

S247-123. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*John*,<sup>6</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Zebadiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1836 in Swanton. He married to Ann L. Wilson, who was born in Milton, Vermont. George died on 14 November 1878 in Fairfax, Vermont, age 42 years 8 months 2 days. He and Ann had one known child, a daughter:

S247-1231. MATTIE T., *b. ca. 1870 in Georgia VT.*

S247-1D2. EDGAR SHERMAN<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*Alonzo Albert*,<sup>6</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Zebadiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 September 1866, one year after his father Alonzo Albert Austin returned from the Civil War. From 1883 to 1893 Edgar S. Austin was listed as living in Auburn and working as a mechanic [Reference 11]. He married on 25 December 1889, probably in Auburn, to Mary A. Breese. They moved to Moravia, Cayuga County, New York, where Edgar bought a farm. They had only one child, a son, who died about the age of two, but his name and birth date are no longer remembered within the family.

S247-1D5. ALBERT ALONZO<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*Alonzo Albert*,<sup>6</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Zebadiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 31 January 1876 on the Austin farm in Scipio Center, Cayuga County, New York. When he was eighteen he

converted to Roman Catholicism. He married first on 29 December 1897 to Mary Ann "Mamie" Burns, who was born on 9 February 1882, the daughter of house carpenter William H. Burns and Mary Jane Harnett. When Mary married Albert she had never seen a Christmas tree before, and like all children was enchanted by his. She insisted on keeping it up until April! In the 1910 Census Albert was listed as a clerk in a tea store. Mary died of pernicious anemia on 8 January 1911. Albert married second in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, on 26 January 1924 to Dora Elizabeth (Cooke) Cook. Dora was born 8 March 1903 in Scott County, Kentucky, the daughter of John David Cooke and Anna Josephine Florence.

Dora was the widow of Charles E. Cook of Lansing and Groton, New York. Charles was a veteran of World War I, who had contracted tuberculosis and been sent home to die. During the war he met one of Dora Elizabeth's brothers, and they formed a friendship based on the similarity of their surnames. During the war Charles apparently corresponded with Dora Elizabeth and after the war went to Kentucky to meet her and her family. When he left Kentucky to return to New York he did so with a new bride, sixteen-year-old Dora Elizabeth. They moved to Groton and had two daughters, Eva Marie and Anna Sharlie, who died young of meningitis. Shortly afterwards Charles Cook died from his war-induced tuberculosis.

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## QUERIES

409-1. **Elkannah Davis Austin** was born circa 1794 in Albemarle County, Virginia, where he married Susanna Trevillion on 1 December 1812. Elkannah died circa 1871 in North Carolina or Georgia. Their oldest daughter Mary Jane was born 28 May 1819 in Rowan County, North Carolina, she married William W. Burch on 27 December 1838 (bond), and died 22 July 1888 in Gordon County, Georgia. Seeking Elkannah's ancestry.

409-2. **A. M. Austin** married Euphonia Sherlyck. Their daughter Dolly J. Austin, b. circa 1880 in Marshall County, Iowa, married John H. Beebe on 12 December 1900 in Marshalltown, Iowa. John was b. circa 1880 in Iowa. Need A. M. Austin's ancestry and his descendants.

409-3. **William W. Austin Sr.** was born 18 August 1879 in Burns Dickson County, Tennessee. He married Ethel Davis, born 19 July 1889 in Kumby Hopkins County, Texas. They had one known son, William Wyatt, born 29 May 1915 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, who married Lucia Meade Patton on 28 June 1939 in Birmingham, Alabama. They had four children: Wm. W. III born on 19 March 1943 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, Lynda Meade born on 7 December 1945, Eliz Lanier born on 22 May 1953 in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Franklin Davis born on 14 May 1955. Need the ancestry of William W. Austin Sr. and any information on his descendants.

409-4. **Abraham Austin** was born circa 1772, he had a brother Eldred. Abraham married Mahitable Campbell, they resided in Middletown, New Jersey. Their son Benjamin Campbell b. 23 July 1808, m. Mary Gardiner. Benjamin d. 9 November 1880 in Barryville, New Jersey. Seeking Abraham's ancestry and data on his descendants.

409-5. **Ambrose Austin** was born on 19 June 1757 in England, where he married on 18 November 1779 to Susannah Beard, born 3 December 1759 in England. She died 9 August 1839 in Jeromesville, Ashland County, Ohio, and Ambrose died there 29 January 1843. Their children were born in England: Charles b. 2 August 1785, Nathaniel b. 16 June 1787, Henry b. 1788, Susan b. 1792, Mary b. 4 May 1793, John b. 28 May 1794, Charlotte b. 31 December 1798, Ambrose b. 22 January 1800 and Joseph b. 7 April 1802. Seeking data on Ambrose's ancestry and data on his descendants.

409-6. **Charles Austin** was born 1868 at Mount Solon, Virginia, the son of Richard and Emma (Light) Austin. Richard was the manager of a paper mill. Charles went to Australia, worked in a paper mill at Broadford, Victoria. He married in Australia in 1893 to Flora Annie O'Brien, born circa 1873. They had two sons and a daughter, and eventually returned to America. Flora was my grand aunt, and I am interested in contacting their descendants.

Dora always said that the only thing she lost was an 'e' when she married her first husband! When Albert Alonzo married her he was twenty-seven years her senior, with a daughter the same age as she. Shortly after the birth of their third child, Albert and Dora divorced, and he never remarried. Dora later married for a third time, to Joseph Hadley of Syracuse, New York, they had one daughter, Marion Marie Hadley.

Albert Alonzo Austin died 24 July 1949 of a heart attack in Auburn, and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery there with his first wife Mary and their daughter Loretta. Dora died of ovarian cancer on 21 April 1972 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. Albert had three children by his first wife Mary Ann Burns and three by his second wife Dora (Cooke) Cook, with all but Charles born in Auburn:

- S247-1D51. GERALDINE CECELIA, *born 1 December 1898. She lived with her grandparents in the 1910 census. She m. Howard Louderback, they had no children.*
- S247-1D52. BEATRICE INEZ, *born on 10 March 1904, she m.(1) to James O'Donnell, they had a son David Joseph b. 1926 d. 1956 and a daughter Joanne Marie b. 1930. Beatrice m.(2) to Eugene Joseph Hassett in 1960. After Eugene d. 20 April 1989 she moved to Bethesda, Maryland, to live with her daughter Joanne and family.*
- S247-1D53. MARY LORETTA, *b. 3 November 1908, m. Robert Coble, they had no children. Mary died in 1983.*
- S247-1D54. CHARLES ALBERT ['PAL'], *b. 8 October 1924 in Groton, unmarried, he served in World War II. He d. 6 April 1968 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.*
- S247-1D55. DORA INEZ, *b. 24 August 1926 at high noon at the family residence on McCormick Street, Auburn, New York. She married on 29 November 1947 in Saranac Lake, New York, to Robert Anthony Boccaccio of Syracuse, who was born on 23 December 1924. When they later divorced, Dora took back her maiden name of Austin. Boccaccio children: Robert Anthony b. 1947 Saranac Lake, Anthony Albert b. 1948 Syracuse, Arthur Austin b. 1955 Syracuse, Mark Stephen b. 1956 Chittenango, and Matthew John b. 1961 Syracuse.*
- S247-1D56. HELEN GLORIA, *b. 23 February 1928, m. Henri Emile Meylan on 26 December 1947 at St. Mary's Church in Auburn. They divorced on 29 September 1979 in Buffalo, New York. They had four Meylan children: Michael Rene b. 1949, Cynthia Leigh b. 1955, William Stephen b. 1958, and Craig Robert b. 1960*

## REFERENCES

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2. Alonzo Austin and Helen Victoria Sherman's wedding announcement, which appeared on Wednesday, 12 September 1860 in the *Auburn Daily Advertiser* of Auburn, New York.
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4. The *Auburn Advertiser and Union* (the name was changed during the Civil War, but was changed back to the *Auburn Advertiser* afterwards), 12 July 1865, pp. 72-73, gives a brief history of the Regiment with a roster of its officers, as well as a chronology of its engagements, beginning with Martinsburg, Virginia, 11 June 1861 and ending with Camden, South Carolina, 8 February 1865. A more complete history can be found in Henry and James Hall, *Cayuga in the Field: A Record of the 19th New York Volunteers and All the Batteries of the 3rd New York Light Artillery*, Auburn, New York, Truair, Smith Co. 1873.
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11. The *Auburn Daily Advertiser City Directories 1883 through 1892-93*, located at the Cayuga County Historian's Office in Auburn, New York.

**A PORTRAIT OF  
JAMES D. AUSTIN  
OF HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA**

*by Harry A. Bradford*

Photo AOA 411

**James D. Austin (1831- )**

Editor's Note: This article is based on the author's newspaper article 'Portrait of a J. D. Austin,' which appeared in his column 'Downtown Echoes' on 20 May 1970. It was submitted to *Austins of America* by Barbara Welsh Austin of Dayton, Ohio, who received a newsclipping from a lady in California. While the newspaper's name and location are not known, the text indicates it was in or near Hayward, California.

Out of the dim and distant past, I can still see through my mind's eye, a large man with a long flowing white beard.

So out of the yesterdays I bring you, J. D. Austin. Who was he, where did he come from, and what did he contribute to early Hayward?

James D. Austin was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, on 11 May 1831. His parents, James and Margaret (Macurdy) Austin, were both natives of the same state and died when he was a boy. He was taken in charge by relatives near Marietta, Georgia.

In the year 1852 he came to California. He followed mining in Mariposa County until 1859, when he settled in Hayward. For the first four years he had care of livestock, and afterwards he dealt in livestock for several years. Selling out his interest in this business, he went to Denver, Colorado and kept hotel for four years. In the year 1875 he returned to Hayward, where he built the American Hotel.

During the year 1869 Mr. Austin was one of the men who petitioned the Grand Lodge of California to establish a Masonic lodge in Hayward. This request was granted, and on 14 October 1869 a charter was issued to them as Paradise Lodge No. 197, Mr. Austin was chosen as Senior Warden and was elected Master in 1871. On 20 July 1872 this Lodge, by reason of its small and scattered membership, resolved to surrender its charter and it became "Paradise Lost" and disappeared from the rolls of the Grand Lodge. During his residence in Denver, Colorado, he held membership in Denver Lodge No. 5 F. & A.M.

On his return to Hayward in 1875 in the midst of building his hotel, he also became interested in the re-establishment of a Lodge. The usual preliminary meetings were held among the Masons, and a petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge requesting the formation of a Lodge. This request was granted. On 12 April 1876 a charter was issued for Eucalyptus Lodge No. 243. He was elected Master and served during the years 1876-80-81. Ninety-four years have rolled by and Eucalyptus Lodge is still a vital force in the community.

In the year 1870 Mr. Austin married Susan Brumhiler, who assisted him in conducting the hotel. It was often called Temperance House, because they had no bar or sold no liquor which was unusual for that day. As they were childless, they raised a little girl (Effie Austin). Mrs. Austin died in 1882. James married again to Matilda Baker, and by this union a son and daughter were born, but the son died in infancy.

James D. Austin was a member of the Board of Town Trustees. In the year 1880 he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he held well into the 1890s. He left Hayward in the late 1890s, and he died in Vancouver, Washington.

The old building still stands, on Main Street between A and B streets where you will find the Hayward Electric Company, a book store, and an antique shop. The upper floor is in apartments. The building is now the property of the Sol Abrams estate.

## THE AUSTIN POWDER COMPANY OF AKRON AND CLEVELAND, OHIO

Editor's Note: The following article is based upon "150 Years of Explosives - The Story of the Austin Powder Company," submitted to *Austins of America* by Arthur Wayne Austin of Hendersonville, Tennessee. The original article appeared in three successive 1983 issues of the company's publication the *Austin Powder Blast*, and was intended to mark the company's 150th anniversary by presenting its history "from its early days to the present." The five brothers mentioned here – except for Henry M. Austin – are found on page 98 of *The Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638*, compiled by Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day and privately published in 1969.

In 1832 five Austin brothers left their home in Wilmington, Vermont, by wagon and team to seek a suitable site in the 'west' for a powder mill. Daniel Hudson Austin was 28 years of age; Alvin Austin 26; Lorenzo Burchard Austin 20; Henry M. Austin 18 and Linus Austin 15. Before the year ended, they had traveled as far as Kansas City, Missouri. There they found supplies of saltpeter and sulphur, two major ingredients of black powder. However, population was sparse on the edge of that western frontier. They soon discovered the market for Austin products was limited to small amounts of gunpowder required for hunting and protection against hostile Indians.

So, the Austins moved back through Illinois and Indiana into Ohio. In 1833 they established their powder mill, probably the first in Ohio, along the Little Cuyahoga River in Akron at a small iron-making community called Old Forge. This section immediately became known as the "Powder Patch." Akron, in 1833, was 8 years old. It was growing rapidly because of the Ohio Canal that passed just west of the prosperous town of Middlebury (now east Akron). Its population of 200 was made up mostly of workers who had settled there after construction of the 21 locks required to bring the Ohio Canal from its Summit level to the Cuyahoga River.

Water was the key to growth in early America. Because of the Ohio River, southern Ohio and Cincinnati had been settled early. A majority of the state's 937,903 inhabitants lived there in 1833. But, this situation was changing rapidly. Completion of the Erie Canal had connected New York City with Lake Erie. The Ohio Canal had joined Cleveland and Akron in 1827. It had been extended to Portsmouth on the Ohio River in 1832. Easy access directly to the east came later with the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal in 1841. The Austin brothers selected Akron as the site for their new business because of its accessibility by barge and wagon to the growing coal industry.

In addition to rapidly expanding local mines, the city was on the edge of the eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky fields. Coal had been first discovered in Ohio as early as 1808 by Jotham Blakeslee, a blacksmith. Legend has it that a woodchuck brought several chunks to the surface while digging a burrow on the farm of Deacon Elizur Wright in Tallmadge Township east of Old Forge in Summit County. Blakeslee investigated and found a 5-ft. vein.

In the same year, additional coal discoveries were made northeast of Old Forge between Tallmadge and Cuyahoga Falls on both the east and west sides of what was later called Coal Hill. First successful commercial mining, however, did not start until after completion of the Ohio Canal to Cleveland in 1827. Then, Henry Newberry began shipments from Coal Hill by wagon, over the Old Portage to canal boat, and on to Cleveland. In the late 1830's the Tallmadge Coal Company was formed. Several years later, this firm built a railroad from Coal Hill to locks in the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal. Tracks were 4-inch scantlings laid on logs. Cars held 2 tons. An entire train was made up of 3 cars pulled by a team of horses.

One of the area's first large mine operators and a long-time Austin customer was Alexander Brewster. After finding coal on his farm in 1848, he purchased mining rights from many of his neighbors. Within a few years, he established a large business, shipping up to 60,000 tons a year to Cleveland by way of his own 5-mile railroad to the Ohio Canal.

Akron, as a coal mining center, has long since passed into history. But, in 1833 and for many years thereafter, its mines provided steady patronage for the Austin Powder plant. In 1868, ten Akron companies reported production of 120,000 tons of coal. In 1869, the same concerns mined 275,000 tons. In 1870, 400,000 tons. Akron offered other important markets for explosives. It possessed a growing clay mining industry, and bustling local canal building and power programs. Additional state and interstate canals were likewise being constructed. On these, Akron was an important shipping point.

The city also boasted a prosperous iron industry. This flourished until discovery of the Lake Superior deposits. As early as 1816, a blast furnace was in operation in Middlebury, east of Old Forge. It utilized both local bog ore and stone ore. Austin supplied explosives for mining the latter.

At the start, all Austin manufacturing operations were handled by the five brothers. Working 12 hours per day, they reported an annual output of 72,500 pounds by 1840. Magazines (warehouses) were established at Kenmore, Canal Dover and Canal Fulton to facilitate deliveries to customers in those areas. Both Akron and Austin Powder continued to grow. The city's population reached 3,266 by 1850. Two years later, Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railroad was completed, connecting Akron with the east via the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. These railroads were important factors in the decline of the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal. In 1864, the Atlantic and Great Western Railway was constructed to give Akron direct communication with the eastern Ohio coal district and Pittsburgh. At this time, Akron's population had grown to 5,000.

During this era, fortunes of the Austin Powder Company steadily improved. It found an increasingly profitable market in the mining, quarrying and heavy construction industries for black blasting powder as well as a constantly growing demand for gunpowder. By 1865, the firm's work force had reached the grand total of 20.

In 1867 Austin Powder purchased the Cleveland Powder Company, which had constructed a mill in the late 1850s at the southern outskirts of Cleveland in Newburgh Township. The transaction included 400 acres of land at the 5-mile lock of the

Ohio Canal. This is now the heart of industrial Cleveland and is occupied by Republic Steel Corp. and Aluminum Company of America plants. The new location offered many advantages. In addition to the Ohio Canal, it was adjacent to the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, Atlantic and Great Western Railroad and the main highway to Pittsburgh. It enabled Austin Powder to advantageously ship west, as well as east.

Austin Powder operated both its Akron and Cleveland mills until 1871. Then, all operations were combined in Cleveland. Subsequently, Austin sold its Akron "Powder Patch" to the Summit County Agricultural Society, which used the area as a fairgrounds for the next 37 years.

To provide capital for expansion, Austin Powder Company was incorporated in 1867 for "the sale of blasting, mining, shipping, cannon, meal and sporting powder." A stock issue of \$300,000 was authorized. Daniel H. Austin was the first president and Linus Austin, secretary. All 5 Austin brothers were still affiliated with the company, either as officers or shareholders. In 1874, Daniel H. Austin died at the age of 71. He was succeeded by Linus Austin. R. T. Coleman became secretary.

From 1870 to 1880, Austin's principal markets were changing. The Mahoning Valley coal fields were gradually depleted. Mining shifted toward Massillon, Ohio. Coal production in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky was increasing rapidly. At this time, Austin employed no salesmen. Customers were contacted each January and their bulk orders secured for the balance of the year. Production was scheduled accordingly. Extra business was always welcome, but it was not solicited. When the new year of 1880 arrived, the population of Cleveland had reached 160,146. Industry was moving toward Austin's Newburgh mill. Business was excellent. Coal was expanding. Substantial quarrying and construction orders were being filled, and sporting powder had become a growing item. Wholesale customers like The Geo. Worthington Co., founded in 1829 and still operating successfully today in Cleveland, were accounting for steadily-increasing volume.

In 1884, Austin Powder invested \$10,000 in Chamberlin Cartridge Co., a Cleveland concern specializing in loading shot shells. Austin also sold a Newburgh magazine and keg factory to Chamberlin at the same time. As a result of these transactions, Austin became Chamberlin's sole supplier of rifle powder.

Some idea of the rapid expansion of coal mining in Ohio during this period is shown by amounts shipped through Akron on the Ohio Canal. In 1886, the total was 15,000,000 tons. One year later, it reached 17,000,000 tons. Ohio was then second only to Pennsylvania in total coal production.

An era ended on April 19, 1887, with the death of Linus Austin. He was the last of the founding brothers who had directed the firm for 54 years. Mr. Austin was succeeded as president by R. T. Coleman. J. H. McBride was elected vice president and Almon Lent, secretary. At this time, Austin Powder inaugurated an extensive investment program whereby it purchased stock in other powder concerns of the day.

By 1887, it held 189 shares of Oriental Powder Company of Maine, South Windham; 38 shares of Ohio Powder Company, Youngstown; 21 shares of Marcellus Powder Company,

in Buffalo and 700 shares of the Chamberlin Cartridge Co. in Cleveland. Two years later Austin bought a 7-1/2% interest in Standard Cartridge Company in New Jersey.

The year 1890, which marked the start of the 'Gay Nineties,' was a time of decision for the Austin Powder Company. Cleveland, with a population of 261,353, was moving closer to the Newburgh mill. Canal Traffic was dying. Eleven railroads now served the Cleveland area. Lake shipping was increasing. Transportation advantages of the Newburgh mill were decreasing with each passing year.

In his report to stockholders on February 3, 1891, President R. T. Coleman reported the Newburgh mill was working at absolute capacity. There was no room for expansion. To keep pace with new manufacturing techniques, the rifle powder mill must be rebuilt. This would require suspension of all operations for 6 months. Consequently, he suggested that a new site be purchased for the production of rifle powder. At the same time, he also recommended that Newburgh be used only for the manufacture of blasting powder.

On January 12, 1892, Austin directors authorized the purchase of 1,000 acres of land at Glenwillow, a small farm community southeast of Cleveland. Mills were immediately erected there to produce sporting powder. The first powder was produced in April 1892. During the next few years, Glenwillow was devoted solely to manufacturing Austin sporting powder. The Newburgh mill continued to produce blasting powder.

Despite nationwide depressions in 1893, 1896 and 1897, Austin expanded steadily. It established branches in Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and other major cities. The coal industry remained its biggest customer, but the company enjoyed a growing quarry and construction business. To handle this increased volume, a blasting powder mill was built at Glenwillow to supplement the Newburgh output. Additional capacity was 800 kegs a day. Sporting and rifle powder volume remained steady. To insure continued success of this phase of the business, the Austin Cartridge Co. was formed in 1895 with capital of \$100,000 to manufacture loaded shot shells at Glenwillow. Leading brand names and sporting favorites were 'Crack Shot,' 'Club Sporting' and 'Champion Ducking.'

The Austin Glenwillow ledger of 1897 lists the following coal customers: Pittsburgh & Wheeling Coal Co., Wills Creek Coal Co., Somerdale Coal Co., E. Goshen Coal Co., Midvale Gosehen Coal Co., Ohio & Pennsylvania Coal Co., Coshocton Coal Co., Massillon-Cleveland Coal Co., and Davis R. R. Coal Co. One of the best accounts was still The Brewster Coal Co. of Akron. Quarries, supplied by Austin the same year, included Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co., Cleveland Stone Co., Ohio Cement Co., Massillon Sand & Stone Co., Sibley Quarry Co. and South Park Ohio Stone Co. Sporting powder customers included many of the midwest's leading hardware firms, which sold much of the powder used at the time. Among these in Ohio and Michigan were The Geo. Worthington Company, W. Bingham Co., The Lockwood Taylor Hardware Co., Saginaw Hardware Co., and Wadsworth Hardware & Lumber Co.

With the arrival of the 20th century, Austin Powder was saddened by the death of President R. T. Coleman. He was succeeded as president by Almon Lent, company secretary since 1887. Salaries voted officers at the directors' meeting in

1901 were: Almon Lent, president, \$6,000; J. Kendrick, vice president and treasurer, \$3,500; J. Alexander, secretary, \$2,000. While extremely modest by today's standards, these amounts were typical of the times. For Austin the new 20th century started satisfactorily. Both the Newburgh and Glenwillow mills were operating profitably and at full capacity. However, as Cleveland's rapidly expanding population and industry continued to push toward Newburgh, it became inevitable that manufacturing there would soon have to be discontinued.

Also, sales of Austin sporting powder were beginning to decline. This was primarily due to substantial overcapacity throughout the industry which resulted in fierce competition and an unstable price level. Austin's board of directors in 1904 voted to gradually reduce manufacturing activities at Newburgh.

In 1905, stockholders authorized the investment of \$60,000 to double the Glenwillow mill's blasting powder capacity from 800 to 1,600 kegs per day. Progress was extremely slow. Glenwillow was shut down for construction most of 1905 and did not resume full production until January 25, 1906. Even then, output was only 800 kegs a day, the 1,600-keg goal was not achieved until almost one year later. Furthermore, construction costs exceeded the original estimate by over \$10,000. In addition to production difficulties, other serious problems contributed to making 1906 a disappointing business year. Use of black sporting powder continued to decline. Prices dropped so low that its manufacture was no longer profitable. Labor trouble in the coal industry also curtailed sales of blasting powder. To remedy the sporting powder situation, the Austin Cartridge Company was sold to F. W. Olin's Western Cartridge Company of Springfield, Illinois, on 1 October 1907 for \$195,000. Finally in 1907, all Newburgh manufacturing was suspended and facilities there converted to magazine use. Five years later, the latter were transferred to Glenwillow. In 1914 president Almon Lent died. His successor was J. K. Kendrick, J. D. Alexander became vice-president and treasurer.

From 1900 to 1920, the Austin Powder Company grew with the basic industries of the country. Coal, still an important customer, steadily expanded production from 269,684,027 tons in 1900 to 501,596,378 tons in 1910 to 658,000,000 tons in 1920. In 1922, Austin employed 100 at Glenwillow. Capacity was 480,000 kegs a year.

Throughout this period, Austin confined its production solely to black powder. Dynamite had been introduced in coal mining as early as 1870, but it had not been an important market factor until the first good permissibles became available in 1908. Even so, 140,000,000 pounds of black powder were consumed by coal mines in 1923 as opposed to 50,000,000 pounds of permissibles and 37,000,000 pounds of regular dynamite. The market for explosives was expanding so rapidly that it readily absorbed increased quantities of dynamite without reducing the consumption of black powder. Austin, however, was receiving more and more dynamite requests from customers, and as early as 1915, discussed the need for a high explosives plant. During the 1920s, it became apparent that continued growth would soon require the production of dynamite.

Because processes for making black powder and dynamite were totally different, Austin searched for a new plant site. In 1930, the company purchased 1,165 acres of scenic, hilly land in Vinton County east of McArthur, Ohio on the B. & O. Railroad. The first Austin dynamite was produced on 19 September 1931. Initial capacity was 500,000 pounds per month. The plant was named Red Diamond to identify it with the company's trademark. The 30s were a perilous time for any company to expand. Coal production, stone output, business everywhere was declining. From 608,816,788 tons in 1929, coal production dropped to 383,171,877 tons in 1933. However, Red Diamond provided access to coal regions, and the plant was ideally situated to service large stone producers.

In 1940, J. K. Kendrick died and was followed as president by V. H. Moorehouse, with N. T. Alexander vice president; A. D. Alexander secretary and J. G. Murray treasurer. During World War II, Glenwillow production was shifted to military explosives. Typical Austin ordnance items were land mines, flares, bangalore torpedoes and demolition charges.

After the war, Austin returned to normal peacetime production. Output at Glenwillow, however, was gradually rearranged to include specialized blasting supplies as well as black powder. The postwar period was a time of dramatic change for not only the United States, but for both Austin Powder and the explosives industry. Use of black powder continued to decline dramatically. From a high of 277,119,000 pounds in 1917, consumption had dropped to 20,655,000 pounds in 1950.

This steady drop had prompted Austin Powder to launch a research and development plan at Glenwillow in 1948 for detonating cord. By April 1950, Austin Powder had filled its first commercial cord order for ABC Mining in Lisbon, Ohio. The cord line was to operate at Glenwillow until 1972 when it was moved to Red Diamond.

1950, which marked the beginning of the Korean War, also witnessed establishment of Austin Powder's first technical training program under the direction of B. J. Calder, Sr., sales manager. Because of the nature of this work, the group became known as the "Chain Gang." Three years later, as the Korean War was winding down and the Eisenhower years began, Austin Powder purchased Diamond Supply, a small Austin jobber in Evansville, Indiana. This operation was expanded and moved in 1959 to Madisonville, Kentucky, where it serves today as headquarters for Austin Powder's central region. The Madisonville office/warehouse, with it adjacent western Kentucky mix plant/magazine complex, is a major supplier of explosives, blasting and mining supplies to mines, quarries and road contractors in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Iowa and Missouri.

An event occurred in 1955 that was to reshape the entire explosives industry. The forerunner of today's ANFO blasting agents, Akremite, was introduced, and the powder business was never to be the same again. Recognizing the coming importance of ANFO, Austin Powder developed the first true dynamite primer for blasting agents under its AL (Austin Lab) designation and started producing ammonium nitrate based products at Glenwillow. As ANFO became more widely accepted, Austin established several mix plants within its major marketing areas.

The Interstate highway program, passed in 1956, led to a tremendous surge in road construction and usage of explosives. That same year Roger Prescott and Austin Powder began servicing the world's largest limestone operation, the Calcite Quarry of U.S. Steel in Rogers City, Michigan. This marked the first use of Apcomite, which at that time was packaged in 5-quart oil cans. In loading, one can with an amatol primer was used with two cans holding straight ANFO made of pressed pellets of ammonium nitrate. The holes were initiated with 175-grain Austin detonating cord.

1960 was another eventful year. The first cast primer line was built at Glenwillow. And, the first mix truck, known as "Old Reliable" or No. 1, was put in service by Austin Powder loading Austinite 15 into blast holes at U.S. Steel's Calcite Quarry.

N. T. Alexander was elected chairman of the board in 1961. Other officers were V. H. Moorehouse, president; David M. Gleason, vice president and general manager; J. G. Murray, secretary; A. J. Dickson, treasurer, and B. J. Calder, Jr., assistant secretary. In the south during 1961, Clarence Ziegler was establishing Austin's first southern regional sales office in Knoxville with Mickie Farmer as secretary. At the same time, he was building the first mix plant in La Follette.

Mr. Gleason was elected president in 1966 following the retirement of Mr. Moorehouse. During the ensuing year, Austin Powder began to expand geographically in order to increase sales for its high explosives as well as the newer blasting agents. This brought it into new and diverse areas such as New England, Florida, Alaska and the Pacific Coast along with new markets like iron ore, trona, lead, seismic exploration and pipelining.

B. J. Calder, Sr. had started making calls in New England as early as 1935 and a magazine was set up in Mechanicville, New York. However, with advent of World War II, Austin could no longer service the area, and Mechanicville was closed in 1941.

Nearly 25 years later, eastern regional manager Neil Baker reopened New England, which was then an attractive area for the company, since it remained a large consumer of high explosives after much of the rest of the country had shifted to ANFO.

In the late fifties, Austin Powder moved into Florida. Again, the state was a large explosives consumer and offered a big market for high explosives. Search for additional high explosives business had caused Austin Powder to become more deeply involved in the seismic business. Although it was not to become a major factor until its affiliation with Southwestern Explosives, Austin Powder did supply much of the powder used in exploring the North Slope of Alaska.

At Glenwillow, the black powder line was closed for the last time in 1968 as Austin started manufacturing bangalore torpedoes for the U. S. government. Production of blasting agents, cord and cast boosters continued. Despite the dismantling of the black powder operation, employment at Glenwillow reached an all-time high of 140 in 1972.

In 1969, a military contract was awarded to Austin Powder for 400-grain detonating cord. This served as the beginning for what is known today as the Austin Powder Company's Special Products Area at Red Diamond. A decision was made in 1974 to work on water-based slurries. After extensive research, slurry was produced in a pilot plant at Red Diamond from 1976

to 1978. A permanent facility was later constructed and put in service during 1978 for production of Slurmex, Slurmite and Coalmex.

During the U. S. bicentennial in 1976, Austin Powder acquired Southwestern Explosives, Inc. of Midland, Texas, a major supplier of seismic explosives for oil and gas exploration in the southwestern and Rocky Mountain states. With its 10 branches, Southwestern Explosives was also ideally situated to participate in the western coal mining industry which had started to grow rapidly during the Arab oil embargo. The company expanded further in 1977 with purchase of Western Explosives in Roseburg, Oregon and addition of 11 new distributors in California, Washington and Oregon.

Acquisition of Southwestern Explosives provided rich rewards. Sales of Southwestern tripled within three years. Its sales of seismic high explosives became a major factor in Red Diamond's production. With addition of Western Explosives and the 11 West Coast distributors Austin Powder became a true national company. Austin Powder could now participate in every important explosives market in the United States, including several that were virtually closed to the company previously. These included seismic, where the company now ranks as the top supplier; the rapidly growing coal fields of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah; Pacific Coast logging industry; uranium; hard rock mining in the west, etc. An important new product was also introduced in 1977. The Austin ADP booster was the first nonelectric delay device that could be used for either top or bottom initiation. It was simple to use, safe and effective.

After 87 years of continuous operation, Austin Powder's manufacturing plant at Glenwillow was closed permanently in July 1979. Despite a high level of activity, plans to cease all operations had been in effect since early 1970 due to rapid industrial and residential growth in the area. The former plant site of 870 acres remains the largest undeveloped tract in Cuyahoga County. In April of 1979, production of cast boosters was shifted from Red Diamond to a new plant in East Camden, Arkansas.

New product development continued into the 1980's. New and better slurries were tested. Preliminary work on emulsions was started. Red Diamond plant celebrated its 50th anniversary in September of 1981. J. S. McKee had been the first plant manager. He was followed by Ralph Fornwalt in 1946, John Salts in 1966 and Ken Price in 1977.

David Gleason was elected board chairman and James Brown president in 1982. A year later, Mr. Gleason retired. In 1983 the officers were James Brown president, Jack Bickett vice president of sales, Brooke Calder vice president of manufacturing, Clyde Voll, vice president and controller, Frank Burke, vice president of administration, William Osborne vice president, James M. Porter secretary.

In the quarter century preceding its 150th anniversary in 1983, Austin Powder had grown from a small regional manufacturer, ranking 13th (of 15) in the explosives industry, to a national manufacturing and marketing organization covering 50 states, ranking a strong and growing No.2 in the industry. It remains as the only national independently-owned company in its field.

**EARLY AUSTIN MARRIAGES****IN TENNESSEE***by Byron and Barbara Sisler*

Editor's Note: This article is based upon three of the authors' publications — *Early East Tennessee Marriages* (1987), *Middle Tennessee Marriages*, and *Early West Tennessee Marriages* (1989) — which were submitted to *Austins of America* by Associate Editor Sally Austin Day. These three volumes, taken together, provide an excellent resource for antebellum marriages in Tennessee. Mrs. Day includes here several spelling variations of the Austin surname, and denotes with an asterisk additional marriages taken from her own records.

**ANDERSON COUNTY**

J. K. Austin to Paulina Webster 26 January 1878

**BENTON COUNTY 1832-1869**

Polly Austin to Wiley King 18 January 1849  
John Austin to Ann Barns 16 July 1857  
Ellen Austin to Freeman Rice 26 March 1878

**BLED SOE COUNTY****BLOUNT COUNTY**

Eliza Austin to Larkin Yount 4 June 1829  
Lucinda Austin to James Reed 14 November 1836

**BRADLEY COUNTY****CANNON COUNTY 1838-1873**

Elisabeth Auston to Nathan Earls 9 March 1857  
Sarah Auston to William M. Phins? 9 October 1857  
J. W. Austin (male) to M. J. Barrett 24 July 1858

**CARROLL COUNTY 1838-1873**

Charles Austin to Paralee Butler 25 July 1870

**CARTER COUNTY**

Sarah Austin to James Munn — 1810  
Daren L. Austin to Anderson Mullins 12 February 1816  
Elizabeth Austin to Martin Faris 10 June 1821  
Henry C. Austin to Molly/Molley J. Kidwell 3 Dec. 1874

**CHEATHAM COUNTY 1856-1881****CLAIBORNE COUNTY**

Frederick H. Austin to Martha A. Hodges 15 May 1867

**COCKE COUNTY****COFFEE COUNTY 1853-1870**

Jane Austin to James W. Keele 13 January 1863  
A. R. Austin (female) to J. Calvin Hattermon 30 June 1865

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY****DAVIDSON COUNTY 1789-1863**

Elizabeth Austin to Thomas A. Adams 13 February 1826  
Delilah Austin to Bailey W. Taylor 3 April 1827  
Levina Austin to Sampson P. Carper 1 January 1829  
Alcina A. Austin to Fountain Hume 21 October 1829  
Geo. W. Austin to Nancy R. Boaz 5 August 1831  
Ann M. Austin to Jas. M. Brewer 3 October 1832  
Jason H. Austin to Lucinda E. Johnston 21 November 1836  
Sarah Austin to Paten H. Lenon 17 December 1836  
Lucinda J. Austin to Jno. F. Saunders 30 September 1837  
Susan Austin to Thomas A. Harris 1 September 1838  
Susan Austin to Thomas A. Harris 19 September 1838  
Edwin Austin to Lucinda J. Johnson 13 August 1839  
Amanda M. Austin to George W. Green 16 September 1839  
Caroline Austin to Bejamon Johnson 17 October 1845  
Jane Austin to John Mills 3 August 1846  
Rachael Ann Austin to L. M. Hitchcock 29 June 1847  
William Astin to Mary Ann Thornhill 19 April 1849  
Mary Jane Austin to Hiram R. Walker 15 September 1852  
Ephriam T. Austin to Martha A. Whitmore 18 February 1854  
Susan Austin to Jeol McDermon 25 December 1856/7  
Martha Austin to Joel McDermon 11 January 1860  
William H. Austin to Susan A. F. Vaughn 29 July 1861  
Jno Austin to Jane Wright 9 September 1861  
Jno W. Austin to Caroline Peay 2 January 1862  
William A. Austin to Fraces I. Smith 11 September 1862

**DEKALB COUNTY 1848-1880**

John Austin to Margaret Williams 13 October 1852  
Dosha Austen to John W. Botts 11 December 1852  
William Austin to Rebecca Tucker 7 June 1854  
William Austin to Louisa Gardner 2 February 1855  
Illinois Austin to Owen Meadly 17 December 1872  
Susan Auston to Mat Martain 21 December 1878

**DICKSON COUNTY 1817-1870**

Philip W. Austin to Polly Dudley 20 September 1827  
Nancy Austin to John Brock 6 July 1829  
Martha Austin to Benjamin Bryant 14 July 1831  
Philip W. Austin to Sally Gilbert 18 March 1834  
Willian Austin to Hannah Gillman 15 September 1836  
Lemuel Austin to Emily D. Butler 21 November 1837  
John Austin to Penelopy Creach 25 June 1838  
Newton C. Austin to Elizabeth L. Peay 17 December 1842  
Eliza Austin to Thomas Murrell 27 December 1845  
John B. Austin to Fredonia Walker 12 January 1847  
Lucinda V. Austin to George C. Brown 24 June 1847  
Margaret Austin to William G. Estes 5 August 1848  
Elizabeth J. Austin to Holloway Morris Seals 23 Dec. 1848  
Lucinda V. Austin to George C. Brown 24 June 1849  
Samuel M. Austin to Lucy Crunk 19 February 1850



Martha J. Austin to Jacob Puckett 27 February 1851  
 George W. Austin to Sarah Dunnegan 15 March 1852  
 Jacob J. Austin to Malinda J. Foster 26 November 1852  
 Thompson Austin to Mary Gibbons 10 January 1853  
 Samuel J. Austin to Mary Ann Meek 10 March 1853  
 George W. Austin to Mary A. Tidwell 2 February 1854  
 James D. Austin to Mary Gentry 25 March 1857  
 H. G. Austin to Eliza Carr 25 November 1857  
 Lucinda P. Austin to James R. Frasher 11 February 1858  
 William Austin to Geo. Ann Willey 18 September 1858  
 A. N. Austin to Elizabeth Catharine Austin 4 Dec. 1865  
 Elizabeth Catharine Austin to A. N. Austin 4 December 1865  
 Martha Ann Austin to Isaac Bateman 2 July 1870

DYER COUNTY 1860-1879

W. A. Austin to Mrs. Susan C. Barker 12 September 1862  
 Susan Austin to G. W. Holland 25 December 1865

FAYETTE COUNTY 1838-1871

Ann H. Aston to Nathaniel Gordon 22 April 1838  
 Edwin K. Austin to Marion W. Hanley 15 July 1845  
 William Aston to Frances R. Flippin 18 November 1845  
 C. S. Aston to Martha M. Bell 6 December 1847  
 C. H. Aston to Wm. B. Neville 3 February 1851  
 Josie M. Astin to Samuel B. Kyle 12 December 1868  
 Sallie E. Astin to George F. Dupree 12 December 1868

FRANKLIN COUNTY 1838-1874

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

GIBSON COUNTY 1824-1870

Mary P. Austin to Jas. N. Watt 6 December 1858  
 Kate E. Austin to J. A. McNeill 9 January 1865  
 Lizer J. Austin to Wilson Austin 16 July 1865  
 Wilson Austin to Lizer J. Austin 16 July 1865

GILES COUNTY 1818-1864

GRAINGER COUNTY

William Austin to Rebecker Moses 22 March 1798  
 Zachariah Austin to Patsey Thomason 26 August 1807  
 Rebecca Austin to George W. Lacy 4 December 1838  
 Mary Austin to James Cardwell 10 December 1838  
 Edna Austin to George M. Lacy 22 November 1843  
 Jane Austin to John J. Moody 10 April 1844  
 Archibald Austin to Matilda Rodgers 3 July 1846  
 William F. Austin to Louisa Easley 28 March 1849

Rebecca Austin to George W. Miles 7 December 1850  
 Clara Austin to E. G. Young 1 February 1853  
 Thomas Austin to Eliza Manley 2 May 1857  
 Clara Austin to Jacob Kinder 11 December 1858  
 William Austin to Lucinda J. Lloyd 26 December 1860

GRUNDY COUNTY 1844-1880

HAMBLEN COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY

Charity E. Austin to John R. Moore 12 February 1859  
 Zacariah Austin to Louisa Thigbone? 14 May 1859

HANCOCK COUNTY

HARDEMAN COUNTY 1823-1861

James Aston to Sarah R. Hardin 14 February 1837

HAWKINS COUNTY

Clisbe Austin to Sally Robertson 9 August 1820

HAYWOOD COUNTY 1859-1878

Ananias Austin to Sabry Shaw 16 February 1869  
 Prestin Austin to Willie Nelson 25 December 1869  
 Joseph A. Austin to Millie Davie 14 December 1871  
 Adeline Austin to Ambrose Rucker 31 January 1872  
 Vinie Austin to Buck Williams 11 February 1875  
 Wm. Austin to Dirzean Watkins 22 March 1877  
 Winnie Austin to William Warmic 10 February 1878  
 Adaline Austin to Lisbon Dudley 28 April 1878  
 Isabella Austin to Sandy Reed 17 August 1878  
 John Austin to Mattie Powell 4 December 1878  
 C. H. Austin to Lavinia Dillard 5 December 1878

HENRY COUNTY 1838-1867

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sarah Austin to Simon Smith 26 February 1793  
 Wealthy Austin to Isaac Cox 7 August 1809  
 Clarey Austin to William Cox 30 June 1814  
 Joseph Austen to Ailsey Curry\* 12 January 1818  
 William Austin to Anna Haines 21 March 1821  
 Maria Austin to William Evans 20 June 1823  
 Archibald Austen to Mary Doggett\* 30 November 1825  
 Maria Austin to John Tewele 15 February 1828  
 John L. Austin to Mahala Pullen 30 July 1849  
 Sarah C. Austin to William A. Lawrence 6 August 1860  
 Charles Austin to Emily Swann 29 June 1867

JOHNSON COUNTY

Sarah J. Austin to Andrew W. Jenkins 10 May 1870  
 Charles D. Austin to Rebecca E. Main 23 February 1878

## KNOX COUNTY

Milly Austin to Thomas Kersey	27 June 1804
Samuel Austin to Sarah M. Perry	4 March 1849
Rebecca Austin to M. Gossett	15 February 1853
Catharine L. Austin to Alexander Cox	26 August 1853

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY 1838-1867

James Jose Osteen to Malinda Bowman	5 March 1838
Hardy Osteen to Elizabeth Lunsford	12 August 1846
William R. Osteen to Celia A. Lunsford	11 August 1852
Cordelia J. Osteen to William Lunsford	11 September 1852
Hezekiah Austin to Nancy Hamill	8 June 1854
J. L. Osteen to Amanda F. A. Lunsford	26 February 1855
Mary E. Austin to William C. Ray	28 November 1855
James R. Osteen to Martha Ann Austin	19 December 1859
Martha Ann Austin to James R. Osteen	19 December 1859
James Osteen to Priscilla Keltner	31 July 1860
S. W. Austen to Sarah E. Keltner	1 January 1863
John R. Austin to Luisa S. Castilaw	1 August 1863
Sarah E. Austin to Richard Strouse	31 December 1867
Sam Auston to Jennie Howard	1 September 1870
Sophronia E. Osteen to J. C. Keltner	14 October 1874
W. R. Osteen to to Martha J. Harris	22 February 1875
Ellen Austin to Freeman Rice	26 March 1878
Martha J. Osteen to James Hall	22 January 1878
Alice Osteen to Thomas Lockard	9 September 1878
J. R. Osteen (male) to M. E. Best	27 January 1880
Ada Austen to Henry Stewart	24 February 1882
G. B. Osteen (male) to L. J. Thompson	28 March 1883
Nannie/Mamie Austin to John T. Bibb	28 November 1883

## LAWRENCE COUNTY 1818-1870

William Austin to Frances Pollock	14 January 1840
Mahala Austin to Elijah Dicus	13 January 1844
Phillip G. Austin to Mary Johnson	26 August 1845
James W. Austin to Ruth Ann Klyce	23 October 1851
Martha J. Austin to Elisha C. Pollock	8 March 1853
William E. Austin to Mary E. Newgent	26 July 1853
W. J. Austin to Martha Edmiston	22 January 1868
P. G. Austin (male) to A. M. Jones	11 October 1868

## LEWIS COUNTY 1844-1880

## LINCOLN COUNTY 1838-1871

William Austin to Nancy C. Martin	6 February 1847
John R. Austin to Nancy E. Barns	11 July 1848
Jesse Austin to Mahala Brim	31 October 1849
Henry Austin to Mary Borrow	14 October 1851
John R. Austin to Elizabeth Partin	7 September 1858
Jeff Austin to Susan Shaw	1 February 1866

## LOUDON COUNTY

## MADISON COUNTY 1823-1867

Henry J. Austin to Mary Ann Howell	30 September 1857
John A. Austin to Mary P. Stout	25 May 1866

## MARION COUNTY

## MARSHALL COUNTY 1836-1870

## MAURY COUNTY 1807-1867

Rachael M. Austin to Samuel Weeks	22 June 1840
Sarah Jane Autin? to Richard T. Stewart	18 January 1860

## McMINN COUNTY

B. P. Austin to Elizabeth Taylor	15 December 1870
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## McNAIRY COUNTY 1861-1865

F. L. Auten (fem.) to G. N. Boles	8 January 1863
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## MONROE COUNTY

Martha Austin to Alexander Ervin	7 October 1860
Mary Austin to Alexander Ervin	1 February 1866

## MORGAN COUNTY

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1838-1867

## OBION COUNTY 1824-1877

Isaac T. Osteen to Nancy Bethell	9 April 1859
N. M. Osteen (fem) to D. C. Johnson	30 August 1862

## POLK COUNTY

## RHEA COUNTY

Jane Austin/Auston to John Garr/Gann	4 June 1823
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## ROANE COUNTY

Robert Austin to Mary E. Merrick	27 September 1837
Latishia Austin to Daniel Huffer	6 April 1839

## ROBERTSON COUNTY 1839-1861

## RUTHERFORD COUNTY 1804-1864

Martha J. W. Austin to Jesse M. Tatum	24 December 1834
Lucy Austin to William Weaver	10 September 1836

## SEQUATCHIE COUNTY 1858-1881

J. P. Austin to Mary Ann Hughs	16 July 1867
W. J. Austin to Mary Ann Hixon	3 September 1867
Bird M. Austin to Nancy Gray	3 August 1869
Lucinda Austin to William Lovelace	14 August 1869
J. M. Austin to Elizabeth Hoge	6 March 1870
J.A. Austin to Phebe Hixson	1 January 1871
Martha Austin to A. J. Potter	23 December 1871
Mary M. Austin to William T. Teaters	27 June 1874
Fanny Austin to William Foster	21 October 1878

## SHELBY COUNTY 1810-1865

Homer Osten to Elizabeth Sawyers	27 July 1835
Emily Auston to John Gillis	6 December 1843
Augustus Astin to Ann J. C. Vails	26 April 1854

## SMITH COUNTY 1838-1866

Parthenia Austin to Howard State	26 September 1849
Sarah Austin to Leander J. Wyatt	23 November 1850
James Austin to Vina Warmack	3 March 1851
Annie Austin to James A. Grenade	5 January 1852
Polly Austin to William Patterson	9 July 1853
Rebecca H. Austin to William J. Smith	21 November 1853
Booker W. Austin to Nancy M. Hall	1 December 1853
Martha A. Austin to Jefferson J. Sutton	16 January 1854
Sela J. Austin to David C. Sutton	19 September 1857
Mary A. Austin to Ballard John	31 August 1859
John B. Austin to Patty S. Duncan	10 January 1860
Shelby Austin to E. J. Wakefield	25 April 1861
Sarah E. Austin to James F. Russell	26 November 1863
John W. Auston to Margaret L. Wakefield	29 January 1866

## STEWART COUNTY 1838-1866

Mary Ann Auston to Marian Verhains	24 August 1861
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## SULLIVAN COUNTY

## SUMNER COUNTY 1787-1875

Valentine Austin to Maria -	6 July 1822
Polly Austin to Jesse Meador	20 March 1825
Diana Austin to William Ramsey	30 April 1826
William Austin to Frances Mitchell	4 November 1826
Dicinson Austin to Sally Hall	24 December 1827
Edy Austin to Thomas S. Jones	5 January 1829
Wilkenson D. Austin to Amanda M. Booker	31 July 1829
Egleston Austin to Amanda Stealy	12 October 1829
Nancy Austin to Woodford Bandy	12 January 1830
James Austin to Nancy Bandy	27 September 1830
Ashley L. Austin to Susan H. Booker	13 March 1831
Nancy Austin to Thomas H. Barton	16 June 1832
Jordon Austin to Lucy Patton	1 October 1834
Dickson Austin to Emily Anderson	23 March 1835
Joseph Aston to Clarissa B. Reed	30 July 1836
Nancy Austin to Woodford Bandy	12 January 1839
Lucy A. Austin to James Kelly	13 January 1840
William S. Austin to Lucy A. Davis	7 July 1840
William Austin to Caroline A. Duncan	21 January 1841
Wilson Austin to Rhoha H. Lee	31 January 1841
Flemming Austin to Catharine Turner	1 February 1841
Allen Austin to Jane Thornhill	5 September 1842
Fanny Austin to Thomas Mequiar/McGuire	17 October 1842
Susan Austin to William H. Dickson	17 September 1845
Samuel Austin to Mary Angeline Pitt	1 December 1845
Thurman J. Austin to I. J. Duffer	15 January 1846
Mary L. Austin to Charles W. Bonner	12 March 1846
Sarah Jane Austin to Theodore S. Austin	15 June 1846
Theodore S. Austin to Sarah Jane Austin	15 June 1846
Mary Ann Austin to William C. Atcherson	23 July 1846

Mary Ann Austin to William M. Durham	18 May 1848
Margaret Austin to Green P. Barr	14 September 1848
Sarah Austin to John A. Anderson	30 December 1849
Caroline T. Austin to Lewis G. Norman	28 January 1850
Mary A. Austin to Benjamin Pike	4 April 1850
Lucy Austin to E. L. Cornwell	5 March 1851
Elizabeth A. Austin to Joseph C. Conyers	30 October 1851
Lucy B. Austin to Edward Hailey	6 August 1853
Kittie T. Austin to Ashley G. Pitt	6 December 1855
Amanda M. Austin to Samuel S. Gill	29 January 1856
Mary D. Austin to Henry S. Pitt	6 March 1856
Elizabeth Austin to Thomas B. Moore	8 March 1856
Bruce Austin to Sally Easley	4 April 1856
H. D. Austin to Mary J. Stewart	9 November 1856
E. L. Austin to James Burns	2 January 1858
Elizabeth T. Austin to James Brown	2 January 1858
William W. Austin to Martha A. Busby	14 January 1858
James T. Austin to Malinda S. Brinkley	23 May 1858
John B. Austin to Elizabeth Key	25 June 1858
Mary E. Austin to Robert F. Payne	28 October 1858
Clarenda L. Austin to Edwin R. Mason	12 Sept. 1860
Clarissa A. Austin to Rodney Jasper Mason	27 Sept. 1860
Henry Staley Austin to Martha Jane Calenda	11 July 1862
Wilkenson D. Austin to Bettie W. Duncan	14 Nov. 1863
Elizabeth Austin to J. H. Roney	28 March 1864
Mary A. Austin to Burwell L. Thompson	28 November 1866
Maria Auston to Addison Kelly	10 August 1867
H. M. Austin to Mary F. Gilliam	8 October 1868
Charles Aston to Bettie Castleton	2 November 1871
Rufus B. Austin to Lenora C. Turpin	27 December 1871
Martha Austin to R. W. Durham	20 November 1872
Thomas J. Austin to Jane C. Short	13 March 1873
Elvina Austin to Frank Dye	5 December 1874
Eliza Austin to Stephen Mills	23 May 1875
Sophia W. Austin to W. J. Dillahay	24 September 1875
Betty Austin to Eli Buntin	30 December 1875

## TIPTON COUNTY 1840-1874

Aggy Austin to Edward Yarbok	17 February 1858
Mary A. Austin to Robt. A. Rice	17 December 1871

## UNICOI COUNTY

## UNION COUNTY

## VAN BUREN COUNTY 1840-1875

## WARREN COUNTY 1852-1865

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

Jesse Austin to Camilla Bean	9 February 1824
John Asten to Mary McCrashen	31 May 1832
Washington J. Asten to Sarah Ann Sherfey	21 Jan. 1855
James M. Aston to Mary Taylor	26 April 1858

WAYNE COUNTY 1857-1871

Martha Austin to Henry Love 2 November 1868

WEAKLEY COUNTY

Sarah Osteen to Isaac Kelly 6 December 1846  
 Sarah S. Austin to F. T. Bennett 7 January 1852  
 Mary L. Austin to James Haygood 5 December 1857  
 Penecea A. Osteen to Wm. R. Cruse 5 March 1858  
 Sarah Osteen to Wm. Mansfield 14 October 1858  
 Eviline F. Austin to H. L. Harris 24 October 1859  
 John A. Austin to Harrit A. Bumpass 5 January 1860  
 Phillip G. Austin to Mary A. Maxwell 4 July 1860  
 Paralee Austin to Nathaniel F. B. Abernathy 7 April 1861

WHITE COUNTY 1809-1870

Raleigh Austin to Mary McDaniel 17 June 1838  
 Mary Austin to Shelby Hudgens 22 February 1839  
 James M. Austin to Mary Anderson 22 March 1839  
 John Jr. Austin to Rebecca England 27 June 1841  
 John Sr. Austin to Mary Ann Todd 17 January 1844  
 Emaline Austin to Dawns B. Doyle 31 January 1844  
 Nathan G. Austin to Martha Jane Bryan 21 January 1847  
 Pleasant Austin to Mary E. Warren 14 September 1852  
 Susan Austin to John J. Duncan 1 November 1855  
 Robinson Austin to Elizabeth England 31 January 1856  
 Mary Austin to C. Green Stacey 24 December 1857  
 William E. Austin to Mary Frasure 24 January 1859  
 Elizabeth Austin to Thomas W. Anderson 26 October 1863  
 Mary Austin to William Anderson 24 December 1863  
 Louisa Austin to Gibbs Mitchell 24 November 1865  
 Mary Austin to John Tettleton 27 November 1865  
 William B. Austin to Martha E. Anderson 12 January 1867  
 Lucinda Austin to William Akin 14 September 1867  
 Nancy Austin to William Scott 31 October 1867  
 Nathan Austin to Susan Plumley 27 November 1867  
 Helen Austin to William E. Jones 1 February 1868  
 Frances Austin to Riley Smith 14 August 1869  
 Thomas Austin to Mary E. Miller 29 August 1868  
 Phenetta Austin to Lycurgus Stewart 15 December 1870

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 1800-1879

Daniel Astan to Jane D. Bell 5 August 1817  
 Nancy Austin to Willis Davis 1 June 1820  
 John W. Austin to Martha Bell 13 November 1845  
 James D. Austin to Lucinda J. Gray 17 October 1852  
 John S. Austin to Sallie B. Mann 9 June 1861  
 C. V./Charles Austin to Sophia Barnes 24 October 1866  
 James Austin to Elizabeth Johnson 11 June 1871  
 James Austin to Martha A. Webb 30 November 1871  
 Mary E. Austin to C. L. Hunt 12 February 1876  
 Molly Austen to William Hodge 27 November 1876

QUERIES

420-1. **Joseph Austin** was b. 7 November 1753, he m. 12 September 1776 to Susanna -, b. 20 February 1758. Joseph d. 12 February 1826, Susanna d. 15 January 1813. They had seven children: Phebe b. 29 September 1777, m. Usual Woolley 13 August 1803 in Monmouth County, New Jersey; Isaac b. 26 May 1780, m. Phebe Strong on 5 September 1799 in Monmouth; Joseph b. 3 March 1786; Susanna b. 12 June 1788, m. Silas Cook on 17 March 1805 in Monmouth; Jesse b. 5 October 1790; William b. 14 November 1793 and Nathan b. 7 November 1797, m. Harriet Bunnell 25 December 1815, he d. on 28 April 1859 in Edenton, Clermont County, Ohio. Seeking Joseph Austin's ancestry and more data on his descendants.

420-2. **Elizabeth Austin** was the daughter of Captain Matthew and Mary (Littlefield) Austin. Her sister, Mary was captured at age 5 by the Indians during the York Massacre in 1692 (see page 56 of *Austins of America*). Elizabeth's father and grandfather were prominent citizens of York, both were named Matthew and both married Marys. The elder Matthew was b. in England. Elizabeth m. Ralph Farnham on 25 December 1712 in York, Maine, where their 11 children were born. Seeking Elizabeth's birth and death dates and Ralph's death place.

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

*by Anne Laurie Austin Smith*

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FOURTH GENERATION

H152. HENRY<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 8 January 1771 in Calvert County, Maryland. He was married by Rev. Jacob Watts on 24 December 1800 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to Mary (Polly/Molly) Dickinson, born circa 1778, a daughter of John Dickenson of Albemarle County. He was living in Sumner County, Tennessee, on 21 July 1817 when he wrote that he had bought 100 acres one mile from the bank of the Cumberland River and three miles from Bledsoe's Lick. He was 23 miles from his brother Thomas and 12 miles from his brother William. He and his wife Polly had named their youngest child Fleming D. Austin. On 25 March 1825 he wrote from Green Garden, Sumner County, mentioning his wife Polly and his son Eggleston F. Austin. Henry died in 1842 in Sumner County, his widow Mary was age 72 living alone near Fleming in the 1850 Sumner County census. Henry and Polly had six known children [Ref. 22]:

- H152-1. VALENTINE D., *m. 6 July 1833 +*
- H152-2. EGGELSTON F., *b. 1803 Virginia, a farmer. +*
- H152-3. ASHLEY G., *m. 13 March 1831 Sumner County to Susan H. Booker*
- H152-4. WILKERSON D., *b. circa 1806 Virginia +*
- H152-5. DIANA D., *m. 30 April 1826 William Ramsey in Sumner County, John R. Dickason, Bondsman.*
- H152-6. FLEMING D., *b. circa 1815, m. 1 February 1841 to Catharine Turner in Sumner County, was age 35 and living alone in the 1850 Sumner County census.*

H153. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 March 1773. He was married by Rev. Jacob Watts on 2 February 1797 at Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, to Frances 'Fanny' Dickinson, the daughter of John Dickinson. On 5 January 1812 Thomas wrote a letter from Sumner County, Tennessee, to his father and sister in Ohio, a transcript of the letter appears in Reference 1:

*January 5, 1812.*

*Dr. father & brother & sister.*

*We cheerfully embrace this opportunity to inform you that we are all well at present, excepting Fanney. She has had the yellow janders, but is getting over it. Thanks be to God for his blessings bestowed upon us. Hoping these*

*lines will find you and yours enjoying a good state of health.*

*We left Albemarle the 11th of October and we got to John Dowels, near Cayrow in Sumner co. the 18th of November, and I have bought forty acres for sixty dollars. I have bought fifty barrels of corn for forty dollars. I have got pork at fifteen shillings per hundred. We are in a rich fertile country that has produced from fifty to sixty bushels of corn per acre.*

*Dear farther, you told us that you would come and see us if the distance want too great. We live about 50 miles from Barren Courthouse. The reason I did not write sooner to you was I wanted to get my provisions, that I might inform you what I gave. So I conclude with my love and affection until death.*

*Write to us as quickly as you can, and direct your letter to Ca-row in Sumner co.*

*Thomas and Fanney Austin*

"Cayrow" or "Ca-row" was Cairo in Sumner County. Thomas lived 23 miles from his brother Henry, and was 12 miles from his brother William. This Thomas was possibly the Thomas Austin who was "born 2 August 1771 in Maryland and died 30 May 1844 in Todd's Fork, Clinton County, Ohio" [Reference 3]. Thomas and Fanny had four known children. Two additional children listed below (Thomas and Samuel) are speculative and unproven, but they are in the right place at the right time, and fill in the otherwise very large gap between the births of James and Allen:

- H153-1. DICKERSON, *b. circa 1798 in Virginia, he m.(1) to Sally Hall on 24 December 1827, m.(2) to Emily Anderson on 23 March 1835, both marriages recorded in Sumner County. Emily was b. circa 1815 in Virginia. On 6 July 1829 Dickerson Austin was bondsman for marriage of George Hall & Hannah Garrison in Sumner Co. In 1850 Sumner County census Dickerson was 52, Emily 35, daughters Lucy 14 and Elizabeth 10.*
- H153-2. JOHN B., *b. circa 1807 Virginia +*
- H153-3. JAMES, *b. circa 1808 Virginia +*
- H153-4. THOMAS, *b. circa 1814 Tennessee*
- H153-5. SAMUEL, *b. circa 1818 Tennessee*
- H153-6. ALLEN, *b. circa 1823 Tennessee +*

H155. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 January 1780 in Calvert County, Maryland. He went with his parents to Albemarle County, Virginia circa 1789, where on 24 December 1799 he was married by Rev. Jacob Watts to Edith Dickinson, daughter of John Dickinson. Edith died on 11 February 1825 in Bledsoe's Creek, Sumner County, Tennessee, and is perhaps buried in the Bethpage church cemetery. Shortly thereafter William wrote to his sister Elizabeth and husband William Austin:

To: William Austin  
 Clinton County, Ohio - Wilmington  
 Green Garden Ten.  
 March 31 Sumner County Tennessee March 6 1825

Dear Brother and Sister

*I received your letter of January 9 which brought the melancholy news of the death of my aged father and hope he enjoys the smiles of a precious redeemer. I now send you the melancholy news of the death of my beloved companion who departed this life about the hour of nine o'clock on the 11 of February. On the evening before she died I talked with her respecting a future state of life her answer to me was that she had a hope beyond the grave and knowed that her redeemer lives but said that if it was the will of God to spair her she wanted to see her children grown of which it has pleased God to give us twelve children six daughters and six sons. My sorrow none can tell but those who has expeared the same but the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken and blesed be the name of the Lord.*

*She had a fine son born on the 31 of January and Appeared to have a good time and after getting to bed and appeared to lie as easy as common. I had to ride upwards of a mile with a midwife and on my return I met my two oldest sons coming for me and said their mother was almost dead. When I got to the house she was cramped from head to foot we then rubbed her with sulfer until she appeared to get easier I then sent for a doctor he came and gave her medisin but to no purpose. She said that in her breast their was a continual burning like hot water which continued till she died. She expired in my arms almost without a groan which has since brought to my mind the words of the poet*

*Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft  
 as downey pillows are,  
 While on his breast he leaned her head,  
 and breathed her life out sweetly there.*

*I am left with eighteen in family we are generally well at present excepting bad colds. I am very unwell and have been ever since the death of my wife tho not confined to my bed. Sleep has almost departed from my eyes the children joines me in love to you all I remain your loving brother till death pray for me. The baby we call Samuel we are raising it with a sucking bottle. About five minutes before she died she turned in my arms and told me to take care of her baby. I ad no more.*

William Austin

In 1828, three years after his wife's death, William moved with ten of his children to Coles County, Illinois, settling in what would become the village of Ashmore some 27 years later. Indeed, the entire village stands on William's original homestead, having been surveyed and laid out in 1855 by H. J. Ashmore and James D. Austin.

Ashmore had bought out some of the heirs of William Austin and hence owned part of the land when the village was laid out, and it was named for him. That area was referred to as "Hitesville Precinct" in the 1850 census. [Reference 19].

William Austin Sr. was one of the founders of the Methodist church in the neighborhood, originally organized in 1831. He and his daughters Frances and Mahala were listed among its members. William served as a Superintendent of the first Sabbath school, also organized in 1831 by Methodists and Presbyterians. John Mitchell, William Austin Sr. and Alexander Montgomery were the first elders of the 37-member Presbyterian church organized in the village schoolhouse in May 1842 [Ref. 19].

William Austin Sr. did not remarry, but lived with his daughter Frankie [Reference 2, page 12. Editor's Note: William Austin Sr. should not be confused with the William Austin of Coles County who married Mrs. Rebecca (—) Woodall on 26 March 1839 in Coles County, for the latter was a son of Benjamin Austin. The last paragraph of *Austins of America* page 202 erroneously intermingles the activities of William Austin and William Austin Sr.]

On 30 June 1836 William Austin promises "to pay Jesse Meador Seventy Dollars when so much is collected from the Estate of John Dickenson Deceased it being for my son Aminadab Austin."

William died on 10 July 1850 in Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois. Coles County probate records show that H. Ashmore was the Administrator of his estate, which totaled \$182.96 including cash on hand of \$138.63 on 3 January 1853. His second account on 7 February 1853, after settling debts, shows a balance of \$39.97, divided ten ways of \$4.00 each to: William Austin; James Austin; Elizabeth Woodall; Ike Meadows & wife; John & Susan Austin heirs; Robert Mitchell's heirs; William Duty heirs; Aminadab Austin; Samuel Austin; and Lucinda Prince.

Apparently the estate settlement did not go smoothly, for on 4 August 1853 James D. Austin and William D. Austin filed complaints against Elizabeth Woodall; Jesse Meadows, Mary Meadows; Nancy Mitchell, Edith Mitchell, John Mitchell & Thomas Mitchell [children of Robert & Mahala (Austin) Mitchell]; James M. Austin, Mary Austin, William Austin, Edith Austin & Thomas Austin [children of John M. & Susan (Carter) Austin]; William Duty and Henry Duty; Aminadab Austin; Samuel Austin; John B. Prince and Lucinda Prince [Reference 26]. The subpoena against these defendants noted that Jesse Meadows, Mary Meadows and William Duty did not reside in the state [of Illinois]. Although William had six sons and six daughters by his first wife Edith, as mentioned in his letter above, only eleven are known from probate, census, and church records:

- H155-1. JANE, *b. circa 1802 [age 48 in 1850 Census], m. William Duty. They had at least six known children: William, Henry, James F. b.1839, Susan P. b.1845, Samuel R. & Sarah (twins) b.1848. William and Henry are listed as William Duty's heirs in William Austin Sr.'s estate records [Reference 26]. Jane Duty and her four youngest children appear in the 1850 Census for Smith County, Tennessee, and were the only Duty family in the entire state that year.*
- H155-2. MARTHA, *b. 18 December 1803 in Surry County, North Carolina, she married on 20 March 1825 in Sumner County, Tennessee, to Jesse 'Ike' Meadows b. 20 February 1800 in Albemarle County, Virginia. Ike died 15 October 1853 in Sumner Co., Martha died 14 November 1869 in Sumner Co., both are buried in Carter Cemetery 4.1 miles north of Bethpage, Sumner Co. Two daughters were named in a will: Martha E. b. 1825 and Malvina F. b. 1842.*
- H155-3. ELIZABETH ANN ['BETSY'], *b. circa 1810 Sumner County, married by 1836 to David Woodall. Possible but unproven children: David, Mary, and Susan.*
- H155-4. MAHALA, *b. circa 1808 Sumner County, she married first by 1839 to Robert Mitchell, who was b. Indiana. Robert died before 1850, and Mahala married second on 3 September 1857 to John B. Prince (her sister's widower – see below). 'Patsy' and John were in the 1860 census with S.E., John C. and R.F. Mitchell. Mahala possibly died in Clark County, Illinois. She had at least four children by her first husband: William, S. E., John C., Robert F.*
- H155-5. JOHN M., *b. 9 September 1809 Sumner Co. +*
- H155-6. AMINADAB, *b. 6 January 1814 +*
- H155-7. WILLIAM DICKINSON, *b. 8 October 1816 +*
- H155-8. JAMES D., *b. 1 January 1819 Sumner Co. +*
- H155-9. LUCINDA, *b. circa 1825 Sumner County, she married 31 January 1843 to John B. Prince, b. 12 January 1818 in So./No. Carolina. Lucinda d. in March 1857 in Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois, and John remarried on 3 September 1857 to her sister, widow Mrs. Martha Mitchell. Prince children: Mary F. b. 1840, Amanda b. 1844, Ann Eliza b.1845, William b. 1847, Hope b.1849?*
- H155-A. FRANCES ['FRANKIE']
- H155-B. SAMUEL R., *b. 31 January 1825 Sumner Co.+*

H161. HENRY<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1760 in Calvert County, Maryland. He went with his parents to Albemarle County circa 1777 when land deeds to them were recorded [Ref. 20]. Henry married on 2 January 1788 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to Nancy Ann Watts, the daughter of Methodist Minister, Reverend Jacob Watts and Elizabeth (Durell). Henry served as a Private in the Revolutionary War in the First Virginia Regiment. According to national records and military pay warrants, Henry Austin Jr. served from 1776 to 1781

[Reference 21]. On 4 October 1804 Henry Austin Jr. and his wife Nancy conveyed to John Kelly in trust 200 acres. He probably died shortly before 6 November 1809, when Nancy was named the Guardian of their children [see *Austins of America* page 378]. Nancy consented to the marriage of her son David Austin to a distant relative, Frances Williams of Orange County, Virginia, on 22 December 1810 [Ref. 9]. Nancy died in December 1821, her will was probated 4 March 1822. Henry and Nancy had twelve known children:

- H161-1. SARAH, *b. circa 1790, m. Crenshaw White, b. circa 1787 in Virginia, son of Conyers White. Conyers had come to Albemarle County from Orange County in 1776, and purchased more than 1500 acres on Buck Mountain Creek. Crenshaw and Sarah had two known children born in Virginia: Nancy b. circa 1821 and Henry b. circa 1824. Crenshaw sold Albemarle County property in 1825 and moved to Missouri (*Austins of America*, p. 378). Sarah apparently died before the 1850 census, for Crenshaw age 63 and his daughter Nancy age 29 were living in Chariton County, Missouri, nearby to Henry White age 26.*
- H161-2. DAVID, *b. 2 June 1791 in Albemarle County +*
- H161-3. ELIZABETH ['BETSY'], *b. circa 1792 in Albemarle County, m. 4 November 1816 to Henry Parks Goodall, b. 1796 in Orange County, Virginia. Henry died 6 February 1871 in Union Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, is buried in Goodall Cemetery in Bear Creek, Lawrence County. Betsy also died in Lawrence County. They had ten known children: Henry Parks Jr. b. circa 1820, Frances Ann m.1839, Austin b. circa 1823, Caroline (Callie) b. 1823, Nancy Jane b. 1824, David Jackson b. 1827, Mary Mildred b. 1830, Sarah b. 1832, Elijah b. circa 1837, Rev. William b. 1839.*
- H161-4. GARRETT, *b. circa 1796 +*
- H161-5. FRANCES ['FANNY'], *b. circa 1798, m. Mr. Ballard*
- H161-6. JOHN WILLIS, *b. circa 1799 in Albemarle County +*
- H161-7. MILDRED ['MILLY'], *b. circa 1801, d. in Missouri, m. 2 December 1822 William Wood.*
- H161-8. RICHARD DURRETT, *b. 21 June 1802 in Albemarle County +*
- H161-9. JAMES WALKER, *b. 4 April 1804 +*
- H161-A. CAROLINE HARRISON ['CALLY'], *b. ca. 1806 in Albemarle County, m. 21 September 1824 to Jacob Newman in Albemarle Co. Jacob was born 9 March 1803 in Woodstock, Virginia, the son of Reuben and Katherine (Ott) Newman. They went to Knox County, Tenn. Cally died in 1865 in Tennessee, Jacob d. 4 April 1868 in Knoxville [Reference 9]. Children: Tazewell W. b.1827; William b.1829; James W. b.1832; Adeline P. b.1833; Henry A. b.1835 m. Sarah F. Austin on 28 August 1856 in Huntsville, Missouri; Oliver H. P. b.1837; Howard W. b.1840.*

H161-B. NANCY ANN, *b. circa 1807 in Albemarle County, m. in February 1827 to Benjamin W. Catterton in Albemarle County. They moved in 1837 to Macon County, Missouri from Nortonsville, Virginia, by covered wagon. Their descendants still have a letter Benjamin sent back to Virginia. The trip took 57 days by Wheeling, Virginia. Benjamin died in May 1867, his wife was the executor of will. Children from his will: Cornelia F., Missouri A., Sally Elizabeth, Martha, Robert Walker b.1836, Walker James, Francis M, William P.*

H161-C. HENRY TAZEWELL, *b. 28 March 1809 +*

H162. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1760-65 in Calvert County, Maryland. He married on 2 December 1791 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to Gatty Catterton. Capt. Samuel Austin was a widower when he died on 28 November 1837 in Davie County, North Carolina.

H162-1. NANCY WILLIAMS, *b. 12 March 1797 in Albemarle County, Virginia. She married on 7 December 1820 in Rowan County, North Carolina, to Nelson Travillion, born 26 September 1797 in Albemarle County, son of Thomas and Mary (Carr) Travillion. Nancy d. 30 March 1834 in Rowan County, is buried in Joppa Cemetery, Davie County. Travillion children: Meekins Carr b.1822, Thomas Hillary b.1822, Milton Duffie b.1824, Samuel Davies b.1826, Mary Gattwood b.1827, Sarah Mildred b.1829, Susan Austin b.1831, Emily Frances b.1832*

H162-2. HENRY M.

H162-3. BENNET

H162-4. LITTLEBERRY H.

H162-5. LUIFEW

H166. JOHN<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was married on 23 December 1807 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to Jestonia Burrus. He had died before 3 October 1821, the date of his father's will. John and Jestonia had six children:

H166-1. MARY, *m. William Chapman*

H166-2. SUSAN, *m. Daniel Murray*

H166-3. JAMES, *m. — Murray*

H166-4. SAMUEL, *removed to California*

H166-5. HARRIS, *removed to Missouri*

H166-6. SARAH HARRIS, *m. Robert W. Palmer*

H167. OBEDIAH<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was married on 12 January 1815 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to Sarah W. Birkhead/Brickhead. He had died before 10 February 1835 in Charlottesville, Virginia, leaving Sarah a widow. His will is recorded at Charlottesville. On 2 February 1835 in a guardian bond, Francis Birkhead was named Guardian of the children, surety was Richard E. Birkhead and Francis Birkhead, Jr. The

estate was appraised 10 February 1835. There were 18 or more slaves, and about 485 acres of land. His wife, Sarah, received one-third of the real estate, the mansion and other houses. Obediah and Sarah may have had other children, but his will mentions only these five children:

H167-1. FRANCIS L.

H167-2. JOHN T., *m. Nancy Wilhoit 22 January 1837 in Albemarle County, Virginia.*

H167-3. SILBOURNE M.

H167-4. HENRY O., *m. M. C. Barksdale on 26 May 1852 in Albemarle County, her uncle was John H. Barksdale, perhaps Nelson Barksdale was her father.*

H167-5. ELIZABETH E.

H171. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 April 1769 in Prince George County, Maryland. He married three times. He married first on 18 January 1793 in Upper Marlboro, Prince George County, Maryland, to Anna Davis, who was born circa 1773. The family attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church which was at Baden, some fifteen miles from Upper Marlboro. At the Maryland Historical Society is a copy of Vestry Proceedings from 1733 to 1819, and on separate sheets are lists of subscriptions. Under the years 1792 and 1793 is the name of Samuel Austin who subscribed 5 shillings 7 pence to the pastor's salary. Only one person on that list subscribed as much as one pound. On another list a Batson Naylor had subscribed 5 shillings. After Samuel's name was written "Gone." He and Ann had moved to Albemarle County, Virginia, where they bought 151.5 acres of land on 22 May 1793 [Ref. 16, Deed Book 11, p.135].

On 5 October 1801 Samuel and Ann Austin sold their land in Virginia for \$600, and removed to North Carolina, where they lived on a farm near Mocksville. In the year 1802 in a suit in Prince George's County against the heirs of Naylor Davis, the names of Samuel and Anna Austin appear on the list of the heirs. After their names was written "reside out of Maryland." Naylor Davis was probably Anna's father.

Anna died very young on 7 May 1802 at age 29 in Rowan County, North Carolina, and is buried in Whitaker's Graveyard, Davie County, North Carolina [Ref. 23]. The cemetery is overgrown, and Anna's gravestone still exists, but only her name can be made out from it. In that same cemetery are buried the widow of H17 Thomas Austin, Eleanor, who died on 17 September 1819 at age 73, and her second husband Batson Naylor [see page 399], who died 7 November 1830 age 71y 6m 21d. Samuel Austin married second on 24 January 1803 in Rowan County to Lydia Railsback, born 8 January 1780. In 1806 Samuel was a member of the board of trustees who bought an acre of land to be used to build a Methodist Church [Ref. 24].



In 1813 he wrote to his brothers H172 Thomas and H173 William. His letter was addressed to William Austin in Lebanon, Warren County, State of Ohio, and was postmarked (postage was 25 cents) at Huntsville, North Carolina (on the Yadkin River, about 11 miles north of Mocksville), on the same day it was written:

*January the 10th 1813.*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters.*

*I take this opportunity to let you no that my family is as well as common and I am able to be about thank the Lord for his mercy bestowed on us and I hope the reception of these lines will find you all shearing the blessings of heaven. Dear friends, I have had a hard spell of sickness I was taken the last Sunday in September and I have been able to do but little since yet I have abundant rison to pris the Lord for his goodness bestowed upon me tho my body was laid low by affliction my soul was maid to rejoys in God my Saviour and feel still that I want to live and died in the service of the Lord. I Received your letter dated 29 September I was glad to here that you was all well and that you had got you a home as to the money you left with me to collect which you inform me is your dependance for the last payment I have colected about \$325. and I expect in a few days to receave some more and in short I feel but little hesitation in saying that I shall get your money in time to answer your payment tho our Assembly has suspended the execution law till the 15th of February 1814 and we have to persuade men to pay rather than force them yet I will give it as my opinion that you need not be uneasy for I do think I shall get your money in time to answer your perpose as soone as I get it all I will rite to you and if you can place confidence in a Brother I will do the best for you I can Our friends are all well at present and desire to be remembered to you all Cozen Henry Austin moved to the Tennece last fall and William expects to start the first of March Remember me to Unkle Samuel This letter if for you boath as you live close together. Remember me at the throne of grace and may the Lord enable you and me so to live and so to die that We may meet to reign above the sky is my prayr.*

*Samuel Austin of Tho.*

This letter was received 23 March 1813. Cousins Henry and William mentioned in the letter are brothers to H154 Elizabeth Austin who had married her cousin H173 William Austin, to whom the above letter was addressed.

Lydia died on 8 October 1821 in Olive Branch, Davie County, North Carolina. Samuel married third on 7 January 1830 to Mrs. Margaret (Phillips) Ellis, widow of James Ellis. That same year Samuel, as Chairman of the Trustees, bought an additional half acre to be used as a Burying Ground for the Olive Branch Methodist Church [Ref. 24]. In addition to the one appearing above, two other letters from Rev. Samuel Austin to his brothers in Ohio have been preserved [Reference 2]. One of these:

*Mocksville, N. C., August 6, 1830*

*Very Dear Brothers and Sisters and Children:*

*I again take up my pen to write you a few lines in hopes that these may reach you if others have miscarried. I think it was two years last January since I had any hearing from you, and whether you have forgotten me and mine or not, I can assure you that I have not forgotten you and yours. Our family connection are, I think, all in common health. Step-father was at my house this morning as well as is common for one of his age.*

*I still try to preach in my poor week manner as often as I can. Last Sunday I addressed an attentive congregation at Whitcoes old meeting-house with a considerable degree of liberty. We have some good meetings. The faithful soldiers of the cross get happy and shout aloud.*

*I will now inform you that I married my third wife the 7th of last January, Margaret Ellis, the widow of James Ellis. Her maiden name was Phillips. She was a Methodist in good standing twenty-five years. She has eight children; three of them are living with me, and six of my own children. My three children by my first wife and youngest daughter by my second have been married. Elkanah has lost his wife. Henry, my oldest son by my second wife, has learned the cabinet business, and is now at work for himself. Thomas, the next oldest, has been at school this summer, and Anna has been teaching school a quarter, and her time is out today; and on Monday next they both expect to commence going to a grammar school. The other four boys work for me on the farm.*

*Produce is at a very low price. Corn has sold last fall and the past spring from 12/5 to 30 cents a bushel; wheat 30 to 50; pork 2.5 to 4; cotton 7 to 10.*

*And as I am old and my hand trembles somewhat, I should conclude my letter by telling you that while I am writing I feel the Lord present and precious. My family joins me in our best wishes for you all.*

*Samuel Austin*

Samuel was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church. He preached his last – some said his most powerful – sermon at a camp-meeting shortly before his death [Reference 1] on 30 November 1832 age 63y 7m 18d. He died in Rowan County, and is buried beside his second wife at Olive Branch Cemetery [Reference 23]. As explained in the letter above, Samuel's first three children were by his first wife, Anna, the others by his second wife Lydia. The children are neatly tied together in a Rowan County deed [Reference 25] in which the widow Margaret gives up her dower rights and Samuel's heirs are listed:

- H171-1. ELKANAH DAVIS, b. 27 November 1793 +
- H171-2. DAVID NAYLOR, b. 26 August 1799 +
- H171-3. ELIZABETH SMITH, b. 28 August 1801, she married by 1830 to Elijah Ward, and they had ten children: Lewis Skidmore, Francis Thomas,

*Daniel Davis, Priscilla Ann, Meriah Jane, Rebecca Caroline, Isabel Amanda, Austin Price, Elizabeth Eleanor & Mary Margaret.*

- H171-4. ANNA MARY, b. 27 November 1803, she was a teacher in 1830. She did not marry. She died 30 September 1878 in Davie County, is buried in Joppa Cemetery in Davie County.
- H171-5. ELEANOR MARSHALL, b. 24 October 1805, she married by August 1830 to John Jones, by whom she had nine children: Matilda Ann, Metheldra Jane, Lydia Elmira, Sarah Elizabeth, Alabama Caroline, Mary Eleanor, Rebecca Elnora, Susan Austin, and Louisa Caroline Alburta.
- H171-6. HENRY RAILSBACK, b. 2 June 1808 +
- H171-7. THOMAS DOUGLASS, b. 14 June 1810 +
- H171-8. WILLIAM MORGAN, b. 6 September 1812 +
- H171-9. JESSE LEE, b. 2 September 1814 +
- H171-A. SAMUEL CANNON, b. 9 October 1816 +
- H171-B. ALEXANDER SCHOOLS, b. 16 April 1819, he d. 27 March 1840, almost age 21.

H172. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 August 1771 in Prince George County, Maryland. Thomas apprenticed as a carpenter for seven years, and helped to build the capitol at Washington. Thomas lived in Virginia for a while. Deeds at Charlottesville mention him as a resident in 1795 and 1797, referring to him as "Thos. Austin of Thos. of the County of Albemarle," and later as "Thomas Austin of the County of Berkeley." [Berkeley County is now in West Virginia.] In 1797 he bought 1040 acres in Albemarle for £136 16s, in 1798 he sold 165 acres for £80, and 875 acres for £264 4s, nearly tripling his investment in a single year!

Thomas and his brother H173 William Austin bought from John Harbour a tract of land in Surry County, North Carolina. Thomas sold his share to William, and gave bond on 17 December 1798. Thomas was in Berkeley County, Virginia. He married on 17 November 1803 to Eleanor Ann McDaniel, born 13 August 1784, the daughter of William and Priscilla Ann (Winn) McDaniel.

In 1808 James Harris, Thomas Austin and William McDaniel bought of the Mason Heirs a tract of 1000 acres in Clinton County, Ohio, along Todd's Fork, about two miles northeast of the later site of Clarksville.

In 1809 Thomas and Eleanor moved their young family by covered wagon over the old Indian Trail through Hagerstown, Cumberland, Uniontown, to Wheeling, thence either by Zanesville or Chillicothe to Clinton County. Their first log cabin — half a mile north of the mouth of Cowan's Creek — was soon replaced by a substantial frame house.

Rev. William Austin wrote an account of his brother's death in a notebook in which he kept a list of his sermons:

*My brother Thomas Austin departed this life at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 30th of May, 1844. On Saturday, the first of June, at 9 o'clock A.M., Doctor Baker preached his funeral to a large assembly. His text was 2 Cor. 5-1: For we know, etc. He preached a good sermon and it was listened to with interest. The funeral was preached at his former residence, after which his remains were taken to the burying ground north of the house and interred, the burial service according to our discipline first having been read at the grave by the same preacher.*

*My brother was confined with his disease six weeks, lacking seventeen hours, through which time he suffered much in body. I visited him the second day after he was taken ill. I found his mind calm and serene. I think I was with him half the time of his affliction, perhaps more. I frequently conversed with him on the subject of his present enjoyments and future prospects, always found him calm and serene, testifying his way was clear, his prospect good, all was well, etc. About one hour before he died (life sinking apace), for the satisfaction of his family and friends who were gathered around the bed of the patriarch, I again said, "My brother, if you cannot speak, give us another token; if all is well and your way clear, let us know by raising your right hand." He first raised his right hand near the full length of his arm, and then his left, and thus in holy triumph appeared to breathe his last. O may we die the death of the righteous and our last end be like his. Amen.*

*My brother was in the 73rd year of his age since the second day of last August, and lacking about two weeks of 25 years as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.*

As explained in the above entry, Thomas Austin died 30 May 1844 at age 73 in Clinton County. His widow Eleanor died on 9 October 1846 at age 63 in Clarksville, Clinton County. Both are buried in the little cemetery on the hill just across the road from their home. Eleanor's father, William McDaniel, is also buried there. The old house is no longer occupied, but the enormous chimney still holds itself erect. Thomas and Eleanor had eight children [Reference 1]:

- H172-1. PRISCILLA ELEANOR, b. 12 February 1805, she married George Tribbey (brother of Jonathan Tribbey who married her cousin H173-2 Mary Austin). Priscilla died on 22 January 1865 in Mt. Pleasant, Clinton County. She and George had nine children: Joseph, Mortmire, Sarah Ann, Eliza Jane, Ruth, Amanda, George M., Malinda and Asahel Austin.
- H172-2. ELIZABETH ANN, b. 28 January 1807, she married Henry Work. Elizabeth died 25 December 1881. She and Henry had nine children: William Thomas, Martha Jane, Eleanor Ann, Hiram Alec, George Oliver, Susan Eliza, Olive Drucilla, Carey Watson and Samuel Austin.

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**NOTE: Page 427 contains the 1850 U.S. Census for Texas. This census is displayed in another project area of this web site.**

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN AUSTIN AND PATTY STEVENS  
OF BRAINTREE & CAMBRIDGE, VERMONT**

*by Michael Edward Austin  
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

Editor's Note: This article expands on the "John and Elizabeth Austin of Plainfield, New Hampshire," article on *Austins of America* pages 44 to 47, where John Austin is listed as the second child of S247 John Austin and Elizabeth Pettengill. S247 John Austin descends from Samuel Austin of Boston, his birth appears on page 15 of *Austins of America*.

S247-2. JOHN<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *Zebadiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 January 1772 in Methuen, Massachusetts. He moved with his parents from Methuen to Dracut, Massachusetts, then to Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and finally to Plainfield, New Hampshire. John worked with his father and older brother Joseph at carpentry and farming, and is mentioned frequently in his father's Account Book (see pages 45-47 of *Austins of America*). John married on 15 July 1802 in Andover, Massachusetts, to Martha 'Patty' Stevens, born 22 April 1780 in Andover, the daughter of Timothy Stevens, Jr. and Mary Parker.

By 1810 John and Patty Austin had settled in Cambridge, Franklin County, Vermont, along with John's older brother, S247-1 Joseph Austin [see page 406 of *Austins of America*]. John Austin's family was recorded in the 1810 Census in Cambridge, with three males and one female under 10, and a male over 45 was also living with them, perhaps John's father or Patty's father? By the 1820 Census they had two males 10-16, one male 16-18, one male 18-26, three females under 10, and one female 16-26. By the 1830 Census they had two males 20-30, one female 5-10, one female 10-15, and two females 15-20. By the 1840 Census they had one male 30-40 (probably John Jr., then 33 years old) and one female 15-20.

Patty Austin died in Cambridge 27 November 1842, ae 62y 7m, while John Austin died there 15 April 1843, ae 70y 3m (sic). They are both buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, and had eight known children [Reference 1]:

- S247-21. PATTY, *b. 10 January 1803, m. about 1826-27 Benjamin Griswold. They had four known children: Ezra Scovel b.1828, George Bently b.1832, Elizabeth Barber b.1837, and Leonard Stevens b.1840.*
- S247-22. ENOCH, *b. 6 July 1804 +*
- S247-23. JOHN, *b. 21 June 1807 in New Hampshire. He was unmarried, and was listed as 'idiotic' in the 1850 Census of Cambridge, where he was living with his brother Enoch's family. By the 1870 Census he was living with his niece, S247-224 Julia Austin and her family in Cambridge.*
- S247-24. LEONARD, *b. 29 March 1810 +*

S247-25. HARRIET, *b. 5 May 1812, m. 21 April 1834 to Stephen Frederick Hopkins, who was b. 9 December 1810 in Cambridge. They moved to Litchfield, Michigan in 1847. They apparently later returned to Vermont, for Harriet died in Cambridge in March 1864, and Stephen died there on 2 March 1894.*

S247-26. MARIA, *b. 17 June 1814, m. Elisha Bentley*

S247-27. MIRANDA AUGUSTA, *b. 20 April 1816. She m.(1) Jason Crane on 23 March 1835, and m.(2) — Howe.*

S247-28. HANNAH, *b. 29 May 1821, m. on 14 April 1844 to Leander Chase.*

SIXTH GENERATION

S247-22. ENOCH<sup>6</sup> AUSTIN (*John*,<sup>5,4</sup> *Zebediah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 6 July 1804, either in Massachusetts or Bow, New Hampshire. He married on 27 September 1827 in Cambridge, Vermont, to Nancy Hull, who was born circa 1805 in Canada. He married a second time 'age 70' on 17 December 1874 to widow Lucy B. (Wright) Chaney. Enoch died in Cambridge on 14 October 1889, age 85y 3m 8d, leaving Lucy a widow. Enoch's children were all by his first wife, Nancy:

S247-221. HARMON P., *b. circa 1830 in Vermont. He m. Abbie L. —, who was born circa 1832. Their daughter Anna J. was born circa 1857 and died in Cambridge on 5 March 1864, and is buried there in the Mountain View cemetery.*

S247-222. HARRIET M., *b. circa 1832, m. Sheldon Stratton. She d. 30 August 1886, no children.*

S247-223. ADELIA A., *b. circa 1834, m. Thaddeus S. Whipple. She d. 1904.*

S247-224. JULIA ANN, *b. circa 1838 in Cambridge, was 21 when she m. on 7 April 1859 to Herbert N. Goodwin, b. circa 1833. They had children Frank b. circa 1865 and Nettie b. circa 1875. In the 1870 Census her uncle S247-23 John Austin was living with the family. By 1880 Julia was divorced and living with her dau. Nellie M. Belle in Cambridge.*

S247-24. LEONARD<sup>6</sup> AUSTIN (*John*,<sup>5,4</sup> *Zebediah*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 29 March 1810 in Plainfield, New Hampshire, and appears with his parents in the 1810 Census for Cambridge, Vermont, later that year. Leonard Austin was still of Cambridge when he married in Enosburg, Vermont, on 18 January 1836 to Laura Ann Seeley, the daughter of Burr Seeley, born in June 1813 in Enosburg, Vermont.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Moore in Reference 1 confuses this Leonard Austin with the younger Rev. Leonard Austin who was born 21 July 1815 in Roxbury, Vermont. Rev. Leonard Austin married first on 15 September 1833 in Braintree, Vermont, to Mary Harwood, who was also born circa 1815. Mary died at age 29 on 17 March 1845, and their daughter Orange S. Austin died at age 9

on 4 June 1846 in Braintree, Vermont. Rev. Leonard Austin was of Brookfield, Vermont, when he married second on 27 November 1845 to Lydia Belknap in Randolph, Vermont.

By the 1850 Census Leonard and Laura were residing in Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont, where Leonard was recorded as being a miller. Living with the family at that time was an Ann Seeley, age 20, who might have been Laura's younger sister. Leonard died on 3 March 1882 in Lowell, Vermont, and is buried in Johnson, Vermont. Laura died in Johnson on 18 July 1885, age 72y 1m. Leonard and Laura had three known children:

- S247-241. JOHN BURR, *b. 13 January 1838 +*  
 S247-242. BARNUM LEONARD, *b. circa 1840 +*  
 S247-243. HENRY H., *b. circa December 1847, he d. on 7 March 1853 ae 5y 4m, is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Cambridge.*

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

S247-241. JOHN BURR<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*Leonard,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5,4</sup> Zebediah,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 13 January 1838 in Cambridge, Vermont. John married first in St. Albans, Vermont, on 15 January 1860 to Helen L. Blinn, born circa 1840 in Burlington, Vermont. John age 22 and Helen 20 and a son John 1 appear in the 1860 Census of Johnson, Vermont. 'Nellie', as Helen was apparently known, died 27 June 1863 at age 23 in Johnson. John Austin was 'of Cambridge' when he married second on 10 April 1865 in Johnson to Lucetta Almira Stone, born 18 April 1841 in Eden, Vermont. According to the Simon Stone Genealogy, Capt. Burr John and Lucetta moved to Crestline, Crawford County, Ohio, and had four sons before returning to Johnson, Vermont, circa 1874. In the 1880 Census for Lowell, Orleans County, Vermont, John was listed as Burr J. Austin. He had two children by Helen, and six by Lucetta:

- S247-2411. JOHN, *b. circa 1860.*  
 S247-2412. CORA LOUISA, *b. 10 October 1861 in Johnson.*  
 S247-2413. WILBUR LEONARD, *b. 29 August 1866 Crestline, Ohio, d. there in December 1870.*  
 S247-2414. HENRY BLINN, *b. 30 October 1867 in Crestline, Ohio, d. there in March 1868.*  
 S247-2415. [son], *b. and d. 1869 in Crestline, Ohio.*  
 S247-2416. ALFRED BURR, *b. 7 January 1873 in Crestline, Ohio, or in Pennsylvania (1880 Census). He m.(1) Dolly A. Tambling, m.(2) Mae E. Renne. In 1916 he res. in Cleveland.*  
 S247-2417. CHARLES SOLDEN, *b. 5 November 1875 in Johnson, was age 21 of Lowell when he m. there 30 June 1897 to Grace E. Montague, b. in Newport, Vermont. Their dau. Margorie F. was b. 21 July 1899 in Newport. They resided in 1916 in Fredonia, New York.*

S247-2418. MARY ELLEN, *b. on 1 October 1882 in Lowell, Vermont. She m. Albert P. Foret, they resided in 1916 in Fredonia, New York.*

S247-242. BARNUM LEONARD<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*Leonard,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5,4</sup> Zebediah,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1840, probably in Cambridge, Vermont. At age 10 'Burnham' appears with his parents in the 1850 Census for Jericho, Vermont. At age 19 Barney married in Cambridge on 23 February 1859 to Ellen A. Cady, born circa 1838 in Cambridge, the daughter of Rufus and Mary (Burgess) Cady. Barney and Ellen appear in the Johnson, Vermont, census in 1860-1870-1880. Living with them in 1870 was schoolteacher Mary Cady, age 22 born in Vermont, possibly Ellen's sister. Barney was a master carpenter and furniture dealer, and by the 1880 census he was also serving as Johnson's Postmaster. Ellen died 26 August 1907 at age 69. She and Barney had three daughters, the youngest two are known to have been born in Johnson:

- S247-2421. NELLIE B., *b. circa 1859, she married in Johnson at age 20 on 20 February 1879 to Orville H. Wilson.*  
 S247-2422. MABEL AUGUSTA, *b. 29 October 1866.*  
 S247-2423. JENNIE BURGESS, *b. 24 February 1871, 'Gene' m. at age 24 on 17 October 1895 to Roger Gaylord Prentiss in Johnson.*

#### REFERENCES

1. Edith Austin Moore's 1961 "Unplaced Austin Records" manuscript. She references 1951 correspondence with E. C. Griswold of Albany, Oregon; 1850 Cambridge VT Census; Cambridge Vital Records; pages 234 and 373 of the Hopkins Genealogy; & the Simon Stone Genealogy.
2. Ruby Bruffee Austin, "Vermont Austin Vital Records" manuscript dated 1977 donated to *Austins of America* by Pauline Lucille Austin.

#### QUERIES

429-1. **George Austin** m. E. Escott, and their one known child, Charles Norman Austin, was b. 2 October 1860 in England. Charles m. Janette Carr b. 12 April 1864/65 in Southport, Liverpool, England. Charles d. 30 December 1927 and Janette d. 9 April 1936, both in San Francisco. Their one known child Winifred Violet was b. 3 October 1884 in Ogden, Utah, d. 27 May 1967 in San Francisco. Seeking George Austin's ancestors and descendants.

429-2. **Isaac Austin** m. Margaret Jane Anderson at Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. All their children were b. in Warren, Trumbull County: Mary A. b. 1842; Nancy Jean b. 1846; twins James W. and George Hiram b. 1849. It is believed that Margaret d. while her husband was a Civil War prisoner. Isaac d. in prison at Andersonville, Georgia, on 1 August 1864. Need the birth data, death data, and parents of Margaret Jane Anderson.

**NOTE: Page 430 contains AFGS business information. It has been deleted.**

**CHARLOTTE BROOKS AUSTIN  
AND BETSEY DRAPER AUSTIN**

*by Charles Byron Moore*

Photo AOA 431-1

Editor's Note: Charlotte was the spouse of Anthony Austin on page 128 of Edith Austin Moore and William Allen Day's 1969 book *The Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638*. Betsey appears on page 206. See also page 402 of *Austins of America*.

CHARLOTTE [BROOKS] AUSTIN

Charlotte Brooks was born 15 October 1777 in Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut, the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Brooks. She was baptized on 29 October 1787 per 'Cheshire CT. 1696-1840 Parson Foots' Records' by Beach. She married circa 1798 to Anthony Austin. Family tradition states they rode horseback all the way from Cheshire, Connecticut, to Hampton, Washington County, New York before 1800, with Charlotte mounted on the same horse behind her husband.

week, the third the next week. They later had three sons: John Agustin, Austin Pomeroy and Charles Safford. Prior to becoming ill herself, Betsey took care of her brother John C. Austin. She died 9 June 1920 at age 76 in her son John's home in South Glens Falls, New York, and was buried in the Boardman Cemetery in Whitehall.

Photo AOA 431-2

From Washington County Surrogate Court Records, in September 1843 Charlotte, wife and heir to Anthony Austin, lived in Whitehall, New York, perhaps with her son Stephen Brooks Austin. The only other heir living in Whitehall was her daughter Charlotte, wife of Herman Jackson. Stephen was named as special guardian to the interests of his brother Hoel Smith Austin's children.

In 1850 Charlotte lived with her daughter Laura's family in Hampton (see page 430). Her photograph at top right was taken in 1856 at age 79, the original was probably a tintype. Charlotte died on 6 August 1858 at age 81 in Hampton. Washington County records show her buried in the Burdick Farm Cemetery in Hampton with Anthony.

BETSEY DRAPER [AUSTIN] JONES

Betsey Draper Austin, granddaughter of Charlotte Austin (above), was the daughter of Augustin Austin and Mary Ann Draper. Betsey was born 16 October 1844 in West Haven, Rutland County, Vermont. Her maternal grandfather was Rev. Samuel Draper, a circuit preacher and first pastor of the Methodist Church in Hudson Falls. Her 1862 photograph at bottom right is from a 1.5" x 1.25" sepia or albumen original in poor condition, and was edited to remove obvious dirt spots. The photograph is the type girls had taken during the Civil War to send to their loved ones.

Betsey married on 18 November 1867 to John Pomeroy Jones, in the North Granville Methodist Church by Rev. Joseph Earl. They had three girls who died of scarlet fever in June 1878 at the ages of 9-1/2, 8 and 7. Two died in one

**THE FAMILY OF JOHN AUSTIN  
AND ESTHER HERRICK OF PRESTON,  
CONNECTICUT AND SWANTON, VERMONT**

*by Eunice Hampton Johnson*

Editor's Note: The author's dedicated research efforts were rewarded with definite proof that the John and Esther (Herrick) Austin appearing in this article were the parents of the Phineas H. Austin who appeared in her article on page 316. John's possible ancestry is discussed on page 434 by *Austins of America* Associate Editor Patricia Biebuyck Austin.

J. JOHN<sup>1</sup> AUSTIN was born 20 February 1758 in Hopkinton, Washington County, Rhode Island. His parents are unknown, but his Revolutionary War pension file reveals John had a brother Thomas (see below). John was residing in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, when he enlisted there in May 1776 as a private in the Continental Army for a term of nine months in Capt. Oliver Cort/Coit's Company. When British General William Howe attacked New York, John was one of Washington's troops on Long Island, and was in the 27 August retreat from Long Island to Brooklyn, in which about 1400 Americans were lost. On 29 August Washington evacuated his men across the East River into New York, the city itself fell on 15 September. John Austin fought on 28 October on Chatterton Hill at White Plains, New York, where the American brigade was defeated. After serving about five months, John enlisted in Capt. Richard Deshran's Co., in Col. Seldon's Connecticut Regiment. He was discharged on 25 December 1776. John next enlisted under Capt. Yancy for two months, he went to Rhode Island, and was discharged 1 April 1777. In late April he enlisted for a term of three years as a private in Capt. William Belcher's Company in Col. Huntington's Regiment, later commanded by Col. Samuel Prentiss and then Col. Josiah Starr. John was in Lee's Light Infantry at the Battle of Monmouth. He was discharged in April 1780 at Springfield, New Jersey. After his discharge he served two months in the militia at Fort Griswold.

John Austin married Esther Herrick 16 January 1783 in Griswold, New London County, Connecticut, according to First Congregational Church records there, both were of Preston. Esther was born 29 October 1762 in Connecticut, but nothing further is known about her family. Preston vital records have an Esther Herrick born on 4 May 1765 to Issac and Elizabeth, and an Esther Herrick was born on 26 August 1768 to Simeon and Abigail, but neither appears to be John's Esther. Shortly after their marriage, they apparently moved to Rutland, Vermont, where their first child was born. They later moved to Swanton, Franklin County, Vermont sometime before 1801, for that town's history tells us that John and Esther Austin helped establish the Congregational Church there in 1801, and John appears on tax lists there for the years 1813 through 1823.

In 1816 John conveyed to his son Calvin portions of his land in Swanton in exchange for Calvin's providing for his parents, their health needs, etc. in their old age. Calvin's Quit Claim Deed right back to John (see next page) guaranteed compliance to the specified conditions, and also mentions the other children of John and Esther.

Shortly after his discharge from his three-year's service, John's discharge and the vest he carried it in had been stolen, and thus he had no proof of his enlistment when he applied for a military pension on 21 April 1818. However, he did receive a pension after obtaining declarations from a friend, Nathan Cogswell, and from his brother Thomas who attested to his enlistment of three years:

*I, Thomas Austin of the town of Washington in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, aged fifty six years do testify and say that John Austin now resident in the Town of Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont is my brother. In the year 1777 I lived with Capt. William Belcher in the Town of Preston in the State of Connecticut and I know that the said Capt. Belecher enlisted my brother the said John Austin as a soldier in the Army of the United States on the continental establishment for the term of three years. He was absent during said term of three years in said service as I understood and on his return I saw his discharge from the service. After his discharge I was employed by him to procur his —— of pay and saw his name on the payroll at Windham in Connecticut.*

*Sworn Chelsea June 10, 1818*

*Thomas Austin*

The listings for the Woods Hill (Dorman) Cemetery in Swanton, reveal that John Austin died on 20 April 1841 at age 83. His widow Esther applied for and was allowed a pension. She was living in 1850 in Swanton with her daughter Amanda Burnell's family. Esther died 27 July 1853. John and Esther Austin had nine known children:

- J1. AURELIA, b. 11 March 1784 Rutland, Vermont.
- J2. ELIZABETH, b. 21 March 1785, possibly in Rutland. She married Mr. (Martin?) Manger.
- J3. ESTHER, b. 4 September 1786, m. 4 December 1806 John Smith, b. 4 February 1782. Smith children: George Nelson, Elizabeth Mary Petten-gill, Horatio, Enoch, Calvin, and Harriet. Most of these moved to Michigan. Esther d. 27 January 1851, John d. 18 May 1854 in Swanton.
- J4. PHINEAS HERRICK, b. 8 July 1790, possibly in Granby, Vermont. See *Austins of America* page 316 for his family and descendants.
- J5. CALVIN, b. before 1795 to have been of age when his father deeded him land on 13 April 1816. He m. 3 August 1816 to Dorcas Down in Highgate.
- J6. JOHN, b. 1796, age 24 living with parents in 1820
- J7. MARY, b. Vermont, d. 1812, buried beside her father in Swanton.
- J8. ALMIRA, m. William H. Stearns
- J9. AMANDA MARY ('POLLY'), b. circa 1815 in Vermont, she m. at age 19 to Chester Burnell who was b. 1813 in Vermont. They were residing in Swanton in 1850 Census, with children Joseph F. 13, Baxter 9, Caroline 6 and Miles 4.

**1816 Quit Claim Deed****Calvin Austin to John Austin of Swanton**

Know all men by these presents that I Calvin Austin of Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars current money of the United States, received in full to my satisfaction of John Austin of Swanton aforesaid — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain sell aline convey and confirm unto the said John his heirs and assigns forever the one undivided half of one hundred acres of land in said Swanton to wit: Lot number 83 also the one undivided half of fifty acres of land the fourth (?) half of Lot number eighty four which last piece of land is subject to the payment of a yearly rent of twelve cents and five mills per acre, the said John his heirs and assigns paying all such rents.

To Have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof and thereto belonging to him the said John his heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever. And I the said Calvin do for myself my heirs executors and administrators covenant to and with the said John his heirs executors administrators and assigns that at and until the ensealing of these presents I am well seized of the premises in fee simple — that I have good right and lawful authority to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as is above written, that they are free and clear of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same against all lawful claims and demands of any person or persons whomsoever.

The conditions of the above deed are such that whereas the said John Austin had this day by deed conveyed to the said Calvin the aforesaid described premises and in consideration the said Calvin had undertaken and promised and by these presents does promise and agree to and with the said John his heirs and assigns that he the said Calvin will during the natural life of the said John Austin and during the natural life of Esther Austin being his father and mother furnish to and provide for them the said John and Esther and to the one that shall survive during his or her life — the one half of good house room and fire wood on the farm where they now live and one half of all suitable clothing boarding washing lodging and mending and in case of sickness phisicins medicine and nursing suitable and proper for them or either of them in due season and at all suitable and proper times during their or either of their lives.

And the said Calvin further promises and agrees he will pay one half of the reasonable funeral expenses of the said John and Esther Austin. And after the death of both the said John and Esther he will pay to the children of the said John and Esther the following sums, that is to say to Phinehas Austin fifty dollars, to Elisabeth Manger twenty five dollars, to Esther Smith twenty five dollars, to Almira Stearns twenty five dollars and in case either of the said persons to whom the above sums are payable shall decease before their father and mother their said sum to be paid to their heirs. Also the further sum of twenty five dollars to Chester Austin Burnell provided he lives to the age of twenty one years and if he does not live to that age the said last sum of twenty five dollars to be equally divided among the heirs of the said John and Esther. It is understood that no interest is to be computed on the sums so to be paid by the said Calvin until after the death of the said John and Esther Austin. And the said Calvin further promises that he will pay the one half of the debts which the said John now owes which are estimated and are not to exceed in the whole the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars.

Now if the said Calvin his heirs exectors administrators shall well and truly and in good faith fulfill all and singular his aforesaid promises and agreements according to the true meaning and intent of the same then this deed to be void otherwise of full force and virtue.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Calvin Austin L.S.

George Rusch  
Shadrack Hathaway

State of Vermont

Swanton April 13th 1816 Personally appeared Calvin Austin the signer and sealer of the above written instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free voluntary act and deed.

Before me Shadrack Hathaway, Just. Peace

Rec'd in Swanton for record April 18th AD 1816 and recorded by me Chas. Hall, T. Clerk.

**1842 Quit Claim Deed****Esther Austin to William H. Stearns**

Know All men by these presents that I Ester Austin of Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars received to my full satisfaction of William H. Stearns of Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released and forever quit claimed and by these presents to remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said William H. Stearns his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont, being the south half of Lot No. Eighty four being the same land leased heretofore by Silas Hathaway to George Watkins and by said Watkins to John Austin and deeded by John Austin to said William H. Stearns said last mentioned deed dated 26th of August 1840 and for a more full and particular description of said land reference is here made to that deed and to a Mortgage deed executed to Chellis F. Safford by said William H. Stearns dated March 17th 1842 hereby conveying and meaning to convey all my right title and interest in and to the above described premises by operation of the last Will and Testament of my husband John Austin deceased, and all my right title and interest of Dower and right of Dower as the widow of said John Austin — and all my right title and interest by force and virtue of a certain mortgage deed heretofore executed to me by the said William H. Stearns and all claims, liens, mortgages securities title and interest of every name and nature.

To have and to hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof or thereto belonging unto the said William H. Stearns his heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever so that neither I the said Esther nor my heirs nor any person and persons claiming under me or them shall at any time hereafter by any way or means have, claim, or demand any right or title to any part or parcel thereof forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of R.H. Hoyt T. M. Parmer

Attest R. H. Hoyt

State of Vermont  
Franklin County

Ester Austin  
her X mark L.S.

St. Albans July Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty two Personally appeared Ester Austin the signer and sealer of the above written instrument and acknowledged the same to be her free voluntary act and deed before me.

R. H. Hoyt Justice Peace

Rec'd for record in Town Clerks office Swanton July 16, 1842 at 11 o'clock A.M. and recorded by me Z. Fisk Town Clerk



## 1842 Quit Claim Deed

## Phineas H. Austin to William H. Stearns

Know all men by these presents that I Phineas H. Austin of Granby in the County of Shefford and Province of Canada in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars received to my satisfaction of William H. Stearns of Swanton in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have remised released and forever quit claimed and by these presents do remise release and forever quit claim unto the said William H. Stearns his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in Swanton in said County of Franklin described as follows, to wit: It being the south half of Lot No. 84 in Swanton also it being the same land deeded by Deed of Mortgage from William H. Stearns to C. F. Safford for more particular description reference being had to said deed on record and the deed therein referred to meaning hereby to discharge and quit claim to said Stearns all the right title and interest I have in and unto the aforesaid land by reason of being heir to John Austin late of Swanton deceased and also hereby meaning to discharge a note I hold against said Wm. H. Stearns payable after the decease of my Father and Mother John and Ester Austin and secured by Mortgage upon the above described premises.

To Have and to hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof or thereto belonging unto the said William H. Stearns his heirs and assigns to them and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever so that neither I the said Phineas nor my heirs nor any person or persons claiming under me or them shall at any time hereafter by any way or means have claim or demand any right or title to any part or parcel thereof forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of R. H. Hoyt T. M. Palmer P. H. Austin L.S.

The word "H Austin" was interlined before signing and the word "Stearns" was made before signing. R. H. Hoyt Justice of the Peace State of Vermont Franklin County

St. Albans July 12th 1842 anno domini one thousand eight hundred and forty two Personally appeared Phineas H. Austin the signer and sealer of the above written instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free voluntary act and deed Before me. R. H. Hoyt Justice Peace the word "Stearns" in the acknowledgement was erased and the words "H. Austin" was inscribed before signing. R. H. Hoyt Justice Peace Rec'd for record in Town Clerks office Swanton July 16th 1842 at 11 o'clock A.M. and recorded by me. Z. Fisk Town Clerk

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## POSSIBLE ANCESTRY OF JOHN AUSTIN

by Patricia Biebuyck Austin

In reviewing the *Austins of America* files for potential parents of the John Austin on page 432, we found him listed in Edith Austin Moore's *Miscellaneous Austin Records* as born on 20 February 1758 in Hopkinton, Washington County, Rhode Island, parents unknown. Further searching turned up the family of Benjamin and Susanna (Burdick) Austin on pages 231-232 of Mrs. Moore's 1951 book, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island*. For the reasons given below, we believe this to be John Austin's family, but additional research is required for definite proof.

At first glance our thesis seems unlikely, for Mrs. Moore does not list John among Benjamin and Susanna Austin's nine children, and they married a year after John was born. However their exact marriage date is unknown, and Mrs. Moore lists only the year as 1759. They may have married earlier, or have had John prior to their marriage. Their first two listed children were born in Hopkinton, as was John. Benjamin and Susanna had six other children in Preston, Connecticut, where they resided the rest of their lives. We know that John Austin was of Preston when he enlisted in 1776, and again when he married in 1783.

Thomas Austin is the key link between John and this family. From the town's vital records (Volume 6, Page 1) Thomas Austin married twice in Preston, first on 11 November 1784 to Ann Weaver, and second on 27 May 1792 to Mary Gates. Thomas and Mary moved to Washington, Orange County, Vermont. There on 10 June 1818 at age 56, Thomas attested (see page 432) that his brother John Austin was residing in Swanton, Vermont, and that he (Thomas) resided in Preston, Connecticut, when his brother John had enlisted there in 1777.

*Austins of America* records show that Thomas' wife Mary died on 1 October 1825 ae 55y 11m 20d in Washington, Vermont (gravestone). Mrs. Moore does not have Thomas' birth date in her *Robert Austin* book, but from Washington vital records she later learned that Thomas Austin died 27 September 1845 ae 83y 6m. That would make Thomas' birth date circa March 1862. John's birth date then falls in perfectly with Benjamin and Susanna's other children, for their offspring came with amazing regularity at two-year intervals: JOHN b. 20 February 1758, GEORGE b. ca. 1760, THOMAS b. ca. March 1762, EDWARD & NATHAN (twins) b. 5 April 1764, SUSANNAH b. 12 November 1766, MARY b. 2 September 1768, BENJAMIN b. 10 May 1770, and JOSEPH b. 23 February 1772.

One point remains rather troublesome. Records from the Second Church in Preston-Griswold, Connecticut (see also the Barbour Collection, Connecticut Vital Records) show that Susanna, wife of Benjamin Austin, along with her children George, Thomas, Edward, Nathan, Susanna and Mary were all baptized on 12 November 1769. Young Benjamin was baptized later on 1 July 1770, and his brother Joseph on 13 April 1772. Benjamin Austin himself does not appear in these baptismal records, nor does our John Austin. One explanation might be that Benjamin and John Austin had been baptized earlier, perhaps in Hopkinton, but this requires additional research.

**NOTE: Page 435 - 440 contains the 1850 U.S. Census for Virginia. This census is displayed in another project area of this web site.**

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

*by Anne Laurie Austin Smith*

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- H172-3. MARY JANE, *b. 29 June 1809, she married her cousin H171-7 Rev. Thomas Douglass Austin.*
- H172-4. SUSAN MARANDA, *born 2 April 1811, she married John Alexander Burgett. She died on 7 April 1878. Susan and John had ten children: Socrates Washington, Mary Eleanor, Adaline Sophia, infant daughter, Agnes Almira, Erastus Gustavus, Melissa Clementine, Susan Ann, Sarah Jane and Priscilla Isabella*
- H172-5. THOMAS WILLIAM, *b. 1 December 1812 +*
- H172-6. REBECCA ANN, *born 3 October 1814, she married Joseph Hiram Miller, who died at age 37 in Clarksville, Ohio. Rebecca died 22 September 1904 in Clarksville. She and Joseph had six children: Mary Eleanor, Martha Jane, Ann Elizabeth, Sarah Catherine, David Alpheus and Maria Louise.*
- H172-7. ISABEL WINN, *b. 1 July 1817, she married Samuel Pyle. Isabel died 25 April 1856 (near Clarksville, Ohio?). She and Samuel had eight children: Ann Eliza, Emily Caroline, Amanda Maria, Francis Henry, Melissa Jane, Thomas William, Alfred Clark, Arthur Watt*
- H172-8. SAMUEL JAMES, *b. 28 January 1822, died at age 11 on 8 July 1833.*

H173. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born on 8 December 1773 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. References 1 and 2 contain much information about William's life, and these are included here. When William was not yet five years old his father died. At the age of ten William had an experience that had a marked influence on his future life. He was at home alone one day, when he saw in the distance signs of a dreadful storm. He was much frightened, and in his distress began to pray, when suddenly he had a clear sense of the presence of God. All fear vanished; in its place was a great joy. This feeling persisted for some time, but gradually passed away.

William and his older brother Thomas were both apprenticed to carpenters for a term of seven years. William worked on the locks of the Potomac, and Thomas helped to build the capitol at Washington. William's home-made arithmetic, eight inches wide by 13 inches long, testifies to his determination to get some education. Inside he wrote with many flourishes:

Wm. Austin, his Book, January 10th, 1793.

On each page in large script is the subject, probably written by the teacher; below that the rule; then the problems worked out by the pupil. Here are a few of the subjects:

*To Bring Maryland Currency into Virginia Currency, Billingsgate Rule, To Find the Long Hundred or Six Score, The Single Rule of Three Inverse.* Extra pages at the back of the book were used for memoranda. On one is an account of the hanging of a young man for horse stealing at Charlottesville, Virginia, on Friday, 5 June 1789. His speech at the gallows is given in full. This was the first person executed by sentence of the district court judges.

One account says that William spent a good part of his youth in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was at his brother Samuel's house there when he wrote to Thomas:

*Albemarle County, Virginia, Dec. 15th, 1793.*

*Dear Brother,*

*I am exceeding happy in this Convenience of writing a few lines to you informing you that I and my brother's family are all in health at this time thanks to the Lord for it. And brother I hope these lines will find you sharing the same blessing. Sir, I sent you a letter sometime last month & have not received any answer. I sent it by a private person & by receiving no answer yet I conclude perhaps you might not get it. Sir, I am to inform you that I am to leave my brother at Christmas & have not engaged anywhere yet, & if you think such a hand as I am Could get employ in the town where you work & a living price for his labor I should be very happy you would let me know by the first passage for a letter, if you don't intend to see us directly after Christmas, but we look for you in our part of the world & should be happy to see you when convenient, for it is out of my power to be in to see you this winter I expect. Sir, Sister Anny has a fine son - was born the 27th of last month. I've nothing more worth relating & so shall conclude with my love to you till death.*



While in Albemarle County, William went out of curiosity to a Methodist Meeting. He became interested in the speaker. To his great surprise his own feelings as a child during the storm were so clearly described that he knew the man must have had a similar experience. He went home deeply moved.

William joined his brother Thomas at Charlestown, Berkeley County, and found work with a man who was building a house for Dr. Tiffin, afterwards Governor Tiffin of Ohio. William by this time had begun to enjoy life. He attended horseraces, cockfights, fairs and dances. He loved music, and became an accomplished fiddler, playing for dances sometimes a good part of the night. The people with whom he lived induced him to attend the meetings held by the Methodists of that place. There he found a peace he had never known before, and gave his name as a member of the church. This was in 1797. Fearing that he might be tempted to use his fiddle again, he threw it into the open fire and burned it.

William married on 13 December 1798 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to his cousin H154 Elizabeth Austin (see pages 397-398 for her parents' family). The record of their marriage can be found at Charlottesville, in a box marked 'Minister's Returns.' The clergyman was Jacob Watts. Elizabeth, born 18 June 1775 in Calvert County, Maryland, had come with her parents to Albemarle County in 1779. The day after the marriage, Thomas sold to William his share of a tract of land the two had bought in Surry County, North Carolina. William and Elizabeth moved to their new home in January 1799.

As a wedding present Elizabeth's father had given her a Negro boy. The slave became a problem. He was impudent and disobedient, and so strong they were half afraid of him. William wished to set him free, but was told that by the laws of that state the former owner of a freed slave was held responsible for his conduct. Very reluctantly he sold him, receiving two hundred dollars. To him and his wife it seemed like 'blood money' they could not use. After they came to Ohio they gave it to Wilberforce University.

The Methodists in Surry County were soon convinced that William had gifts as a speaker, so in 1802 he was granted a license to be an exhorter. On 26 January 1805 he was licensed to be a local preacher, the license being renewed from year to year.

In 1808 William's brother Thomas Austin, James Harris, and William McDaniel bought of the Mason heirs a tract of one thousand acres in Clinton County, Ohio, along Todd's Fork, about two miles northeast of the later site of Clarksville. In 1809 Thomas Austin and James Harris brought their families in covered wagons over the old Indian Trail through Hagerstown, Cumberland, Uniontown, to Wheeling, thence either by Zanesville or Chillicothe to Clinton County. Thomas' first home was a log cabin half a mile north of the mouth of Cowan's creek.

William must have been considering such a move himself, for at the bottom of a page in his old arithmetic he wrote in 1804 this list: *To Fisher's Gap, To the Blue Springs, To Abington, To Bean's Station, To Hogin's on Cum. River, To Pharisees Tarvern in the wilderness, To Kingcades on Station Camp, To Richmond Town, To Boonesborough, To Winchester.*

In the fall of 1810 William went on horseback to Ohio to see the new country. Returning to Surry County, he decided to move his family the next fall. He sold his farm and collected most of the money due for carpenter work, and made ready two wagons, one a Conestoga. There were twelve in the party: William and his wife and six children; his wife's father, Samuel Austin, Sr., a girl named Nancy Clark, and a neighbor Jacob Rupe with his wife Margery, who drove a third team. Should the baby be weaned before starting? It would be better to wait as he might get sick on the way. But they had not gone far until that young gentleman decided the matter himself by

holding on with his teeth whenever during lunch time the wagon wheels plunged into a deep rut in the trail.

There were three mountain ranges to cross. When the top of a mountain was reached, a large sapling was cut down and attached to the end of the wagon. This served as a brake in the descent. Many travelers had passed that way, and saplings were often hard to find. They probably followed the trail as outlined by William in the old arithmetic. We know that they passed through the Cumberland Gap, and crossed the Ohio River at Cincinnati by means of a ferry. Thomas Austin met them at Deerfield (now South Lebanon), Ohio, and they arrived at his home on 23 October 1811, just six weeks from the time they left Surry County, North Carolina.

James Harris had vacated his first cabin home on the bank of Todd's Fork near the mouth of Cowan's creek. It was not far from Thomas Austin's home. William decided to live there while looking for available land. The nearest post office and grist mill were at Lebanon fifteen miles away, with roads almost impassable in winter. Game was abundant; deer as common as domesticated animals. At night they could hear the howling of wolves and the screaming of panthers. A milk cow attacked by a panther managed to reach home, but soon died. Her hide was so lacerated that William succeeded in tanning only enough for a chair-bottom.

This was too much for Nancy Clark. She announced that she must be taken back home. Over that long trail? Impossible! Then she threatened to drown herself and went down to the creek. The children hidden in the bushes watched her wade in slowly until the water reached her shoulders. She stopped, considered a moment, then waded out. When William heard of it, he said nothing but gave the horses an extra feed, and prepared to start the next morning. There was some delay, when who should appear but Nancy's father who had come on a sightseeing tour. Nancy, of course, returned with him.

There was a society of Methodists in the neighborhood, and William united with them. James Villars, Jr., said that the first Methodist sermon he ever heard was delivered by James Davidson in the Austin cabin; the second was by William Austin in the cabin of Villars' father. William's field of labor soon widened. He rode on horseback all over Clinton, Warren, Clermont and Brown Counties, preaching in the rude churches or log cabins. His worn saddlebags are a mute witness to long hours in the saddle. He it was who preached the first Methodist sermon in Wilmington, the county seat of Clinton County, and with the help of Rev. Ambrose Jones he organized a society there in 1813. A memorial window in the present church bears his name as its first organizer. At Lebanon, Ohio, 17 September 1815, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Francis Asbury, and there also on 11 September 1821 he was ordained an elder by Bishop Robert Richford Roberts.

The search for land took him as far as the Falls of the Ohio at Louisville. There fine bottom land looked attractive until he noticed driftwood in the trees. East of Wilmington he was offered one thousand acres of wonderful land at one dollar an acre, but there was little drainage, and the fear of "chills and fever" deterred him. Finally, on 6 December 1813, he made his first purchase, 323 acres of Thomas Barlow for \$900.00. The number of his survey was 3643. It was situated in Vernon Township five miles farther up Cowan's creek, and six miles southwest of Wilmington. He chose the land because of the abundance of springs, and because he thought the hills surrounding the bottom land were health-giving. He built his cabin near a spring by the creek, and moved into it in January 1814.

All the land was covered with trees and had to be cleared. Great heaps of walnut logs were burned. Fearing that some day he might be in need of fuel, he bought in 1824 a tract of 398 acres of timber land for \$149.50, less than forty cents an acre. This tract was situated about a mile and a half from the main farm. Deer were seen in this woods as late as 1830. The spring after William moved to the farm Indians came to look after their gourds and troughs under the sugar trees. William feared trouble, but they never came again.

In 1817 he and his neighbor, James Villars, Sr., deeded a little over two acres for a church site and a graveyard. The place was named Mt. Pleasant. The first meeting house built of logs was so cold in winter that meetings were held in the homes of the members. In 1849 this log church was replaced by a commodious frame structure, which was used as a house of worship so long as any of the Austins lived in the community.

Three more sons were born to William and Elizabeth after they came to Ohio, one dying in infancy. The death of their eldest son, Thomas Deel Austin, in 1817 of "consumption" must have been a great grief to them. The school that the children attended was so far away that on winter mornings they started before sunrise and followed a trail through the woods. Greased paper was used for window panes. Everybody studied out loud. Later a schoolhouse was built on the Austin land not far from Mt. Pleasant.

With her large family of men-folks and only one daughter, Elizabeth was obliged to have help. Many girls who belonged to good families went out to sew or spin or help with the housework. It was their only means of earning a little spending money. William, who paid the customary wages, records in his account book that he paid one girl 37 1/2 cents a week; to another 67 1/2 cents, but the next year only 50 cents. The first saved her money, attended school for a while and became a teacher, later

marrying. The second, so it is recorded, spent hers in part on \$15.25 for a woman's saddle and bridle, \$6.78 for stuff and trimmings for a cloak, and \$1.00 for a pair of coarse shoes. She must have made an attractive picture as she rode to apple-cuttings, quiltings, big meetings, and the like, for she was soon married to a boy in one of the leading families.

After coming to Ohio, William Austin did no carpentry work except for himself. In 1823 he completed a large frame dwelling on a hill not far from Mt. Pleasant. The house faced north, overlooking the beautiful valley, with the road at the foot of the hill. He called his new home "Pleasant Hill." The large-frame grain barn was placed at the bottom of the hill, beside the road which then followed the valley to Mt. Pleasant. The log cabin was moved to a place near the barn and used for a stable. Later the road was changed and ran up the hill to the east of the house. Both house and barn were still in use in 1940 [Ref. 1].

Many Methodist preachers were entertained in William Austin's home. Sometimes Bishop McKendree, or Bishop Roberts, would stop there for a week's rest from their long horseback journeys. In the new house was a tiny bedroom opening off the sittingroom, built purposely for the only daughter, Mary. But it is said that she never occupied it, for Jonathan Tribbey came courting and married her before the house was completed.

It was the custom in the neighborhood to serve whiskey to the men at harvest time, as a stimulant supposed to enable them to work better. But when William went out early one summer morning and found one of his reapers, who had imbibed too freely the night before of "Tansy Bitters," still in a drunken stupor not far from the house, he made up his mind that no more liquor would be furnished by him. The next year he sent word around that no whiskey would be served but that he would give its equivalent in additional wages. The neighbors prophesied that he would not have a hand in the field, but they all came and approved the change.

More land was bought, until he had over a thousand acres, but not all in Clinton County. He mentions in his account book that by 1843 he had given each of his children fifteen hundred dollars. He finally rented the home place to his sons William R. Austin, Benjamin N. Austin, and David S. Austin. Later they bought the land. David remained in the old home, and William R. and Benjamin each built a house for himself.

Elizabeth died at age 73, the *Western Christian Advocate* published her death notice: "April 27, 1848— At Pleasant Hill, Clinton County, Ohio, Mrs. Elizabeth Austin, consort of Rev. William Austin, and only daughter of Samuel and Mary Austin. . . . She was a very affectionate wife, a most loving and tender mother, and a kind neighbor."

After his wife's death, William for a time kept a house-keeper, but later he and his son David's family all lived together. People from far and near came to see "Uncle Billy." A railroad came to Clarksville in 1853, but William did not go to see it. His mind was clear, and he could recall many incidents in his long and eventful life. In 1857 his nephew Elkanah wrote from North Carolina, requesting that he write a history of the family. This William did, the original manuscript being sent to Elkanah.

Death claimed William Austin on 17 January 1860, when he was a little past 86. His funeral was preached by Rev. Micah Gilbert Purkhiser from the text "I have fought a good fight." Burial was beside his wife at Mt. Pleasant.

William Austin's will, dated 11 February 1853, provided that his entire estate be divided into seven equal parts, the heirs of his daughter Mary Tribbey, late wife of Jonathan Tribbey, to receive one part, and the remaining six parts to be divided among his six sons. All his property was to be sold at private sale. His sons Samuel Smith Austin and David Sharp Austin were named executors.

The old log schoolhouse was replaced in 1862 by a good frame building. Every one of the children of William R. Austin, Benjamin N. Austin, and David Sharp Austin attended there, so many in fact, that it was sometimes called 'Austin's College.' The building was later used as a summer cottage by one of William Rupe Austin's descendants. That part of the original farm owned by David Sharp Austin, including the home on Pleasant Hill, was owned by David's youngest son. William R. Austin's land was owned by his great grandson. The heirs of Benjamin Naylor Austin sold their land.

After the Austins moved away from that community, the church was not used long, for Villar's Chapel had become more of a community center. With permission from the Ohio Methodist Conference, the church was sold in 1927 and the proceeds used to build a new fence around the graveyard. The Mt. Pleasant Burying Ground Association established a fund, the interest from which was sufficient to keep the grounds in good condition.

Reverend William and Elizabeth Austin had six children born in Surry County, North Carolina, and three born in Clinton County, Ohio:

- H173-1. THOMAS DEEL, *b. 2 December 1799 in Surry County. He died of consumption at age 18 on 7 January 1817 in Clinton County.*
- H173-2. MARY, *b. 7 October 1801 in Surry County, she m. 18 November 1823 in Clinton County to Jonathan Tribbey, son of Joseph & Ruth (Gregg) Tribbey. Mary died on 5 December 1856 in Rochester, Warren County, Ohio. Mary and Jonathan had six children: William Joseph b. 1824, John Dela b. 1826, Ann Elizabeth*

*b. 1828, Mary Virginia b. 1830, Lewis James b. 1833 and Sarah Caroline b. 1836.*

- H173-3. SAMUEL SMITH, *b. 29 August 1803 +*  
 H173-4. JAMES BOYD, *b. 16 August 1806 +*  
 H173-5. WILLIAM RUPE, *b. 8 September 1808 +*  
 H173-6. BENJAMIN NAYLOR, *b. 14 August 1810 +*  
 H173-7. HENRY ROBERTSON, *b. 5 October 1812 +*  
 H173-8. NELSON, *b. 1815 in Mt. Pleasant, Clinton County, died at birth. His was the first stone dated at Mt. Pleasant.*  
 H173-9. DAVID SHARP, *b. 3 June 1816 +*

H174. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) was born between 1774 and 1778, the youngest of four children. She married on 7 February 1793 to Benjamin Robertson in Upper Marlboro, Prince Georges County, Maryland. On 14 January 1813 Elizabeth mailed a letter to her brother William, which he received on 23 March 1813:

*December 2, 1812*

*Dear Brother,*

*I take this opportunity to write a few lines in answer to your letter. I had the pleasure to receive yours and read the contents with pleasure, hearing of your good health and welfare. I have the pleasure to inform you that I am in good health at present, and all the family except our two oldest daughters and youngest child have the ague and fever. We have been living at this place near —? —? Ferry, but we are about to remove to Calvert County. We have had no hearing from Virginia more than Mr. Robertson see Thomas Austin which told him he was at father's last winter and that they were all well then and that father sent us word that he should be in at Christmas to see us, and we much look for him in at his appointed time. I have a great desire to see you and hope you will come in to see us as soon as possible you can, and you will write to us so we may hear from you as convenient. And direct your letters to the office of Lower Marlboro in Calvert County. You have written me the number of children you have but not the name of a single one of them. I now some to write you the number of mine and the names of them: to wit, Alexandria; Ellener Smith; Sary; Wm. Austin; Mary Ann; Benjamin; Elizabeth Marshall; and Thomas Austin, which are eight in number and 9 on the way. I have nothing more to write you at present that is particular.*

*Mr. Robertson and all the children join me in love to you and family. Mr. Marcus Warren and Mrs. Warren desire to be remembered to you all. So I conclude by signing myself your most sincere loving and affectionate sister till death.*

*Elizabeth Robertson*

Their ninth child was named Ellen Robertson. The Thomas Austin mentioned was her brother who had moved to Ohio in 1809. By "father" she means her stepfather, Batson Naylor. Her mother Eleanor Naylor, had moved with Batson to North Carolina, where old letters indicate



## QUERIES

446-1. **Altha Austin** was b. 8 October 1790. She m. on 6 December 1812 to Joseph Yale of Gallaway, New York. He d. 13 July 1835, and she m. second to Elihu Thorp of Southington, Connecticut. Yale children: Joseph Warren b. 1814; Joel Ira b. 1815 d. in infancy; James Dana Atwater b. 1817; Elias Austin b. 1822. Seek Altha's parents.

446-2. **Frances Austin** was the daughter of John Austin of St. Marys County, Maryland and his wife Elinor. Frances married William Harrison (Hardesty?) in 1732 in St. Marys Co. Their daughter Sarah (Sally) married a Henry Austin in 1758 in Albemarle County, Virginia [see *Austins of America* page 398 for H16 Henry Austin]. Seeking parents of John, Elinor and William Harrison and any other information on these families.

446-3. **Albert Rene Austin** was b. 23 July 1904, d. 5 April 1965, having resided in Philadelphia most of his life. Seeking Albert's ancestors and descendants.

446-4. **Charles Austin** was b. circa 1821 in Ohio. He m. Mary Justus Harmon on 4 December 1849 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He d. 22 July 1884 at Fort Scott in Bourbon County, Kansas. They had three children: Josiner b. circa 1851 at Pickaway County, m. Edmond Williamson of Piatt County, Illinois; Bissell b. circa 1853 in Indiana (note there was a Col. Bissell Austin of Portage County, Ohio, in the War of 1812); Frank b. 3 March 1855 in Piatt County, m. Anna Pray (dau. of Nelson Pray and Drusilla Smith of Piatt County) on 31 January 1883 in Piatt County, and who d. 25 May 1919 at Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas. Seeking Charles' birthplace and his parents' names.

446-5. **Sarah Austin** m. John Thomas, both b. in New York. They had one known child, Henry Thomas b. 15 March 1855 in New York, but where in New York? Seeking information on Sarah Austin's ancestry & family.

446-6. **Robert Austin** b. circa 1850, his family possibly came from Sheffield County, Massachusetts. He m. Maggie — circa 1873, they had three children: Fred E. b. in July 1876 was the oldest. The family resided in Mercer County, Sharpsville Borough, Pennsylvania. Would appreciate any help with this Austin family.

446-7. **Lockwood Austin** was b. 3 October 1797. He m. 26 June 1830 Agitty Lewis, b. 8 August 1801, three known children: Ambrose b. 1833 Greene County, New York, Jane b. 1837 and Mary b. 1838. Agitty d. 10 January 1878, Lockwood d. 10 March 1878. Ambrose, an Engineer, m. Mary Jane Fitzpatrick b. 17 March 1833 in Ireland, seven known children: Mary Jane b. 1859 New York, Lockwood B., Frances, Fred A., George W., Anna L. and Charity. Seeking Lockwood's ancestry and his descendants.

446-8. **Martha Austin** b. circa 1755, possibly in New Jersey. She m. 19 November 1777 in Cumberland, New Jersey to John Reeves, a Revolutionary War Soldier who served as a Sgt./Cpl. from 8 February 1776 to 23 February 1777 in Captain Joseph Bloomfield's Co. in Col. Elisas Dayton's Battalion, New Jersey. His company marched to Ticonderoga, New York. John d. in 1811, Martha d. after March 1820. Their children were b. in New Jersey: John b. 1796, Cornelius, David, Hannah, Ruth and Mary. Seek any information on Martha Austin's ancestry.

446-9. **Charles Austin** was born in 1868 in Mt. Solon, Virginia, the son of Richard and Emma (Light) Austin. Charles went to Australia to work and met Flora Annie O'Brien b. 1873. They m. in 1893, and eventually returned to America. They had two sons and a daughter (names unknown) b. in Australia or America. Flora died circa 1910. Need death information for Charles and Flora, plus names of their children and their daughter's husband.

446-10. **William Austin** b. circa 1739, migrated with his family to Orange County, North Carolina, before settling in what is now Alexander County, North Carolina. He m. Ann —, they were both of Kent County, Maryland in the 1750's. Seek information on this Austin family.

446-11. **John Patrick Austin** and his wife Margaret 'Maggie' McDonach were both b. circa 1827 in Dublin, Ireland. Maggie was the daughter of Patrick and Kittie (Hoyle) McDonach. Family tradition says John served in Queen Victoria's army in Ireland. They lived in the area of 105th street in Cleveland, Ohio. John served in the Civil War. He d. fairly young, Maggie d. before 1910 while living with her daughter Catherine in Cleveland. Known children: Catherine, Mary, Margaret b. July 1862 d. 27 August 1945 in Cleveland, Ann C., William and Sarah. 'Kate' m. — Franklin, no children known; Mary m. — McFarland/MacFadden, a Wooster College of Ohio Trustee, no children; Annie m. William C. Edwards on 19 December 1883 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, two children: Helen and Willie; Bill was a bachelor and attempted to be a priest; Sallie m. 20 September 1883 in Cuyahoga Co. to a streetcar conductor James Kolar, three children: Mabel, Willie and Evelyn. Margaret m. John Puchta b. August 1862 (a tin roofer who fell off a roof, was laid up for a long time, he developed tuberculosis and died 14 May 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio), eight children (first five d. young): John, Lillian d. age 13 of tuberculosis, Louis, William, Maggie, Margaret Anne b. 1890, John McDonach b. 1896, and Chester L. b. 1897. Both John and Chester took their mother's maiden name of Austin, and John Austin, Chester Austin and Art Seaford had a vaudeville dance routine. They claimed to know Bob Hope very well and helped him with jobs early on. Seeking ancestry of John Patrick Austin and contact with others of related lines.



**SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
OLIVER AUSTIN AND HARRIET SEALY  
OF POTSDAM, NEW YORK**

*by Harold Dean Austin  
and Russell Anderson Austin Jr.*

Editor's Note: This article continues the Phineas Austin article appearing on pages 62-63 of *Austins of America*, in which S216-145 Oliver Austins birth and obituary are recorded. Two errors in the earlier article were reported in 1988 by Jeanne Drew Shebley: (1) Oliver's mother was Vodice, not Lodica [Stafford, Connecticut Vital Records have "Vodisa," while her tombstone in Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam, New York, has "Vodice"], and (2) it was a twin to S216-141 Oliver Austin, Alice Austin, who died on 5 September 1812, and not S216-142 Olive Austin, who was the great-great-great-grandmother of Mrs. Shebley. Sequence Numbers here do not account for Alice Austin, but have been left consistent with the earlier article.

S216-145. OLIVER<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (*Phinehas*,<sup>6</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>5,4</sup> *Thos*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 July 1809 in Rochester, Vermont. He moved with his parents to Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York, when he was six years old. The country at that time was so much of a wilderness that the older members of the family were obliged to use the ax in clearing the road in their place of settlement, while Oliver drove the ox team.

At age 22 he went to Canada for two years, where he met Harriet Sarah Sealy, who was born 17 July 1813 in London, England, the daughter of Francis Sealy. Harriet and her brother William had come to America in 1818 with their father. They settled in Canada, where Harriet resided until her marriage at age 20. Oliver was of Potsdam when he and Harriet married on 1 August 1833 in (St. Regis?) Canada. Oliver had begun driving a stage to Canada two years earlier, but at the time of their marriage he gave up his position as stage driver, and settled on a small farm two miles east of Potsdam.

Oliver's obituary (see *Austins of America* page 63) states in part that his farm was 'enlarged from time to time until it reached its present proportions [207 acres]. His work for many years in this, then, comparatively new country was largely pioneer work. The land had to be cleared. To bring the fields to their present state of cultivation required an amount of toil and effort that can hardly be appreciated by the present generation . . . the cultivation of his land and care of his large family so taxed his time and energies that he had little time to cultivate the social or aesthetic side of his character, and yet he read and took a lively interest in a questions pertaining to the church and to the public good.' Oliver was a Republican, he and Harriet were Methodists. The *Courier Freeman* newspaper of Potsdam, New York, provides us with a rather detailed account of the gathering for their 50th wedding anniversary celebration:

**Golden Wedding**

Golden weddings are of such rare occurrence as to deserve special notice. But few married couples live together fifty years. When half a century of wedded life has been passed, it is well to celebrate the event with becoming consideration. There are stations in life's journey at which we ought to pause and review the past and look forward to the future. He who does not do it, loses the grandest opportunities that are afforded as of receiving good. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Austin of this town were married Aug. 1, 1833, hence the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day occurred on the first inst. Their children and relatives conceived the idea of celebrating the occasion and making a memorable day in the family history. The gathering was to be a surprise, the time of meeting 6 o'clock, p.m. At the appointed hour carriages began to arrive, and in a little time the house was filled. Letters were received from absent ones who were distant, expressing regrets at not being able to mingle in the joyous occasion. To Mr. and Mrs. Austin have been born seventeen children, thirteen of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Among the sons are three physicians and one minister of the gospel. It was remarked that "if none of the children have attained to great fame, none of them have dishonored the family name or brought a lasting sorrow to the parents' hearts." The presents were tokens of love and affection, rather than expressions of great wealth. Among them were two easy chairs, in which the aged couple will find it convenient to rest more frequently, no doubt, in the future than they have in the past, a cake basket, napkin rings, pickle dishes, a picture frame, a lace scarf, and a few other articles, comprised the list. The gathering was a perfect surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Austin, but most heartily enjoyed. Long may they live to enjoy the golden honors which cluster around fifty years of married life.

Oliver and Harriet were married nearly 60 years before she died at age 80 of heart disease in their home in Potsdam on 20 February 1893. Her husband and children who resided in Potsdam were with her during her last hours. Her obituary mentions she had been an M. E. Church member for fifty years, that her life had been particularly unassuming and unselfish, and that she had been in feeble health for many years prior to her death. The obituary also states that of her seventeen children, five sons and five daughters survived her. Oliver died at home at age 84 on 22 March 1893, just a month after losing his wife. His obituary from the *Courier Freeman* appears on page 63 of *Austins of America*, his Will appears on page 448. This Will lists lastly among his children a 'Genie M. Nelson,' a name which does not seem to correspond with that of his daughter Frances H. Nelson. Whether this is the missing seventeenth child, or perhaps a grandchild, requires further research. Until then, of the seventeen children born in Potsdam to Oliver and Harriet, several of whom died at an early age, only the names of sixteen children are known:

### Last Will and Testament of Oliver Austin

*In the Name of God Amen!*

*I Oliver Austin of the town of Potsdam, County of St Lawrence & State of New York, being of sound mind & memory do make publish & declare this my last will & testament in the manner following:*

*First - I give grant devise and bequeath unto my wife Harriet S. Austin, the use income & profit of all my estate both real & personal for & during the term of her natural life.*

*Second - I give devise & bequeath to each of my children Abel S. Austin, George O. Austin, Charles W. Austin, Edwin H. Austin, Emaline A. Swift, Hattie A. Collins, Helen D. Bramley, Alice J. Garlick and Genie M. Nelson or to such of them as may survive my said wife the sum of two hundred dollars. In case any of my above named children should die before my said wife leaving him or her surviving a child or children living at the time of the death of my said wife said child or children shall have take & receive the sum herein bequeathed to his her or their deceased parent the several sums hereby bequeathed shall be due and payable within two years after the death of my said wife.*

*Third - After the death of my said wife I give grant devise & bequeath to my son Edward J. Austin all the rest, residence & remainder of my estate both real & personal to have hold use & enjoy & to receive the rents income & profits thereof for & during the term of his natural life.*

*Fourth - All the rest residue & remainder of my said estate both real & personal I give grant devise & bequeath to the children of my said son Edward J. Austin, him surviving to be divided between said children equally share & share alike.*

*Lastly - I hereby make nominate & appoint my said son Edward J. Austin Executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking any & all former wills by me made.*

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixteenth day of August 1884.*

*Oliver Austin*

*The foregoing instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof in our & each of our presence subscribed by Oliver Austin & published & declared by him as & for his last will & testament & we at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.*

*John A. Vance residing at Potsdam N.Y.  
E. M. Foster " " "*

- S216-1451. MATILDA S., born 30 March 1834, died 21 October 1852.  
S216-1452. ABEL SEALY, b. 26 February 1835 +  
S216-1453. OLIVER GEORGE, b. 21 February 1836, was "George" in 1850 census. He was an M.D., resided in Morrice, Shiawassee Co., Michigan. "George O." d. November 1903  
S216-1454. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. 2 Sept. 1837 +  
S216-1455. HENRY, b. 8 April 1839, d. 8 May 1839  
S216-1456. EDWARD H., born 5 March 1840, died 28 December 1852  
S216-1457. CAROLINE A., born 16 January 1842, died 2 October 1865  
S216-1458. EMALINE A., born 3 October 1843, married George Watson Swift  
S216-1459. HARRIET ('HATTIE') A., b. 16 April 1845, married Charles S. Collins  
S216-145A. LOVINIUS J., born 27 June 1846, died 18 June 1864  
S216-145B. HELEN D., born 27 October 1848, married Rev. — Bramley, he was the presiding Elder at Black River Conference of New York.  
S216-145C. ALICE J., b. 13 October 1850, m. — Garlick  
S216-145D. FRANCES H., b. 3 August 1852, m. — Nelson  
S216-145E. EDWARD JAMES, b. 22 February 1854 (twin) +  
S216-145F. EDWIN H., b. 22 February 1854 (twin), res. Gaines, Genesee County, Michigan.  
S216-145G. FRANK G., b. 30 May 1856, "Frank C." d. 26 July 1877 at age 21.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

S216-1452. ABEL SEALY<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Oliver*,<sup>7</sup> *Phinehas*,<sup>6</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>5,4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 February 1835 in Potsdam, New York. He graduated from the Potsdam Academy, and in the fall of 1856 moved to Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he taught school while studying medicine. He finished his studies in 1859 and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he continued training through 1860. In 1861 he started his first medical practice in Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, and in that same year he married in Detroit, Michigan, to Emma Cable, daughter of David and Sarah (Calhoun) Cable.

Abel obtained a degree from the Cleveland Medical College in 1865, and was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the United States Army. Dr. Austin served with the Army of the Cumberland until just before the close of the war, when he became ill and resigned. He returned to Argentine to recover his health and thereafter began a medical practice in Byron, Michigan. In 1873 he sold his practice in Byron and moved to Fowlerville, Michigan, where he lived for the remainder of his life, practicing medicine, farming, and raising and racing horses.

In 1907, having for a number of years received a pension as a result of his Civil War service, Abel was suddenly deprived for that small pension by the Department of the

Army. The explanation given was that 'contract' surgeons were not eligible for pensions that were reserved only to commissioned surgeons. It was widely felt that the shock of this action hastened his death on 2 October 1908 at age 70 in Fowlerville. Widow Emma died 12 December 1920 in Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington. Abel & Emma are buried in Fowlerville. They had two children:

S216-1452-1. ARTHUR SEALY, *b. 4 December 1862 in Genesee County.* +

S216-1452-2. EVA, *m.(1) Frank B. Warren, m.(2) – Fen? of Detroit, Michigan*

S216-1454. CHARLES WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Oliver,*<sup>7</sup> *Phineh,*<sup>6</sup> *Nathan,*<sup>5,4</sup> *Thomas,*<sup>3,2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 September 1837 in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York. The family lived on a farm two miles from the Raquette River on which Potsdam is situated. There he helped with the farm work and attended the district school until he was sixteen, when he entered the Potsdam Academy, which was afterward merged into a State Normal. There he attended, teaching in the country districts about during the winter, and working on the farm during the summer. All of the money he earned, aside from tuition and enough to buy books for the academy, went into the family purse, for the benefit of the family or farm until he was twenty-one.

Charles laid up the means to go West and enter Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. Before going on to college, he visited two brothers in the University of Michigan Medical Department, he taught a term in a select school in Northville, Michigan, and a winter term in a district school near Farmington. In 1862, thinking there was a scarcity of men to work the farms because of the many army volunteers, Charles engaged to help a friend, Mr. Middleton of Byron. That fall he went into the large and very taxing Byron school. Charles became worn out, and incapacitated for such work as was required of him.

In the spring of 1863 Charles Austin entered the Evanston Theological School. Inflammation of the eyes confined him three weeks to a darkened room. This was followed by a period of indigestion and debility. He went to recuperate at his brother Abel's home in Argentine, but there he grew rapidly worse. His life was despaired of, but a council of physicians was called and a last effort made, which proved efficacious. When he could travel, Charles returned to Potsdam, New York, for the summer of 1863. He returned to Michigan in the fall of 1863, and became pastor at Portsmouth, now Woodside Avenue in West Bay City.

In September 1864 Charles Austin joined the Methodist Episcopal Church Detroit Conference and was received into full connection in 1866. Conference records in 1924 mention that Charles had also attended the Garrett Biblical Institute, but do not record where or when he did so. Pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church always began their appointments in September, their terms of service

were limited to no more than three years per appointment. Rev. Charles Austin was appointed in September 1864 to Chesaning, Michigan. There he met Miss Mary Mason, the eldest daughter of Rufus Putnam and Caroline (Otis) Mason. Mary was born on 17 June 1844 in Durhamville, Oneida County, New York. When she was but three months old, her parents moved to a farm in Chesaning. It was a time when much of Michigan was still a forest, Saginaw County was filled with deer, wolves and bears, and the railroad facilities ended at Pontiac, Michigan. As in so many other communities, there gathered a group of book-loving families in Chesaning, public-spirited and forward-looking, who promoted schools, so that when Miss Mason came to the wooing age, she was herself an approved teacher with considerable knowledge of vocal and instrumental music. Charles William Austin and Mary Elizabeth Mason married on 20 September 1865 at her family's farm. They devoted their lives to serving the spiritual needs of people in the many towns throughout Michigan where Rev. Austin was appointed:

Chesaning	1864-1866	Bennington	1881-1883
Vernon	1866-1868	Tuscola	1883-1884
Trenton	1868-1870	Otisville	1884-1886
Houghton	1870-1871	Goodrich	1886-1888
L'Anse	1871-1872	Hartland	1888-1889
Fowlerville	1872-1873	Walled Lake	1889-1890
Mt. Morris	1873-1874	Dansville	1890-1894
Dansville	1874-1877	Freeland	1894-1895
Pinckney	1877-1878	St. Charles	1895-1896
Redford &	1878-1881	Oakley	1896-1898
Southfield		Chesaning	1898-1900

Moving so often must have been a hardship on the family, especially the children, as they were forced to depart from friends every year or two. Whenever her girls could help Mrs. Austin with the housework, or she could otherwise secure good help, she would assist Charles' church work in musical, literary and spiritual ways. The Sunday Schools knew her as teacher, an organist or pianist. The missionary societies had her active and generous support. She was an enthusiast for temperance reform, and loved the Union-Signal as she did her church papers. Revival meetings and prayer meetings ever knew her fervent cooperation, and on almost every charge she had music pupils whom she carefully instructed, with her own girls among her students. While in Redford, Mary had a large music class. She drove a horse and carriage to her pupils, some of whom lived 8 or 10 miles from her home. It was at Redford also that she began her studies in a Chatauqua Course, and Rev. and Mrs. Austin later became enthusiastic and prominent members of Chatauqua Circles. Mrs. Austin also became active in W.C.T.U. work.

In the saloon-ridden town of Mt. Morris, Rev. Charles William Austin's strong temperance proclivities and temperance revival activities shortened his work among

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**Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Charles & Mary Austin, taken in 1915 in Aberdeen, Washington. Standing left to right: Allan Sherwood Austin, Frank Lynn Austin, Oliver Rufus Austin, Harold Dean Austin; seated: Mary Elizabeth (Sweesy) Austin, Mary Elizabeth (Mason) Austin, Rev. Charles William Austin, Myrtle Blanche (Blossom) Austin; children: Carlyle Austin, Harriet Austin, Elizabeth Austin, and Betty Margaret Austin.**

those people, and he was reassigned to Dansville in 1874. Their household goods had already been put on a freight car bound for their new home, when Rev. Austin came down with typhoid fever. The family was forced to become guests of the people they were leaving. For four weeks his life hung in the balance, but Charles' good constitution and good care finally triumphed, and his health and strength returned. In late November they went to Dansville and there found an appreciative people. In October 1876 the children were attacked with scarlet fever, having the three forms of the disease in the three cases. Charles Henry Austin died in November after ten days of suffering, and was buried in Dansville cemetery.

The following March their third son was born, and was named for both of his grandfathers: Oliver Rufus Austin. In September 1884 they moved to Otisville, where their eldest daughter began teaching in a district school. They had considerable difficulty in securing help in the home, so Mrs. Austin became fully occupied, and could only conduct a small music class. In June 1888 she was called to the parental home to bid her father Rufus farewell. Both daughters departed home in September 1888, as Caroline married and Grace began attending school in Chesaning. Before the spring of 1889, however, Grace's health failed and she returned home. She recovered, and began teaching the following fall in the Walled Lake district school. In the spring of 1890 Caroline Austin Harryman died in her first maternity at Bennington. Mrs. Austin

brought her newborn grandson Maxwell Austin Harryman to Walled Lake, where they cared for him through a siege of scrofula from which he recovered. Maxwell remained with them until some years later, when his father made a new home for him by a second marriage. Maxwell later became a successful shoe merchant in Lansing, Michigan. In September 1890 Grace entered a school of music in Detroit, and the family again moved to Dansville. There being no parsonage, they rented the house being vacated by the former pastor, so one family was moving in while the other was moving out.

In April 1892 their four children one after another came down with scarlet fever, but their little grandchild was persistently kept away from the contagion and escaped. There was almost a panic among the villagers for fear of spreading the disease, but the family was under strict quarantine, and there were no other cases. Gertrude died on 17 April and was buried beside her brother Charles, who had died from the same disease 15 years earlier. During the quarantine, Grace was sent for. She left her work in Detroit, and came home to assist in caring for the sick. She later returned to Detroit and completed the music course at the Thomas Normal Public School of Music.

In 1899 Rev. Austin was given a retired relation, but continued to preach for several years thereafter. He excelled as a pastor, yet had frequent revivals and often in his house-to-house visiting some member of the family was converted. In October 1910 Rev. and Mrs. Austin made their home in Pasadena, California, and for thirteen and a half years they enjoyed the inspirational preaching of Matthew S. Hughes and Merle N. Smith. Rev. Austin's strength began to be strained in 1923, yet not until June of 1924 were fears aroused. Everything was done for him that love could plan. It was with gratified content that he looked upon the faces of his three sons.

Charles died on 13 June 1924 in Pasadena, California. On the Sabbath preceding his death he painfully said, "I remember how Bishop James said in his last sickness 'I am too weak to pray.' I also am too sick to pray. I have prayed a good many times for my boys. I cannot do it much longer. Someone else must do it when I am gone." His M. E. Church Memoriam reports Rev. Austin as having been "Quiet in manner, humble in spirit, pure in heart as in language, painstaking and industrious, hospitable to all comers, courageous in private reproof, wise in counsel and full of understanding, loving and sympathetic in ministrations to the sick and afflicted, an ardent Bible student and teacher, a builder and never a destroyer of faith, it will be a long time before the ministry of C. W. Austin will be forgotten, or have exhausted its reduplicating force." One brother, three sisters, a wife, a daughter, three sons, eleven grandchildren, and two great-

grandchildren constituted the nearer family groups which lived to lament Charles William Austin's death. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Merle Smith. Prayer was voiced by Rev. B. D. Snudden, pastor of South Pasadena M. E. Church. Dr. Stubbs represented the retired ministers of Pasadena, a large number of whom were present. O. W. Willits read a brief memoir. Ephraim Sedwick and E. W. Frazee were other conference companions who were present. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Austin went to live with her son Oliver Rufus Austin in Aberdeen, Washington. She was struck by an automobile while crossing a street in Aberdeen, Washington. The tragedy occurred on 17 March 1927, about 9:00 a.m. and she breathed her last about 5:00 p.m. at the local hospital. She was bruised in many places, having been dragged without the wheels passing over her body, but there were no fractures. The final service and interment were at Forest Lawn Cemetery, she was buried beside her husband. The text for the last address included Jesus' commendation of Mary "She hath done what she could." Detroit Conference Memoirs recalled that "Mrs. Austin's entire life was characterized by intellectual alertness, joyful affectionateness, submissive trustfulness, and unbroken fidelity to every relationship. Withal she was a voluminous letter-writer. Though nearly eighty-three years of age she still continued her habit and there will be scores of people to remark in coming days," "I so miss Mrs. Austin's letters." Charles and Mary had eight children, and thirteen grandchildren living at the time of Mary's death:

- S216-1454-1. GEORGE, *born in 1866 in Chesaning, Michigan d. young*
- S216-1454-2. CAROLINE ('CARRIE'), *b. on 28 April 1868 in Vernon, Shiawassee County, Michigan. She was a teacher before she m. 12 September 1888 to Walter Powell Harryman of Bennington, Michigan. She d. 19 April 1890 giving birth to their first child, Maxwell Austin Harryman.*
- S216-1454-3. CHARLES HENRY, *was b. in 1870 in Houghton, Michigan. He died of scarlet fever on 8 November 1876 after ten days of suffering, and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Dansville, Michigan.*
- S216-1454-4. GRACE, *b. 12 March 1873 Fowlerville, Michigan. She graduated from Ypsilanti Normal College and Conservatory in Detroit. She taught in a number of Michigan schools. She m. Christopher M. Arnkens on 28 November 1902, and was living in 1927 in Frankfort, Indiana. Grace compiled her family line. She lived at the Spring Apartments Hotel, 1100 5th Avenue, in Seattle, Washington in 1950. She died on 26 October 1962 in Seattle.*
- S216-1454-5. OLIVER RUFUS, *b. 28 March 1877 +*

S216-1454-6. GERTRUDE, *b. 13 October 1880 in Redford, Michigan. She d. of scarlet fever on 17 April 1890 in Dansville, Michigan. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery with her brother Charles.*

S216-1454-7. FRANK LYNN, *b. 18 May 1884 +*

S216-1454-8. ALLAN SHERWOOD, *b. 23 July 1886 +*

S216-145E. EDWARD JAMES<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born 22 February 1854 in Potsdam, New York. He married Annie Lee on 29 October 1879. Dr. and Mrs. Austin resided in the old homestead in Gaines, Genesee County, Michigan. Their three known children:

S216-145E-1. FRANK LEE, *b. 30 March 1882 +*

S216-145E-2. WILLIAM EDWARD, *b. 29 May 1886, m.(1) on 1 December 1909 Eva J. Baker, b. 3 September 1897 in Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County, New York. William m.(2) on 28 November 1945 in Portland, Oregon, to Lydia R. Ayers, b. on 3 Sept. 1897 in Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County, New York. William resided in Potsdam in 1951.*

S216-145E-3. JOHN T. LEE, *b. 6 November 1892*

#### NINTH GENERATION

S216-1452-1. ARTHUR SEALY<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (*Abel Sealy,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born 4 December 1862 in Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan. He initially "read medicine" with his father, and later graduated from the Detroit Medical College. He interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit, and then moved to Fowlerville, Michigan, where he entered practice with his father.

Arthur Austin married on 15 July 1891 in Greenville, Michigan, to Carrie May Anderson, born 19 April 1864 at Altoona, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Counsman) Anderson. She was from was a prominent lumbering family in Altoona, and they precipitated the westward migration in 1900 of Arthur and Carrie to Aberdeen, Washington.

The town was the center of a burgeoning lumber and fishing industry. In 1900 it was the last frontier, and Dr. Austin became one of the first college-trained physicians and surgeons in the area. Upon his arrival he found great need for a hospital, and in 1905 he built, on the northwest corner of the town's main intersection, the Grays Harbor Hospital, with a residence immediately next door.

Dr. Austin lived to see the sawdust streets and plank sidewalks replaced with modern concrete boulevards and a civilized town of population 20,000. In 1926 he sold the

hospital and residential property to the S. H. Kress Company, for what at the time was the largest real estate transaction in the history of the county. By that time his home was in the center of the established downtown, so as part of the sale the house was jacked onto rollers and moved up to West Third Street where it remains in good condition today (1983).

Arthur found the practice of medicine so remunerative and exciting that he urged his younger cousin, S216-1454-5 Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin (see below) to also migrate to Aberdeen. Thereafter the two delivered thousands of babies in Grays Harbor in the first half of the century, with Oliver surviving Arthur by twenty years.

Dr. Arthur Sealy Austin died at 73 on 11 May 1935 in Aberdeen, his wife Carrie died 15 October 1949. Both are interred in the family plot at Fern Hill Cemetery in Aberdeen. Arthur and Carrie had two children born in Fowlerville:

S216-1452-11. HELEN MAY, *b. 16 June 1894, m. 10 September 1919 in Aberdeen to Clyde Stewart Roberts, b. 7 December 1892 in Manqum, Oklahoma. Roberts children: Clyde Stewart b. 1920, Helyn Elizabeth Roberts b. 1927.*

S216-1452-12. RUSSELL ANDERSON, *b. 2 April 1900 +*

S216-1454-5. OLIVER RUFUS<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (*Charles William,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 28 March 1877 in Dansville, Ingham County, Michigan. After his graduation from high school in 1894, he attended Michigan State college for one year, majoring in chemistry, and he also taught country school for a time.

Oliver served in the Spanish-American War, enlisting 20 June 1898 at Lansing, Michigan. As a Private in Co. E of the 31st Michigan Infantry, he served in southern camps, and in Cuba with the Army of Cuban Occupation. Oliver was discharged on 18 May 1899 at Savannah, Georgia, although the U.S. continued to occupy Cuba until 1902.

In 1899 Oliver enrolled at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to pursue a degree in medicine. It was there he began his association with athletics as a trainer for the famous Michigan football team of 1901, the team that won the first Rose Bowl game.

He was a student attending the University of Michigan Medical School at Ann Arbor, when Oliver married on 28 November 1902 at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Myrtle Blanche Blossom. Myrtle, the daughter of George Henry and Cornelia Helen (Powell) Blossom, was born on 7 April 1874 in Dimondale in Windsor County (now Eaton County), Michigan. The couple enjoyed the traditional Niagara Falls honeymoon.

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**Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin (upper right) was coach of the 1905 football team in Mason, Michigan**

Oliver Rufus Austin received his M.D. degree in 1903. He then went to Mason City, Michigan, to open a medical practice. On 14 July 1904 Oliver and Myrtle had their first child, Harold Dean Austin, with Oliver listed as “attending physician” on the birth certificate. That same year Oliver joined the Michigan National Guard, serving until 1906. However, he couldn’t stay away from athletics, and soon after his arrival in Mason City he became the high school football coach (see the photograph above).

At the urging of his cousin Arthur Sealy Austin, in 1906 Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin went to Aberdeen, Washington, where he established a lifetime practice that was interrupted only by active wartime military service. In 1907 he helped to organize Company G, 2nd Washington National Guard Infantry Regiment at Aberdeen. In 1913, when he was Captain of Co. G, he transferred to the Medical Corps. Oliver was promoted to Major in 1916, and he became Regimental Surgeon. In 1917 the 2nd Washington Infantry Regiment was federalized, and became the 161st Infantry in the 41st Division in World War I. This was recounted late in 1954 by Adjutant General Fred W. Llewellyn, who was asked to contribute to a testimonial book for Oliver:

*“In your letter you indicate that what are wanted are incidents illustrating high points of the Doctor’s life, and you mention in the same connection that he still, at nearly 78, takes the steps at the hospital at two or three at a time. Taking steps at two or more at a time, both literally and figuratively, was a settled and uniform characteristic as far back as 50 years ago, when I first came to know, work and play with him in connection with the formation of Co. G, Second Washington Infantry, National Guard of Washington at Aberdeen.*

*“As I had about eight or nine years of service in the NGW, and still held an active commission therein as captain of infantry, I was almost automatically assigned by the Adjutant General as captain of the new outfit. Upon my recommendation, because of their manifestly superior qualifications and experience, the “Indefatigable Doc” Austin and “Irrepressible Reuben” Fleet were appointed and commissioned respectively first and second lieutenants. Among the recruits inveigled by Austin was a long lanky forty-year-oldster named Shields, with extensive prior service in the National Guard of another state, who made an ideal first sergeant, although not yet familiar with then newly revised infantry drill regulations.*

For reasons unnecessary to mention here, the State authorities were unable to accomplish issuance to the men of uniforms, arms and equipment before arrival at American Lake, but meanwhile it was necessary to push recruiting, physical examinations and all possible basic training to the limit. Because I was a newcomer to Aberdeen and Fleet resided and had his business offices at Montesano, the burden of recruiting fell almost exclusively on Austin. For him it appeared easy. It seemed to me that he was personally acquainted and on good friendly terms with almost everyone in town. Wiry and tough and in fine condition physically and mentally, attending at the same time to a busy medical practice, he really did appear to me to be tireless. Within a week we had two skeleton but rapidly filling out platoons drilling nights and Sundays in marching and school of the soldier. Only about half the recruits had had any prior military experience, and most of these were rusty and awkward.

About five weeks later Company G detrained at American Lake in civvies but at full authorized strength. The regimental commander commented favorably on their appearance and behavior as they assembled and marched off to receive their uniforms, rifles and equipment. About twelve days still later, the same company placed second in the regiment in the final competitive drill, and Austin, Fleet and I would not have traded it for any other company in the world.

During those six weeks of precamp organization and training, and the ensuing encampment, many amusing things happened, but I cannot recall any that could be effectively reenacted or otherwise utilized at an affair of the type under contemplation. For example take Sergeant Shields' solution of the dilemma with which he was confronted on his first exercise of command of the company on the march at American Lake. Previously he had been too much occupied with administrative duties, such as completion and disposition of enlistment papers and so forth to do much more than form the company for drill, or dismiss it when directed where it stood, after a drill period, in the armory at home. But now at American Lake a drill period having ended, the officer in charge had directed the first sergeant to march the company to its street and there dismiss it. He had gotten started all right, and had the company marching in line at attention, towards himself and a high zigzag rail fence behind him, about parallel to the company front. Suddenly he found himself unable to recall the simple commands necessary for getting the company into column and through a nearby open gateway. The marching men were only a few paces from the fence, and smirkingly aware of the situation were, I believe, really stepping out a little farther and faster with mischievous intent to assure and hasten the impending disaster. Shields, red faced and flustered, jumped back into an angle of the fence, threw up his hands and yelled, "Stop! Dam it, stop! Dam it! Fall out and fall in on the other side of the fence! Dam it!":

Although my friendship with Doctor Austin began in the associations incident to the organization of the National

Guard company above mentioned, it soon broadened into the general mutual and warm regard which endures to this day. As I look back to the years when we were often working together and seeing each other almost daily, and search my memory for matters that might be worthy of consideration for the present purpose, I find myself stumped for details of name, time and locality which have faded beyond immediate recall.

Very sincerely your friend

Fred W. Llewellyn

Oliver and Myrtle had their second child, Betty Margaret Austin, in 1915. Oliver would foot race against his son Harold. The races eventually became an annual event, attracting wide attention. Every year on Harold's birthday, father and son would line up at Stewart Field, Electric Park, or some other place for the sprint. The doctor was well up in years before Harold gained his first victory.

In 1916 Pancho Villa led his guerrilla forces against the town of Columbus, New Mexico, killing 17 Americans and provoking a U.S. punitive expedition into Mexico. This strife called Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin away from his home and practice, to active duty on the Mexican border. Oliver remained in the Washington National Guard from 1907 through August 1917, at which time he was again called to duty in Federal service, this time as a Major in the Medical corps in the Great War that was "to end all wars." He became Regimental Surgeon of the 161st Infantry. He embarked from Hoboken on 12 December 1917 to serve as a surgeon on the firing line in France. Oliver's departure for Europe is recalled in an excerpt from a letter written circa 1954 by his brother, Commander Frank Austin :

*"In the early winter of 1917, Oliver was at a staging camp of the army near Mantauk Point, Long Island, New York, preliminary to overseas duty and I was at Fort Jefferson, Long Island, getting a large yacht transposed into a "Q" boat for anti-submarine duty. He visited me two or three times at Fort Jefferson. Later I was suddenly detached from the yacht deal and ordered to the cruiser Columbia as navigator for escort duty. One of my first convoys was a group of fast transports carrying an outfit to Brest. We never knew, due to security measures, exactly what unit and sub-unit we were escorting but it was rumored that medical personnel was involved. That Oliver was on one of the transports and his brother was navigator of the escort vessel makes a good story."*

Major Oliver Austin served as Surgeon, Advance Supply Depots Is Sur Tille, from March to June 1918. He was in the Second Division as Surgeon in the 12th Field Artillery in June 1918, and took part in five major offensives. For his efforts in the Battle of Mont Blanc Ridge, between 3 and 11 October 1918, Oliver later received the French Croix de Guerre. After the surrender, Oliver served with the Army of German Occupation. A few excerpts from his World War I diary:



Oct. 15, 1918 - No paper since the announcement that Germany accepted Pres. Wilson's 14 principles but said nothing about the 15th. It would be a crime to all future generations to stop fighting now for a moment, until German troops are well out of all occupied territory and until they have laid down their arms in a complete unconditional surrender. If President Wilson agrees with France, Great Britain and the other allies to an insistence on these terms, the American people and others interested may forgive him for all his former mistakes, delays and juggling; but, with the balance of power which he individually has at this time, given to him by the people of the U.S., if he countenances any other course than that which will destroy forever the race of human fiends in control, and the government they have established, in Germany, he will have failed miserably and forever in the trust that has been reposed in him as President of our Republic.

Nov. 13, 1918 - Colonel McKell arrived this P.M. to take command of the 12th F. A. which has been so ably commanded by Lt. Col. John A. Holabird during the past three offenses. All of us were much surprised and regretted that Lt. Col. Holabird could not retain the command through our period of occupation. Col. McKell, however, is a man of brains and sound judgment and I am convinced will do well by the regiment and do credit to himself.

Nov. 30, 1918 - An Oyster Bay physician took two Oregon officers, Lt. Col. Abrams and Maj. Marcellus and me to Sagimore Hill, Oyster Bay, where we met Col. Roosevelt. This was an occasion which I have long looked forward to and hoped for and well worth all the sacrifices of this war so far as I am concerned. The impression I received of the Colonel was that he is older and less vigorous than I had expected but his mind is as active as ever, matured and rich in experience, undoubtedly the mind of the greatest statesman of today.

December 12, 1918 - One year ago today since the greater part of the 41st Division embarked at Hoboken. How little we thought as we sneaked away from the shores of the U.S. at night, that in a year's time an American Army would be peacefully quartered on the banks of the Rhine.

January 27, 1919 - Got up early to take the 7:30 train to Vollandar where the presentation of Croix de Guerres, the French Military Decoration, took place. About 20 were presented to officers of this Regiment, about 300 to the Division. Lieutenant Maxwell and I both got in on it. Then I went in to Coblenz. The ceremony of presentation was rendered tedious by the excessive cold and falling snow. The band instruments were frozen up and the only music we had for the review which followed was the drums. This ceremony took place on the ex-Kaiser's birthday, and on German soil. For that, as well as for the experience on the Champaign front, Blanc Mont Ridge and the days following and preceding, this little memento will be highly prized among my trophies of war, which by the way, are few in number.

At the time he received his Croix de Guerre, Oliver was billeted in the Schloss Arnfels, at Hanningen on the hill, across the Rhine river from Coblenz.

Two months after the Germany surrender, Oliver served as a Delegate from the 41st and 2nd Divisions to the original Paris Caucus founding the American Legion on March 11, 1919.

Oliver remained a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Corps Reserves from 27 April 1921 continuously until World War

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**Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin (1877-1959) photographed two days after the end of World War I.**

II. Ever eager to serve, in February 1942 he applied for active duty and passed the physical at Fort Lewis, but received word that "It is not the policy of the War Department to call Reserve Officers who are past the age of retirement to active duty at the present time."

In 1919, just after the close of World War I, Oliver was prevailed upon by the members of the medical fraternity on the Harbor to run for County Coroner. J. W. Clark, former Aberdeen Rotary Club member and the *Grays Harbor Post* publisher, printed his election cards, a necessary expense in those days even for so minor a county office. J. W. had a cut of O. R. in his flight cap, then called an "overseas" cap. It was a tough looking mug, and J. W. sagely observed that "with a mug like that you could run for sheriff and win hands down!" Oliver won the campaign by a big majority. In that office he saw a lot of excitement. Some of his experiences bear repeating, and some, because of the nature of the work involved, had better be left forgotten. Rum runners, murders, suicides, first-degree arson, all sorts of situations were involved. Hijackers, arguments with eager newshawks, stake-outs, police investigations, everything found between the covers of a thriller were involved during the four-year period he served.

Dr. Austin was the first United States Department of Commerce Flight Surgeon on Grays Harbor in 1938, and continued under the Civil Aeronautics Administration in that position until his death. He was extremely proud of his part in preparing the Harbor's young men to become fliers.

For more than 50 years, Aberdeen high school players and coaches had occasion after occasion to be grateful for the ministrations of the sports-minded Dr. Oliver Austin. He consistently showed up in the dressing room before and after each game to offer his services. Always in the stands, he was immediately available to patch up any injured player. In 1948 he was awarded a life membership in the Benchwarmers Club. The 1951 Armistice Day game was dedicated to him, and in 1955, he was singled out for special recognition at an Aberdeen sports banquet.

One of the founders of the American Legion, Oliver was active in veterans' affairs. He belonged to the Legion's Aberdeen Post 5, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Aberdeen Post 224, and the Spanish-American War Veterans John D. Roberts Camp. In 1936 he was selected as Aide-de-Camp to V.F.W. Commander James A. Van Zandt, later a Pennsylvania Congressman. They made a goodwill tour to Japan, and were good friends for many, many years.

Dr. Oliver Austin was a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, an Aberdeen Rotary Club charter member, and a 50-year Mason. He also belonged to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, and the Sons of the American Revolution. The Disabled American Veterans bestowed Oliver with an honorary membership, in appreciation for his tireless, continuous support of their relief and comfort.

Until just a few years before his death in 1959, Oliver was organizer and marshal for nearly every parade held in the

city of Aberdeen, and he had been guest marshal for parades in other communities. It was always understood that when Dr. Austin was marshal, the parade moved off at the exact time scheduled.

Dr. Oliver Rufus Austin died on 31 January 1959 in Aberdeen, having lived up to his credo: "always give just little more than you have to." He was buried in the Fern Hill cemetery, with the Grays Harbor All Veterans Firing Squad providing the military honors, and members of the Grays Harbor Medical Society being honorary pallbearers. His widow Myrtle died only four months later, on 30 May 1959, in Tacoma. Oliver and Myrtle had two children:

S216-1454-51. HAROLD DEAN, *b. 14 July 1904 +*

S216-1454-52. BETTY MARGARET, *b. on 4 August 1915, m. in Aberdeen, Washington, on 28 September 1935 to Clark Richard Saunders, b. on 8 August 1912 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, son of Rome Clark Saunders and Hazel D. Richardson. Children: Marcia Ann b. 1940 in Mendocino, California, and John Clark b. 1946 in Lodi, California. Betty now resides in Stockton, California.*

S216-1454-7. FRANK LYNN<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (*Charles William,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born 18 May 1884 in Tuscola, Michigan. He married on 3 June 1920 to Lillian Lenore Judkins in So. Pasadena, California. Lieutenant Commander Frank Austin devoted his life to the Coast Guard Service, before and during World War I. He was stationed at Fort Jefferson, Long Island, New York, and served as a navigator on the Navy transports which convoyed American troops to and from naval bases at the seat of war. He was aboard the cruiser *Columbia* which accompanied medical personnel overseas (see Frank's letter on page 454). In 1927 he resided at Berkeley and served with the Coast Guard service in the San Francisco area. Frank died on 14 January 1978 in Walnut Creek, California, Lillian died there 16 July 1988. Frank and Lillian had three children:

S216-1454-71. FRANK LYNN JR., *b. 17 July 1921 in Oakland, California. He never married, was still living in 1993.*

S216-1454-72. ELIZABETH ANNE, *b. 3 October 1923 in Los Angeles, California. She m. on 13 July 1947 in Alamo, California, to Louis Kalischer Newfield, Jr., b. 9 May 1922 in Marysville, California, son of L. K. & Esther Elizabeth (Currie) Newfield. Louis served as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Children: Peter Austin b. 1950 in Irumagawa, Honshu, Japan; Anthony Louis b. 1952 Tacoma, Washington; Michael Alexander b. 1957 in Meriden, Connecticut; Joseph Lynn b. 1959 in Wichita, Kansas.*

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## AUSTIN BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN KENTUCKY 1911 TO 1920

*by Sally Austin Day*

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### ALLEN COUNTY

Lula Austin d. 30 July 1911	43-16942
Dan Austin b. 31 January 1916	Essie Pitchford 45-22277
William Austin d. 20 July 1916	35-17067
Ruth Austin b. 11 August 1916	Maud Huntsman 107-53062
Gara Odell Austin b. 29 April 1917	Ana Sullivan 87-43335
Carlie W. Austin d. 2 January 1918	1-19
Mary Austin d. 15 February 1918	12-5970
Luther Ray Austin b. 27 July 1918	Maudie Allen Burnley 62-30620
Essie M. Austin b. 22 February 1919	Effie Grace 10-4916
Arcle B. Austin b. 7 Oct. 1919	Allie Thomas 87-43300
Georgie Ella Austin b. 5 June 1916	Kittie Brown 58-28997
William Austin b. 17 December 1917	Maggie Lee Comper 22-10539
Samuel, Jr. Austin b. 20 March 1918	Kitty Brown 19-9229
Sarah Jane Austin b. 24 June 1919	35-17389
Mary Goldie Austin b. 21 October 1919	Minnie E. Napler 87-43299
Reed Austin b. 24 February 1920	Katherine Brown 12-5574
Infant of Lentian A. b. 25 August 1920	Ina V. Sullivan 121-60242
James L. Austin b. 17 Oct. 1920	Clara A. Mathews 110-54504
Elizabeth Austin b. 29 November 1920	58-28719

### ANDERSON COUNTY

Bennie Jr. Austin b. 8 January 1916	Mrs. Ida Brown 2-937
Margaritte Austin b. 6 April 1917	Ida Siers 34-16591
Alma Austin b. 19 May 1918	Dora Dean Duncan 41-20116
Alma Austin d. 3 Nov. 1918	Dora Dean Duncan 64-31574

### BARREN COUNTY

Bertha Mildsy Austin b. 12 Aug. 1914	Allis Austin 77-38111
Roy Radford Austin b. 15 Feb. 1916	Malisie Austin 14-6543
Ollie Frederic Austin b. 23 June 1916	Pearl Kirby 59-29088
Birthla M. Austin d. 21 July 1916	35-17104
Burnie Austin d. 6 August 1916	40-19822
Etter Reaner Ma Austin b. 24 September 1916	Grives Heater 90-41729
Roy Radford Austin d. 16 January 1917	1-98
Larrun Austin b. 17 March 1917	Josie Austin 22-10681
Learier Austin b. 19 March 1917	Josie Austin 22-10682
Beatrice Austin d. 6 April 1917	20-9864
Beny Ray Austin b. 14 April 1917	Alis Austin 34-16693
John Austin d. 20 June 1917	49-24137
Learier Austin d. 23 July 1917	38-18548

Learma Austin d. 29 July 1917	38-18549
Paul Edward Austin b. 21 June 1918	Pearl Kirby 51-25276
R. V. Austin d. 3 Nov. 1918	63-31622
John Austin d. 22 January 1919	1-139
Hubert L. Austin d. 4 February 1919	10-4636
Rafey C. Austin b. 17 April 1919	Josie Austin 51-25115
Rofic C. Austin b. 24 June 1919	35-17454
Ernest N. Austin b. 11 June 1920	Pearl Kerby 57-28153
Bruce Austin d. 14 June 1920	31-15244
Maggie Austin d. 5 September 1920	44-21699

### BELL COUNTY

William M. Austin b. 9 March 1919	Angie Collins 21-10120
Marion T. Austin b. 7 May 1920	M. Tiller 110-54751

### BOYD COUNTY

Lee Verna Austin b. 19 Oct. 1917	Gertrude Higgins 108-53966
Ida Austin d. 16 August 1919	50-24742
Lucille Austin b. 24 January 1920	Grace Miller 12-5895
Irene Austin d. 8 April 1920	Gertrude Higgins 36-17611
Dave Austin d. 27 July 1920	35-17482

### BOYLE COUNTY

William Arnold Austin b. 13 Jan. 1916	Emma P. Walls 3-1217
Isaac Austin d. 11 March 1919	18-8752

### BRACKEN COUNTY

Alice Eller Austin b. 21 May 1912	Ella Murphy 56-22066
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### BUTLER COUNTY

Coakley Sherman Austin b. 22 July 1916	Mary Ann Baker 70-31598
Thomas L. Austin d. 11 June 1917	33-16165
Eliza E. Austin d. 20 August 1917	49-24330
Jas. Eddie Austin d. 13 September 1917	49-24332
Ruthie Magdaline Austin b. 30 September 1917	Rudie Austin 88-43877
Estill E. Austin d. 5 November 1918	65-32090
Sam Austin d. 17 March 1919	41-20232
Mary E. Austin d. 7 November 1919	59-29137

### CALDWELL COUNTY

Charles Thomas Austin b. 9 July 1919	Bertha Rowlane 78-38690
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### CALLOWAY COUNTY

Inez Austin b. 28 March 1916	Maude Canter 34-16898
Robert Austin d. 21 November 1919	7-3168

### CAMPBELL COUNTY

Albert Miles Austin b. 28 December 1913	Mary Lillian Austin 126-62964
Phillip Austin b. 29 May 1916	Francis Austin 56-27778
Thomas James Austin b. 28 April 1918	May Lillian Miles 31-15313

### CARTER COUNTY

Clyde Austin d. 12 July 1916	35-17428
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## CASEY COUNTY

Benny B. Austin b. 3 Sept. 1911 Ruth Carman 108-43171  
 Benny Austin d. 3 February 1915 7-3498  
 Isah Lewis Austin b. 28 March 1917 Margarite E. Toms  
 35-17479  
 William Wilbert Austin b. 18 April 1917 Susie Esther Williams  
 47-23267  
 Willie O. Austin b. 19 Nov. 1818 Ellnord Austin 103-51095  
 George, Jr. Austin b. 30 Dec. 1918 Ruth Carmen (2)9-840

## CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Bessie Pauline Austin b. 3 September 1915 Rosa Lee Shelby  
 91-45143  
 Edna May Austin b. 7 October 1917 Leona Malone 110-52529  
 John Wesley Austin b. 10 Dec. 1917 Rosa Shelby 119-59396  
 Hattie May Austin b. 26 May 1918 Blanche Stone 73-36317  
 Bertha (Mrs.) Austin d. 5 June 1918 31-15091  
 Onie Austin b. 28 January 1919 2-780  
 Ben F. Austin d. 27 February 1920 7-3425  
 Infant of M. D. Austin b. 24 May 1920 Rosa Shelby 58-28979  
 John Wesley Austin d. 1 June 1920 32-15529  
 Samuel J. Austin b. 10 December 1920 59-29178

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Eliza E. Austin d. 4 April 1918 26-12713

## DAVISS COUNTY

John Austin d. 10 November 1916 56-27648  
 Truman Lee Austin d. 4 July 1917 39-19131a  
 Mary J. Austin b. 10 January 1919 Fannie Ashton 23-11146a  
 Laura Austin d. 21 July 1920 36-17835

## FAYETTE COUNTY

Hattie B. Austin b. 4 April 1916 Bertha McDowell 46-22662  
 Elizabeth Austin b. 21 June 1919 37-18054

## FULLEN COUNTY

Frank Reed Austin b. 18 June 1918 Daisy Dean Simmons  
 54-26585

## FULTON COUNTY

Thomas Elbert inf Austin b. 31 March 1917 Grace Pain 25-12291  
 Charles Thomas Austin b. 21 July 1917 Beulah Morris 90-44853  
 Ira Austin d. 10 March 1920 23 11097

## GRAVES COUNTY

Will Ed Austin b. 11 January 1916 Martha Setters 5-2229  
 Charles Harris Austin b. 26 October 1916 Allie Mutle Harris  
 102-50773  
 James Robert Austin b. 2 Mar. 1918 Essie B. Johnson 22-10969  
 Henry Lee Austin b. 8 September 1918 Fannie Evans 84-41529  
 Francis Elizabeth Austin b. 7 August 1919 Bessie Travis  
 71-35203  
 Wilma M. Austin b. 16 Jan. 1920 Willie R. Wooton 4-1616  
 Hollace L. Austin b. 19 January 1920 Maude F. Canter 4-1612  
 Lola May Austin b. 3 March 1920 Amanda Hoitz 27-13270  
 Lucile Austin b. 18 November 1920 Bessie Travis 113-56302

## GREENUP COUNTY

Alice Flora Austin b. 22 Dec. 1913 Emma Harlow 128-63884  
 Andrew Jackson Austin b. 19 April 1914 Catherine Coburn  
 45-22221  
 Della Austin b. 11 Sept. 1916 Catherine Coburn 92-45882  
 Daniel Steven Austin b. 23 February 1917 Pauline Stevenson  
 14-6975  
 Raiffy Austin b. 14 March 1918 Bittie Pruell 23-11114  
 Minnie A. Austin d. 31 October 1920 50-24506

## HARDIN COUNTY

Bayless Austin b. 19 October 1911 69-27360  
 Margaret O. Austin b. 17 May 1919 Lida W. English 80-39975

## HARLAN COUNTY

W. M. Austin d. 15 August 1920 41-20220

## HENRY COUNTY

Barbara (Mrs.) Austin d. 7 April 1918 21-10254

## HICKMAN COUNTY

Jessie R. Austin b. 25 July 1917 Ruby Ray 71-35142

## HOPKINS COUNTY

Mildred Austin b. 25 January 1916 Lizzie McLemore 6-2700

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ada Louisa Austin b. 4 October 1913 Ada Austin 113-56119  
 Earl Austin d. 8 January 1916 4-1739  
 Robert Austin b. 24 January 1917 4-1762  
 Daniel Austin d. 26 March 1917 16-7910  
 Will L. Austin d. 8 June 1917 35-17155  
 Martha Frances Austin b. 25 Dec. 1917 Pearl Cross 123-61003  
 Jess Austin d. 26 March 1918 15-7381  
 Ida Austin d. 7 February 1919 13-6471

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Eddie Austin b. 11 October 1917 Sella Vanhouse 103-51159  
 John Morgan Austin d. 10 March 1919 38-18894  
 Lorene Austin b. 23 August 1920 Sellie Vanhouse 83-41311

## KENTON COUNTY

Angela Muriel Austin b. 8 Jan. 1913 Ethel May Webb 7-3397  
 Alonzo J. Austin d. 21 October 1914 53-26416  
 Wilber T. Austin b. 12 Nov. 1916 Nannie Austin 123-61354a  
 Clara Bernadina Austin b. 18 May 1917 Mary Hemseth 51-25200  
 Marie Austin d. 2 September 1917 52-25551  
 Franklin, Jr. Austin b. 11 May 1918 Esther Petty 57-28012a  
 Helen Elizabeth Austin b. 5 September 1919 Ethel May Webb  
 83-41035  
 Nannie Reeda Austin b. 26 March 1920 Nannie H. Mulberry  
 30-14705

## KNOTT COUNTY

Albert Austin b. 15 Sept. 1912 Isabell Stamper 124-49241  
 Thomas Austin b. 27 November 1917 Isabel Stamper 6-2558

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

Infant of A. J. Austin b. 29 Jan. 1911 Bessie Moore 21-8352  
 Infant of Andrew Austin b. 1 June 1914 Bessie Moore 60-29987  
 Bessie Austin b. 19 March 1915 Virginia Austin 28-13709  
 Ida Austin b. 16 September 1918 Elsie Preston 87-43023  
 Virginia Austin d. 23 April 1918 23-11203??  
 Virginia Austin b. 2 December 1918 Tera Austin 119-59092??  
 Cathalene Austin b. 16 March 1919 Bessie Moore 27-13170

## LINCOLN COUNTY

Ader Austin b. 27 December 1912 Maud L. Austin 159-63206  
 Joseph Eugene Austin b. 21 Feb. 1918 Emma Walis 16-7530  
 Archie Burton Austin d. 26 June 1918 33-16209  
 Russell T. Austin b. 4 January 1919 Stella Griffin 7-3051  
 Stella Austin d. 8 January 1919 6-2877  
 Jonas Austin d. 10 June 1919 39-19149  
 Russell T. Austin d. 15 June 1919 39-19155

## LOGAN COUNTY

Infant of John A. Austin b. 3 January 1913 Rosie L. Graughber  
 8-3814  
 Harry Franklin Austin b. 23 March 1918 Ruth Harrigan 26-12740  
 Benjamin Austin d. 2 October 1920 62-30662

## MARSHALL COUNTY

Mattie Austin d. 6 November 1920 62-30833

## MASON COUNTY

Carlton Scott Austin b. 28 October 1917 Mabel Randall  
 115-57210  
 William R. Austin b. 12 April 1919 Mabel Randel 48-23627

## McCRACKEN COUNTY

Rudolph Austin b. 21 May 1916 Lola M. Tucker 68-33663  
 Nettie Ann Austin b. 5 July 1916 Nettie A. Austin 74-36565  
 Mary Louise Austin b. 30 Oct. 1917 Eliza N. Dick 104-51845  
 Robert James Austin b. 25 July 1918 Mary Sheaver 68-33755  
 Buford Austin d. 29 January 1919 Dulcie Long 7-3183

## McLEAN COUNTY

Amelia Austin b. 1 October 1914 Fannie Rae 104-51795  
 Carl Austin b. 6 May 1916 Altha E. Vandiver 42-20924  
 Henry Perryman Austin b. 14 June 1916 Mable Baker 63-31453  
 Charles Clay Austin b. 27 Aug. 1916 Effie Lindsey 84-41600  
 Elberta Austin b. 1 January 1917 Janice Dame 41-20256  
 Hubert Ancel Austin b. 10 January 1917 Rinda Lynn 8-3551  
 Delbert Austin b. 11 Sept. 1917 Hallie McLoughlin 94-46807  
 Elbert Austin b. 11 Sept. 1917 Hallie McLoughlin 94-40866  
 Stanley Austin b. 16 October 1917 Jennie Carter 104-51953  
 Charles Leslie Austin b. 17 October 1917 Mary Lee McEwen  
 115-57021  
 Florence (Mrs.) Austin d. 9 December 1917 69-31117  
 Lucile Austin b. 10 February 1918 Martha Moorman 16-7735  
 Archie Clay Austin b. 14 April 1918 Bessie J. McLaughlin  
 37-18255  
 Campbell Austin d. 3 May 1918 Eunice Abney 48-23511  
 W. Holmes Austin b. 25 May 1918 Mabel Baker 48-23531

Harold Austin b. 1 July 1918 Jennie Faith 78-38703  
 Freda L. Austin b. 13 October 1918 Effie Lindsey 108-53694  
 Ethel Austin d. 4 December 1918 63-41010  
 Jesse J. Austin Jr. b. 17 December 1918 Altha J. Vandiver  
 120-59516  
 Cevil Netta Austin b. 17 December 1918 Altha E. Vandiver  
 120-59516  
 Sarrah Austin b. 26 December 1918 Marinda Lynn 120-59538  
 Truman Austin d. 10 October 1919 57-28311  
 Woodrow Austin b. 21 Sep. 1919 Rllie M. Laughlin 84-41632  
 George P. Austin d. 7 December 1919 67-33315  
 Ilene Austin b. 9 January 1920 Mabel D. Baker 8-36663  
 Lucinda Austin d. 18 February 1920 12-5573  
 Rolla P. Austin b. 22 March 1920 Cora Lynn 31-15474  
 Osbel D. Austin b. 20 August 1920 Clara Dame 95-47184

## MONROE COUNTY

Eunice Austin d. 10 April 1917 25-12131  
 Paul W. Austin d. 13 August 1917 47-23395

## MUHLENBERG COUNTY

Belle Austin b. 24 September 1915 Nannie Myers 96-47758  
 Dorothy May Austin b. 27 December 1916 Altha M. Creasy  
 126-62972  
 Beulah Austin b. 8 June 1917 (twin) Nannie Myers 64-31834  
 Eula Austin b. 8 June 1917 (twin) Nannie Myers 64-31805  
 Belesh Austin d. 8 July 1917 42-20095  
 Ula Austin d. 10 July 1917 42-20696  
 Kennith Asen Austin b. 22 May 1918 Nannie Myers 49-24083  
 Vernon Austin d. 17 June 1919 39-19476  
 Edwin Austin b. 2 July 1920 Nannie Myers 75-37366  
 Opal Austin b. 25 July 1920 Bertha Strader 86-42567

## OHIO COUNTY

Ada Austin d. 30 October 1911 68-26867  
 Alva Austin d. 11 August 1912 52-20799  
 Annie May Austin d. 3 September 1913 51-25225  
 Andra Wells Austin b. 13 April 1915 Callie Turner 40-19734  
 Wallace Walker Austin b. 9 July 1916 Lela Walker 99-49350  
 Edgar Austin d. 25 July 1916 64-31692  
 Hattie Lee Austin b. 6 September 1916 Cora Evans 96-47560  
 Nora Belva Austin b. 5 March 1917 Alnea Day 31-15187  
 Harry Austin b. 16 March 1917 Belle Patton 31-15211  
 Richard Austin b. 3 October 1917 58-28840  
 Murdus Austin d. 5 January 1918 40-19522  
 Kathaleen Austin b. 9 February 1918 Myrtle Miller 17-8302  
 Mary E. Austin b. 5 March 1918 Nola M. Render 59-29424  
 Josephine Austin d. 3 June 1918 34-16603  
 James B. Austin b. 21 April 1919 Lydia A. McGregory 85-42206  
 Katie A. Austin b. 25 April 1919 Lizzie Cotton 67-33087  
 Infant of John Austin b. 15 October 1919 Ala Oliver 95-47615  
 Infant of John Austin d. 15 October 1919 58-28532  
 Infant of John Austin d. 15 October 1919 68-33546  
 Martha Austin b. 20 Jan. 1920 Maud Daugherty 107-63254  
 James P. Austin d. 1 December 1920 63-31012

## PENDLETON COUNTY

Benjamon Austin d. 25 March 1912 21-8350  
 Wilson Edward Austin b. 26 June 1916 Julia Collins 65-32028

Winifred Louise Austin b. 12 February 1917 Mamie C. Ryan  
19-9500  
James M. Austin b. 24 February 1919 Julia Collins 18-8789  
Mildred Josephine Austin b. 27 March 1919 Mamie C. Ryan  
39-19344  
James M. Austin d. 26 April 1920 26-12509  
Jacob W. Austin b. 14 October 1920 Sussie Hellon Antrobus  
119-59025

## POWELL COUNTY

James M. Austin b. 8 January 1916 Jenie Washington 10-4668

## PULASKI COUNTY

Helen May Austin b. 27 March 1916 Dora Waddle 33-16146  
Hellen May Austin d. 12 July 1916 39-19106  
F. H. Austin d. 18 September 1919 53-26384  
Teresa Austin d. 3 October 1919 58-28663

## RUSSELL COUNTY

Lillie M. Austin d. 10 April 1918 24-11898

## SHELBY COUNTY

Curtis Austin d. 15 August 1919 49-24437

## SIMPSON COUNTY

Beulah Austin b. 11 February 1913 Ruth Harris 21-10448  
Francis Mattylene Austin b. 10 May 1917 Effie Grace 66-32585

## TRIGG COUNTY

Ray Austin b. 16 July 1919 45-22336

## TRIMBLE COUNTY

Randolph Austin b. 21 June 1916 Lillian Conner 65-32395

## UNION COUNTY

Aubrey Austin b. 23 January 1913 Myrtle Elizabeth Jones  
11-5108  
Anna Arzella Austin b. 9 Feb. 1915 Mildred Spoon 20-9777  
James East Austin d. 27 April 1917 26-12598  
Mary Dortha Eddena Austin b. 28 Sept. 1917 Mary Gertrude  
Clark 97-48198  
Gertrude Riley Austin b. 29 May 1919 Mary Gertrude Clark  
60-29525  
Allen B. Austin b. 10 October 1919 Ruth Gatewood 11-5091

## WARREN COUNTY

Albert Austin d. 2 November 1911 75-29861  
Herald Austin b. 7 October 1916 Willie Bradley 110-54532  
Loyed Austain b. 21 February 1918 Lizzie Arnold 18-8064  
Alma Edna Austin b. 29 Jan. 1919 Mamie B. Lyons 31-15028  
America E. Austin d. 30 November 1919 68-33943  
John M. Austin d. 3 August 1920 44-21544

## WHITLEY COUNTY

Elizabeth Austen b. 6 Sept. 1917 Grace Perkins 107-53495

## QUERIES

460-1 **Martha Austin** m. Joseph C. Dinsmore. He was b. circa 1818 in Northfield, New Hampshire, the son of Samuel and Polly (Glines) Dinsmore. Their children were b. in Northfield: Dorothy M. b 1840, Charles M., James M., Samuel, Diana, and Clayton b. 1855. Joseph d. in his house fire on 13 November 1888 in Tilton, NH. Seeking ancestors and descendants of Martha Austin.

460-2. **Thomas Austin** was b. 1 June 1767. He went in 1802 to Sharpsburg, Washington Co., Maryland, d. there on 3 March 1843. First wife unknown, but he m. second 13 December 1816 in Haggerstown, Washington Co. to Mary Shirley/Shurley, b. 7 January 1772, d. 7 October 1839. Thomas' will (rec. Washington Co.) shows he had at least two sons, Joseph B. Austin bc. 1800, m. Ann Nourse, d. shortly after moving to Illinois in the 1840's, and Thomas G. Austin bc. 1817, he was a stone mason, m. on 21 January 1883 to Lavinia/Louvinia Lancaster and went to Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., West Virginia. Thomas & Lavinia had sons Brown Austin bc. 1835 in Washington Co. and Thomas Gilmore Austin Jr. b. 30 January 1850 in Berkeley Co., and four daughters: Mary bc. 1840, Emily bc. 1841, Margaret bc. 1844 & Rebecca bc. 1848. Ida is either a fifth daughter, or middle name of one of their known daughters. Seek Thomas' parents.

460-3. **Jacob Austin** b. circa 1797, m. Hannah —, b. ca 1821, res. Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, he probably worked as roller and mill worker. Ch: John bc. 1841, Charles bc. 1843; Henry bc. 1845, Annie bc. 1847, m. Lewis Himes bc. January 1851/2; Dorothy bc. 1850; Margaret bc. 1853, Jacob bc. 1860. Seeking the ancestors and descendants of Jacob's family.

460-4. **James C. Austin** b. circa 1792, perhaps in New York, served in War of 1812, taught school in Warren Co., Pennsylvania in 1815. James m. Martha Monroe b. New York, six ch: Francis M. b. 14 March 1835 Warren Co., Adaline b. 1837, Caroline b. 1839, Benjamin b. 1841, William R. b. 1843. Francis m. Emily Wilson in Cambridge, Henry Co., Illinois, five ch: Ida m. W. S. Baker, William Clarence m. Nellie Ann Duntley, Fred (single), Kate m. Rev. J. H. Condit (she d. young in Alaska), Nellie also m. Rev. Condit, returned to Alaska. Benjamin resided in Iowa, but returned to New York state where he died. William R. Austin res. New York City, held several Government positions, one in Washington, DC Census Office. He was with the Grand Army and compiled the government's Grand Army Directory. In 1866 James joined his son Francis who had moved in 1865 to Jasper Co., Iowa, where James died a year later. Seeking James C. Austin's ancestry.

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

*by Anne Laurie Austin Smith*

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FIFTH GENERATION

H152-1. VALENTINE D.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1801, probably in Virginia. He married on 6 July 1822 to Maria — in Sumner County, Tennessee. Valentine was a bondsman for both of his younger brothers' marriages in 1829. He apparently died between 1840 and 1850, for only 'Mariah' Austin age 47, born in Virginia, appears with their six children in the 1850 Census for Sumner County. Except for their first child, apparently named for his brother, Valentine and Maria's children were born in Tennessee:

- H152-11. EGGLESTON, *b. ca. 1829 in Virginia, listed as 'Agleston' in 1850 census*
- H152-12. ELIZABETH, *b. ca. 1832, possibly the same Elizabeth Austin who m. Thomas B. Moore on 8 March 1856 in Sumner County.*
- H152-13. JOHN, *b. circa 1836*
- H152-14. HENRY, *b. circa 1838, possibly the Henry Staley Austin who m. 11 July 1862 to Martha Jane Calenda in Sumner County. Henry's brother Eggleston m. Amanda Staley.*
- H152-15. CHRISTOPHER, *b. circa 1840*
- H152-16. MARGARET, *b. circa 1842*

H152-2. EGGLESTON F.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1803 in Virginia. He was a farmer, married 12 October 1829 in Sumner County, Tennessee, to Amanda Staley, daughter of Peter and Nancy Staley, born circa 1809 in Tennessee. Lewis M. Woodson was the minister, Eggleston's brother V. D. Austin was bondsman. 'A. Gelson' was age 47 and Amanda age 41 in the 1850 Sumner County, Tennessee, Census, where they appear with the six children listed below. All of the children were born in Tennessee, and the 1850 census provides us with their approximate birthyears:

- H152-21. GEORGE, *b. circa 1832*
- H152-22. HENRY MIERS, *b. 1 May 1836 +*
- H152-23. EMILY, *b. circa 1838, possibly the E. L. Austin who m. 2 January 1858 to James Burns in Sumner County.*
- H152-24. MARCUS, *b. circa 1842*
- H152-25. MARTHA, *b. circa 1845, possibly the Martha Austin who m. 20 November 1872 to R. W. Durham in Sumner County.*
- H152-26. PAMELIA, *b. circa 1848*

The letter below was copied by Mary Elizabeth (Austin) Culver in her old "Composition Book." The original letter has been lost. The letter was written by H152 Henry Austin (page 421) to his sister H154 Elizabeth and her husband H173 William Austin (page 441). The letter mentions two of Henry's children, H152-2 Eggleston F. Austin and H152-5 Diana D. Austin. The letter was addressed to Mr. William Austin, Clinton County, Vernon Township, Wilmington, Ohio, and was mailed on 31 March 1825 for 25 cents at Green Garden, Tennessee:

*Sumner County, T.N., Mar. 25, 1825*

*Dear brother and Sister I received yours of the 9 January, which brought the news of the death of our aged father which I truly regret that it was not in my power to see him. For five years I have wanted to come and see you all, but my desires were always frustrated.*

*Last fall I had the fever and was reduced to the lowest ebb. My family lost all hope of my ever getting up again, but by the help of a good nurse Dr. Booker whom I was intimate with in Stannardsville salivated me. When I began to recruit he and I quarrelled constantly. I thought he meant to starve me to death. He ordered all I ate to be measured for a considerable time, though he now tells me that if he had not pursued that course I must have died. And now I am in as good as former years and fatter than I ever was, and Polly is fatter than you ever saw her. My son Eggleston F. Austin weighed, a few weeks ago, 175. Diana D. Austin, 25 December, weighed 124. The rest of the children are healthy and stout.*

*Nothing more at present but remain your affectionate Brother and Sister till death.*

*H. & P. Austin*

*To William and Elizabeth Austin*

*N. B. Don't fail to write to me. I cannot describe the satisfaction it gives.*

H152-4. WILKERSON D.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1806 in Virginia. He married first on 31 July 1829 in Sumner County, Tennessee, to Amanda D. Booker, born circa 1807 in Virginia. Wilkerson married a second time, on 14 November 1863, to Bettie W. Duncan in Sumner County. Wilkerson and Amanda had four children in the 1850 Sumner County census:

- H152-41. AMANDY M., *b. circa 1835*
- H152-42. JOHN B., *b. 1 May 1838 +*
- H152-43. CLARISSA A., *b. circa 1840, m. Rodney Jasper Mason on 27 September 1860 in Sumner County.*
- H152-44. CLARENDA A./L., *b. circa 1843, m. Edwin R. Mason on 12 September 1860 in Sumner County. Census record shows 'A.' as her middle initial, marriage record has an 'L.'*

H153-1. DICKERSON<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1798 in Virginia. He married first to Sally Hall on 24 December 1827 in Sumner, Tennessee. In 6 July 1829 Dickerson was a bondsman at the marriage of a George Hall. He married second to Emily Anderson on 23 March 1835, also in Sumner County. Emily was born circa 1815 in Virginia. Dickerson was in the War of 1812, serving as a Private under Captain Hamilton of Tennessee (see *Austins of America* page 182), and received Bounty Warrants totalling 160 acres. Dickerson died 26 February 1876 at Richland Station in Sumner County. He and Emily had two children listed with them in the 1850 Census for Sumner County:

- H153-11. LUCY, *b. circa 1836, possibly the Lucy B. Austin who m. Edward Hailey on 6 August 1853 in Sumner County.*
- H153-12. ELIZABETH, *b. circa 1840, possibly the Elizabeth T. Austin who m. James Brown on 2 January 1858 in Sumner County.*

H153-2. JOHN B.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1807 in Virginia. He married Rhoda — who was born circa 1815 in Virginia. Frances Henderson age 30 was living with John age 43 and Rhoda 35 in the 1850 Sumner County, Tennessee Census. John died in 1897. He and Rhoda had five known children:

- H153-21. ISABELLA A., *b. circa 1836, d. 1859, she m. — Moore. She is possibly the Elizabeth Austin who m. Thomas B. Moore on 8 March 1856 in Sumner County?*
- H153-22. JAMES, *b. circa 1838*
- H153-23. MARY A., *b. circa 1842, m. — West.*
- H153-24. JOHN, *b. 1847 +*
- H153-25. EWING

H153-3. JAMES<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1808 in Virginia. On 12 January 1830 he was a bondsman at the marriage of Woodford Bandy and Nancy Austin in Sumner County, Tennessee. James married on 27 September 1830 to Nancy Bandy in Sumner County, bondsman was John Austin. Nancy was born circa 1808 in Virginia. James died 1883. In the 1850 Sumner County Census, James and Nancy were both 42, with two children:

- H153-31. WILLIAM, *b. circa 1833*
- H153-32. HARRISON, *b. circa 1835*

H153-4. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1814 in Tennessee. He was married by 1844 to Elizabeth — who was born circa 1826 in Tennessee. In the 1850 Sumner County, Tennessee, Census Thomas was 36 and Elizabeth 24. They had four known children living with them in 1850 census:

- H153-41. JAMES, *b. circa 1844*
- H153-42. THOMAS, *b. circa 1846*
- H153-43. ISAAC, *b. circa 1848*
- H153-44. ELIZABETH, *b. circa 1850 (age 6 mos)*

H153-5. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1818 in Tennessee. Samuel married on 1 December 1845 in Sumner County, Tennessee to Mary Angeline Pitt, who was born circa 1826 in Tennessee. In the 1850 Census for Sumner County, Samuel was 32 and Angeline 24, and two children lived with them:

- H153-51. BETSY, *b. circa 1846*
- H153-52. THOMAS, *b. circa 1849*

H153-6. ALLEN<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1823 in Tennessee. He was married to Jane Thornhill on 5 September 1842 in Sumner County, Tennessee. She was born circa 1825 in Tennessee. In the 1850 Sumner County Census, Allen was 27 and Jane 25, and Martha Henderson age 26 was living with them. They had two known children living with them in 1850 census:

- H153-61. JOHN, *b. circa 1845*
- H153-62. RUFUS B., *b. circa 1848, m. 27 December 1871 to Lenora C. Turpin in Sumner County.*

H155-5. JOHN M.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 September 1809 in Sumner County, near Nashville, Tennessee. He came with his widowed father to Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois circa 1828, and married there on 15 October 1835 to Miss Susan Carter. Susan, the daughter of John and Mary (Templeton) Carter, was born 24 September 1815 in East Tennessee. She had moved with her parents to Kentucky in early childhood, and in April 1830 her family took up a farm in Ashmore. John died on 9 September 1845 in Coles County. Susan died on 3 May 1884 in Ashmore, and is buried with John and their son James in the Ashmore Cemetery. John and Susan had five children born in Illinois:

- H155-51. JAMES M., *b. 13 March 1837, served as a Sergeant in Illinois Company H in the Civil War. He died on 23 July 1866.*
- H155-52. MARY C., *b. 13 August 1838, she m. 11 May 1860 in Coles Co. to Thomas White, a farmer b. circa 1837. Children: Clarinda A. b.1864, William A. b.1866, Lewis E. b.1869, David F. b.1874, Allen A. b.1876, Maud I. b.1879*
- H155-53. WILLIAM F., *b. 12 November 1840 +*
- H155-54. EDITH C., *b. 22 September 1842, she m. 8 February 1861 in Coles County to Francis M. Waters b. circa 1838 in Ohio. They had one known child, Ella E. b.1862. Edith d. on 4 January 1862.*
- H155-55. THOMAS J., *b. 10 October 1844 +*

H155-6. AMINADAB E.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 January 1814 in Sumner County, Tennessee. He came with his widowed father circa 1838 to Coles County, Illinois, and married before 1836 to Eliza A. Lisman, born 28 September 1817 in Indiana. In 1853 Aminadab was a resident of Illinois [Ref. 26], but his family appears in the 1860 Census for Gill, Sullivan



County, Indiana, along with carpenter John Lisman age 26, perhaps Eliza's younger brother or her own son by an earlier marriage? Aminadab died on 12 October 1883 in Sullivan County, where he is buried in the Center Ridge Cemetery in Hamilton township. The estate of A. E. Austin was probated [Ref. 27] on 25 October 1883:

*"Comes the undersigned, widow of A. E. Austin late of Sullivan Co. Ind. Decd. owner of a lot of garden vegetables including potatoes, turnips, beets, onions, one lot garden tools & implements including hoes, rakes, etc.; one lot stovewood being 2 cords more or less and one lot coal being about \$15.00. He did not own property in excess of \$500 at the time of his death. . . she is poor and in indigent circumstances and is old and feeble. . . she desires an order of the court to sell said property at private sale and appropriate the said proceeds thereof to the payment of the expenses of the last sickness and burial of her said husband & for her own support. . . Comes now James R. Austin for Eliza A. Austin and files her affidavit. . . the property has been valued at \$25.35."*

The property was granted to the widow. Eliza died on 4 July 1890 in Sullivan County. Aminadab and Eliza had two sons with them in the 1860 census:

- H155-61. JAMES RILEY, *b. circa 1837 in Illinois +*  
 H155-62. WILLIAM, *b. circa 1839 in Indiana +*

H155-7. WILLIAM DICKINSON<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*William,*<sup>4</sup> *Samuel,*<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 October 1816 in Sumner County, Tennessee. He went with his widowed father circa 1828 to Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois. William was a farmer and small businessman. He was 5' 7", weighed about 150 pounds, was active in the Ashmore Presbyterian Church, was a fiddler and played for local square dances. He married at age 30 in Ashmore on 4 March 1847 to Hester Ann Sousley, born 21 November 1829 in Ashmore, the daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Hughbanks) Sousley. Her father was born in Pennsylvania.

A family story tells of William Dickinson Austin as a participant in the Gold Rush of 1849. He is said to have contracted with a family for transportation, board and lodging in exchange for one year of labor - panning gold ten hours a day, six days a week - all nuggets found on Sunday were to be his. He is said to have returned three years later with over \$200,000 earned partly from nuggets, but mostly from Sunday hunting, shooting and dressing of deer and bear which he sold for \$1.00 a pound to other miners. Later he is said to have operated a donkey engine in the Pikes Peak vicinity near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Circa 1860 he designed and supervised the making of a "Gold Digger" pin for his wife which remains in the family. Except for the pin, this interesting story is not supported by any evidence yet discovered. At the least, the riches found appear to have been exaggerated, for certainly William Dickerson Austin was not a rich man.

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**Hester Ann (Sousley) Austin (1829-1910) with her husband William Dickerson Austin (1816-1898)**

William and Hester had a farm one mile west of Ashmore, located where a gravel road went into the south end of town from state route 16. They had five children of their own, plus a foster child, Olive Forbin who was born in January 1867 in Illinois and married circa 1891 to George Oman. Their children were all born in Ashmore:

- H155-71. JULIA ANN, *b. December 1847, she m. on 7 June 1868 to Dr. Jefferson R. Hobart, b. 20 February 1841 in (Portage County?) Ohio. Julia died circa 1932 in St. Louis, Missouri. Ch: Everett B. b.1871, Charles b. circa 1873, Mary A. b.1875, Mellie b. ca. 1876 d. young.*  
 H155-72. THORNTON CHRISTIAN, *b. 22 Nov. 1850 +*  
 H155-73. MARY ['MILLIE'], *b. circa 1856, she d. at age 18 on 2 October 1874 in Ashmore.*  
 H155-74. WILLIAM NEWTON, *b. 10 May 1858 +*  
 H155-75. SALEM AVERY, *b. June 1863 +*

William died on 16 June 1898 in Ashmore, services were held at his home there, and internment was in the Ashmore cemetery. A newspaper notice at the time observed:

"Wm. D. Austin, of Ashmore, died Thursday. Mr. Austin was upwards of 90 years old and had lived many years in Ashmore. He was not only among the oldest but the best and most substantial citizens of our county. The venerable gentleman was known all over the county and was universally held in high regard. He leaves four children, Mrs. J. R. Hobert, W. N., Avery, and Thornton Austin."

From the Coles County probate files we gain insight into the family's way of life. The Appraisement Bill for William D. Austin included 1 bed \$8, 1 bureau \$5, 1 bedstead \$2, 1 cook stove \$5, dishes \$1, 1 sofa \$6, 6 sofa chairs \$3, 1 carpet \$6.40, 1 little stand \$0.50, 1 table \$1, 3 kitchen chairs \$0.75, 1 clothes press \$6, 1 stand table \$0.25, 3 bed quilts \$3, 1 bed comfort \$0.50, 1 rocking chair \$0.75, 1 sawbuck and saw \$0.25. The total came to \$53.40, the list was signed by Appraisers A. T. Robertson, B. F. Cutler, and J. M. Childress. A. C. Anderson, Administrator's statement: The personal estate consists of articles of household furniture old and worn and that the cost of a public sale would exceed what might be gained as a result. The estate was probated 14 January 1899. Articles not claimed by Hester Anna Austin were sold to J. R. Hobart, Newt Austin, and various others. Two weeks later on 28 January 1899 Anna sold nearly everything, her signature was very small and dainty:

"I, Anna Austin, widow of William D. Austin do hereby relinquish all my claim to the following articles mentioned in the appraisers estimate of specific property allowed me for myself and family to wit:

School books and family library	\$100
One sewing machine	20
Necessary beds, bedstead & bedding for widow & family	30
The stoves & pipes used in family with necessary cooking utensils	5
Household & kitchen furniture	100
Milch cow & calf (being one for every four members)	50
Sheep & fleeces (being 2 for each member of family)	10
One horse, saddle & bridle	65
Provisions for widow & family for 1 year	75
Food for stock above specified for six months	22
Fuel for widow & family for 3 mons	5
Other property	100

Except as herein afterward provided. The aggregate value is \$573 and in lieu of same, I desire to retain the following articles named in appraisement bill of personal property of Wm. D. Austin: 3 bed quilts \$3, 1 rocker \$0.75, 2 stand tables \$1, 1 sawbuck buck \$0.25, 1 comfort \$0.50, 1 cupboard \$1, the total of which, as appraised is \$6.50 and the balance \$566.50, I prefer to have in money. Witness my hand and seal this 28 day of Jan. A.D. 1899.

Anna Austin

Widow Hester Ann Austin lived another eleven years before her death on 5 August 1910 in Ashmore. She was one of the oldest residents of the County at the time of her death. She had not been out of the County for thirty years when she died. The W. D. Austin home was where the telephone exchange was later located in Ashmore.

H155-8. JAMES D.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 January 1819 in Sumner County, Tennessee. He went with his widowed father to Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois circa 1828. He married first on 14 January 1840 in Coles County to Delilah J. Boyers, who was born circa 1819 in Virginia. Delilah died on 31 July 1854, and is buried in the Ashmore Cemetery. Daughter Elizabeth took charge of the home, acting as housekeeper until James married second on 23 June 1858 in Coles County to Mrs. Sarah A. (Bane) Wright, who was born circa 1830 in Kentucky. An account of work James had done for his father was recorded on 6 January 1850 [Ref. 26], just seven months before his father's death:

1845 Oct. 1 - To Building a hewed log house 16x18	\$50.00
1846 Feb. 1- To building log stable 12 x 14 feet	15.00
do To building log smoke house 10x12 feet	10.00
do To digging a well 20 feet deep	3.25
do To making halling & laying up 1000 rails	12.50

The total of \$95.75 was a claim against his father's estate. James and his brother William filed complaints during the settlement of their father's estate (see page 422). James himself died on 15 August 1904 in Ashmore. He had six children all born in Illinois by his first wife Delilah, and one child by his second wife Sarah:

- H155-81. ELIZABETH ANN, b. 19 November 1840 in Ashmore, m. on 30 October 1858 in Coles Co. to Jabel J. Randell b. 11 April 1837 Indiana, d. 25 February 1902. She d. 1 January 1919. Seven of their ten children are known: Charles D. b. 1859, Lillian M. b. 1863, Francis b. ca. 1867, Rufus S. b. ca. 1871, Lulu b. ca. 1874, Lucy M. b. ca. 1876 and Effie A. b. ca. 1879.
- H155-82. JAMES A., b. circa 1842, m. 23 December 1863 in Coles County to Cynthia Helton.
- H155-83. SAMUEL HARVEY, b. circa 1844, m. on 28 July 1865 in Coles County to Alice Barr. Child: James b. 1866
- H155-84. MARGARET S., b. ca. 1850, d. 12 December 1854, buried in Ashmore Cemetery.
- H155-85. DELILAH, b. in July 1851, d. on 21 August 1851 aged 1 month, bur. Ashmore Cemetery.
- H155-86. [son], d. 18 March 1854, bur. Ashmore Cem.
- H155-87. [infant], b. and d. 1859

H155-B. SAMUEL R.<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 January 1825 in Sumner County, Tennessee. He was one of ten children [page 422] who came with their widowed father and some in-laws and grandchildren to

Ashmore, Coles County, Illinois circa 1829. Samuel married on 8 May 1845 in Coles County to Margaret Minerva Ashmore, who was born on 19 November 1824 in Illinois. Circa 1850 Samuel and Margaret settled on land north of the "Mounds" in Platteville, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Most of the following information on this family was provided by their great-granddaughter, Dorothy Shepherd Pothour, granddaughter of Nancy Ellen (Austin) Shepherd.

An original paper from the General Land Office dated 27 December 1852 shows Samuel Austin was to receive a patent issued on Military Bounty Land for forty-six acres. It was quite different farming in those early days of Platteville's history. Eighty acres of land could be purchased for \$100. A good log house could be built for \$25, a yoke of very good oxen or a cow sold for \$16. For \$2 one could purchase a pig, and get some chickens besides! One ox cart, chains, hoe, harrow and plow which were all the equipment you would need to start farming cost about \$40. In all, a man could take up farming for only about \$200 in that bygone year!

Margaret (known as "Maggie") was a straight laced Methodist, who allowed no dancing, or even a deck of cards to be brought into the house. She raised and sold horses, and it was nothing for her to have \$100 or \$200 in her purse at one time. (Lots of money in those days). There was a store in Platteville, called "Cheap John's Store," where all kinds of jewelry was sold. Margaret most always bought something. She was a real lady, and wore hoops and long dresses, with stiffening and "brush" braid on the bottom. Margaret and Samuel had twelve children, the first born in Ashmore, the others in Belmont, Lafayette County, Wisconsin:

- H155-B1. WILLIAM THOMAS, *b. 5 November 1845 +*
- H155-B2. ELIZABETH JANE, *b. 9 March 1847, m. 13 August 1868 to Elijah Bushnell. Elizabeth d. 18 October 1925. Bushnell ch: Samuel b. 1869, Charles William b.1871, Lewis Edward b.1873, Lillian b.1875, Mary A. b.1877, Rose J. b.1879, and Arthur b.1882.*
- H155-B3. JOHN ELLIS, *b. 29 December 1848 +*
- H155-B4. ELIZA CATHERINE, *b. 3 October 1850 in Belmont, m. 12 December 1875 to Sydney Eugene Stephens. She died on 7 December 1939 within three hours of her husband's death. Stephens ch: Harlan Eugene b.1876, Emma b.1878, Alfred, Olive Jane b.1884 and Lillian Mable b.1886.*
- H155-B5. MARGARET M., *b. 5 December 1852 in Belmont, she d. in 1856 of the croup.*
- H155-B6. SAMUEL R., *b. 4 October 1854 +*
- H155-B7. HENRY FRANK, *b. 26 March 1856 +*
- H155-B8. MARY, *b. 1 March 1858, died in infancy.*
- H155-B9. NANCY ELLEN, *b. on 20 March 1859 in Belmont, she m.(1) Charles Nichols, they had*

*one child Elsie Ethel b.1879, they divorced 4 November 1889. Nancy m.(2) 28 July 1896 William Thomas Shepherd. Children: Walter Raymond b.1893, Ernest William b.1896, Alvin b.d.1898, Otto Austin Shepherd b.1900. Nancy d. on 20 October 1946 in Platteville.*

- H155-BA. EMMA FRANCIS, *b. on 27 May 1863, she m.(1) 19 February 1882 to Eldred Trener, m.(2) in 1908 to Archie J. Mather. In 1929 she resided in Kewanee, Illinois. She d. 28 September 1953. Ch: Thirza May b.1883, Maude E. b.1885, Guerdon Eldred b.1888.*
- H155-BB. EDITH A., *b. 26 August 1865, m. 30 March 1886 to William Thomas. She died on 24 February 1887 of tuberculosis. No children.*
- H155-BC. JAMES DENNIS, *b. 6 November 1868 +*

On 7 February 1865, Samuel Austin joined Company K Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers Infantry, to serve one year in the Civil War. He was then 40 years old. In those days it was customary for fathers to go to war, rather than the sons, so while Samuel was away, it was up to son William and the boys to run the farm. Samuel promised his sons that when they got married, he would give each of them eighty acres of land. This he did, but the land was covered with timber, and some of the sons, finding they could not afford to hire someone to clear the land their father had given them, sold it and went to live in Iowa. Samuel also promised his daughters that each would receive \$1000 when he sold his farm.

After the war Samuel was a member of the Sherman Post of the Grand Army of the Republic of Platteville. His health was poor, partly a result of his military service. He eventually became too ill to maintain the farm by himself. His wife Margaret wrote asking their son William Austin to return to Platteville to live in a small one-room house located on the farm, and to help them run the farm.

### Returning to the Nest

William brought his family back from Iowa, and his daughter Nora was born there on 6 March 1887. Her mother Minnie died shortly after giving birth. Before her death, she asked Samuel and Margaret to care for her baby, which they promised to do. It had been some time since a baby had been in the family, and with so many around, they babied Nora a lot, thus she received the nickname "Babe," which stuck throughout her life. Divorce and untimely deaths were to bring other children and grandchildren "back to the nest" as well.

Their daughter Ellen had a daughter Elsie by her first husband Charles Nichols, who was not ambitious, and who refused to help with the work. When Elsie was 9 years old, he left entirely and after a year's absence, Samuel paid the \$9 fee, and Nancy Ellen got a divorce in 1889. Ellen and Elsie continued to live with her parents, and Ellen occasionally did housework in Platteville. She remarried in

1896, and her son Walter Shepherd recalled their living with his grandparents until after Samuel's death.

Their son John also lost his first wife in childbirth on 4 May 1887. The baby John died as well, and John's son George stayed with his grandparents Samuel and Margaret.

Finally, when their son Samuel's first wife died, she left children Mamie, Cora and Clyde; all of whom made their home with their grandparents Samuel and Margaret.

### **The Family Homestead**

Samuel Austin's house had a good size porch all around it, on the East and South side, and it was painted red, with white trim. It had a tin roof, and a rock kitchen attached, which held a big range, with a hot water reservoir. In the winter, the range was put in the big room joining, where a long table was kept. Samuel would get up in the mornings, make a fire and put potatoes on to fry, chopping them with a baking powder can, with one rim removed, to create the sharpness needed. As there were many mouths to feed, Maggie would make buckwheat cakes, to be eaten with sorghum molasses, and fry pork sausage, in round cakes.

In the winter, strips of carpet the length of the room (hand woven on a loom), were sewn together, until there was enough to cover the living room floor. Then one side was tacked down, the carpet stretched tight, and tacked on the other side. Zinc was placed under the big heating stove, where after supper all congregated to hear Samuel relate Civil War stories, and to sing songs.

They managed quite well, the children attended the "Wolf Hollow" school, north of the Louis Nodolf home, where Harold Nodolf still farms. This was always the Nodolf place, and schoolteachers always stayed there. George, Clyde and Hugh attended school only in the winter months, for they had work to do in the spring. William's daughter Minnie May (who later married Louis Nodolf) worked the farm too, along with her father and Hugh.

### **A Tornado Strikes**

Samuel often took milk to the Platteville Creamery, owned by Fred Krog's grandfather. One hot, sultry day, he and Margaret went to town with the milk, taking Babe with them. They visited their son Frank's house, for his wife Mary Ann was making Margaret a dress. A storm came up about the time they started for home. They got as far as Dan Kies farm, at the Mounds. There Margaret ran with Babe into a rock house, while Samuel took the horses into a shed. They were all watching the storm through a window, when the glass blew out, many of the pieces went right over them. After the storm was over, they again started for home, but it was slow going, because there were so many trees blown down across the road, and they had a hard time getting through.

Their son William came to meet them on horseback, and assured them that everything was all right at home, and that no one was hurt. Ella had been kept very busy trying to keep the doors closed. If it had not been for the rock kitchen attached to the house, the house might not have been left standing at all. As it was, the house had moved a little off its foundation, the windows were all blown out, and glass covered everything. Clothes were strewn out into those trees that were lucky enough to be left standing, and wrapped around the fence posts. Babe was naturally worried about her doll, but it was safe in the parlor, where all nice things were kept.

Jim and Min were getting ready to move that day, and had packed all their dishes in a clothes basket. The wind took the basket and placed it up in a tree. Not a dish was broken! There was a barrel sitting by the North Rock kitchen door. An old hen had made her nest in it, but she hadn't been molested, and was still on her eggs. After the survey was taken of the damage done, they found the barns were gone. The oats that had been stacked, were blown all over. The storm had wreaked havoc with most everything. The front yard was so full of pine trees, that you could not see the sunset from the road. The tornado had blown down all the nice trees, and left one scrawny cedar tree.

### **Moving Into Town**

Eventually Samuel's health became so poor he could no longer run the farm even with the help of his sons. He sold the farm to John Harms, and he and Margaret bought a house in town, on Seimers Street, from Charlie and Bertha Willis for \$1900. Samuel and Babe moved into the house, while Margaret and Walter remained on the farm a while longer, until they received the buyer's down payment. When their daughters learned the farm had been sold, they all came to get the \$1000 promised them. Emma came the farthest, from Kewaunee, Illinois. Lizzie, who came from the next block (Second Street), had already purchased things for her new house, charging them until she received her money. J. C. Kramer, who was the storekeeper, came and begged Samuel not to give all the money to the girls, but Samuel said he wanted to settle it once and for all, so he wouldn't hear anymore about it.

In town the Willis family lived only a couple houses from them. Babe met Virgil Willis, who later became her husband. Samuel Austin was very poorly by this time, and used to run away, saying he was going back to the farm. Babe had to go look for him many times. It was a chore, she would often almost have to carry him.

Samuel R. Austin received a small army pension, so he had a little to go on. He died on 27 December 1907, only a year after moving into town, and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Platteville.

### **A Generous Widow**

After Samuel's death, Margaret lived with her daughter Ellen, and later with granddaughters Elsie and Babe off and on. Circa 1920 Babe married at age 33 to Virgil Willis, and they had a home of their own.

Margaret's daughter Ellen had married a miner, Will Shepherd, who did not earn much money, so Maggie bought three acres of land for them. She did things for Ellen, because Sydney Stephens (husband of Ellen's sister Eliza) thought because Ellen had lived at home so much, she should not receive her \$1000 when Grandpa sold the farm. Margaret wanted to make sure Ellen got her share.

Two acres of land owned by the Thomas Shepherd (great-grandfather of Ellen's husband William) family had been purchased by Anson and Elvira Bennett, who sold it for \$369.29 to Marie (Karhart) Nankeville, in 1869. In 1898 for \$450 this same two acres was sold to Benjamin Davis, husband to Elsie, Ellen's daughter. On 12 April 1905 Maggie gave Ellen money to purchase the two acres for \$550, and \$310 to purchase an additional acre on the North end next to the road. This was where the little house stood that Ellen and William occupied, until a new house was built in 1917.

The new house was purchased from "royalties" received by Ellen, from the Shepherd "Homestead" Mine, located just SW of her three acres. Just a portion of the SW corner of the pasture could be undermined, however, due to so much water, but it afforded enough for her "Big" house she had always wanted, and she kept it in her name until her death in November of 1946, when her two sons, Walter and Otto purchased it from the Estate. Upon Otto's death, Melvin and Dorothy bought it from Walter in 1954.

### **Memories of a Great-Grandmother**

Margaret Minerva Austin died on 3 April 1923 at the age of 98 years, 4 months and 14 days, and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery beside her husband Samuel. Her great-granddaughter, Dorothy Shepherd was only 5 years old at the time of her death, but still has many fond memories of that era.

Maggie's casket was here in the living room, and Dorothy stood on a couch to peek in, to see what all the commotion was about. Her recollections of her Grandmother Maggie, are the trips up the stairs to take her trays of food, as she was confined to her bed most of the time. There was a raw onion on every plate, including the breakfast meal. Dorothy used to think this very odd, wondering if it had anything to do with the idea of tying asaphidity around a child's neck to keep the germs away!

Maggie would rap on the walls with her cane, when she wanted us for anything. Dorothy remembers getting hit with that cane, her grandfather used to laugh and tell of her coming down and telling "she flapped me, but I flapped her back" She had it coming, as she used to pull the covers back from Maggie's feet, knowing she couldn't get out of bed, to get her. Maggie showed Dorothy she could reach her anyway, with her cane!

### **Family Treasures**

Some of Dorothy's greatest treasures are some letters received by Margaret and Ellen from different members of their loved family. The Austin Bible; the clock (which still keeps correct time) and the walnut, high-headboard bed, altered to accommodate box springs and mattress, instead of the ropes and featherbeds of yesteryear, are some more "jewels" from her Austin great-grandparents. She also has the sword and a very large old gun, that her great-grandfather Samuel Austin brought back with him upon his return from the Civil War.

Ellen's old house and Dorothy remained the very best of friends. The house started life happily in 1917, and Dorothy was right behind in 1918, so they sort of grew up together, creating fond memories of a rich, happy childhood spent amid its walls, with loving grandparents, the kind you don't often find today.

She would crawl into bed by lamp light, sandwiched between two feather bedspreads, heated with flat irons from the back of the range; the hum of the wires outside the house, lulled you to sleep. That is, until a young rooster crowed from the hen house, only to be answered by roosters on the neighboring farms! He seemed to pour his soul into his cry, as if he had to make himself heard, not only over this neighborhood today, but also far back into the past, and ahead to the future.

Many voices, once a familiar part of farm life, have fallen silent in the wake of progress. No longer are heard the creaking buggy wheels pulling a load of logs from the Mound area, or the metallic rumble of steel tired wagon wheels on a stony road, with the ring of horse's shod feet, or the gasp of the pump against the certainty of night's freezing.

Certainly, there are many pieces of nearby land worth many more dollars than Ellen's small acreage and its "memory filled" house, and gnarly old "Box Elder" trees, but had you ever strolled hand in hand with Gramp through the "bottom" to the Creamery for a jar of butter, and pail of free buttermilk, or just sat for a bit, basking in the warm sunshine, on the back stoop of the old shack housing the odd array of tools, you would have to agree; the modest property was priceless beyond measure!

H161-2. DAVID<sup>5</sup> AUSTIN (*Henry*,<sup>4,3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 June 1791 in Albemarle County, Virginia. He married on 27 December 1810 in Orange County, Virginia, to a cousin, Frances Talbot Williams, daughter of John and Mildred (Durrett) Williams. Mildred was a sister to David's grandmother Elizabeth (Durrett) Watts. David's grandfather, Rev. Jacob Watts performed the wedding service. Fanny was born in 1794 in Orange County, Virginia, where her father was a Magistrate. The 1810 census listed David in Orange County, and tax records there show he lived near John Dickerson. The Albemarle County land that David's grandfather H16 Henry Austin (page 398) deeded to the church was near the Orange County border, and Rev. Jacob Watts owned about 1100 acres near the county border as well.

After his mother's death, on 3 December 1821 David was made guardian for his younger siblings Henry, Durrett, Walker, Milly, Cally, and Ann. Virtually the whole family moved to Missouri. David and Fanny moved to Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri. Henry settled on nearby property, and Nancy lived on a nearby farm. Walker settled in adjacent Macon County, Missouri (taken from Randolph County in 1832), while Richard Durrett Austin had farms in adjacent Monroe County, Missouri. The 1850 census for Randolph County shows David's oldest son John Talbot Austin living next to his father, and Henry still lived nearby. Another of David's brothers, Garrett Austin, lived in Howard County, Missouri, also adjacent to Randolph County. One sister lived in Howard County, and another in Macon County.

This close-knit family stayed together and kept the same names in the family. Cousins were like brothers, remaining close even in middle age. The whole clan would get together frequently, and were interested in one another. Generations spoke of grandparents often – where they came from and where they married – thus making them known to their own grandchildren.

David's family was almost erased in 1848 by a cholera epidemic in Missouri. He lost three children in less than a month, and five within a year. after this. He must have been a greatly saddened man, who felt his only hope was in his remaining son Benjamin and in his daughter Mildred's son, James Simms. For a man who had been a father image most of his life, this was a great blow from which he no doubt never recovered, and he possibly regretted his moving from Missouri to Virginia. David himself may have been weakened by cholera, as he only lived four years later on 14 November 1853, age 62 years, 4 months and 29 days. David did not live to see an Austin grandson. Frances alone lived to an old age, dying at age 70 on 6 May 1864. Both are buried on their farm in Austin Cemetery, two or three miles from Huntsville, Missouri.

David's father had died young, it is said that he had much sadness and disappointment in his life. In his Will David hints of his disappointment with his son-in-law. His grandson James was evidently reared by him, as he is with David in the census and received special consideration in his Will. David and Frances had seven children:

- H161-21. JOHN TALBOT, *b. circa 1811 +*  
 H161-22. MILDRED ANN, *b. 1 October 1814, she m. 2 February 1832 to Rufus Bluford Simms in Albemarle County, Virginia. Children: John Thomas b.1833; Mary Jane m. H161-C1 John Henry Austin; Elizabeth H. b.1842; William D. b.1844; James H. b.1845 m. Columbia Austin on 24 December 1866 in Huntsville. Columbia died tragically. One summer at dusk she went in to prepare supper. As she lighted an oil lamp it blew up, burning her severely, she ran outside with her clothing afire. She gave permission to amputate her arms, saying she would loose them to stay with Jimmy, she loved him so, but she died. Mildred d. at age 35y 7m 23d.*  
 H161-23. RICHARD STRAWDOR, *b. 10 December 1815 in Virginia +*  
 H161-24. WILLIAM GARRETT, *b. 6 October 1817 +*  
 H161-25. THOMAS DURRETT, *b. 26 February 1822, he died 10 December 1848.*  
 H161-26. BENJAMIN B., *b. 31 July 1824 +*  
 H161-27. OLIVER FRANKLIN, *b. in April 1830 in Virginia, d. 8 December 1848 in Missouri, buried in David Austin Cemetery.*

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## AUSTIN INFORMATION FROM AN OLD FAMILY BIBLE

by Shirley B. O'Leary

Author's Note: A bible printed by the National Bible Press in Philadelphia was shown to me circa 1980 by Mary Austin Miller (Mrs. Ken) of Mobridge, South Dakota. It was in poor shape and some pages were missing, so the date of the bible is not known. One of the family names written in the bible was 'Toomire,' or possibly 'Loomire.' I copied it as Toomire, because the 'L' in Mary Louise Moses is not particularly like the 'L' or 'T' in Toomire. Neither Mrs. Miller nor I could relate these Austins with those of our families, but she mentioned that a Kenneth Volk lived at Ipswich, South Dakota, according to a business sign there in 1979. I copied the following information from the front of the bible. If anyone can add to this information, please contact me through *Austins of America*.

Given to Miss Mary Lou Moses by Grandmother Austin, Easter Sunday, 1946.

Arthur A. Austin and Bertha M. Toomire married at Mona, Minnesota, on 8 September 1914.

Parents: Henry Toomire, Wabash, Indiana. Mother: Ankanas Toomire, Wabash, Indiana.

Chil.: Marcella Toomire Austin, 3 April 1918, Mitchell, married Clarence Volk 26 December 1940.

Mary Louise Moses Volk, 11 May (or Jan.) 1937, Methodist Hospital.

Bertha Mabe Toomire Austin, born 29 September 1890, Wabash, Indiana.

Arthur A. Austin was born 12 January 1889 in Mitchell, South Dakota.

## MISCELLANEOUS AUSTIN RECORDS

Submitted by Anthony Kent Austin

### Missouri Marriages [Reference 1]

Absalom Austin to Lydia Sitton 7 January 1834 Calloway Co.  
Benjamin Austin to Elizabeth Austin 26 Jan. 1826 Boone Co.  
Dabney Austin to Jane Freeman October 1836 Boone Co.  
James Austin to Nancy Nicely 20 January 1831 Boone Co.  
Jane Austin to Abraham D. White 6 August 1846 in Greene Co.  
James Austin to Rosey Maupin 20 March 1836 Carroll Co.  
Joel Austin to Sally Austin 16 November 1827 Boone Co.  
Joel Austin to Charlotte Harrington 22 Dec. 1839 Boone Co.  
John Austin to Nancy Buckner 24 November 1836 Cole Co.  
John Osten to Rachel Freeman 17 December 1835 Greene Co.  
John Austin to Caroline Waddell 20 Dec. 1838 Lafayette Co.  
John F. Austin to Susannah Wilson 6 October 1835 Ralls Co.  
Robert Austin to Eliza A. Watkins 15 Dec. 1834 Jackson Co.  
Walker Austin to Euphonia McKinney 16 July 1833 Randolph Co.  
William Austin to Jane Gordan 21 May 1839 Boone Co

### North Carolina Marriages [Reference 2]

Bryant Austin to Miss Rhody Parker 29 July 1830 Montgomery County. (10 August 1830)  
David Austin to Miss Wilkey Ballance 16 May 1824. (8 June)  
Miss Elizabeth Austin, daughter of Nathan Austin to Jesse Pool on 11 January 1827 in Burke County. (2 February 1827)  
Col. Elkanah D. Austin to Mrs. - Hall, widow of Almon Hall, no date Rowan County. (15 March 1834)  
Miss Lucinda Austin, daughter of Col. Jacob Austin, to John Daniel, no date, in Montgomery County (30 January 1827)  
Richard Austill of Surry County to Miss Frances Ann Loveitt of Lancaster Distict, South Carolina, on 29 August 1834 in Lancaster Distict. (27 September 1834)  
Miss Rhody Austill to John Pardue (1828)  
Thomas Austin to Miss Eleanor McDaniel on 17 November 1825 in Montgomery County. (29 November 1825)

### North Carolina Deaths [Reference 3]

Dr. Benjamin Austin, a native of New York State died on 10 August 1840 in Salisbury, aged between about 45 and 50 (August 21, 1840).  
Mrs. Chelaty Austin, wife of Col. Jacob Austin died on 17 September 1828, aged 48, near Austin's Gold Mine in Anson County (30 September 1828).  
Mrs. Eleanor Austin, wife of Thomas H. Austin died on 1 October 1826, aged 25, in Montgomery County (October 10 1826).  
Green Deberry Austin, eldest son of Col. Jacob Austin died on 17 September 1828, aged 26, near Austin's Gold Mine in Anson County (30 September 1828).  
Thomas G. Austin, infant son of Henry R. Austin died on 8 June 1833, aged 15 months 22 days, in the Forks of the Yadkin, Rowan County (17 June 1833).

### Wythe County, Virginia, Marriages [Reference 4]

James Austin and Margaret Brower married on 24 April 1799.  
Lucey Austin and Henry Holstein married on 26 February 1793.

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## QUERIES

470-1. **Green Austin** m. Patsy —, ch: Susan Adeline who m.(1) — Efner, m.(2) — King; George Gram b. Arkansas; Nancy C. b. Texas. Susan and her parents were in 1850 Louisiana census. When Civil War broke out, Green was in Arkansas. There is a cloud over the name Green Austin, which was shared by two cousins, one of them an Army deserter (we assume Confederate), but which one has been lost in history. In 1880 Susan Adeline Austin Efner is back in Louisiana with a Martha C. Austin age 50, b. Texas. Seeking Green's ancestry.

470-2. **Philemon Austin** m. Matilda Seeley, in 1820 Census of Ridgeway, Genesee Co., NY. First two ch. b. Rideau, Canada, Thaddeus unknown, others b. NY: Stephen S. b.1810, d.1865 Niles, NY; Philemon b. 22 October 1812; Thaddeus of Morengo, Michigan; Justus S. bc.1814 res. Jonesville, MI; Matilda bc.1821, m. — Adams, res. Victor, NY; Maria m. — Bennett, res. Adrian, MI; Fanny m. — Gregs, res. Adrian; Anson S. bc.1818 res. near Detroit; Melinda b. 4 February 1823; Marinda b. 7 August 1827, m. — Taylor, res. Wall Lake, MI. An older Thaddeus in New York was a pump maker, as were Justus and younger Philemon, the latter involved in railroad work. Need ancestry of Philemon.

470-3. **E. Carl Austin** b. 16 November 1900, was of Atlanta, Georgia, m. 14 April 1923 in Cobb Co. Georgia to Laura Hull of Ackworth, Georgia, her mother's name was Tippett. Ch: Carl Hull b. mid-1920's; Francis Joye b. 23 June 1929, m. 1957 David Horace Little, d. 2 March 1989, Mary Anne b.1930 d.1990 unmarried; and Jane b. late 1930's. Mary Ann and Jane were school-teachers. E. Carl d. 23 December 1981. His sister Mary m. Reed —. Carl's family moved to Pensacola, Florida prob. in 1940s. Seeking information on this family.

470-4. **Richard Henry Austin** was b. 23 July 1815 in Tennessee. He m. Margaret Elizabeth Scott in 1841 in Harrison Co., Texas, two sons: Henry, and Hiram Gray Austin b. 1847. On adjoining land in Harrison County lived William Austin and Darling P. Austin, possibly Richard's brothers? Note: a Darling Austin age 39 b. TN was an 'Overseer' res. with James M. Battle age 38 in 1850 Mississippi Census. Seeking Richard's ancestry.

470-5. **Moses G. Austin** b. 1811 in Delaware County? New York, m. Elizabeth Ewing bc.1835 in Cranberry, Venango Co. PA, dau. of William G. and Elizabeth Ewing. Their son Lawrence Alexander b. Wisconsin May 1859, m. Nancy Jane Brown b. February 1863 Indiana, had dau. Daisy Elizabeth b. 14 March 1892 in Dade Co. Missouri who m. Nathan Hughey and moved to California. Seek the ancestry of Moses G. Austin.



*Editor's Corner. . .*

### KEEPING UP WITH THE MEDIA

*A century of photographic and electronic technology progress has left us all with a variety of family photographs, slides and movies. How best to preserve these for our children and grandchildren?*

Occasionally I envy those with siblings, but one advantage of being an only child is that you inherit all those priceless studio portraits of your great-grandparents, grandparents and parents. You also get boxes of more recent family snapshots of far lower quality - George Eastman's Kodak Brownie cameras may not have been such a good idea after all!

We also inherited some 16mm films dating from the 1920's, including one of my father at age 9, taunting his sister, 13 years older. Color slides covered my high school graduation in the 1950's, and color 8mm films covered our wedding in the 1960's. We watched our children grow on Super-8 film, save the youngest who was captured on VHS videotape. Our grandchildren appear on yet another media, S-VHS videotape.

Through the years our old 16mm projector died, and the shippers crushed our dual 8mm/Super-8 projector. Family photo albums are viewed on special occasions, but our slide projector hasn't been dragged out in years, we're spoiled by how easily VHS and S-VHS videotapes are viewed on TV.

How can we continue to enjoy viewing family treasures trapped on obsolete media? Movies of all formats can be converted to VHS or S-VHS videotape. Commercial services exist today for digitally scanning negatives and photographs onto CD-ROM disks, along with music or a narrative sound track. When digitizing VHS and S-VHS videotapes onto CD-ROM disks becomes affordable, all family photographs and movies can share the same media for the first time in history.

Unlike photographs, films or videotapes, which can crack or fade with time, digital images remain unchanged. They can be copied perfectly, so we can pass them to our children without the degradation normally found with duplication and copying.

Our children and grandchildren will be able to view their CD-ROM family "slide shows" or "home movies" via their multimedia home computers, or on standard or high-definition television sets. If we pass along our photographic treasures on currently-popular media, it is more likely that commercial services will be available to convert them to whatever media new technology brings to our children and future generations.

*- Michael Edward Austin*



**SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
OLIVER AUSTIN AND HARRIET SEALY  
OF POTSDAM, NEW YORK**

*by Harold Dean Austin  
and Russell Anderson Austin Jr.*

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S216-1454-73. PATRICIA SUTHERLAND, *b. 11 Aug. 1925 in Pasadena, California. She m. on 17 February 1947 in Alamo, California, to Cranston P. Montgomery Jr., b. 16 June 1922 in Long Beach, California, son of C. P. & Julia Louise (Gripper) Montgomery. They resided in Altadena, California in 1993, ch. b. in Berkeley, California: Lynn Louise b. 1951, Joan Elizabeth b. 1953, Edward Austin b. 1957, Patricia Anne b. 1958.*

S216-1454-8. ALLAN SHERWOOD<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (*Charles William,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born 23 July 1886 in Chesaning, Saginaw County, Michigan. He was married on 11 December 1911 in Aberdeen, Washington, to Mary Elizabeth Sweesy, born on 5 July 1891 in Maquoketa, Iowa, the daughter of Alcinous Young and Phoebe A. (Legget) Sweesy. Allan and Mary had both gone to Seattle, Washington in 1909 for the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition. Allan served as the Postmaster at Onalaska, Washington, in 1927. They moved to Seattle in 1935, where Allan worked as a bookkeeper. The photograph on the next page was taken at their Golden Wedding Anniversary reception in 1961 in the Delta Masonic Temple in Riverton, Washington. Mary Austin died on 28 December 1965 in Carmichael, California, while Allan died on 3 June 1966 in Seattle. Allan and Mary had six children:

- S216-1454-81. ELIZABETH, *born on 30 June 1912 in Westport, Washington, she m. on 4 July 1941 in Minden, Nevada, to Boyd Emery Oliver. Boyd was born 1 December 1900 in Portland, Oregon, he died 1 October 1974 in Ocean Park, Washington. Their son Bruce Wayne Oliver was b. on 21 December 1944 in Palo Alto, California. In 1995 Elizabeth lived in Novato, Calif.*
- S216-1454-82. HARRIET, *b. 17 July 1913 in Aberdeen, Washington, she m. on 12 July 1941 in Seattle, Washington, to Joe Schirk. Harriet d. 2 February 1967 in Seattle*
- S216-1454-83. CARLYLE, *b. 8 April 1915 in Aberdeen, Washington, d. 30 October 1985 in Seattle, Washington. He never married.*
- S216-1454-84. RUTH, *b. 26 May 1916 in Aberdeen, Washington, m.(1) on 24 November 1941 to Sigmund James McGuire in Seattle, their only child Mary Jane was b. 1944 in Everett, Washington. Ruth divorced on 2 October 1962, and m.(2) on 8 July 1967 in Seattle to Carroll*

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S216-145. **Oliver Austin (1809-1893)** This picture was copied in the middle 1950s by a studio photographer in Olympia, Washington, from an old black and white photograph. See page 447 for Oliver Austin's family.

*Alexander Murray, who was b. 2 December 1909.*

- S216-1454-85. PHOEBE AUSTIN, *b. 21 October 1918 in Aberdeen, Washington, m. 5 November 1938 in Seattle, Washington to Louis Orlin Faunce. He was b. 11 June 1917 in Spokane, Washington, to Orlin Cole & Mildred Lucille (Gardner) Faunce, d. 21 October 1982 Olympia, Washington. Four children: Louise b. 17 May 1940 in Seattle, Ruth Ellen b. 24 September 1943 in Tacoma, Washington, Larry Orlin b. 21 February 1945 in Tacoma, Barbara Jean b. 8 August 1946 in Seattle. Phoebe was living in 1995 in Olympia.*
- S216-1454-86. MARY, *born on 7 September 1920 in Onalaska, Washington, m. 27 September 1941 to J. R. 'Reg' Miller in Seattle.*

S216-145E-1. FRANK LEE<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (*Edward James,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 30 March 1882 in Potsdam, New York? He married on 2 June 1906 to Mary Busbee, they had five children:

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**Allan Sherwood Austin and Mary Elizabeth (Sweesy) Austin Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary** at Delta Masonic Temple in Seattle, Washington in 1961. Back row, left to right: Boyd Oliver, Reg Miller, Barbara Faunce, Warren Mehner, Ruth Ellen Faunce Mehner, Bud (Carlyle) Austin, Harriet Austin, Louise Faunce, John Allan Miller, Larry Faunce, Sigmund McGuire, Bruce Oliver and Louis Faunce. Front row, left to right: Elizabeth Austin Oliver, Mary Austin Miller, Susan Jane Miller, Scott Austin Miller, Mary Elizabeth (Sweesy) Austin, Allan Sherwood Austin, Mary Jane McGuire, Ruth Austin McGuire and Phoebe Austin Faunce.

- S216-145E-11. ALICE LEE, *b. 16 May 1907*  
 S216-145E-12. EDWARD LEE, *b. 19 December 1908*  
 S216-145E-13. FRANK LEE, *b. 13 June 1910*  
 S216-145E-14. MADELAIN MAY, *b. 13 March 1912*  
 S216-145E-15. JOHN B., *b. 17 April 1917*

## TENTH GENERATION

S216-1452-12. RUSSELL ANDERSON<sup>10</sup> AUSTIN (*Arthur Sealy,<sup>9</sup> Abel Sealy,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 2 April 1900 in Fowlerville, Michigan. In his first year his parents migrated to the coastal seaport of Aberdeen, Washington, which in 1900 was a town of great potential growth, situated on the largest natural ocean port north of San Francisco. Russell graduated in 1919 from the J. M. Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, where he was Captain and star of the track team, and Student Body President. He attended the University of Washington, was a charter member of the Alpha Delta Phi chapter, and received his degree in business in 1923. Russell married in Portland, Oregon, on 20 September 1924 to Amanda Ellen Ficks, born 9 March 1904 in Seattle. She was the daughter of George William and Amanda Ellen (Shoop) Ficks.

Choosing not to follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps as a physician, Russell instead was drawn by the dynamic lumber industry which occupied every other close

member of the family. After college Russell worked in lumbering and lumber sales in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and in Seattle. In 1933 he moved back to Aberdeen to work for Harbor Plywood, a pioneer in plywood manufacturing. He grew with the company through various sales positions to become general sales manager of the corporation in 1950. When the company was swallowed up by Northern Pacific and Ohio Match in one of Norton Simon raids, Russell left for a similar position with Twin City Lumber in Palo Alto, California.

Russell Anderson Austin died on 6 September 1958, at the age of 58, through a medical misadventure at the Stanford Medical Clinic in Palo Alto. Russell and Amanda had two children:

- S216-1452-121. RUSSELL ANDERSON JR., *b. 4 March 1930 in Seattle, Washington +*  
 S216-1452-122. NANCY ELLEN, *b. 6 November 1934 in Hoquiam, Washington, m. on 16 June 1956 in Aberdeen to Stanley Delmar Ruble, born 15 June 1934 in Tacoma, Washington. Two children b. in Seattle: Carrie Ellen Ruble b. 17 March 1959, David Austin Ruble b. 1 September 1961.*

S216-1454-51. HAROLD DEAN<sup>10</sup> AUSTIN (*Oliver Rufus,<sup>9</sup> Charles William,<sup>8</sup> Oliver,<sup>7</sup> Phinehas,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5,4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3,2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 July 1904 in Mason, Ingham County, Michigan. He graduated in June 1923 from the J. M. Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, Washington. On 27 August 1927 in Aberdeen, Harold married Helen Amanda McNair, born 29 December 1905 in Aberdeen, the daughter of Floyd L. and Frances Amelia (Shriver) McNair. Harold attended the University of Washington, where he majored in Political Science and graduated in 1931. He enlisted in the Washington State National Guard, and served 7 years 8 months.

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**Helen Amanda (McNair) Austin circa 1950 & Captain Harold Dean Austin in Washington State Patrol uniform.**

Harold entered recruit training in the Washington State Patrol on 18 November 1935, and he advanced through all ranks until his retirement on 1 January 1963. In October 1940 he enrolled in a Police Administration course at the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, graduating from the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship Class in June 1941.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941, Harold was assigned to the Washington State Defense Council to assist in planning civilian evacuation if and when ordered. He was promoted to Sergeant on 6 June 1942, and to Lieutenant in April 1945. The photograph below right was taken sometime after his promotion to Captain on 1 July 1946. His responsibilities, dating from February 1945, included instructing Troopers in motor vehicle traffic control; accident reporting and recording; security details; truck, bus and passenger vehicle surveys; driver training in high schools; driver improvement among state government departments; screened applicants for Patrol recruitment; advisor to the Washington State Safety Council. Harold served as the Superintendent of the Washington State Bureau of Criminal Identification from March 1951 until May 1957.

Concurrent with his civilian duties, on 16 February 1953 Harold accepted a Presidential appointment as a Major, USAFR, and was assigned to the 20th District, USAF Office of Special Investigations, McChord Air Force Base, Washington. Between 1958 and 1960 he completed the two-year Air Force Administration and Management Course. On 26 February 1960 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Harold Dean and Helen Amanda Austin are now residing in Walla Walla, Washington. Their three sons were born in Washington:

- S216-1454-511. ROBERT MORLEY, *b. 15 June 1928 in Aberdeen. +*
- S216-1454-512. RICHARD OLIVER, *b. 26 March 1933 in Aberdeen +*
- S216-1454-513. CHARLES MAXWELL, *b. 30 October 1934 in Hoquiam, Washington +*

## ELEVENTH GENERATION

S216-1452-121. RUSSELL ANDERSON<sup>11</sup> AUSTIN JR. (*Russell Anderson*,<sup>10</sup> *Arthur Sealy*,<sup>9</sup> *Abel Sealy*,<sup>8</sup> *Oliver*,<sup>7</sup> *Phinehas*,<sup>6</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>5,4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3,2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 March 1930 in Seattle, Washington. Russell Jr. graduated in 1948 from the J. M. Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, Washington, having been active but not distinguished in athletics and student government. He attended the University of Washington starting in the fall of 1948 and was affiliated with the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, serving as its President in 1953.

On 25 June 1950, Russell's Naval Air Reserve unit (FASRON 895) was activated for the Korean War. He was stationed at the Sand Point Naval Air Station in Seattle and at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station where he served as a storekeeper until December 1950. He was then assigned to Pensacola Naval Air Station as a Naval Aviation Cadet. Russell graduated from the University of Washington in December 1953, and was commissioned Ensign, USNR. He served the year 1954 as an Electronics and Communications Officer on the USS *Timbalier* (AVP-54) stationed at Coco Solo, Canal Zone, Panama. In 1955 Russell served as the Postal Officer on the staff of Commander Service Force, Sixth Fleet, home port Cannes, Frances.

On 23 June 1953 Russell married in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Barbara Ann Fortnum, born on 29 August 1929 in Waukesha, Wisconsin, the daughter of Floyd Townsend and Florence (Werner) Fortnum. Their first son was born in San Diego, California, where Russell was stationed, their first daughter at the Anglo-American Hospital in Cannes, France. On their return to civilian life in Aberdeen they had three additional children. Russell worked in the Grays Harbor area and was elected a member of the Aberdeen City Council. In 1962 at the age of 32 Russell moved his substantial family to Seattle where he began law school at the University of Washington. After graduating with honors in December 1964, Russell joined the law firm of Rutherford, Kargianis and Shinn. Russell became a partner in 1967, and the firm name was changed to Kargianis and Austin in 1978. He was admitted to practice in all Washington State and Federal Courts.

Mr. Austin was for many years an active Republican serving as Republican State Committeeman for King County for three terms. He attended four Republican National Conventions as a delegate from 1968 to 1980. He served as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives, 33rd District in 1980. He retired from the Naval Reserve in July 1982 with the rank of Captain.

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**Russell Anderson Austin Jr. and wife Barbara Ann (Fortnum) Austin, photographed in December 1995.**

- S216-1452-1211. RUSSELL ANDERSON III, *b. 17 February 1954 in San Diego, California +*
- S216-1452-1212. KATHERINE LEE, *b. 9 August 1955 in Cannes, France, she m. 30 August 1980 Fredrick Richard Farr, they divorced on 21 April 1995. Their children born in Seattle: Austin Nicholas Farr b. on 8 May 1985, William Albert Farr b. 13 September 1990.*
- S216-1452-1213. STEPHEN FORTNUM, *b. 18 April 1958 in Aberdeen, Washington +*
- S216-1452-1214. TRACEY ANN, *b. 15 November 1960 in Aberdeen, Washington, m. on 9 November 1985 Arthur Leslie David III. Ch: Barbara Louise David b. 21 March 1989 in Seattle, Arthur Leslie David IV b. 2 May 1994 in Anchorage Alaska.*
- S216-1452-1215. MELISSA ANN, *b. 25 April 1962 in Hoquiam, Washington, she m. on 4 April 1992 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to Robert Eugene Turner. Their daughter Kaitlin Lee Turner b. 14 November 1992 in Seattle.*

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**NOTE: Pages 475 to 480 include the 1860 Federal Census for Indiana. They have been deleted here, this census presented elsewhere on this web site**