one son, who had five children and lived in Kansas. Elizabeth died in 1880 in Norton (Witacha), Kansas, while Preston Austin was 90 years 6 months old when he died in 1892 in Stillwater or Yale, Oklahoma. He was buried in Lexington, Kentucky. Want to find out all about Preston and his family.

359-3. Elijah Austin and Ralph Austin were both in the Washington County, Ohio 1800 census - were they related? Seeking the ancestry and descendants of both.

359-4. William Austin a whiskey entrepreneur in the early 1800's. His residence was in Cincinnati County, Ohio. Need his ancestry and descendants.

359-5. Samuel Austin was in the Washington County, Ohio 1810 census (40010-00100). Need to know Samuel's ancestry and his descendants.

359-6. Nathan Austin of Lee Township, Athens County, Ohio married Delia Gorsline on 9 December 1820, they had two children: William and Molly. On 26 March 1832, Nathan sold 100 acres to William Austin of Suffolk County, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Nathan died in 1833. Seeking Nathan's ancestry and any information on his family.

359-7. Michael Austin married Mary Jane Beebcut? on 11 December 1820 in Athens County, Ohio. Need more information on this family.

359-8. Andrew Austin married Metsey Birch on 30 July 1822 in Athens County, Ohio. Seek all data on this family.



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QUERIES

360-1. **Jonah Austin** was born circa 1798 in New Jersey. He may have married Abigail Radney, who was related to Elizabeth Whiting. Need his ancestry and descendants.

360-2. **Esther Austin** married William McElroy. Their daughter Mary Jane was born 20 April 1813 in Trenton Falls, New York. She married Lewis Richardson, born 28 November in New Hartford, New York. Lewis and Mary Jane may have lived in Ohio before moving to Indiana. Mary Jane died 23 September 1862 in Indiana. Seeking information about Esther Austin's ancestry.

360-3. **Homer Austin** was born circa 1800, possibly in Massachusetts. He lived in Ohio, and is known to have had four children born in Ohio: Catherine born 23 April 1829 in Elyira, William, Ambrose and Alonzo. Seeking the names of Homer's parents, the name of his wife, his death date, death place and burial place.

360-4. **Thomas Austin** was born in 1796 in York County, Virginia. He married Mary Morse on 19 May 1817, they had two known sons: John M. born on 14 June 1820 and Thomas Harvey born in 1829 in York County. Thomas died in 1859 in York County. Need Thomas' ancestry.

360-5. **Joseph Austin** was born in 1756 in Richmond, Rhode Island. He married Susanna Round and they had three children. There is a Joseph Austin in Moore's *Robert Austin* book saying he married Susanna Tucker of Milton, Vermont. Was Joseph's son Silas the child of Susanna Tucker or Susanna Round?

360-6. **Eleanor Austin** was born 16 July 1777 probably in Sheffield, Massachusetts. According to page 166 of the *Richard Austin* book by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day, Eleanor married Abijah Otis on 28 January 1802, and they had 8 children: Achsah b. 1802 m. Asa Waters; James b. 1807 m. Hannah Tilton; Francis b. 1809 m. Alida Van Keuren; Asheel b. 1812; Abijah, Jr. b. 1815 m. Mary Carr; Eleanor b. 1817, unmarried; Jeannette b. 1819 unmarried; Emily b. 1820 unmarried. Need Eleanor (Austin) Otis' death and burial places, and would like to correspond with anyone working on this family.

360-7. **Mariah Lovie Austin** was born circa 1806. She married John Read, who was born circa 1805 in Georgia. They resided in Early County, Georgia. Need the ancestry and descendants of Mariah Lovie Austin.

360-8. **Lydia Austin** was married on 2 January 1820 to George Cadman in Providence, Saratoga County, New York. Family sources say her parents were Ezra and Betsy Austin, who resided in Newark Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. Her gravestone in the Newark Cemetery records only the years of her birth and death. Family

sources say she was born on 16 September 1801 and died 4 January 1874. Seeking official confirmation of these dates, and information to help identify Lydia Austin.

360-9. **Mary Austin** was married to William Stone on 3 December 1847 in Athens County, Ohio. Need to know the ancestry of Mary Austin.

360-10. **Elizabeth Austin** was born circa 1764. Her mother might have been the Elizabeth Austin in the 1790 census for Coxsack, Greene County, New York, and buried next to Elizabeth (Austin) Brandow in Ashland, Greene County, died 1819 age 96. Elizabeth married Henry I. Brandow on 15 February 1790 in Greenville, Greene County, New York, they had ten children: John b. 1790, Catherine b. 1792, Stephen b. 1794, Samuel b. ca. 1796, Elizabeth b. 1798, Annie b. 1800, Phoebe b. 1806, Deborah b. 1807, Sarah b. ca. 1810, Mary. Do you have any information to offer regarding these Elizabeths?

360-11. **Samuel Austin** died in 1697 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. His widow Alice married Matthew Collier. Samuel's son John Austin married Rosamond Smith, widow of William Smith. John died in 1734 and Rosamond married Philip Chrisfield. John and Rosamond's descendants migrated into Orange County, North Carolina between 1766-1770. Would like to correspond with anyone researching this family.

360-12. **Thomas Austin** had a son Freeman born in March 1770 in Rhode Island or Massachusetts. Freeman moved to LaSalle County, Illinois. Thomas's parents were possibly Jeremiah Austin who married his cousin Sarah Austin. Need to confirm or disprove this, and seeking any other information on Thomas Austin's descendants.

360-13. **Henry F. Austin** and **Allen A. Austin** were brothers, financiers, entrepreneurs and farmers from Maryland. They resided in Jackson County, Ohio during the 1850's and 1860's. Need to know the ancestry and descendants of Henry F. and Allen A. Austin.

360-14. **Peter Austin** married Susanna —, their son George was born 1 July 1817 in New York. George Austin married Mary Ann Markle on 12 December 1839 in Catherine, Schuyler County, New York, their son Samuel Lennox Austin was born 13 June 1842 in Catherine. George died 10 February 1897 in Springport, Michigan. Samuel married on 7 March 1867 to Alma Ann Ford, daughter of Lewis and Francis G. (Harvie) Ford, their son Harold Verner Austin was born on 9 October 1885 in Nevinville, Iowa. Samuel died on 20 August 1889 in Nevinville. Harold married Grace Pearl Leppard on 28 September 1911 in Cottage Hill-Blue Rapids, Kansas. Harold died 4 October 1949 in Washington. Seeking information on Peter Austin's ancestry and descendants.

NOTE: Pages 361 through 370 have been deleted. They included the continuing 1850 Federal Census for New York which is published elsewhere on this web site.

**AUSTIN VITAL RECORDS IN
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK
FROM 1882 TO 1911**

by William J. Austin

BIRTH RECORDS

— Austin (female) was born 10 February 1886 in Philipstown, the daughter of Fillmore Austin age 25 and Emma Cable age 27, both born in U.S.

— Austin (female) was born 16 June 1894 in Philipstown, the daughter of Joseph Austin age 41 and Josephine McKeel age 32, both born in U.S.

Michael Joel Austin was born on 8 October 1896 in Philipstown, the son of Joel B. Austin age 42 and Josephine McKeel age 32, both born in NY state.

Fred Lewis Austin was born 1 April 1897 in Putnam Valley, the son of George W. Austin age 26 born Putnam Valley and Ella Lynch age 18 born Cold Spring.

George W. Austin was born on 15 April 1898 in Griffins Corners, the son of George W. Austin age 27 born Putnam Valley and Ella Lynch age 19 born Cold Spring.

Lewis Austin was born 7 November 1900 in Philipstown, the son of George Austin age 29 and Ella Barton age 21, both born in Philipstown.

Harriet Margarite Austin was born on 21 February 1911 in Garrison, the daughter of Charles Austin age 35 born in NY and Margarite M. Davis age 27.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Filmore Austin age 24, son of Thomas H. Austin and Ellen Nelson, married on 5 November 1884 to Emma L. Cabels age 27, daughter of James Cabels and Ester Mead.

Charles Austin age 25, son of Gilbert Austin and Pheobe Russel, married on 22 September 1908 to Meless Booth age 19, daughter of George Booth and Effie Austin.

DEATH RECORDS

Elizabeth Austin died 13 January 1882 ae 60 in Garrison, buried there in So. Highlands Cemetery. She was born in Philipstown, the daughter of Henry Croft and — Nelson.

Abram Austin died on 15 March 1883 ae 29 in Garrison, and is buried there. He was born in Philipstown, the son of Thomas Austin and Helen —.

Hamilton Fish Austin died on 4 May 1883 ae 2 in Garrison, and is buried there. He was born in Garrison, the son of Abram Austin and Mary B. —.

Julie A. Austin died 15 October 1888 ae 53 in Cold Spring, and is buried there. She was born in Putnam County, the daughter of Harry Mead and Abgr. Sevice.

Samuel Austin died 18 October 1889 ae 60 in Cold Spring, and is buried there. He was born in Putnam County, the son of Abram Hustis Austin and —.

Ethel E. Austin died 15 November 1890 ae 5 in Garrison, is buried there in St. Philips Cemetery. She was born in Garrison, the dau. of Philmore Austin and Erma E. —.

William Austin died 8 August 1891 ae 17 in Philipstown, and is buried in North Highlands. He was born in Garrison, the son of Richo Austin and E. A. Huestis.

Michael W. Austin died 28 September 1897 ae 11 months in Garrison, and is buried in Union Hill Cemetery, Weehawkin, New Jersey. He was born in Garrison, the son of Joel B. Austin and Josephine —.

Justus Austin died on 5 August 1899 ae 79 in Garrison, and is buried there. He was born in the U.S., the son of Abram Austin and Hannah Fergeson.

William H. Austin died on 12 February 1899 ae 59 in Garrison, is buried South Highlands Cemetery. He was born in Newburgh, the son of Nelson Austin and Jane —.

Emma S. Austin died on 26 April 1899 ae 42 in Garrison, and is buried there. She was born in Garrison, the daughter of James Cabels and Esther —.

Fillmore Austin died 29 July 1904 ae 1 month in Garrison, and is buried there. He was born in Garrison, the son of Fillmore Austin and Dora —.

Ellen Austin died 26 April 1910 ae 83 in Garrison, and is buried in St. Philips Church Cemetery. She was born in Garrison, the daughter of Jacob Austin and Phebe Cronk.

Richard H. Austin d. 12 November 1910 ae 80 in Garrison, and is buried in St. Philips Church Cemetery. He was born in Garrison, the son of Abraham Austin and Hannah —.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN LABAN AUSTIN AND MARY PIERCE
OF CASEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

by Kenneth R. Austin

Editor's Note: This article expands on one line appearing in Bert Addis Austin's article "The Descendants of John Austin and Ann Baden of Albemarle County, Virginia," which begins on page 114 of *Austins of America* and contains earlier generations of this Austin line. J343-3 John Laban Austin appears on pages 133, 171 and 172, his son Luther Coy Austin appears on page 209. Bert incorrectly lists Virgil as John's second child, thus the sequence numbers below for Luther and Virgil are swapped compared to page 172. Luther's birthdate is corrected here, and additional children are included in John Laban Austin's family.

J343-3. JOHN LABAN⁵ AUSTIN (*John William*,⁴ *Isaac*,³ *Jonas R.*,² *John*¹) was born 25 January 1858 in Casey County, Kentucky. He was married in Cumberland County, Kentucky on 22 December 1887 to Mary E. Pierce. Mary, the daughter of a blind minister Joseph Pierce, was born in 1867 in Pulaski County, Kentucky. John Laban Austin donated the land for the Rife Creek, Casey County, Church of Christ, a small building holding about 30 people, which was still standing and being used in 1980. His father, J343 John William Austin, had donated the land for the Austin Cemetery. The east side of the land was still owned by the Pendleton family, with the cemetery being about 200 yards behind their house. Glen Pendleton took care of this cemetery for several years, and in 1970 told me: "A man died who had been a Confederate Soldier, and John Laban Austin would not let him be buried in the cemetery. As the land around the cemetery belonged to the Pendleton's, they let the man be buried outside the cemetery fence. After John Laban's death they moved the fence over 10 feet, and the man is now in the cemetery." John Laban Austin died in 1924 in Rife Creek, Mary died there in 1925, both are buried in Austin Cemetery in Rife Creek. Their children were born in Casey County:

- J343-31. WILLIAM VIRGIL, *b. 27 January 1889 +*
- J343-32. LUTHER COY, *b. 31 October 1892 +*
- J343-33. ORPHIA LERAH, *b. 4 October 1896 +*
- J343-34. LOGAN ARTHUR, *b. 30 August 1902 +*
- J343-35. EVERETT SHERRIL, *b. 26 February 1908, m. twice, once to Helen —, no children. Everett d. 1986 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. His blind widow lives near Orlando, Florida.*

SIXTH GENERATION

J343-31. WILLIAM VIRGIL⁶ AUSTIN (*John Laban*,⁵ *John William*,⁴ *Isaac*,³ *Jonas R.*,² *John*¹) was born on 27 January 1889 in Dunnville, Casey County, Kentucky, and was known by his middle name. Virgil married first to Susan

Esther Wilkerson, born 13 August 1895 in Taylor County, Kentucky, the daughter of William Penn and Matilda Jane (Ellis) Wilkerson. Susan died in 1921, and Virgil married second to Della Mae Smith. Della was born 7 September 1903 in Columbia, Kentucky, the daughter of George and Laura (Young) Smith. Della died on 27 April 1953. Virgil worked with his younger brother Luther in the U.S. Post Office in Louisville, Kentucky, until retiring in 1958. William Virgil Austin died in 1961. He fathered three children born in Casey County by his first wife, and one child born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, by his second wife:

- J343-311. NAOMI DORIES, *born 2 August 1915 in Dunnville, Kentucky. She m. 18 March 1934 in Scottsburg, Indiana, to James C. Morris. James was b. 21 July 1917 in Jeffersonville, the adopted son of Frank and Margaret Bell (Meaders) Morris. Naomi and James had two children born in in Jeffersonville: Patricia Ann b. in 1935 and James Virgil b. in 1936. Her husband d. 1979 in St. Joseph, Missouri, Naomi now resides in Davenport, Iowa.*
- J343-312. WILLIAM WILBERT, *b. 18 April 1917 +*
- J343-313. RUSSELL LEE, *b. 3 December 1919 in Casey County, m. 13 December 1941 in New Albany, Indiana, to Aileen Marie Schlagheter. Aileen was b. 14 February 1923 in New Albany, the daughter of Herman and Christine (Hohan) Schlagheter. Russell was a very successful businessman in Louisville, where he owned four restaurants. He and Aileen now reside in Prospect, Kentucky. Their daughter Diane Marie Austin b. 29 December 1941 in New Albany, m. — Mount, resides in Louisville.*
- J343-314. MAURICE EDWIN, *born 15 October 1925 in Jeffersonville. He m. on 15 June 1954 in Jeffersonville to Daphne E. Collins. Daphne was b. 8 September 1923 in Otisco, Clark County, Indiana, the daughter of Cecil and Leona M. (Flynn) Collins. Maurice was a jazz and big-band guitarist in the Louisville area for 40 years. He and Daphne had no children, they now reside in Beaverton, Oregon.*

J343-32. LUTHER COY⁶ AUSTIN (*John Laban*,⁵ *John William*,⁴ *Isaac*,³ *Jonas R.*,² *John*¹) was born on 31 October 1892 in Casey County, Kentucky. He taught school in Casey County in 1915-1916, then served in the U.S. Army in World War I. After the war he went to Louisville, where he served as a postal clerk. Luther is pictured as a young man on page 209 of *Austins of America*. Luther was married in Jeffersonville, Indiana, in 1921 to Irma Belle Meek of Jeffersonville. Irma was born 9 February 1902, the daughter of John W. and Ann Catherine (Paul) Meek. Luther retired from the Post Office in 1958, he died on 10 June 1976 at age 83 in Jeffersonville. Irma died there in 1987. Their four children were born in Jeffersonville:

- J343-321. KENNETH R., *b. 6 August 1925 +*
- J343-322. KATHLEEN LAVON, *b. 13 December 1928, m. in Jeffersonville to William Henry Kramer. William was b. 25 March 1916 in Jefferson-*

ville, son of George Kramer. William died on 10 June 1990 in Jeffersonville, where Kathleen still resides. They had three children born in Jeffersonville: William Austin Kramer b.1952, Connie Nell b. 1955, and Cynthia Lee b. 1960.

J343-323. DELMAR LAWRENCE, b. 5 August 1930, graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Louisville in 1953. He m. Patsy Jean Reeves in 1974 in Jeffersonville. Patsy was b. 23 September 1934 in Corbin, Kentucky, daughter of Orman Glenn and Jettye Alice (Prewitt) Reeves. Delmar and Patsy had no children, they now reside in Louisville.

J343-324. NORMA JEAN, b. 22 August 1934, m. 1 June 1959 in Jeffersonville to Douglas Stouffer Hartz. Douglas was b. 28 February 1932 in Mitchell, Nebraska, son of Raymond C. and Dorothy (Douglas) Hartz. Norma and Douglas had two children born in Greenup County, Kentucky, a third in Jeffersonville, where they now reside. Hartz children: Jerome Douglas b. 1960, Christopher Lee b. 1963, Valarie Ann b. 1972.

J343-33. ORPHIA LEARIE⁶ AUSTIN (John Laban,⁵ John William,⁴ Isaac,³ Jonas R.,² John¹) was born 4 October 1896 in Casey County, Kentucky. She was married in her father's house in Casey County on 4 January 1914 to George Chester Cain of Casey County. George, the son of George W. and Magnolia (Terry) Cain, was born on 18 April 1894 in Casey County. Orphia and George had six children born in Casey County. Orphia died on 8 November 1964 in Casey County, and is buried in Salem Methodist Church Cemetery in Rheber, Casey County. George lived at the junction of State Highways 70 and 206, Rheber - Salem District in Casey County. He was blind for many years before his death on 20 May 1978 at age 84 at the Friendship Nursing Home in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky. CAIN CHILDREN: LEARIE ANDRA b. 1914, MOSSIE DALE b. 1916, VERIA FLOSSIE b. 1918, MARY DOROTHY b. 1920, SERIA ORTHIA b. 1921, MAGGIE JOCE b. 1923.

J343-34. LOGAN ARTHUR⁶ AUSTIN (John Laban,⁵ John William,⁴ Isaac,³ Jonas R.,² John¹) was born on 30 August 1902 in Casey County, Kentucky. Logan married first to Lucy —, by whom he had two daughters. He married second to Isabelle —, by whom he had a son:

- J343-341. BERNICE
- J343-342. MILDRED, m. — White, resides in Greenwood, Indiana.
- J343-343. LARRY, served in the Vietnam War, now a Colonel in the Indiana National Guard, he resides in Whiteland, Indiana.

SEVENTH GENERATION

J343-312. WILLIAM WILBERT⁷ AUSTIN (William Virgil,⁶ John Laban,⁵ John William,⁴ Isaac,³ Jonas R.,² John¹) was born on 18 April 1917 in Casey County. Known as

'Wilbur,' he married to Rosemary Miller on 30 August 1941 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Rosemary was born on 6 May 1920 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Albert G. and Rosie (Wright) Miller. William was a career Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corps. He and Rosemary presently reside in Jeffersonville. Their son was born in Fort Meyers, Florida:

J343-3121. WILLIAM DARRELL, b. 1 October 1944, m. Elaine B. Smith, b. 23 February 1944 in Jeffersonville, daughter of Nelson Smith. William and Elaine now reside in Clarksville, Indiana, with their daughter Rondha Michaele Austin b. 6 November 1967 in Jeffersonville. Their son James Darrell Austin b. 30 January 1965 in Jeffersonville, m. Melody Carlisle b. 1965, resides in Jeffersonville where their sons were born: Shane D. Austin b. 23 September 1983 and Adam Austin b. 20 December 1985.

J343-321. KENNETH R.⁷ AUSTIN (William Virgil,⁶ John Laban,⁵ John William,⁴ Isaac,³ Jonas R.,² John¹) was born on 6 August 1925 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Kenneth graduated from the University of Louisville in 1951 with a B.S. degree in Accounting. That same year he married Geraldine M. Tuttle on 21 July 1951 in New Albany, Indiana. Geraldine was born 16 January 1932 in New Albany, the daughter of Harry and Helen (Martin) Tuttle. Kenneth and Geraldine now reside in New Albany, Indiana. Their two children were born in Jeffersonville:

- J343-3211. TAMARA LYNN, b. 16 January 1959, m. 20 May 1989 in Louisville to Michael William Recktenwald, b. 2 July 1964 in Louisville, son of Robert Joseph and Barbara Rose (Walker) Recktenwald. Tamara and Michael have a son Austin Taylor b. 1991.
- J343-3212. GARY MARTIN, b. 30 June 1963, m. 7 April 1990 in New Albany to Laura Louise Motz, b. 29 December 1962 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Leslie Paul and Mary Suzon (Lacmore) Motz. Gary and Laura reside in New Albany, expect their first child in 1992.

*Austins in the
Federal Census of 1850*



Please write to us if you can help!

QUERIES

374-1. **Curtis Austin** and his brother Nelson Austin settled in what is now Kalamazoo, Michigan. Family tradition has their Austin line immigrating from North Ireland in the early 1800's. Curtis moved on to Illinois (with his parents?), supposedly fought with Lincoln in the Blackhawk War, and later volunteered for the Civil War. Curtis had a son Janver L. Austin born on 8 December 1853 who married Parmelia Large and had four children: Mattie, Christine, Margaret Elizabeth, and Julia. Margaret Elizabeth Austin was born on 6 January 1881 in Illinois, she married George Thomas Henry on 24 November 1897 in Morgan County, Illinois. Henry children: Martha Marie b. 1899, John William b. 1900, Emma Jane b. 1903, Mildred Beatrice b. 1912. Margaret died 19 October 1965 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Seeking the ancestry and descendants of Curtis and Nelson.

374-2. **Absalom Austin** of Anson Co., North Carolina, was a Private in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1777 for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental Line, 9th Regiment, McCrary's Army, Colonel John Williams, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. John Lultrell (assistant). Moses Greene Austin, his brother Samuel, his sister Mary (Austin) Williams and her husband Peter were included as Absalom's heirs, and all went to Tennessee together from Orange County, North Carolina. Moses G. Austin inherited a 640-acre North Carolina land grant for the military services of Absalom Austin. Need the ancestry and descendants of Absalom Austin.

374-3. **Susannah/Susan Austin** born circa 1790 in South Carolina, married Johnson/Johnston Elliot on 17 February 1811 in Casey County, Kentucky. Seeking her ancestry.

374-4. **Hiram Austin** born circa 1807 in Onondaga County, NY. His parents are unknown, but both of them were born in CT. Hiram married Phebe Cole born circa 1817 in Oneida County, NY. Her parents are unknown, but both of them were born in VT according to the 1880 census. They moved to Piny Center, NY in 1853. Hiram and Phebe had James B. b. circa 1835 in Livingston County, NY, Albert b. circa 1836, Mary, and Ada. Phebe died 3 November 1886, buried in Perry Center, NY. Need the ancestry and descendants of Hiram Austin.

374-5. **Clan Keith Austin** The first mention of the name is in 1567 when Alexander Ousteane, a burgess of Erinburgh, was listed as a cautioner for George Keith, Earl Marshall, in an action against him. Another Keith association was in 1589, when Walter Oustene of Lochgahan Keith territory was involved in a legal matter. Seeking any information about the Austin branch of the Clan Keith Austin and about the Austins of Scotland.

374-6. **Nancy Austin** married in 1844 to William Lott (grandson of George Lott - see Query 374-11) in Morgan County, Alabama. Only three of their 18 children lived to be teenagers, I believe most died at birth. If William and Nancy were first cousins, this might explain the deaths, for I found a first-cousins Calvert family where most children died that way. Seeking information on Nancy's ancestry.

374-7. **Thomas Austin** was married to Sally Hulbert on 18 March 1820 in Athens County, Ohio. Need more information on Thomas Austin's ancestry and family.

374-8. **Sarah Austin** married William Bean, Jr. on 2 June 1822 in Athens County, Ohio. Seeking Sarah's ancestry.

374-9. **Nancy Austin** was born circa 1760. She married to John Norman, born circa 1760 in Virginia (probably Fauquier County). Seeking Nancy's ancestry.

374-10. **John Arthur Austin** was born circa 1760. He married in 1784 to Waty West, born circa 1765 in Rhode Island (see Edith Austin Moore's *Robert Austin* book, page 528). They settled not far from Albany, New York, became wealthy and had a large family (per 1855 letter written by John Sheffield, son of Amos Sheffield and Elizabeth Austin, sister of the above John Austin. Waty died 8 March 1854 Arcadia, New York, and is buried in Newark, New York. Seeking Waty West's parents.

374-11. **Joseph Austin** married — Lott in Fairfield County, South Carolina circa 1790-1810. George Lott of Fairfield County died in 1812, his Will mentions a daughter marrying Joseph Austin. The 1800 census lists Joseph as 26-45, female 16-26, two males under 10, and female under 10. The 1810 census lists 1 male 10-16, 2 males 16-18, 1 male 26-45, 1 male over 45, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45 and 1 female over 45 up. Need the ancestry and descendants of Joseph Austin.

374-12. **Clifford Austin** born 19 February 1852, m.(1) Lettie Olney, children born circa 1880 in Tama County, Iowa: Edith Austin, Ralph Austin, and Ethel Austin who m. Harry Ajax. Clifford m.(2) Addie Avery b. 1874, their daughter Marjorie Clair Austin was born in the early 1900's in Seattle, Washington. Would like to make contact with any of Clifford's descendants.

374-13. **Miles Austin** was born circa 1800 in Virginia, married Nancy Sledd on 25 December 1821 in Campbell County, Virginia. Their known children were all born in Campbell County: William R. b. 1827, Elizabeth F. (Austin) Waldron b.1830, Jemmima (Austin) Powers b.1831, Joseph b.1835. Two sons (names unknown, born circa 1822 and 1825) were listed on the 1830 Campbell County census. The family moved to Franklin County, Virginia between 1837 and 1840, Miles died there between 1870 and 1880 census. Seeking Miles' parents and family.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AND RUTH AUSTIN
OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA**

*by Boyd Lamar Austin, Jr.
Stewart Randall Austin,
and David E. Sims, Jr.*

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Michael and Edith Austin were among the original settlers of Paulding County, Georgia. Michael was raised as a Master Mason in Dallas Lodge. Both he and Edith are buried in Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church Cemetery in Hiram, Paulding County. They had five children:

- W153-11. WILLIAM JAMES, *b. 6 April 1841 +*
- W153-12. MARTHA HULDA, *m. Capt. Wm. Palmer*
- W153-13. MARY ELLEN, *m. P. R. Baker*
- W153-14. THORNTON WILLIAMSON, *m. L. Phillips*
- W153-15. JOHN B., *m. J. A. Shockley*

W172-2. JOSEPH⁵ AUSTIN (*Berry,⁴ James,³ Charles,² William¹) married Lydia Holley and had three known children:*

- W172-21. MARCUS C.
- W172-22. WILLIAM
- W172-23. MILTON

W172-3. JOHN J.⁵ AUSTIN (*Berry,⁴ James,³ Charles,² William¹) was married to Miss — Smith, by whom he had two known children:*

- W172-31. D. M., *became a Minister*
- W172-32. JOHN

W174-4. ALPH⁵ AUSTIN (*James,^{4,3} Charles,² William¹) was married to —, by whom he had three known children:*

- W174-41. R. E., *became a lawyer*
- W174-42. JAMES ('JIM'), *became a doctor*
- W174-43. DAVID ('DAVE')

W177-2. WILLIAM HENRY⁵ AUSTIN (*Aaron,⁴ James Allen,³ Charles,² William¹) was born 27 March 1840 in Union County, North Carolina. He married on 2 September 1875 to Laura L. McGraw in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Laura, the daughter of Alfred and Esther Elizabeth (—) McGraw, was born 9 February 1847 in Concord, Cabarrus County. William died on 29 October 1896, Laura died 14 March 1898. William and Laura had five children:*

- W177-21. JAMES ELLIS, *b. 12 April 1876, d. 11 January 1897*
- W177-22. JOHN ALBERT, *b. 3 Sept. 1877, d. 1944*
- W177-23. HENRY, *b. 6 March 1879 in Concord, d. 12 May 1964*

- W177-24. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, *b. 3 April 1881 +*
- W177-25. ALFRED RAYMOND, *b. 5 December 1883 in Monroe, Union County, d. 1942.*

W311-1. JACOB COLEMAN⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William¹) married Elizabeth Griffin, they had eight children:*

- W311-11. CHARLES H., *m. Frances Smith*
- W311-12. GREEN D., *m. Margaret Lewis*
- W311-13. JACOB
- W311-14. CULL, *killed in the Civil War*
- W311-15. MARCUS N.
- W311-16. ROBERT, *m. Nellie Garrison*
- W311-17. ELIZABETH, *m. — Garrison*
- W311-18. EMILY, *m. Edward Garrison*

W311-2. MARCUS⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) married first to Miss — Polk, and second to Gilly Grady. Marcus had four children by his first wife and two by his second wife:*

- W311-21. PERMELIA, *m. — Redfern*
- W311-22. WILLIAM D.
- W311-23. HENRY
- W311-24. [daughter], *m. James D. Gordon*
- W311-25. [daughter], *m. W. A. Lane*
- W311-26. MARCUS JR.

W311-3. JOHN E.⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married three times. He married first to Levina Hamilton, by whom he had eight children. Levina was killed on a cliff by her slave, and John married second to widow — (Sikes) Griffin, by whom he had a son. He married third to Miss — Yandle, their descendants lived near Indian Trail in 1929. Children:*

- W311-31. WILLIAM A., *Esq.*
- W311-32. JAMES, *killed in the battle of Petersburg.*
- W311-33. [daughter], *m. William G. Long*
- W311-34. JOHN C.
- W311-35. THOMAS E.
- W311-36. [daughter], *m. Caldwell Helms*
- W311-37. CULPEPPER
- W311-38. J. ELLIS
- W311-39. J. LONNIE, *of Wingate, North Carolina*

W311-4. CULPEPPER⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married twice. He married first to Hester Curlee, by whom he had a daughter. Culpepper married second to Martha B. Griffin, and they had three sons. Children:*

- W311-41. JANE, *m. — Sikes.*
- W311-42. JOHN
- W311-43. E. W., *m. Frances Houston*
- W311-44. VERNON

W311-6. BRYANT E.⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to — and had at least two known children:*

W311-61. GEORGE P.

W311-62. WESTLEY

W311-7. DAVID⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to Miss — Marshall, they had six children:*

W311-71. MALISSA, *m. — McCorkle*

W311-72. FANNY, *m. — Howell*

W311-72. SYDNEY

W311-72. PERCY

W311-72. FRED

W311-72. ODELL

W311-8. WHIT⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to Miss — Kirk, by whom he had three known children:*

W311-81. JOHN

W311-82. FANNY

W311-83. DOTTS

W311-9. STANLY⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to —, and was the father of at least three children, all of whom went to Arkansas:*

W311-91. JACOB

W311-92. MURPH

W311-93. FRED

W311-A. THOMAS⁵ AUSTIN (*Jacob,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to —, and had at least two children:*

W311-A1. [son], *became a doctor*

W311-A2. JAMES, *became a lawyer*

W313-2. BRYANT DEBERRY⁵ AUSTIN (*Jonathan,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to Elizabeth Hamilton, by whom he had ten children:*

W313-21. JOHNATHAN L.

W313-22. WILLIAM M.

W313-23. JAMES K. P.

W313-24. [daughter], *m. Sandy Gaddy*

W313-25. [daughter], *m. R. N. Bivins*

W313-26. [daughter], *m. D. M. Thomas*

W313-27. [daughter], *m. A. J. Brooks*

W313-28. [daughter], *m. Henry M. Brooks*

W313-29. [daughter], *m. T. J. Perry*

W313-2A. BRYANT D.

W313-3. WILLIAM M.⁵ AUSTIN (*Jonathan,⁴ Bryant,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to Sarah Brooks, by whom he had six children:*

W313-31. HAMPTON D.

W313-32. WILLIAM COLUMBUS

W313-33. JOHN C.

W313-34. MARGARET, *m. — McCorkle*

W313-35. CAROLINE, *m. — Chaney*

W313-36. JAMES

W331-1. JESSE⁵ AUSTIN (*John,⁴ John,³ Richard,² William,¹) was born in 1803. He married to Elizabeth Curlee, by whom he had two known children:*

W331-11. ALBERT

W331-12. SARAH, *m. Hamp Little, son of Labe Little*

W331-4. JONATHAN⁵ AUSTIN (*John,⁴ John,³ Richard,² William,¹) was married to Miss Efrid, by whom he had eight known children:*

W331-41. RILEY

W331-42. JOHN

W331-43. JACOB

W331-44. LINDSEY

W331-45. JAMES

W313-46. [daughter], *m. B. Smith*

W313-47. [daughter], *m. Thomas A. Fowler*

W313-48. [daughter], *m. Rev. R. H. James*

SIXTH GENERATION

W177-24. WILLIAM DOUGLAS⁵ AUSTIN (*William Henry,⁵ Aaron,⁴ James Allen,³ Charles,² William¹) was born on 3 April 1881 in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He was nicknamed 'Duke.' William married on 9 June 1901 to Catherine Elizabeth Simpson, who was born on 5 October 1883 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, the daughter of Paul Alexander Simpson and Margaret Elizabeth Beaver. William died on 10 August 1957, Catherine died on 10 April 1978 in Charlotte. They had thirteen children:*

W177-241. BESSIE LEE, *b. 18 August 1902, d. 1985, m. Sidney Berryhill.*

W177-242. WILLIE TROY, *b. 11 January 1904, d. 12 October 1948.*

W177-243. RALPH CHARLES, *b. 15 February 1906, d. in 1982*

W177-244. FRED RAYMOND, *b. 27 August 1907 in Concord, North Carolina +*

W177-245. SOPHA ARETTA, *b. 30 January 1910, d. 19 November 1927.*

W177-246. WOODROW ALEXANDER, *b. 9 July 1912*

W177-247. VIOLA, *b. 9 August 1914, d. 4 Nov. 1914*

W177-248. PAUL FRANK, *b. 6 March 1916, d. in 1978*

W177-249. JOHN ALFRED, *b. 26 March 1918, d. 22 November 1977*

- W177-24A. MARGARET ELIZABETH, *b. 30 March 1920, d. 21 December 1968*
- W177-24B. HELEN BEATRICE, *b. 18 March 1922, d. 5 March 1979*
- W177-24C. WILLIAM DOUGLAS ('BUD'), *b. 29 April 1924*
- W177-24D. FLOYD GENE, *b. 1 January 1927, resides in Charlotte, North Carolina*

the daughter of James Leroy Crawford and Samnye Helen Henson. Stewart and Janet reside in Lilburn, Georgia. Their daughter Rachel Katherine Austin was born 13 May 1990 in Decatur, Georgia.

- W177-2441-3. BRUCE LEE, *born 3 July 1966 in High Point, North Carolina. He married on 29 September 1990 to Lynda Ann Ray, they reside in Rock Hill, South Carolina.*

SEVENTH GENERATION

W177-244. FRED RAYMOND⁷ AUSTIN (*William Douglas,⁶ William Henry,⁵ Aaron,⁴ James Allen,³ Charles,² William¹*) was born 27 August 1907 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina. He married on 16 September 1929 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, to Mavis Katherine Causby. Mavis was born on 29 August 1910 in Mooresboro, North Carolina, the daughter of Pinkey Albert Causby and Bessie Iva Crow. Fred died 27 May 1984 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is buried in the Charlotte Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Fred and Mavis had four children, all except Freida were born in Charlotte:

- W177-2441. LARRY HUGH, *b. 14 September 1935 +*
- W177-2442. FREIDA KATHERINE, *b. 11 April 1937 in Marion, North Carolina. She married M. Thompson Conkle on 27 January 1962, they reside in El Cerrito, California.*
- W177-2443. CHARMAINE IVA, *b. 9 February 1940, m. on 2 September 1961 to Robert Gibson.*
- W177-2444. JACQUELINE CAUSBY, *b. 14 April 1944, m.(1) Robert Broadus, m.(2) Bobby Joe Criminger*

EIGHTH GENERATION

W177-2441. LARRY HUGH⁸ AUSTIN (*Fred Raymond,⁷ William Douglas,⁶ William Henry,⁵ Aaron,⁴ James Allen,³ Charles,² William¹*) was born on 14 September 1935 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He married on 25 August 1957 in Charlotte to Betty Ellen Pearson. Betty was born on 7 December 1934 in Charlotte, the daughter of Marion Farmer Pearson and Betty Lee Ramseur. Larry and Betty presently reside in Concord, North Carolina. They had three children:

- W177-2441-1. STEPHEN BRYAN, *b. 23 July 1958 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He m. Aletha Gail Saunders on 6 August 1983, they reside in Greenville, North Carolina. Their two children were born in Raleigh, North Carolina: Laura Catherine Austin b. 1 June 1987 and Bryan Thomas Austin b. 7 April 1989.*
- W177-2441-2. STEWART RANDALL, *b. 5 July 1960 in Reidsville, North Carolina, m. on 2 August 1986 in Alexandria, Virginia, to Janet Kay Crawford. Janet was born 11 November 1963 in Poteau, Oklahoma,*

QUERIES

377-1. **Daniel Morris Austin** married on 26 April 1857 at Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan to Harriet M. Monroe. She was born in 1829 in Cayuga County, New York. They had two children: Moses and Malora. Daniel was dead by 1868 when Harriet remarried. Seeking the parents and male ancestral line of Daniel Morris Austin.

377-2. **Rebecca Austin** widow of William Rumery of Biddleford, Maine married a second time in 1769 to William Clark (Clarke). Seeking the ancestors and descendants of Rebecca (see also Query 219-3).

377-3. **Alonzo Austin** is listed in the *History of Danbury, Connecticut* as a soldier from Bethel/Danbury in the Civil War. Seeking his parents, wife and children.

377-4. **Ancil Austin** was born in New York in 1830, married Charlotte Wood, born in Canada in 1840. They had three children: Carmi Ancil, Spencer and Adalin. Ancil Austin was living alone in 1850 Steuben County, New York, census. He was possibly the son of Job Mosher (see page 76 of Edith Austin Moore's *Robert Austin* book). Seek proof of his and Charlotte's parents.

377-5. **Kenneth Austin**, son of Carmi Ancil and Mary Mosteller, was born in Minnesota or Iowa about 1900. Seek descendants of Kenneth.

377-6. **Pardon Austin** resided in 1793 in Tyringham, Massachusetts, his second marriage in 1793 was to Rhoda Stanton in Lee, Massachusetts, by Rev. Alvin Hyde. Seeking Pardon Austin's ancestry.

377-7. **John H. Austin** was born circa 1824 Madison County, Virginia. He was the son of Willis F. and Jane (Malone) Austin. John married 1 June 1854 in Madison County to Louisa Broyles, born 6 February 1837 in Madison County. John died circa 1888, Louisa died 11 June 1912 in Shelby County, Illinois, buried in Harmon Cemetery in Shelbyville, Illinois. I believe there was another John H. Austin in Missouri in the 1850's and 1860's who died before 1864, but my John H. Austin and wife Louisa had children up to 1871. I would like to know when and where my John H. Austin died.

RESEARCH NOTES ON AUSTINS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by Sally Austin Day

William Austin on 12 April 1770 signed list of money put into estate of John Hudson. [Ref. 1]

Richard Moore married (1) Letitia Martin, (2) Kiturah Austin, dau. of William Austin. Richard Moore died in 1809. He had 12 children, most moved to Tenn. [Ref. 2]

Jacob Watts, Methodist Minister, died 1821, 90 years old, wife Elizabeth daughter of Richard Durrett. Children: William, John, Elijah, Fielding, Mildred, Mary m. Hezekiah Rides, Frances m. Joseph Edmonson, Nancy wife of Henry Austin. [Ref. 3]

Crenshaw White son of Conyers White m. Sarah Austin, sold property 1825 moved to Missouri. [Ref. 4]

David Austin m. to Fanny Williams, daughter of John Austin, on 22 December 1810, surety was James Beazley. Witnesses Ely & Nancy Austin, Joseph Williams. [Ref. 5]

David Austin, son of Nancy, Albemarle County, Virginia, married 27 December —. [Ref. 5]

John Austin m. Gistine Burrus on 24 December 1807 by Rev. George Bingham. [Reference 5]

Richard Austin m. Mary Snow on 25 Dec. 1809. [Ref. 5]

GUARDIAN BONDS [Ref. 6]

Orphans: David, Fanny, Betsy, Garrett, Willis, Milly, Durrell, Walker, Cally, Nancy & Henry Austin. *Parent:* Henry Austin. *Guardian:* Nancy Austin. *Date:* 6 November 1809. *Amount of Bond:* \$3000. *Surety:* David Wood, James Early, Michael Catterton, Jacob Watts.

Orphans: Henry, Durrell, Willis, Milly, Cally (?) & Ann Austin. *Parent:* Henry Austin. *Guardian:* David Austin. *Date:* 3 December 1821. *Amount of Bond:* \$2500. *Surety:* Garrett Austin, Thomas Austin, Ira B. Brown.

Orphan: Austin Ballard. *Parent:* Wilson Ballard. *Guardian:* David Austin. *Date:* 5 January 1824. *Amount of Bond:* \$500. *Surety:* Thomas Austin.

Orphans: Francis L., John T., Lilbourn M., Henry O. & Elizabeth E. Austin. *Parent:* Obediah Austin. *Guardian:* Francis Birkhead. *Date:* 2 February 1835. *Amount of Bond:* \$6000. *Surety:* Richard W. Birkhead, Francis Birkhead, Jr.

Orphans: Elizabeth E. & Henry O. Austin (over 14 years of age). *Parent:* Obediah Austin. *Guardian:* (Uncle) John H. Barksdale. *Date:* 5 December 1842. *Amount of Bond:* \$6000. *Surety:* Francis L. Austin, John T. Austin.

COUNTY MARRIAGES

Henry Austin and Nancy Watts	2 January 1788
Nancy Austin and Burdit Skinner	25 January 1790
Samuel Austin and Gatty Catterton	2 December 1791
William Austin and Edith Dickinson	20 December 1799
Samuel Austin and Elizabeth Johnson	31 October 1801
John Austin and Enina (Jestonia) Burrus	23 Dec. 1807
Elkanah Davis Austin & Susanna Trevilliam	1 Dec. 1812
Obediah Austin & Sarah W. Brickhead	12 January 1815
Garnett/Garrett Austin & Nancy P. Wilkinson	6 Feb. 1820
Renelda W. Austin and M. H. Watts	9 February 1830
Henry Austin and H. Dickerson	26 January 1831
John T. Austin and Nancy Wilhoit	22 January 1837
Eli Austin and Harriet Wood	10 December 1838
Eli Austin and Harriet Walton	16 November 1844
Henry O. Austin and M. C. Barksdale	26 May 1852

MINISTER'S RETURNS [Ref. 7]

Thomas Austin and Frances Dickenson	2 February 1797
William Austin and Edith Dickenson	24 December 1799
Henry Austin and Polly Dickenson	24 December 1800

COUNTY DEEDS [Ref. 8]

1751 John Austin to Col. John Chisinwell	250 acres [1/334]
1777 Henry Austin from John Shifflett	100 acres [7/16]
1778 Henry Austin from Zachariah Mills	390 acres [7/185]
1784 William Austin to Sarah Uptigram	75 acres [8/150]
1791 Samuel Austin from David Spradling	327 acres [10/138]
1792 Henry Austin from Wyatt Mills	50 acres [10/381]
1793 Samuel Austin from David Mills, Exc.	110 acres [10/504]
1793 Samuel Austin from Wyatt Mills	151.5 acres [11/135]
1795 Nancy Austin from Jacob Watts	personal gift [11/443]
1796 Henry Austin to Methodist E. Church	1 acre [12/10]
1796 Henry Austin to Samuel Austin	100 acres [12/20]
1796 Thomas Austin from Samuel Morton	bill of sale [12/44]
1796 Thomas Austin to Walter Watson	185 acres [12/199]
1797 Thomas Austin from Walter Watson	1040 acres [12/201]
1798 Henry Austin to David Wood	200 acres [12/373]
1798 Henry Austin to Samuel Austin	100 acres [12/374]
1798 Henry Austin from Martin Marshall	100 acres [12/497]
1798 Thomas Austin to Thomas Bedder	165 acres [13/498]
1798 Samuel Austin to Thomas Edins	151.5 acres [13/524]
1799 Thomas Austin to Thomas Garth	875 acres [13/84]
1800 Henry Austin from William Dairs	300 acres [13/269]
1805 Samuel Austin to Samuel Austin	109 acres [15/86]
1805 Henry Austin Jr to John Kelly & C.	200-acre trust [15/93]
1806 William Austin to Morris Austin	195-acre gift [15/319]
1811 Samuel Austin to Henry Marshall	117 acres [17/367]
1811 Samuel Austin to David Wood	12 acres [17/370]
1811 Samuel Austin Sr to Samuel Austin Jr	117 acre [17/377]

- 1813 Obediah Austin from Wilson Mills 180 acres [18/373]
- 1815 David Austin from Crenshaw White bill of sale [19/416]
- 1816 Benjamin Austin from George Perry personal trust [20/180]
- 1817 Benjamin Austin to George Perry release [20/434]
- 1818 Samuel Austin to Nelson Barksdale 119 acres [21/299]

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QUERIES

379-1. **Lewis Austin** died in 1936 at Mexico, Missouri. He was the half-brother to Mrs. William Bradon who was living in Aurora, Illinois at the time of his death. Would like to contact Mrs. William Bradon or her descendants.

379-2. **Elizabeth Austin** was born in 1596 in England, married Henry Tibbetts. Who were her ancestors and descendants.

379-3. **Joseph Austin** and his family were recorded in the 1880 census of Gage County, Nebraska, Beatrice Precinct Family #19: Joseph 59 b. Belgium, father and mother b. Belgium, farmer; wife Annie 48 b. Canada father b. New York mother b. Canada. Their children were all born in Nebraska: Julia 17, Lizzie 16, Alice 14, Joseph 12, daughter Jesse 10, John 9, Corae 7, son Leirs? 6, Fred 3. Will welcome any information on this family.

379-4. **William Austin** was born 14 May 1775 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, perhaps the son of Christopher Austin or Jotham Austin. William resided in Milton, Vermont, and Constable/Malone, New York. He married Experience Dawson, they resided 1820-1840 in Franklin, Vermont, where a daughter Larissa was born in 1837. Larissa married on 1 November 1852 to Hiram Stark, she died 13 February 1906 in Ottawa County, Michigan. Seeking William Austin’s ancestry.

379-5. **Amy Austin** was born on 25 June 1825 in New York, married in New York in 1841 to William Henry Hurlbert, born circa 1819 in New York, their children were: Elizabeth, Catharine, Frederick, Charles, Emily, Chauncey, William, Silas, Ida, Minnie and Elnora. William Henry died circa 1872 in Nebraska, Amy died on 10 November 1915 in Ong, Nebraska. Amy’s sister, Charlotte Austin, was born 18 February 1820 in New York, married Ambrose H. Burdick circa 1840. Charlotte died 2 August 1896 in Storm Lake, Iowa. Seeking Amy and Charlotte’s parents, who were born in Rhode Island.

379-6. **Calvin Austin** born circa 1803-04 in Herkimer County, New York, married Nancy (Amanda) Utley. They lived in Royalton, Niagara County and Clarence, Erie County, New York. Calvin died between 1860 and 1865. Children: Betsy m.1850 Samuel Few; Catherine; Sarah Miranda m.1854-55 Joseph Elias Root; Harriet m. Samuel Pratt; George and Mary Ann. Seeking any information about this family.

379-7. **Willis F. Austin** married Jane Malone. I have an old 7.25" by 9.75" black and white photograph of Jane Austin, which has been rather unevenly sliced to cut off another person — possibly Willis F. Austin — leaving only his shoulder and arm appearing on the left edge. I would love to find the other half of this photograph.

QUERIES

380-1. **Stephen Austin** was born circa 1769 in Virginia, a son of Joseph Austin (see *Austins of America* page 37). Stephen married Rebecca Hankins in 1800 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Their daughter Eliza Ann Austin was born in 1801, and she married Willis Dearing/Deering, according to his will found in Bedford County, Tennessee. Possibly their second child was the Owen Ed Austin who was born circa 1803 in Virginia. Owen married on 29 November 1829 in Rutherford County, Tennessee, to Telitha/Tabitha Jane Covington, daughter of Jane Davis Hankins, sister to Rebecca Hankins. Owen and Telitha had a daughter Eliza Ann Austin (possibly named after Owen's sister?) who moved to Clinton, DeWitt County, Texas with her folks circa 1852. Owen died enroute to Texas, "probably by a packet ship," according to a cousin who owned a family bible before it was lost in a fire in San Antonio. I was told that grandfather Austin died in his 90's, and I believe this was Stephen Austin who in 1850 resided with Rebecca in Lynch Gap, Bedford County (see *Austins of America* page 221), where the Dearings were residing. Seeking proof that Owen was actually a son of Stephen and Rebecca.

380-2. **Carl Howard Austin** was born 6 August 1893 in South Bend, Washington. He married first Adeline —, and they had a daughter. Carl married second to Beatrice —. His daughter was a school teacher, but a traffic accident ended her career. Carl died 11 June 1962. Would like to know more about the family.

380-3. **Adah Caroline Austin** was born on 5 September 1834 in Broome County, New York. Sometimes known as 'Carrie,' Caroline married — Martin, their daughter Mary Gertrude was born 22 February 1861. Mary married James J. Lannan, their daughter Kathleen Frances was born 16 October 1906. James died 3 June 1921 in Geary County, Kansas. Seeking Caroline's descendants.

380-4. **George Asten** was of Rockingham County, North Carolina, he had sons John, Edwin, and George. Edwin was b. 22 February 1785, m. Millient Thompson, he d. 14 May 1847. Seek more on Astens of Rockingham County.

380-5. **Metta Austin** was born on 26 January 1861 in Linn County, Iowa. She married William Denton Reedy, they had three daughters: Marion, Daisy, and Lucille. Marion was born in 1883, probably in Tama County, Iowa. She married Rev. Archie Butters, they adopted a daughter Betty. Daisy married Jack Parrent, they had a son Jack Ellsworth born 27 January 1918, probably in Los Angeles County, California. Lucile was born in 1895, probably in Oregon. She moved to Los Angeles, married Lynn Clark, they later divorced. Seeking more about the family.

380-6. **Catherine Esther Austin** born 16 December 1903 in Tama County, Iowa. Catherine married to Sam C. Kauffman, their son Sam lived in Texas. Catherine died 29 December 1952 in Orange County, California. I would like to be put in contact with the descendants of Catherine.

380-7. **Charles Austin** married Phoebe Woodward circa 1825, they moved from Anson County, North Carolina, to the Scotts Hill, Tennessee area. They had five children born in North Carolina, and seven in Tennessee. Their daughter Mehalia b. 1822 married to John Scott b. 1816. They both died in 1871 and are buried in Missouri. Seeking information on Charles and Phoebe's ancestry and descendants, especially descendants of Mehalia.

380-8. **George M. Austin** was born on 22 March 1846 in Binghamton, New York. For his adult life, he was a resident of Oneonta, New York. He married to Loretta Sutherland, they had a son Frank Austin. Upon her death, he married Gertrude Pomeroy, they had a son Charles Jay Austin. Both sons were lifetime residents of Oneonta. Would like George's parents and siblings.

380-9. **Robert Austin** was born on 14 February 1813 in Rhode Island, married Susan Parke born on 3 May 1818 in Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Eddy) Parke. Robert died 8 October 1882, Susan died 13 May 1900. Seeking the ancestors of Robert Austin.

380-10. **Edmund Austin** was possibility born in England, married Sara Gouf. They had three known sons: John Austin b. in New York, married — McArthur, later moved to Michigan; Edward Austin b. Westminster, Ontario, Canada, married to Mary Ann Coates, moved to Michigan in 1902 or 1903; William Austin preached in Ontario, and had at least one son. Seeking information on Edmund, Sara and William.

380-11. **John Robert Austin** was born circa 1818-20 in Charlotte [North Carolina?]. 'Bob' served as a private in the Mexican War in Captain Preston's Grenadiers, Company 1 Regiment Virginia Volunteers from 16 January 1847 to 31 July 1848. He was married to Nancy Elizabeth Mills on 5 December 1855 in Floyd County, Virginia, they had nine children all born in Floyd County: James P. b. 1856; William Thomas b. 1858; Phillip E. b. 1860; John Robert b. 1862; Jemima E. (Austin) Wimmer b. 1865; Sarah Amanda Teresa (Austin) Janney b. 1868; Octavia Anne (Austin) Janney b. 1870; Permelia Jane (Austin) Richards b. 1874; Mary Elmettie (Austin) Wimmer b. 1878. John Robert Austin died 7 June 1879 in Floyd County, his widow Nancy was head of household in 1880 Floyd County census, with the nine children listed above. Their marriage record listed Robert's parents as John and Nancy Austin, but there is no proof. Need the ancestry and descendants of John Robert Austin.

NOTE: Pages 381 through 390 have been deleted. They included the continuing 1850 Federal Census for New York which is published elsewhere on this web site.

widower to Minnesota to visit his daughters Ellen Creegan and Bridget Bodine and died in Minnesota.

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AUSTIN AND MARY DEARDORFF
OF MISSOURI AND SOUTH DAKOTA**

by Shirley B. O'Leary

Four Generations in 1974: Jacob and Hanora Austin (seated), their daughter Ida Austin Gage, her daughter Rita Gage Parker, and Rita's infant daughter.

Author's Note: This article is based upon conversations with the late Nora Austin O'Leary (1880-1959), her son Raymond (1900-1986) and other relatives. Much of it was printed in various issues of the *Cousin to Cousin* newsletter.

Hanora O'Leary Austin died 29 March 1959 near Timber Lake. She and Jacob had thirteen children:

W. WILLIAM¹ AUSTIN was said to be 'Dutch' – whether this was of Moravian or Pennsylvania Dutch (German) ancestry, or possibly Holland Dutch, we do not know. His wife Mary – 'Grandma Austin' – had two names, Whitesell and Deardorff. She had been adopted, and had brothers named Abe and Sam Deardorff. The family believes that Deardorff was the adoptive name. William and Mary came from the Carthage and Adrian area of Missouri, to Sanborn County, South Dakota, probably in the 1880's. There is a tradition of music in this Austin family branch – several men were Country Music violinists. William and Mary Austin may have had additional children, but only three are known:

- W31. RAYMOND, *b. 13 May 1900 near Artesian, SD*
+
- W32. MARGARET, *m.(1) to George LaPlante, their daughter Virginia m. Philmon Erickson. After George died, Margaret m.(2) Austin Howard, their daughter Loretta married Everett Hart. After Austin died, Margaret m.(3) Fred Wendt, who survived her.*
- W33. IDA MARY, *b. 29 January 1906 at Artesian, South Dakota. She married Clarence Gage at Timber Lake. They had seven children (three died in infancy). They moved to Washington state. Ida died 7 January 1980 at Sedro Woolley, survived by four daughters (Rita Parker, Veronica Dvorak, Kathleen Gunville and Mary Tkach), 23 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.*
- W34. LAWRENCE, *b. 4 April 1904 in Lyman County, South Dakota.* +
- W35. PEARL, *m. Cal Stenger.*
- W36. CLARENCE, *b. 31 January 1909 at Van Metre, South Dakota.* +
- W37. LILY, *m. Joe Keller, had ten children, d. in 1979.*

W1. WILLIAM, *resided in Bancroft, South Dakota. His wife worked at Willow Lake; they had no children.*

W2. [son], *who lived in Oregon*

W3. JACOB COLWELL +

SECOND GENERATION

W3. JACOB COLWELL² AUSTIN (*William¹*) was known as 'Jake,' the son of William and Mary Austin, but his birthdate and birthplace have not been discovered. Jake married Hanora O'Leary, known as 'Nora,' who was born 20 March 1880 in Minnesota, the daughter of Patrick O'Leary and Mary Creegan.

Patrick O'Leary, known as 'Red Pat,' was born 11 or 22 March 1839 in County Clare, Ireland, he died 10 August 1912 in Woonsocket, Sanborn County, South Dakota, and is buried in Brisbine, South Dakota. Mary Creegan was born 12 August 1853 in Paris, Illinois, the daughter of Patrick and Ellen Creegan. She died 24 September 1921 near Timber Lake, Dewey County, South Dakota, and is buried in Timber Lake Cemetery.

Patrick Creegan was born 14 May 1825, the son of Miles Creegan of Newry, County Down, Ireland. Ellen was born in Ireland, the daughter of Cormac Creegan. She died 25 September 1900 at age 67 in Minnesota. Patrick and Ellen are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Newry, Minnesota, along with her father Cormac who came as a

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Margaret & Raymond Austin circa 1904

- W38. WILLIE
 W39. JAMES *b. 1912, d. 1930, buried in Timber Lake Cemetery.*
 W3A. ZITA
 W3B. ALTA, *m. Jim Whelan*
 W3C. ELEANOR, *m. Sylvester Garreau*
 W3D. VERONICA, *b. 1919, d. 1925. This must be the child who was bitten on both heels by a rattlesnake: one heel was treated, but not until after her death did they find the other bite.*

THIRD GENERATION

W31. RAYMOND³ AUSTIN (*Jacob Colwell,² William,¹*) was born 13 May 1900 near Artesian, South Dakota. He was known as 'Shag.' He began his career in law enforcement in 1928 with the Chicago Police Department. Then, like hundreds of others during the depression, he was laid off in 1929. After that he spent a number of years in Dewey County as a deputy sheriff. He lived in Willow Lake and Timber Lake, South Dakota. On 15 July 1942 he married Zelma J. Gray. During World War II he was a guard in the Washington State Naval Shipyards, and was given an honorable discharge when he left the U.S. Navy.

After the war, Raymond became Chief of Police in Yelm, Washington, until 1947 when he returned to South Dakota, again working as a deputy sheriff in Dewey County. He was also Chief of Police at Eagle Butte. In 1966 Raymond Austin started working for Sheriff Andy Schneider in Walworth County, where he was employed as a deputy and jailer until 1978. His wife Zelma served as cook and matron for the Walworth County Jail. Raymond and Zelma were residing in Selby in October 1976, when 'Shag' received a certificate from the South Dakota Attorney General's office for 41 years of law enforcement (see photo next page). After his retirement, Raymond and Zelma lived in Gillette, Wyoming, and then in Mobridge, South Dakota, where he died on 21 February 1986, survived by eight children, 31 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren. Raymond was buried in Timber Lake Cemetery. He and Zelma had eight known children:

- W311. THOMAS ['DEWEY']
 W312. MICHAEL ['MICKEY']
 W313. CALVIN JUSTIN
 W314. ERBIE BRYANT
 W315. ZELMA, *m. Theodore Hill*
 W316. MARY, *m. Kenneth Miller*
 W317. RITA MARSH

- W318. JOANNE, *m. Ralph Richter*

W34. LAWRENCE³ AUSTIN (*Jacob Colwell,² William,¹*) was born 4 April 1904 in Lyman County, South Dakota. He married on 20 October 1926 in Leola, South Dakota, to Florence Hart. They moved in 1951 to Billings, Montana, where Lawrence died on 5 February 1989. He was survived by Florence and eight children (order unknown):

- W341. LESLIE ['RED'], *resided in Harlowton, Montana in 1951.*
 W342. ROBERT, *resided in Laurel, Montana in 1951.*
 W343. LOREN ['RED'], *resided in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1951. A Country Music singer, he had a band.*
 W344. MELVIN, *resided in Billings, Montana in 1951.*
 W345. ARLON, *resided in Wolf Point, Montana in 1951.*
 W346. VERONICA, *m. — Born, resided 1951 Billings.*
 W347. ROSE ANN, *m. — Uribe, resided 1951 Billings.*
 W348. GERALDINE, *m. — Bingen, resided in Kennebec, South Dakota in 1951.*

W36. CLARENCE³ AUSTIN (*Jacob Colwell,² William,¹*) was born 31 January 1909 at Van Metre, South Dakota. He married Dorethe Wendt. Known as 'Pec k,' Clarence died on 1 September 1988 at the Deaconess Medical Center in Billings, Montana. He was survived by his wife, two sons, 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Clarence and Dorothea had two sons:

- W361. JAMES, *resided in Billings, Montana in 1988.*
 W342. GALE, *resided in Harlowton, Montana in 1988.*

SHAG GOT WHAT WAS COMIN' TO HIM

After 1 October 1971 it was tougher to become a certified law enforcement officer under South Dakota law. Among other requirements, one had to be under 55 and have successfully completed law enforcement school. Individuals like Raymond Austin who were employed prior to October 1971 were exempted from the minimum standards, 'grandfathered' in for their prior law enforcement background and experience.

Raymond 'Shag' Austin, at right, gets his "just reward" for 41 years in law enforcement, and the congratulations of Francis Simons, chairman of the Walworth County Commissioners. The reward was a certification as a law enforcement officer under South Dakota law, sent from the Attorney General's Office and presented to him by Sheriff Bob Will. Law enforcement officers and Bernie Christenson, executive secretary of the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission all agreed: Raymond 'Shag' Austin finally got what was coming to him, and they couldn't think of anyone who deserved it more.

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Raymond 'Shag' Austin receiving certificate in 1976 certifying him as a law enforcement officer.

This photograph was taken by Jo Hall, and appeared with an article in the 14 October 1976 *Mobridge Tribune*, from which this account was abstracted.

Cemetery near the Pickett School (in NY?) [see p.337].

QUERIES

393-1. **Charles H. Austin** married Elizabeth Melinda Roper. Their son Edward Jackson Austin married Ella Ione Milam, whose daughter Mary Estelle Austin married Millerd Edward Owens. I was told that Alabama land was granted them from the French and that a town 'Austinville' was named after them. Seeking ancestry of Charles and any other information on this family.

393-2. **Henry Earle Austin** married Saddle J. LeRoy on 30 December 1896 in Jeffersonville, Sullivan County, New York. Seeking any information on Henry's ancestry.

393-3. **Robert R. Austin** was born 14 February 1813. He married Susan Parke, born 3 May 1818 to Joseph and Lucy (Eddy) Parke. Robert, a farmer, came to New York from Rhode Island. He died 8 October 1882, while Susan died 13 May 1900. Both are buried at Scotchtown Cemetery in Erin, New York. They had five children: Sarah Helen born 1847, married Seymour Staples; Orrin Eddy born 15 July 1850 in Veteran, New York, married to Mary Vernoooy born 2 June 1853. Orrin died 5 June 1928, Mary died 11 June 1942, both buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Horseheads, New York; Edwin Alexander born 1852, married Eunice Moore; Mary Elizabeth born 1 April 1854 in Veteran, married William Sadler. Mary died on 22 September 1938 she is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, New York; Frances J. born 1860, married – Ryan. Frances died 3 October 1883, is buried at Scotchtown Cemetery. Seeking Robert R. Austin's ancestry.

393-4. **Arva Owen Austin** was born in 1791 to Nathaniel Austin and Humillis Owen. He m.(1) Phoebe Pickett and m.(2) Betsey Elizabeth Douglass. Seeking verification he m.(3) Elsie Hill, widow of Asa of Sweden, New York, and the identity of their child born circa 1836-1838. Arva died in 1863 in Boone County, Illinois, is buried in Pickett

393-5. **John Aston/Austin** was born circa 1770-5, married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Robert, on 26 January 1798 in Powhatan County, Virginia, surety by Claiborne Maxey and witnessed by George Taylor. They appear in the 1810-1820-1830 Powhatan County censuses, in 1840 Elizabeth Austin is head of household. The 1850 census shows widow Elizabeth residing with her son John R. Austin and his family. Seeking John's ancestry.

393-6. **Joseph Austin** was born circa 1835 in Campbell County, Virginia, son of Miles and Nancy (Sledd) Austin. He lived in Radford, Montgomery County, Virginia around 1900, and his youngest son Timothy Roscoe Austin was born there on 10 May 1901. His second wife, Virginia Cynthia (Powell) Austin appears in the 1910 Census of Radford City as widowed head of household. Thus he died between 1900 and 1910, but his death record and burial place I have not found. Virginia was born circa 1861 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She died in 1937 in Radford, where she is buried in the Westview Cemetery. Seeking any information on Joseph and this family.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
HENRY AND ELIZABETH AUSTIN
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

by Anne Laurie Austin Smith

Editor's Note: This article is based upon the author's manuscript *One Branch of the Austins*, first submitted in June 1989 and subsequently updated. Much of this information – especially on the earlier generations – appears in *A History of Rev. William Austin and his Wife, Elizabeth*, based on information compiled by Marshie Austin and Florence Austin, and published by Albert M. Austin in two volumes [References 1 and 2]. Additional information has been obtained from our files, contributed by several other *Austins of America* readers who are also researching lines descended from Henry and Elizabeth Austin.

H. HENRY¹ AUSTIN was born sometime before 1687, and was of English ancestry. Several attempts were made to trace his ancestry, but with no success. According to Reference 2, an able genealogist, Harry Wright Newman, wrote: "Henry Austin may have come to Maryland direct from Great Britain or from any one of the British possessions of that day, but there are certainly no clues in Maryland for intelligent additional research. He patented no land in Maryland, according to the records of the Land Office, Annapolis. Although there were 12 Austins who came to Maryland prior to 1687, the family of Henry Austin seems to be the only one of the western shore to have left a connected history."

Henry Austin married first in Calvert County, Maryland, to Elizabeth (Hillary) Lyles, the daughter of Sir Thomas Hillary, and widow of planter Robert Lyles. Robert died sometime after making his will on 4 June 1705 and before 24 October 1705, when sole executrix Elizabeth filed her first account of his estate, which Robert left to her, his children William, Robert and Mary. Henry and Elizabeth were married sometime after 'Elizabeth Lyles' filed her second estate account on 17 June 1706 and before July 1708, when Henry appeared in court with his wife Elizabeth, executrix of Robert Lyles vs. Thomas Watkins. Henry had to be over twenty-one to appear in court, thus he must have been born sometime prior to 1687.

Henry and Elizabeth probably lived on land once owned by Robert Lyles, for in his will Robert provided that Elizabeth "quietly possess my now dwelling-house and half my orchard and plantation during her natural life," and as noted above, Henry himself patented no land in Maryland.

The index to the Vestry Proceedings of All Saints Parish in Calvert County [Reference 2] has 31 references to Henry Austin. In 1710 he signed the oath of Abjuration; in 1711 he was appointed to the Vestry. From then until his death in 1745 he served often as warden, vestryman, or as a "counter" for the tobacco levy.

In 1712 Henry Austin was called to serve as a juror in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. In the first of six cases, Virtue Viell of Talbot County was accused of "having been seduced by the devil most wickedly and diabolically whereby she did waste, consume and pine the body of a certain Elinor Moore, spinster, and rendered the tongue of the said Elinor Moore lame and speechless." Virtue was permitted witnesses, among them one "Gent" who testified in her behalf. She was found not guilty, and one account says she thanked the jury with tears.

Henry Austin and William Lyles were witnesses to the will of Edward Ball on 3 April 1716. Henry and Thomas Harvey were sureties to Daniel Armiger for £49 on 23 April 1717. Henry Austin witnessed Thomas Harvey's will on 3 May 1729. Elizabeth Austin died before 1730 and was buried on the Plantation. When Thomas Harvey died, leaving his wife with six children, Henry Austin took his widow Jane Harvey as his second wife. Henry and Jane rendered an account of her late husband Thomas Harvey's estate on 28 May 1730, and another account on 10 June 1731 with an estate balance of £577 6s 10³/₄d, of which Jane received one-third.

On 23 February 1733, Henry Austin and his son Henry Jr. witnessed the will of Robert Lyles of Calvert County. On 26 January 1741 Henry and his son Samuel, as nearest of kin, signed an inventory of the estate of Henry Austin, Jr. of Anne Arundel County, deceased.

Henry Austin signed his own will (shown on next page) on 18 January 1743, and from it we learn that he had at least three slaves – Jane, Caesar, and Nancy. Henry died in 1745 in Calvert County, his will was probated 31 August 1745 by his son Samuel, 'surviving executor' of the estate. Thomas Marshall and Henry Hardesty were Samuel's sureties. Henry's wife Jane (Harvey) Austin probably died before him. She certainly died before 29 August 1746 when Samuel filed his first account, for the negro girl Jane was given to Elizabeth Austin, as provided for in Henry Austin's will after his wife Jane's decease.

On 25 November 1745 Henry Austin's estate was appraised by John Hall of Lyons Creek and Nathan Smith. In March 1746 executor Samuel Austin presented a long and interesting inventory of the estate, total value was £393 14s 11¹/₂d. Nearest of kin were William Lyles and Robert Lyles.

Samuel Austin filed his first account of the estate on 29 August 1746. Henry's physician, Dr. John Hamilton, was paid £3 16s 6d, and a bill was paid for goods bought by Henry from a London merchant. The negro girl Jenny was given to Samuel's daughter Elizabeth Austin, while the negro boy Caesar and girl Nan[cy] were given to Richard Smith, guardian of the two children of the deceased Henry Austin, Jr. The children also had a half interest in two

Last Will and Testament of Henry Austin

In the name of God Amen. I, Henry Austin of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland, being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I desire that my debts be paid and discharged at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching the Temporal Estate that it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do give and bequeathe in manner and form following:

I do give and bequeathe unto my son Samuel Austin one half of my estate of what sort or kind soever. The other half I do give and bequeathe unto Henry and Elinor Austin, son and daughter of Henry Austin, deceased, to be equally divided between them when they come to full age, but if one or both of them should die before they arrive at full age then his or her or their parts I do give and bequeathe unto Henry Austin, son of Samuel Austin.

I do give and bequeath unto my loving wife Jane Austin one negro girl called Janey during the natural life of her the said Jane Austin, and at her decease I do give and bequeathe the said Janey unto Elizabeth the daughter of Samuel Austin. And the first child that the said Negro girl brings I do give and bequeathe unto Mary the daughter of Samuel Austin.

I do give and bequeathe unto Elizabeth Lyle daughter of William Lyle two young ewes.

I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my loving wife and my son Samuel Austin joint executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannuling all other will or wills heretofore made, and I desire that my body may be decently buried on the plantation that I now dwell upon between my late wife and daughter.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of January 1743.

Henry Austin

*Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us
William Lyles & Elinor Lyles*

My further will and pleasure is that my grandson Henry Austin son of Henry Austin may have unto his part one Negro boy named Caesar and that my granddaughter Elinor have one Negro girl named Nancy.

Henry Austin

other negroes (one named Flora valued at £45 appears in a later inventory). Elizabeth Lyles, through her guardian, received the two ewes willed to her, plus a side saddle and a bridle. Samuel filed several other accounts, the last being in 1752, by which time Stephen West had become the guardian of H2. Henry Austin's children.

From Henry Austin's will we learn that he and his first wife Elizabeth had at least three children, although their exact order of birth is not known:

- H1. SAMUEL, *b. circa 1710 +*
- H2. HENRY, *b. by 1712 +*
- H3. ELEANOR, *d. before January 1743, buried beside her mother and father on the plantation.*

SECOND GENERATION

H1. SAMUEL² AUSTIN (*Henry*¹) is assumed to be the eldest child, and if so, he was probably born circa 1710 in Calvert County, Maryland. He married circa 1730 to Elizabeth Jane Marshall, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Marshall. On 19 February 1731, her father conveyed to her 67 acres of "Cox's Choice," her name on the deed being given as Elizabeth Austin [Reference ___], so she married Samuel before that date.

From Reference 3 we learn that on 11 April 1748 Samuel was chosen warden in All Saints Parish, and on 27 March 1749 he was appointed vestryman. On 6 June 1749, only four were present at a meeting of the vestry, so "those Gentlemen of the vestry that were absent were fined 40 pounds of tobacco each for not attending." In March 1750, the absentees were fined 100 pounds of tobacco (Samuel was present). At this meeting it was ordered that the sexton and vestry clerk each be paid 1000 pounds of tobacco. On 3 July 1750, Samuel was absent and another was chosen vestryman in his stead. He was inspector for Lower Marlboro Warehouse from 1750 until 1753 when the record ends.

As noted above, Samuel Austin served as executor of his father's estate, his last account being made in 1752. His father-in-law, Thomas Marshall, had died intestate, and on 17 March 1763 Samuel Austin was made administrator of his estate. Samuel filed an inventory of the Marshall estate on 20 June 1763, but he himself died before the estate was finally settled. His wife Elizabeth (Marshall) Austin then became administratrix of her late father's estate, and she filed an account on 18 September 1766.

Samuel Austin made out his will (shown on next page) on 21 December 1763, in which he names his wife Elizabeth executrix, and mentions his eleven children and seven slaves. Samuel died in Calvert County, either late in 1764 or early in 1765, for on 29 January 1765 his will was

Last Will and Testament of H1. Samuel Austin

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Austin of Calvert County in the province of Maryland planter being in good health of Body and of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following:

First I desire that my Debts be paid and discharged at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as Touching the Temporal Estate that it hath been pleased God to bestow upon me I do give and bequeathe in Manner and form following:

First I do give and bequeathe unto my son William Austin that part of my land to the Westward of the Church Rode and his Heirs forever and one Negroe boy named George and one Negro Woman named Sarah.

Next I do give and Bequeathe unto my son James Austin and his Heirs forever all my land to the Eastward of the Church Rode and one Negroe Boy named Abraham.

Next I do Give and Bequeathe unto my son Henry Austin one Negroe Woman Priss.

Next I do Give and Bequeathe unto my son Thomas Austin one Negroe Boy named Dick.

Next I do Give and Bequeathe unto my Daughter Margaret Austin one Negroe girl named Rachel.

Next I do Give and Bequeathe unto my Daughter Eleanor Austin one Negroe Girl Sall.

My further Will and Pleasure is that the abovenamed Children shall not have these Negroes till their mother's Decease, and all the remainder of my Estate I do Give and Bequeath unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Austin during her Life, and after her Decease to be Equally Divided between all my children that is to say, Elizabeth, Virlinday, Mary, Rebecca, Samuel, Henry, Thomas, James, Margaret, William and Eleanor and I do hereby Constitute Ordain and Appoint my Loving wife Elizabeth Austin whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament in Witness hereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December 1763.

Sam'l Austin (seal)

*Signed sealed and Acknowledged
in the Presence of us*

Thomas Stone (his mark)

Sally Stone

William Stone (his mark)

admitted to probate by Elizabeth. Joseph Hardesty, Jr. and John Gibson were her sureties in the sum of £800 sterling, and Thomas Stone and William Stone made oath that they had witnessed the deceased Samuel Austin's will.

On 13 July 1765 Elizabeth Austin filed an inventory of her husband's estate, and among his property were listed the same slaves as in Samuel's will, plus a negro woman Florah about 100 years old, valued at 6 pence. Appraisers were William Dare and Joseph Kent, the nearest of kin were sons Samuel and Thomas Austin, and the greatest creditors were Charles Grahame and Edward Johnston. Personal effects were valued at £425 19s 5d. Like his father, Samuel's physician had been Dr. John Hamilton, paid £4 2s 3d in the 10 September 1766 account filed by Elizabeth. She filed several accounts, and asked the privilege of filing another, which was not found [Ref. 2].

According to rent rolls for Calvert County, Samuel Austin or his widow Elizabeth remitted quit rents on "Cox's Choice" and "The Farme" between 1753 and 1774, so Elizabeth must have died after 1774. She and Samuel had at least the eleven children mentioned in Samuel Austin's will, although they are not necessarily listed in the order of their births:

- H11. ELIZABETH, *b. circa 1731, m. James Gibson (brother of John below). In the Calvert County Rent Rolls for 1753 James possessed 88 acres of land called Additional Spittle and 22 acres in the Newington Survey. On 17 March 1763 James and John Gibson were sureties for Samuel Austin, administrator of the estate of Thomas Marshall. On 15 December 1767 James Gibson witnessed the will of Richard Deale.*
- H12. VERLINDA ['VIRLINDY'], *m. 1764/5 Martin Wells, planter of Calvert County. In the Grantham Survey located in the branches of Hardesty Creek, Martin owned 155 acres; in Little Gunnery Survey he had 42 acres, in the Arthur Hall Survey 44 acres. Martin died before 15 January 1765, when Verlinda was appointed administratrix, and on 7 October 1765 she gave an account of his estate, valued at £211 9s 3½d. Dr. John Hamilton was paid £13 19s.*
- H13. MARY, *m. William Wells, they settled in Ohio at Vandalia, Montgomery County, between Dayton and Tippecanoe City. In the 7 April 1756 account of Joseph Hardesty of the estate of George Hardesty, sums were paid to William Lile, Richard Deale Jun., and William Wells.*
- H14. REBECCA, *m. John Gibson (brother of James above), who was listed in Calvert County Rent Rolls as possessor of 70 acres in the tract called Spittle, located in the branches of Cox's Creek. On 15 January 1765 John Gibson was one of the surties for Elizabeth Austin, administratrix of the estate of Thomas Marshall, and on 29 January 1765 he was one of her surties when she became executrix of the estate of Samuel Austin.*
- H15. SAMUEL, *b. 23 October 1739 +*

- H16. HENRY, *b. circa 1741 +*
 H17. THOMAS, *b. circa 1744 +*
 H18. JAMES, *b. circa 1746 +*
 H19. MARGARET, *b. 7 September 1748 in Calvert County, m. 6 December 1764 to Joseph Everist, who was b. 16 May 1744 and d. 24 May 1795. They resided near Kingsville, Harford Co. Maryland. Margaret died 28 February 1786. She and Joseph had ten children: Charles, Joseph, Elinor, Elizabeth, Margaret, Lydia, Samuel, William, Austin and Henry [Reference 18].*
 H1A. WILLIAM, *b. after 1749, he died young, perhaps in Tennessee. His daughter m. Mr. Sunderlong.*
 H1B. ELEANOR, *m. William Marshall, they moved to Albemarle County, Virginia. His will dated 19 February 1822 is recorded at Charlottesville. Except for a few pieces of furniture given to his daughter Mary, he left all his estate to his wife Eleanor, stating that he had already given to his children: Mary, Nancy m. – Dorsey, Rebecca m. – Wood, [dau.], Richard, Samuel, Thomas, Elizabeth m. – Howard, Margaret m. – Boswell, Lotty m. – Wells, William and Henry.*

One observation made by H173. William Austin, a grandson of H1. Samuel Austin – which he considered “something remarkable in their history” – was the fact that each of the five sons of Samuel and Elizabeth “raised one daughter each only.” [Reference 3]

H2. HENRY² AUSTIN (*Henry*¹) was born by 1712, since he must have been over 21 in 1733, when he witnessed the will of planter William Lyles on 7 February and the will of planter Robert Lyles on 23 February, both in Calvert County. Henry married on 7 October 1736 in St. James Parrish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland to Priscilla Pierce [Reference 14], who is said to have belonged to a prominent colonial family. They had been married less than five years at the time of Henry’s untimely death in Anne Arundel County, sometime prior to 26 January 1741. Henry and Priscilla had two children recorded in the Saint James Parish Register [Reference 14]:

- H21. ELEANOR, *b. 15 September 1737 in Anne Arundel County, she was baptized 23 April 1738.*
 H22. HENRY, *b. 25 October 1740, he was baptized 14 December 1740.*

Henry’s estate was inventoried by Samuel Smith and John Hall on 26 January 1741. Nearest of kin were Henry and Samuel Austin, his father and brother. On 30 January 1741 the administratrix, Priscilla Austin, appeared before the court and made oath. Personal effects were valued at £120 15s 6d, and considerable livestock, farm implements and household furniture were listed. Even nails counted: 1000 ten-penny, 500 twenty-penny, and 766 of other sizes.

Priscilla Austin remarried to planter Richard Smith of Anne Arundel County, who assumed the guardianship of her children, and became possessed of the rights of

administration of her late husband’s estate. On 23 June 1744, Richard and Priscilla filed an account as administrators of Henry Austin’s estate. Like his father and brother, Henry’s physician had been Dr. John Hamilton. An additional account was filed on 2 March 1750, and among other items are bills paid to merchants in London.

The children, Eleanor and Henry, probably received two thirds of Henry’s estate, plus half their grandfather H. Henry Austin’s estate, including two negro slaves, Nancy and Caesar. Stephen West Jr., surety for the administration of the estate of H2. Henry Austin, had been appointed guardian of the children by 1751. An account with the Commissary General shows a balance due the children of 1266 lbs. of tobacco, £40 12s sterling money, and £74 19s 2d current money. On 18 June 1751, Richard Smith, unable to pay immediately the tobacco and money due the children, signed an indenture agreeing to give as security ‘sundry things’ and promising to have all settled by September. His signature was witnessed by Elinor Lyles and Daniel Smith. No further records have been located on Henry and Priscilla’s two children, Eleanor and Henry.

THIRD GENERATION

H15. SAMUEL³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*,² *Henry*¹) was born 23 October 1739 in Calvert County, Maryland. He married in 1764 to Mary Deal/Deale, who was also born in Calvert County, one of seven children of Richard and Sarah (–) Deal, who lived on a tract of land called Newington. The Newington survey was on the east side of the Patuxent River and contained 375 acres, and in 1753 Richard Deale owned 229 acres. The Deales also attended All Saints Church, and Richard’s name appears several times in the Vestry Proceedings [Ref. 8]. In his will dated 15 December 1767 and probated 17 November 1770, Richard bequeaths to his daughter Mary Austin three slaves: Lucy, Michael and Christian.

In 1765, Samuel and his brother Thomas signed the inventory of their father’s estate. In 1788 Samuel signed the inventory of Thomas’ estate, filed at Upper Marlboro. Samuel and Mary moved their family to Albemarle County, Virginia, circa 1789, when their daughter Elizabeth was fourteen years old [Reference 6]. From that time on, Samuel became known as ‘Samuel Sr.’ to distinguish him from his son, and from two (possibly three) nephews who were also in Albemarle County.

In January 1799, Samuel’s daughter Elizabeth and her husband William Austin moved to Surry County, North Carolina. How soon her parents, or perhaps just her father, followed them there is unknown, but deeds at Charlottesville [see Reference 16] made in 1804 and 1811 refer to her father Samuel Austin Sr. as being “of North Carolina.” On 1 November 1804, Samuel Austin Sr.

deeded to his son Samuel 109 acres on the north fork of the James River, and on 1 July 1811 he gave him another 117 acres. In May 1811 Samuel Austin deeded his son Thomas "all that part of the tract of land whereon I formerly lived in Albemarle County." Samuel's wife Mary Austin died before 1811, either in Albemarle County, Virginia, or Surrey County, North Carolina.

In 1811, William and Elizabeth Austin moved again, this time to Clinton County, Ohio. Samuel Austin made the long journey with them, arriving there on his 72nd birthday. He lived until after the completion of their large frame house on Pleasant Hill overlooking Cowan's Creek valley. He died at age 85 on 26 December 1824 in Clinton County, and is interred at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Vernon Township, Clinton County. Samuel's sons in Tennessee were notified of their father's death, and William replied 6 March 1825 from Sumner County, Tennessee, while Henry replied on 25 March 1825 from Green Garden, Sumner County. Samuel and Mary (Deale) Austin had five children recorded by their son William in his family Bible:

H151. SAMUEL, *b.* 27 April 1766. *Little is known of this eldest son, except that on 1 November 1804 his father deeded him 109 acres on the north fork of the James River, and on 1 July 1811 deeded him another 117 acres [Reference 16].*

H152. HENRY, *b.* 8 January 1771 +

H153. THOMAS, *b.* 26 March 1773 +

H154. ELIZABETH, *b.* 18 June 1775 in Calvert County. *She m. 13 December 1798 in Albemarle County to her cousin H173. Rev. William Austin (see his family below).*

H155. WILLIAM, *b.* 1 January 1780 +

H16. HENRY³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*,² *Henry*¹) was born circa 1741 in Calvert County, Maryland, and is mentioned in his grandfather Henry Austin's will dated 18 January 1743 (see page 395). Henry married in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, to Sarah Harrison, daughter of William and Frances (Austin) Harrison [Reference 3 states that Henry married Sarah *Hardesty*, but descendants of their son John claim that it was *Harrison*, and this name has been carried down through several generations].

By the will of his father, written in 1763, Henry Austin was bequeathed a Negro woman named Priss. On 15 January 1765, Henry was surety for his sister, Verlinda, when she was appointed administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Martin Wells. Henry Austin served with the rank of Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Austin and his wife Sarah moved to Albemarle County, Virginia, at some unknown date. However, at Charlottesville there is a deed recorded in 1778 by which Zachariah Mills conveys 390 acres to Henry Austin. In the first Albemarle County census in 1785, the family of Henry Austin numbered nine white souls, with one dwell-

ing and four other buildings. On 14 June 1792 Wyatt Mills deeded 50 acres to Henry Austin for £30 cash.

In 1794 Henry Austin and Sally his wife deeded to the Trustees for Austin's Meeting House for the sole use of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one acre more or less for five shillings. The land is described as beginning at a red oak in Samuel Austin's line, and is in Albemarle County. Three of the nine trustees were residents of Orange County. On 21 October 1795 Henry Austin and Batten Naylor witnessed a receipt given by Samuel Morton for £300 paid him by Walter Watson and Thomas Austin for a tract of land. On 25 December 1797 Henry and his wife Sarah deeded 100 acres to their son Samuel Austin for £50.

Henry Austin made his will on 3 October 1821. He gives and bequeaths his whole estate to his beloved wife, Sarah Austin, for her own use during her life. He devises land to his sons Richard, Obediah, and Thomas. He directs that a certain piece of land be sold, likewise his stock and household furniture, and the proceeds of all three be equally divided among his son Henry's children, his daughter Nancy Skinner, and his son John's children. He lends to Elizabeth Sims, a child he raised, one Negro boy named Charles, one feather bed and furniture "the bed she now sleeps on" and one chest. At her death the above lent property is to be given to his son Samuel or his heirs in North Carolina. Thomas and Obediah were named executors. Henry's will was probated on 4 March 1822 in Albemarle County, Virginia [Reference 13]. An inventory lists seven slaves, including little Jacob who was not mentioned in the will. An interesting sidelight regarding the will is found in a 17 March 1853 letter written by H171-1 Elkanah D. Austin of Green Valley, North Carolina, to his uncle, H173 Rev. William Austin of Clinton County, Ohio:

"I had a little hearing from your uncle Henry Austin's family in Virginia last fall. The old gentleman gave (in his will) a Negroman to Elizabeth Syms during her life, and at her death if he (the Blackman) should over live her, he was to go to his son Samuel, who, you know, lived in the Forks of the Yadkin. So Betty Syms died a year or two ago, and my brother-in-law, who married Samuel's only daughter (Nancy), Mr. Travillion, was the Administrator of his Estate, and went over last fall to get the property; he took a reasonable price for the man and left him among his friends. Betty had willed her property, bed, &c., to the Blackman."

Henry's widow Sarah Austin survived her husband. She and Henry Austin had seven children:

H161. HENRY, *b.* circa 1760 +

H162. SAMUEL, *m.* 2 December 1791 *Gatty Catterson, resided Forks of the Yadkin River, North Carolina. On 26 December 1797 Samuel & Gatty deeded 200 acres in Albemarle Co. to Daniel Wood for £200.*

H163. NANCY, *m.* 25 January 1790 in Albemarle

County to Burdit Skinner. She died in Washington County, Kentucky, while he died circa 1813 in Nelson County, Virginia. They had four children: Elizabeth m.1818, Esther m.1813, Nancy m.1818, and Roswell b.1807.

- H164. THOMAS, *d. unmarried*
- H165. RICHARD, *m. 24 December 1804 in Albemarle County to Mary Ann Snow.*
- H166. JOHN, *m. 23 December 1807 +*
- H167. OBEDIAH, *m. 12 January 1815 +*

H17. THOMAS³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*,² *Henry*¹) was born circa 1744 in Calvert County, Maryland. By the terms of his father's will written in 1763, Thomas received "one Negroe Boy named Dick" after his mother's death, and shared equally with the other ten children in his father's estate. His birthyear is uncertain, but he must have been of age on 13 July 1765 when he and his brother Samuel affixed their signatures to the inventory of their father's estate. Thomas married to Eleanor Smith by 1769 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. From there they moved west over the Patuxant River into Prince George's County.

Thomas died at the young age of about 32 years (circa 1776) in Prince George's County, Maryland. An inventory of his goods and chattels was signed 20 July 1778 [Reference 17], the total value was £278 2s. The appraisers were Thomas Wall, and John Lawson Naylor. Names of kin who signed were Mary Smith, Samuel Austin, and James Austin. Among the articles appraised were his wearing apparel, beds and furniture (bedding), a loom, a spinning wheel, pewter ware, one pestle, a parcel of old books, candle snuffers, a bell, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. The list also included one Negro Man and one Lad. On 19 December 1778 'Eleanor Austin, administratrix of Thomas Austin' made oath, but she in fact had remarried on 8 November 1778 in Prince George's County to Baston Naylor by Rev. Henry Fendall of the Protestant Episcopal church. Baston and Eleanor gave an account of Thomas Austin's estate on 17 July 1779, and a final account on 8 February 1780. The balance of the estate was £292 16s 6d, of which Eleanor received one-third, the four children the remainder, which was £48 16s 1d to each. Eleanor died (circa 1813??) in North Carolina. Thomas Austin and Eleanor had four children born in Prince George's County:

- H171. SAMUEL, *b. 12 April 1769 +*
- H172. THOMAS, *b. 2 August 1771 +*
- H173. WILLIAM, *b. 8 December 1773 +*
- H174. ELIZABETH, *b. before 1778, she married on 7 February 1793 to Benjamin Robertson in Upper Marlboro. He died in 1834 in Prince George County, while Elizabeth died after 1834, perhaps in Calvert County. They had eight children before 14 January 1813, when Elizabeth said she was expecting her ninth child, and they may have had more: Alexandria, Eilener Smith, Sary, William*

Austin, Mary Ann, Benjamin, Elizabeth Marshall, Thomas Austin, others?

H18. JAMES³ AUSTIN (*Samuel*,² *Henry*¹) was probably born circa 1746 in Calvert County, Maryland. He was not yet of age when his father's will was written in 1763. By that will he was devised land eastward of the church road and was given a negro boy named Abraham. On 20 July 1778 James signed the inventory of the estate of his deceased brother H17. Thomas Austin in Prince George's County. From the tax list for Calvert County for 1783, we learn that James owned 80 acres of Cox's Choice. James apparently died before 1786, when his heirs paid tax on the same 80 acres. It is possible that James' widow and children moved to Albemarle County, Virginia, for when their daughter Margaret married there, the license stated that both were of Albemarle County. James' wife is unknown, but he died in Calvert County before 1780, leaving three children:

- H181. MARGARET, *m. 3 September 1793 in Albemarle County to William Burgess*
- H182. RICHARD
- H183. SAMUEL

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QUERIES

400-1. **Julius Augustus Austin** was born 3 August 1829 in Stanwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He married 20 June 1852 in Williamsburg (Brooklyn), New York to Agnes Rowland, born 28 February 1835 in New York City. Julius enlisted on 9 August 1862, U.S. Army, Company A, 101st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Their first child was born in New York and the other three were born in Wakeman Huron County, Ohio: Edward Rowland b. 8 July 1859, Mary Eliza b. 12 February 1865, married J. H. Decker of Staten Island, New York, on 16 April 1885 in Staten Island; Matilda Jane b. 26 November 1866, and Charles Gilbert b. 16 June 1874. Julius had an unmarried brother Daniel, who is buried at Sailors Snug Harbor, New York City. Another brother, whose name is unknown, had a daughter Myra Patchin of Collins, Ohio. Seeking Julius' ancestry and Mary's death date.

400-2. **Jefferson Austin** was born 1844 in Alabama? He married 10 August 1870 in Anderson County, Texas to Mary Jennie Wilson, born 14 January 1843 in Alabama. She was the daughter of Andrew and Sallie (Snow) Wilson, Jr. Jefferson died 26 July 1897 in Anderson, Texas. Mary died 27 March 1906 in Palestine, Texas. Their six children were all born in Anderson County: Marshall Lee b. 2 June 1871, Lucy b. 15 May 1873, John Franklin b. 27 December 1875, Margaret b. 18 January 1877, Merton Jasper b. 17 March 1881, and Carrie B. b. 1883. Seeking the ancestry of Jefferson.

400-3. **Rachael Austin** married William Fenner who was born circa 1730. They had at least one child, Rachael, born circa 1760, who married William Netherland. Would like both the ancestry and descendants of Rachael Austin.

400-4. **Dorothy Ann Austin** was born in 1830, the eldest of eight children born in Tennessee to — Austin (born in North Carolina and died before 1870) and Matilda J. (—) Austin (born in 1812 in Ohio): Dorothy b. 1830, Andrew S. b. 1833, daughter? b. 1835, daughter? b. 1838, Henry S. b. 1840, child b. 1843, child b. 1845 and Charles b. 1847. Dorothy first married James Morris, who had been married before and had several children. They had one child, John Morris. Dorothy and James lived near Sardus, Henderson County, Tennessee, where James Morris died. Dorothy's brothers lived there also. Their mother Matilda J. Austin was living with one of her sons in 1870 and another in 1880. Dorothy's second marriage was to Marcus Mooney. The Mooney children were: Laura b. 1852, Marianna M. b. 1855, Francis M. b. 1858, Lucenda Semantha b. 1861, Sarah L. b. 1863 and Mark b. 1870. The Mooney family moved to Pulaski, Lawrence County, during the Civil War. Seeking the ancestry and anything known about the descendants of this Austin family.

400-5. **Richard Austin** of Portland, Maine, married Ruth Miller, born in Quebec in 1870. The will of William Glover, the son of Walter Glover (1803-1889) and Ann Linkletter was probated in 1918 and it shows one share of the estate was to go to his niece Ruth (Miller) Austin. Seek the ancestry and descendants of Richard and Ruth Austin.

400-6. **Silas Austin** was born 25 March 1770, perhaps in Connecticut. He resided in Steuben County, New York, from 1816 through 1840. He moved to Michigan where he died 6 September 1846 and is buried in Quincy, Branch County, Michigan. His first wife is believed to have been Hannah —, born 14 July 1778, died 25 February 1837 and buried in Bigelow Cemetery, Schuyler County, New York. Silas's second marriage was to Caroline Burroughs who died 15 November 1869. Silas and Hannah had sixteen known children: John 1798-1874, Samuel 1799-1866 who married Loretta Charterdon, Mary 1800-1836, David 1801-1834, Anna 1802-1839, Silas Jr. 1804-1886 who married Hannah Prentice, Rhoda 1805-1832, Solomon 1807-1809, Stephen 1808-1837, Elizabeth 1810-1835, Phoebe 1811-1892 who married — Jones, Reuben 1814-1864 who married Ruth Shattuck, Elmira 1815-1848 who married Smith Bowen, Aaron 1817-1894 who married Mary —, Orson 1818-1908 who married Hannah Amanda Thompson, and Nathan W. 1821-1822. Orson resided in Dunn County, Wisconsin, and is buried in Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan. Reuben and Aaron are buried in the Todd Town Cemetery in Hillsdale County, Michigan. Seeking information on the ancestry and descendants of Silas Austin.

400-7. **O'Henry Austin** was born in 1867 in Illinois. He married Maud Brelsford who was born 1872 in Kansas. They had one known child, a son, B. Edgar born in 1891. They appear in the 1900 Census for Latch County, Idaho. Would like any information on the ancestry and descendants of O'Henry and Maud Austin, and would like to know where they went after Latch County.

400-8. **Joseph Austin** had several children: Oscar born 1869, Aulty born 1871 and John. All three went to Idaho, where John Austin died in Clearwater County. Joseph had another son, George Austin, and a daughter, Alice Austin from other marriages. Would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing about Joseph Austin's children.

400-9. **Elizabeth Austin** was born circa 1807 in Pennsylvania, probably in the Philadelphia area. The name of her mother or sisters may have been Sophia Austin. Elizabeth married Thomas Heery on 20 October 1820 in St. Marys, Charleston, South Carolina. They also lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where Elizabeth died. Desire Elizabeth Austin's birthdate, birthplace, and her father's name.

QUERIES

402-1. **Joseph Austin** was married to Mary Linzee on 3 February 1823 in Athens County, Ohio. Need more information on this family.

402-2. **James H. Austin** and Clarissa sold real estate in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1826. Peter Austin voted there in 1830, was he related to James? Need ancestry and descendants of both James and Peter.

402-3. **Joseph Austin** wife age 30 to 40 years of age and three children (one girl and two boys) under 5 in the 1840 Meigs County, Ohio Census. Need the ancestry and descendants of this family.

402-4. **John Austin** age 36, a clothing merchant, born in Ohio, wife Eliza, children: Ann, Sarah E, Josephine and John Jr. in the 1850 Meigs County, Ohio Census. Need the ancestry and descendants of this family.

402-5. **Jacob Austin** age 33, a stonemason, wife Ruth, children: John Columbia and Nathan in the 1850 Meigs County, Ohio Census. Need the ancestry and descendants of this family.

402-6. **Ichabod Austin** resided in Biddeford, Maine in 1738. Seeking his ancestors and descendants.

402-7. **Ruth Austin** daughter of Peleg and Abiah (Knapp) Austin, married Martin I. McNall on 21 November 1840 in Moira, Franklin County, New York. Martin was born 11 April 1818 in Vermont; died in Moira on 24 April 1886. Seek the ancestors and descendants of Ruth & Martin.

402-8. **Michael Austin Sr.** born circa 1775, possibly son of Richard Austin and grandson of William and Ruth Austin. Michael Sr. appears in the 1790 & 1800 census of Anson County, North Carolina, and the 1810 census of Chesterfield County, South Carolina. He and Michael Jr. appear in the 1820 & 1830 census of Campbell County, Georgia. The records enumerate 6 male and 3 female children born between circa 1774 and 1800. Michael Jr. was born circa 1789-1799, and may have married Narcissa —. Narcissa appears in both the 1834 state census and the 1840 federal census of Cobb County, Georgia as head of household. The 1840 census lists a male 60-70 in her household. Census records show Michael with 3 male and 4 female children. Perhaps the three males are Michael who married Edith Austin, James J. who married Martha H. —, and Gideon Brown who married Nancy Jane Bishop. Seeking ancestry of this family.

402-9. **Stephen Austin**, brother of Moses Austin, married Huldah Hopkins. Want to correspond with their descendants: Woodruffs and Meigs, and descendants of their son Charles Austin who settled in Florida, and of his daughter Harriet Austin and her husband, Richard Hayward.

RICHARD AUSTIN LINE GRAVESTONES RESTORED IN HAMPTON, NEW YORK

by Joan Patton

Editor's Note: The following expands on an article by the author which originally appeared on 16 May 1991 in the *Post Star* newspaper in Glens Falls, New York. The photograph on the next page was provided by Charles B. Moore. Genealogical data on Richard Austin and his son Anthony can be found on pages 9 and 10 of the book *The Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638*, privately published by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day in 1969. Since this article appeared, Hanford Austin and Charles Moore have repaired 13 additional gravestones in the Hampton cemetery. The Town of Hampton has shown some interest in their project, and the town may help with their future restoration efforts.

Descendants of Anthony Austin and Charlotte Brooks Austin gathered in the cemetery on Hampton Flats in Hampton, New York on Saturday, 11 May 1991. They celebrated the repair of some of their ancestors' gravestones, and got to know each other at a family picnic at the Hanford Austin home in Whitehall, New York.

Six months ago, Austin and Charles Moore of Queensbury, New York, had not even met. In the course of Moore's genealogical search, he got in touch with 'Hutch' Frederick of Pittsford, New York – nurse, pilot and genealogist – who told him about Hanford Austin. But even before that, it was Clemons resident June Tracy who told Frederick that ancestor Zephaniah Austin was buried in Whitehall.

Austin and Moore became acquainted, and soon located Anthony and Charlotte Austin's graves in the cemetery off Route 22A, which is neatly enclosed by a wall of dry-laid slates. The cemetery is mowed and maintained by the Town of Hampton.

Austin and Moore found several Austin family stones off their bases, broken, or lying flat on their faces, pressing into the earth. In a good old-fashioned example of North Country ingenuity and self-reliance, the two men repaired the Anthony and Charlotte Austin stones, dating from the mid-1850s, and Saturday, with a flourish, the men pulled the cover off the stones, and folks gathered 'round for many photographs to commemorate the occasion.

The earliest stone in the apparently half-empty graveyard dated from 1790, that of a Beman, one of the earliest settling families in Hampton. The rear half of the cemetery has no visible stones, raising questions about whether there may be other now unmarked burials.

Besides Austin, Gould, Hulett, Sheldon and Wood are other names to be found in the cemetery. An unusual

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Hampton Flats Cemetery – May 1991 – Back row, left to right: Karen Webb, Rockwell Webb, Hilda Webb, Charles Moore, Laurie (Moore) Smith, Kenneth Austin, Hanford Austin, Paul Jones, Fred Norton, Edward Norton and Marvel ‘Hutch’ Frederick. Children in front row, left to right: Gregory Smith, Jeanie Jones and Sarah Jones.

stone, dating from 1813, is of a rectangular red slate marker. The footstone of Charlotte Austin's grave is also made of red slate. Hampton is in the so-called 'slate belt.' Red slate is found in the country only in the Poultney-Granville-Salem slate belt. These stones seem to represent very early quarrying efforts.

These Austins trace their lineage back to Richard Austin, an English emigrant who sailed from South Hampton on 16 May 1638, arriving in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Of the twenty people gathered at the cemetery on Saturday, the fourteen who appear in the above photograph were directly descended from Richard's second son Anthony Austin of Suffield, Connecticut.

From Whitehall, Glens Falls, Fort Ann, Kingsbury, White Creek and Pittsford they came, bearing names like Austin, Frederick, Jones, Moore, Norton and Webb. The youngest person present was toddler Gregory Smith (Charles Moore's grandson), a fifth-generation descendant of Anthony Austin.

The Anthony Austin buried in Hampton is the fourth generation after the original Anthony [see page 128 of reference]. Another branch of the family that later went west, is descended from the Connecticut Anthony's brother Richard, one of whose descendants is the famous Stephen Austin, known as 'The Father of Texas' [*Austins of America* pages 291-298].

What about Anthony's father, Zephaniah, who died in Whitehall, New York in 1800? Sleuths Hanford Austin and Charles Moore have not found his grave yet, but they hope to continue their efforts next year.

**AUSTIN FAMILIES GENEALOGIST
JANET AUSTIN CURTIS
OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

by Michael Edward Austin

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Janet Austin Curtis (1920-1991) in July 1985

Author's Note: I met with Janet Austin Curtis on several occasions, and since April 1980 we exchanged Austin genealogical data and correspondence relating to the history, directions, goals and future of genealogical research and publications relating to Austin families. Much of the following article is based on that correspondence. Other information on Janet's life was furnished by her husband, Wesley E. Curtis, and forwarded to *Austins of America* by Bonnie Bigolin. The listing of Janet's articles and manuscripts is from her untitled 36-page red 1979 Reunion booklet dealing with Austin coats-of-arms, Austin immigrants, and Austin reference sources.

Genealogist Janet Austin Curtis died at home on Sunday, 16 June 1991, after a long illness. She had devoted over 50 years to researching Austin lines, and to helping others discover their Austin roots. She considered herself "a rather unorthodox genealogist, a rebel at heart." Accuracy and completeness were always her goals. She believed "that most people have *no* imagination, and are almost totally lacking in patience, and will not sift through anything that is not indexed." This may seem a rather harsh view to some, but Janet was a serious researcher and she tended to judge others by the same high standards she had set for herself.

An Early Introduction to Genealogy

Janet Virginia Austin was born 18 May 1920 in North Holston, Virginia, a descendant of Richard Austin of Charlestown (for her full Austin line, see page 287 of the book *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638*, compiled by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day, privately published in 1969). Janet was first introduced to genealogy when she was only about age 18, travelling with an aunt who was an avid member of the D.A.R. They visited "cemeteries and Court Houses and libraries galore." That got Janet off to a good start, and genealogy became a lifetime interest.

Education, Family and Ceramics

Janet Austin received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1942 from Alfred University in Alfred, Allegany County, New York. She was one of the pioneers in the application of non-directive industrial psychology for Western Electric, and she also worked as a therapist at the Phipps Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Janet married to Wesley Edmond Curtis on 29 May 1949. They had two sons born in Havre de Grace, Maryland: Mark A. Curtis in

1950 and Kipp A. Curtis in 1953. While raising the two children, Janet was the Chief of Design and Production for the Colonial Pottery of Williamsburg, Virginia. Many of her pieces are still on display in the restored areas of Jamestown and Williamsburg. In 1968 the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Meeting Edith Austin Moore

When Janet first started researching her Austin line, she worked with New England Austins trying to find her David Austin, a soldier in the Revolution, which she finally did through the process of elimination. It was while searching for her David in New England that Janet first met genealogist Edith Austin Moore, and they collaborated ever after. Edith Austin Moore devoted 67 of her 97 years to researching Austin family lines. Although she did not drive a car and did not enjoy the benefits of a personal computer, Edith compiled and indexed amazing quantities of Austin information, and she left future generations with a rich legacy of Austin genealogical data in her two books and seven manuscripts, which she placed in several major genealogical libraries.

A Lifetime Friendship

Janet once wrote me that she "loved Edith dearly, and in many respects was closer to her than to my own mother." Over the years Janet purposely kept a low profile, leaving the limelight to Edith. She stopped most of her work on New England Austins, and transferred her activities to Southern Austins, due in part to the fact she was living in

Maryland and later in Virginia. In 1974 Janet became a Certified Genealogist, but that was merely a formality, for she had long since become an excellent genealogist.

The Mantle Passes

Edith Austin Moore was greatly admired for her monumental efforts, and she remained the revered family matriarch for decades – “the keeper of the flame” for many Austin genealogists. Upon her death in 1979, Edith’s mantle passed to Janet Austin Curtis. Edith had turned some of her material over to Janet in the ten years prior to her death, but much of Edith’s material was lost, and Janet was somewhat frustrated about not receiving it all. The two had exchanged research notes and correspondence for many years, and they jointly produced a manuscript on the *Francis Austin Family of New Jersey*. Janet held this manuscript closely to herself, and unlike Edith’s other manuscripts, this one was never made available to genealogical libraries.

Different Viewpoints and Approaches

Edith Austin Moore had limited her research mainly to New England Austins, while Janet Austin Curtis worked the rest of the country for over 40 years. Edith had gleaned most of her material from secondary sources such as library books, while Janet sought hers from primary sources such as court house records, cemeteries, and from original documents via L.D.S. library microfilms in Salt Lake City. Finally, Edith organized her data into separate Austin lines, while Janet generally organized her data in notebooks by States and Counties. Although Edith’s approach led more naturally to publication, Janet felt that her system simplified the answering of queries.

Publishing and Compiling

Edith Austin Moore will certainly be remembered for the vast quantity of her work, but she often reached conclusions based on little evidence, and finding errors in her manuscripts is not uncommon. Janet Austin Curtis was less concerned with publishing than with perfecting her manuscripts, and she will likely be remembered more for the quality than for the quantity of her work. As with any good genealogist, Janet always sought evidence for her facts, and demanded references for anything appearing in print. On those rare occasions when she was forced to speculate, Janet left no doubt that she was doing so. She never published a book or distributed her manuscripts to major libraries as Edith had done, but she wrote an outline for the *Descendants of John Austin & Jane Potts of Philadelphia*, and she wrote several articles and manuscripts:

Southside Virginia Austins
Austins of the Outer Banks of North Carolina
Austins of Wake and Anson Counties, North Carolina
Austins from Maryland to Burke County, North Carolina

John and Ann Beeden Austin Family of Maryland
Austin Family of Montgomery County, Maryland,
Albemarle County, Virginia, and Kentucky
William Austin Family of New Kent & Bedford, Virginia
Revisions on Nathaniel Austin Family of S. Carolina

Also, Janet once confided that “Edith copied my [*Matthew Austin Family of York, Maine*] manuscript and put her name on it” – so perhaps one of Janet’s manuscripts became available to researchers after all!

Nationwide Activities

Janet Austin Curtis was a member of the D.A.R., and served as their Genealogical Records Chairman for New Mexico. She was also a Past-President of the New Mexico Genealogical Society, and she helped in the production of the Colonial and Territorial Censuses of New Mexico. Janet was a member of and contributed to many national, regional, and state genealogical societies in New England, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and elsewhere. She also belonged to the Austin Families Association, serving as Secretary-Treasurer in the 1950’s and later as Genealogist. One of Janet’s major projects was to “transcribe all the white Austins” from the Soundex index to the 1880 Federal Census.

Austins of America Editor

In 1981 Janet Austin Curtis became one of the first Associate Editors of *Austins of America*, and in subsequent years she published many valuable articles in the newsletter. She occasionally criticized some of our articles because their authors failed to give complete Austin lines or references. Janet and I would debate the virtues of publishing incomplete lines or poorly documented information. I argued that publishing such articles might lead others to provide additional information on incomplete lines, and that researchers would simply use *Austins of America* articles as ‘starting points’ in their research, to point them to likely places for obtaining official records to properly document their lines. Janet was more experienced, and more cynical about human nature. . . she felt that “people believe anything they see in print,” and she believed that many researchers are “too lazy” to pursue the official records as I envisioned. Her concerns have always caused me to be cautious about what we publish, and to clearly label anything speculative!

We began publishing *Austins of America* just before Edith Austin Moore died in 1979 (her obituary is on page 3). While I regret never meeting the prolific Mrs. Moore, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and admire an even more thorough and professional genealogist in Janet Austin Curtis. In the years ahead, *Austins of America* will continue publishing much of Janet’s fine work, to assure its future availability to Austin family researchers.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
JOSEPH AUSTIN AND CHARLOTTE YORK
OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
AND CAMBRIDGE, VERMONT**

by Arthur Austin Boccaccio

Editor's Note: This article is drawn from the author's 1991 manuscript, "From Andover to Auburn: Tracing One Branch of the Samuel Austin of Boston, Massachusetts Line." It expands on the "John and Elizabeth Austin of Plainfield, New Hampshire," article on *Austins of America* pages 44 to 47, where Joseph Austin is listed as the first child of S247 John Austin and Elizabeth Pettengill. John descends from Samuel Austin of Boston, his birth appears on page 15 of *Austins of America*.

S247-1. JOSEPH⁵ AUSTIN (*John*,⁴ *Zebadiah*,³ *Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born 15 October 1769 in Methuen, Massachusetts. He moved with his parents from Methuen to Dracut, Massachusetts, then to Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and finally to Plainfield, New Hampshire. Joseph worked with his father at carpentry, and is mentioned frequently in his father's Account Book (see pages 45-47 of *Austins of America*). Joseph probably married circa 1790-1793 to Charlotte York, who was born circa 1775 in New Hampshire. They were taxed in Plainfield in 1798, but not in 1799.

Joseph and Charlotte Austin have not been located in the 1800 Census, but were likely residing in either New Hampshire or Vermont. By 1810 they had settled in Cambridge, Franklin County, Vermont, along with one of Joseph's younger brothers, S247-2 John Austin. Joseph Austin's family was recorded in the 1810 Census in Cambridge, and Elhanan and younger children were born and recorded there as well. Joseph was a miller by trade, and somewhat of an inventor. On 12 February 1836 he was awarded a patent for a "new and useful improvement in the Horse Power for propelling machinery," which was signed by President Andrew Jackson [Reference 1].

By 1840 Cambridge had become part of Lamoille County, and according to the 1850 Vermont Census mortality schedule, Charlotte Austin died in Cambridge in February 1850, at age 74. Joseph died 3 December 1857, also in Cambridge, where he and Charlotte are buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

Family records have Alonzo as the youngest of thirteen children born to Joseph and Charlotte. Some of their names were supplied to my mother, Dora Inez Austin, by her older half-sister, S247-1D53 Mary Loretta (Austin) Cable. The names were not ordered, one was incorrect, another not given, and two others merely listed as 'unaccounted for.' Additional research has yielded the names below, and a possible order of their births. It is assumed here that the John Austin age 54 in the 1850 Cam-

bridge Census is their son John, for the only other John Austin in town then was Joseph's nephew John Austin Jr., listed as age 43 'idiotic' with his brother Enoch Austin's family. Family tradition has Darkis and Experience as the first of three sets of twins. The 14 December 1810 Federal Census lists two males under 10 (Josiah and Elhanan), two females 10-16 (Darkis and Experience – hence born before 1800), and one female 16-26 (Temperance) living with Joseph and Charlotte. This omits John, but at age 14 he might have been apprenticed out or working as a farm laborer. By the 28 December 1820 Federal Census, the three eldest girls were apparently married, for only one male under 10 (Joseph), one male 10-16 (Elhanan), one male 16-18 (Josiah), one male 18-26 (John), and two females under 10 (Louisa and Mary) are listed with Joseph and Charlotte. Thus we account for their thirteen children:

- S247-11. TEMPERANCE, *b. 13 March 1794 in Plainfield, m. in 1811 in Burlington, Vermont, to Benjamin Franklin Walbridge, b. 1789 in Bennington, Vermont, the son of Asa and Relief (Dickerson) Walbridge of Cambridge. Benjamin was a volunteer in the War of 1812, in September 1814 he fought as a Lieutenant in the Battle of Plattsburg, and he was also at the Battle of Lake Champlain. In 1818 Benjamin and Temperance moved with his father to Madrid, New York. Circa 1850-55 they moved to Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin, where Benjamin d. 20 September 1858. In 1859 widow Temperance moved to Lewiston, Minnesota, and by 1884 she was living with her son George at Maywood, Benton County, Minnesota. Benjamin and Temperance had ten children, but besides George only a few are known: Arlo Judson b.1814, Julius b.1817, and Silas G. Walbridge, b.1828 m. Susan Austin in St. Lawrence County, New York. Silas & Susan moved to Geneva, Wisconsin circa 1858-59, then to Fremont, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, where Silas was one of the first settlers, a merchant, and held several town offices.*
- S247-12. JOHN, *b. circa 1796 +*
- S247-13. DARKIS, *b. circa 1798-1800 (twin)*
- S247-14. EXPERIENCE, *b. circa 1798-1800 (twin to Darkis), m. — Pryor, lived near Bennington Vermont.*
- S247-15. JOSIAH, *b. circa 1802-04, m. on 13 September 1827 to — Pitt, they resided in Minneapolis.*
- S247-16. [child], *assumed b. 1801-1809 and d. before 1810, to account for thirteen children.*
- S247-17. ELHANAN WINCHESTER, *b. 6 June 1810 in Cambridge, m. to Mary —. They resided in Rochester, Minnesota, and in Minneapolis. Elhanan d. in 1843. He and Mary had two known children: Joseph and Mary.*
- S247-18. JEDEDIAH PHILO, *b. 7 January 1812 in Cambridge, killed 15 May 1814 by a barn door, age 3y 4m (sic), bur. Mountain View Cemetery.*

- S247-19. LOUISA CHARLOTTE, born on 22 December 1813 in Cambridge, unmarried, she was a domestic servant in the residence of Ralph Laselle of Cambridge. She was age '35' and living with her father and widowed? sister Mary H. Bacon in the 8 August 1850 Cambridge census.
- S247-1A. JOSEPH HARRISON, b. 27 May 1816 in Cambridge (twin to Mary), d. 24 October 1832 at 16 yrs 5 mos, killed by a gun, buried Mountain View Cemetery.
- S247-1B. MARY HARRISY/HARRISEE, b. 27 May 1816 in Cambridge (twin to Joseph), she m.(1) on 31 December 1837 in Cambridge to Walter M. Bacon. Mary was listed in 1850 Census with her father and her daughter Mary Lucy, age 2. She m.(2) to — Walbridge.
- S247-1C. ALMIRA A., b. 7 May 1822 in Cambridge (twin to Alonzo)
- S247-1D. ALONZO ALBERT, b. 7 May 1822 in Cambridge (twin to Almira) +

SIXTH GENERATION

S247-12. JOHN⁶ AUSTIN (Joseph,⁵ John,⁴ Zebadiah,³ Thomas,² Samuel¹) was a son of Joseph and Charlotte Austin, and we assume here that the John Austin age 54 who appears in the 17 August 1850 Federal Census for Cambridge was this son. This is a reasonable assumption, for the only other John Austin in town was Joseph's nephew born in 1807. If the assumption is correct, then John was born circa 1796. He is not in the 1810 Census with his parents (see previous page), but at 14 years of age he might have been working elsewhere, just as in the 1850 Census John's own son Emerson was working with farmer Clark Thompson. Circa 1830 John married to Rhoda —, who was born circa 1801. She may have had relatives in Swanton, Vermont, for their first three children were born there. John apparently died and Emerson married before the 1860 Census, at which time George was head of the household. John and Rhoda had five known children:

- S247-121. EMERSON, b. circa 1832 +
- S247-122. JAMES, b. circa 1834 +
- S247-123. GEORGE, b. circa 1836 +
- S247-124. SAMUEL, b. circa 1839, listed as idiotic in both the 1850 Census and the 1860 census.
- S247-125. JERUSHA, b. circa 1845

S247-1D. ALONZO ALBERT⁶ AUSTIN (Joseph,⁵ John,⁴ Zebadiah,³ Thomas,² Samuel¹) was born on 7 May 1822 in Cambridge, Lamoille County, Vermont, twin brother to Almira. Monroe County, New York. Alonzo's residence was Brockport, Monroe County, New York, when he married on 10 September 1860 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, to Helen Victoria Sherman of Auburn. Helen was born on 29 February 1836, the

In Search of a Missing Austin Twin

A couple of years ago, as I was going through my genealogical notes to update my research, I asked my mother about her aunts and uncles. She told me what she remembered about her Aunt Winnie, Uncle Edgar, and Aunt Millie, and then quite casually asked me, "What about Millie's twin?"

Mother seemed quite surprised that I knew nothing of this twin, since she figured that as the family's resident genealogist that I knew everything about the family. She was quite adamant about there having been a twin, in spite of the fact that I had found no record of one. Mother told me that her brother Charles mentioned that Aunt Millie was a twin and that it was quite possible she might have twins because they ran in the family.

I decided to hunt down this unknown child of S247-1D Alonzo Austin. The only other living person who might verify my mother's story was her older half-sister, my Aunt Beatrice, who seemed even more likely than my mother to remember such things about the family. Aunt Beatrice was able to give me much information about her grandparents, but she had no knowledge or memory of Millie's "twin." It seemed I had reached a dead end.

I recently researched census records for Alonzo and Helen. They appear in the 1870 and 1880 New York census, but it was not until the 1900 census that the first clue to their missing fifth child appears. The 1900 census records not only the number of children a woman had birthed, but also how many were still living. Against Helen's name was shown that she was the mother of five children, and that four of them were still living! Here was my first real evidence of the fifth child.

The next step was to try and locate a record of the child's birth and/or death. Unfortunately, neither New York State nor the City of Auburn have records prior to 1880 (when the state began requiring the keeping of vital records), so I checked the death announcements in the Auburn Daily Advertiser, beginning when Mildred was born on 26 September 1869. I found nothing between that date and 1 August 1870, the day Alonzo's family was enumerated in the census. However, several newspaper issues were missing, including the first twelve days of January 1870. Also, there are several reasons why there might not be an announcement in the newspaper, and if the child was stillborn it would be unlikely even to be given a name. As the family was Unitarian (or at least Helen was), there would not have been a posthumous baptism. The Auburn Cemetery Index lists no grave for an Austin child between September 1869 and July 1870, but it might have been in an unmarked grave.

Despite the dearth of actual records, I remain convinced that Millie's twin existed. If there were only the family tradition to go on, I might have dismissed it. However, it is unlikely that a woman would make a mistake in talking to the censustaker about something as personal as the birth and death of a child. Thus, until proven otherwise, my record of S247-1D Alonzo Austin's family remains as shown here.

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daughter of Thomas Jefferson Sherman and Mary Jane McNab [References 2,3]. Thomas Sherman appears to have died shortly after Helen's birth, as he does not appear in the 1840 Census, and Mary Jane later remarried on 13 November 1842 to Harrison Mastin of Auburn. Helen was thus raised in the Mastin household and sometimes was referred to by her stepfather's surname.

On 30 September 1861 Alonzo enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company A of the 19th New York Volunteer Regiment, leaving Helen Victoria behind five months pregnant with their first child. The 19th was later reformed as the 3rd New York Light Artillery, and on 2 May 1863 Alonzo was transferred to Battery E. Under the command of Col. Charles H. Stewart, the 3rd New York Light Artillery was part of the Grand Army of the Potomac and saw action in various parts of the South [Reference 4]. We know little of Alonzo's experiences, except for family tradition that he once had a horse shot out from under him, and another time, as he was returning from getting water from a stream, he happened to stumble just as Confederate bullets flew overhead [Reference 5]. Alonzo was at the siege of Petersburg, Virginia, when on 17 June 1864 he was invalided out and taken to Hampton Hospital, and on 1 January 1865 he was transferred to the 5th Company 2nd Battalion of the Veterans Reserve Corps [Reference 6]. Alonzo was discharged at the war's end on 20 September 1865, suffering from chronic diarrhea and kidney trouble for the rest of his life [Reference 7]. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a veteran's benevolence society for Union soldiers.

Helen Victoria was something of a romantic and filled at least one scrapbook with newspaper clippings (mostly dating from before her marriage) of romantic stories written in the purple prose of the day [Reference 8]. She was also a devout Unitarian and it is said that the Unitarian pastor was not pleased with her devotion, for come rain or shine, blizzard or no, she attended every service, often the only one to do so, and the pastor would be forced to conduct services for her alone and if he was not there, she would conduct the service herself.

After the war Alonzo and Helen lived in Auburn. Alonzo was listed as a clerk in a saloon in Trumansberg Village in 1862-1863, as a machinist or mechanic from 1865 to 1879. By 1880 Alonzo had moved his family to Scipio Center, Cayuga County, where he was listed as a farmer in 1880-1881, a machinist in 1883-1884, a woodworker in 1885, a mechanic in 1886-1887, and a farmer in 1900 [Reference 9]. Alonzo and his wife remained on their farm until his death in on 21 June 1905 [Reference 10]. I found no records of the family living in Auburn between 1872 and 1878, but Helen Victoria died on 13 July 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mildred Evelyn (Austin) Stone. Alonzo

and Helen are both buried at Scipio Rural Cemetery in Scipio Center. My research (see inset on page 407) concludes that Alonzo and Helen had five children:

- S247-1D1. MARY WINIFRED, *b. 26 January 1862 in Auburn, she was listed as a 'weaver' in Auburn from 1883-86 [Reference 11]. She m. 5 August 1894 in Scipio, New York, Lewis Eugene Webster, a traveling salesman. Lewis was b. 4 May 1858 in Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York. He was the son of Nathan Ezekiel and Jerusha Ann (Hurd) Webster. Lewis d. 31 January 1931, while Mary d. 8 April 1935. They had one known child: P. Stewart Webster b. 1895.*
- S247-1D2. EDGAR SHERMAN, *b. 10 September 1866 +*
- S247-1D3. MILDRED EVELYN, *b. 25 September 1869 in Auburn, m. 3 July 1890 to Burdette 'Burt' Stone, who d. 2 December 1937. They had one child: Morris Eugene Stone b. 1892.*
- S247-1D4. [son], *twin to Mildred, d. young. See the insert "In Search of a Missing Twin" which appears on page 407.*
- S247-1D5. ALBERT ALONZO, *b. 31 January 1876 +*

SEVENTH GENERATION

S247-121. EMERSON⁷ AUSTIN (*John*,⁶ *Joseph*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Zebadiah*,³ *Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born circa 1832 in Swanton, Vermont. He was a stone mason. He married Fidelia W. Perry, who was born circa 1839 in Sheldon, Vermont. They had four known children:

- S247-1211. MARY A., *b. circa 1854 in Cambridge, Vermont. She married on 21 January 1876 to George A. Willey in Essex, Vermont.*
- S247-1212. ELIZABETH JANE, *b. 7 October 1858 in Cambridge, married on 1 May 1886 to Arthur W. Casavent in St. Albans, Vermont.*
- S247-1213. NETTIE N., *b. circa 1868 in Cambridge, m. at age 20 on 20 October 1888 to Charles Wright in Swanton.*
- S247-1214. JAMES HENRY, *b. circa 1874 in Cambridge, at age 24 he m. on 3 September 1895 in Belvidere, Vermont, to Lydia Diana (Puffer), who was b. circa 1868 in Fairfield, Vermont. They had five children born in Cambridge: Mary E. b. 3 May 1896, Fannie b. 5 August 1899, Fidelia Polly b. 8 July 1901 d. 15 November 1902, fourth child?, and '5th child' Emerson Flanders Austin Jr. b. 10 May 1904, d. 14 May 1904.*

S247-122. JAMES⁷ AUSTIN (*John*,⁶ *Joseph*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Zebadiah*,³ *Thomas*,² *Samuel*¹) was born circa 1834 in Swanton, Vermont. At age 26 James married in 1859 to Rosella Murray age 16 in Georgia, Vermont. One known child:

- S247-1221. HENRY G., *b. circa 1861, m. in 1879 to Ellen Ninor in Fairfax, Vermont.*