

Case 17: Andrew Allen Austin was born 4 Aug 1834 Wellston, Jackson County, Ohio and died 27 Sep 1919 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

The Register #18133 of the Central Branch Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers of Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, shows a military history for Pvt. Andrew A. Austin, who enlisted June 10, 1862 at McArthur, Ohio in The Union Army, Company H of the 87th Ohio Infantry Regiment. He was discharged from that unit on October 1, 1862 at Delaware, Ohio, after his three month tour of duty had expired. Then he returned to his home in Wellston, Jackson County, Ohio.

Personal Information on the register describes Andrew more completely. He was age fifty-six when he was admitted to the Central Branch Home. He was six feet and one inch tall. He had a fair complexion, had blue eyes and grey hair. Andrew could read and write. He was a Protestant and a farmer. On July 9, 1891, when he was admitted to the Home, Andrew was married. His wife's name was Mary M. and she lived in Wellston, Ohio in 1891. Note that she was also found on the 1900 U. S. Census, and was listed as a widow.

Mary M. Austin's name was crossed out on the register, and the name of next-of-kin was changed to Andrew's son, Erwin M. Austin. The address of Erwin was 2817 Lafayette St., St. Joseph, Missouri.

Andrew's disabilities listed when he was admitted to the Home, were: piles; heart disease and other ailments. He died of chronic interstitial Nephritis on September 27, 1919, and his son Edwin was notified of the death of his father. Andrew was buried at the National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio, at a plot in Sec. 2, Row 6, Grave 11.

A certificate of service in the U. S. Army, and a pension certificate were submitted to the administrator of the Home when Andrew was admitted. He first received a \$5.00 monthly pension on March 4, 1907. When he died in 1919, his personal effects at the Home consisted of \$110.00 in pension and cash money and eighty cents worth of personal goods.

There are many published records for Andrew Allen Austin (b. 4 Aug 1834 - d. 27 Sep 1919), that have more details about his ancestry, his descendants and his personal life. Some are outlined and listed here in the source list.

Andrew's ancestors came from Maryland and migrated to Milton Township of Jackson County, Ohio where they got farmland before 1820. Thomas

was the oldest of that Austin group. According to the 1820, 1830, 1840 U. S. Census, Thomas was born about 1773-1775 in Maryland and died before 1850 in Ohio. Two of his children, who came to Milton Township, got farmland there. They were Thomas, who was born in 1800, and William, born in 1805. William married Sarah Erwin about 1828 in Ohio. Sarah was born in what is now West Virginia. There were other people named Erwin living in Milton Township in 1830. Sarah was born in 1793 and she died on July 25, 1881. William died September 5, 1890 in Wellston.

William and Sarah were the parents of Andrew Allen Austin. Andrew may have preferred to be called Allen, as many records use his middle name, and his descendants sometimes gave his name as Allen. Another son of William and Sarah was called H. F. or H. Franklin, on most records. His wife was Mary Phillip who he married about 1858. Their children were William P. Austin, b. 1858 and Sarah J. Austin, b. 1850.

Less than a year after he mustered out of the Army, on September 13, 1863, in Jackson, Ohio, Andrew Allen Austin married Mary Queen Montgomery, the daughter of Hugh Montgomery and Agnes Campbell. Mary was born on October 16, 1841 in Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland. She died on 26 February 1911 in Wellston, Jackson, Ohio. The couple had nine children. They were: (1) Erwin M. Austin (1864-1941); (2) Charles H. Austin (1869-1957); (3) Frances R. Austin (1865-1871); (4) David Lincoln Austin 1866-1871); (5) William A. Austin (1870-1946); (6) Robert Dillon Austin (1873-1931); (7) Sarah Agnes, called Agnes H., (1875-1933); (8) Benjamin Garretson Austin (1877-1941); and (9) John C. Austin (1879-1960).

Unfortunately, two of the children, (3) Frances and (4) Lincoln died at ages four and six, only sixteen days apart. They probably died of a contagious childhood disease.

The surviving children of Andrew and Mary, did not choose to be farmers. Most of them finished high school, and then followed the adage, "Go West, young man".

(1) Erwin was a bank cashier. He married Louise K. and lived in Missouri. By 1940, Erwin was living in Sacramento, California. Erwin's children were Lillian M. (b. 1890), Mabel E. (b. 1891), Montgomery R. Austin (b. 1902). Montgomery died Apr., 2, 1977 in Concord, Contra Costa, California.

(2) Charles H. Austin, son of Andrew A., was living in Great Falls City, Cascade County, Montana by 1900. In 1903 he married Frances L. Their children were Agnes (b. 1905), and Mary Eunice (b. 1907). Charles was a real estate agent and then, a house carpenter. In 1910 he was a secretary for the smelter union. His daughter Eunice had a short marriage to George Kellington. Eunice's daughter, Francis Verda Kellington (1927-1988) became a Nurse during World War II in Portland, Oregon. Frances married Arthur Leonard Crebassa and they had five children. Frances died in Marin County, California.

Although Charles' family lived in Portland City, Multnomah County, Oregon in 1920, Charles was living back in Great Falls, Montana in 1930 and 1940. He died October 13, 1957 and was buried in Great Falls.

Notable among the sons of Andrew Allen Austin, was (5) Colonel William Allen Austin of the U. S. Army. His military career was a lifelong occupation. In 1896, William enlisted when he was age twenty-five, at Fort D. A. Russell, in Wyoming. He was a book keeper at a hospital infirmary, at first. After several assignments, he was sent to Cuba during the Spanish-American War and was discharged there on May 18, 1899 at the expiration of his excellent service.

William re-enlisted on August 3, 1901. A year later he was a student officer, a Second Lieutenant of the 7th Cavalry. He was promoted to First Lieutenant of the 4th Cavalry, Co. D, and reassigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, in January of 1903. In 1904 his unit was sent to Fort Walla Walla, Washington. In April of 1917 he served as a Captain of the Cavalry and by August of that year became a Major. In 1918, during World War I, William was made Lieut. Col. Of the National Army and became the Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Keogh, Montana. In October of that year he was appointed to the War Plans General Staff, and then became Division Inspector of Ft. Keogh. He was stationed all over the United States: in Kansas; Fort Meade, South Dakota; Camp Sherman, Ohio; Omaha, Nebraska; Lee, Virginia; and Washington, DC. At last, he received an honorable discharge in 1920, reverted to retired status, and made his home at Pebble Beach, Monterey, California.

When he was in the Army, Col. William Allen met and married Helen Atwood, who was born in Massachusetts in 1885. They had two sons: John A.

Austin, born 1905 in Kansas; and William Allen Austin, Jr., born April 20, 1912 in New Jersey. It is not known what happened to their son, John. He was not living with the family in 1920, when he would have been age 15. Colonel Austin died March 19, 1946 in California.

William Allen Austin, Jr., attended college for three years He was an advertising salesman at newspaper offices in Chicago and Palo Alto, California. He might have met his wife, Elaine Stone of Oakland, California when he was working for a paper. Elaine was a college newspaper editor at Stanford University in 1940. They married before William enlisted in the U. S. Army on July 2, 1942 at San Francisco.

William Allen Austin, Jr., was a Warrant Officer in the Branch of Immateriel, and received officer's training. He achieved the rank of Lieut. Colonel. He was a career officer and served at Okinawa, Japan, during World War II, in Korea and the Vietnam wars. It is not known whether William and Elaine had children. He died January 31, 1989, when they were living in Mill Valley, Marin County, California. His widow, Elaine, died seventeen years later on June 19, 2007, in Lafayette, Contra Costa, California.

Both Colonel William Allen Austin, the elder and his son, Lieutenant Colonel William Allen Austin, were buried with military honors in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean. They are both in Plot: Sec. OS, Row 141, Site 6.

Today we would call (6) Robert Dillon Austin, a traveling salesman. In 1920, he said he was Sales Manager for a dry goods company. In 1930 he was a clothing salesman and his wife Viola Virginia Ward was a practical nurse. The couple had married in 1907 in Wellston, Ohio. They were living in McCook City, Red Willow County, Nebraska in 1910. Robert died there in 1931. Viola lived until 1946, but died in a hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of uterine cancer. The children of Robert and Viola were: Robert W. Austin (b. 1910); Agnes Roberta Austin (1911-1998); Thomas Allen Austin (1913-1975); Mary V. Austin (1915-2011); and William M. Austin [Bill] (1917-1999).

Andrew and Mary's daughter, (7) [Sarah] Agnes H. Austin, born August 1868, married Clarence W. Kronk in 1890, in Jackson County, Ohio. Their oldest child was a son, Francis David Kronk, who was born February 18, 1891. He was called Frank for

the rest of his life. Agnes first daughter, Mabel Norton Kronk, born September 2, 1892, was a saleslady in a Springfield store. Edith Marie Kronk, was born, September 1892, and became a clerk. Another daughter, Lillian Gertz Kronk died when she was only nine months old, in Wellston in 1899. After that, Agnes and Clarence removed to the City of Springfield, Ohio.

Clarence Kronk, died before 1910, and Agnes Austin Kronk became a widow with three children to raise. Agnes did not work, but she took in boarders at her home in downtown Springfield. Her daughters continued to live with their mother and both of them worked at nearby businesses. Edith Marie was a clerk for the Crowell Publishing Company. Frank did industrial work as a molder and machinist at Fairbanks Company until he enlisted in the U. S. Army in World War I, on September 20, 1917.

Frank was a Private First Class in Battery A of the 324th Field Artillery and served in France in the battle of Meuse-Argonne. He was in the American Expeditionary Forces from 1918 to 1919, and received an honorable discharge on June 5, 1919. After the War, Frank returned to Springfield where he married Edith Ray Penny on November 1, 1920.

Frank and his wife, Edith, were living together in rooms at 919 Clifton Avenue in Springfield, but they separated for a while. In 1930, Frank was still a machinist and a lodger at 201 South Fountain Avenue in Cincinnati, but his wife was living in Alliance City, and working as a housekeeper for the next door neighbor of her parents, Charles and Alice Penny.

Like his grandfather, Andrew Allen Austin, Frank was qualified to live in the National Home for Disabled Soldiers and was on the Register #74770 of the Central Branch in Dayton, OH. He had varicose veins and arthritis when he was admitted on December 14, 1932, and discharged from the Home in August of the next year. Although he said he was married, the person he listed as next-of-kin was a friend, Mrs. Ada Smith, of 319 W. Main St., Springfield, Ohio.

In 1940, Frank was working at Ft. Bragg, Mendocino, California for the Union Lumber Company. He stayed at a boarding house in town. Meanwhile his wife, Edith Kronk was also a lodger on Main Street in Ukiah City. She was a supervisor of a steam laundry there.

Frank Kronk died June 6, 1947, in Solano, California. He was buried at the Golden Gate

National Cemetery at San Bruno, California, Plot Section N, Site 1890.

(8) Benjamin Garretson Austin sought his fortune in the gold mines of Oregon. He first married Maude E. Wray, about 1898, probably in Missouri. Their children were: Verna Maud (1899-1993); Loie May (1903-1983); and Allen Robert (1907-1979). From 1910, the family lived in the town of Granite, Grant County, Oregon where Benjamin was a driller in the gold mines. Ben's wife died before 1920, and he lived alone the rest of his life. In 1940 Ben lived in the house in Granite that he had bought for \$75.00. He earned a total of \$50.00 for the year of 1940. His death certificate had his death date as January 12, 1941.

Andrew's youngest son was (9) John C. Austin. He was living with his grandmother, Mary Montgomery Austin in 1900 in Wellston City, Ohio. He was working as a salesman in a general store. His sister Agnes was working as a stenographer. John married Hazel in Ohio and they removed to Boone City, Des Moines Township, Boone County, Iowa, where John had a grocery store. He owned their house at 1415 Greene Street. On the 1925 Iowa State Census, John's house was valued at \$3,000.

John continued operating his successful grocery store the rest of his life. He and Hazel had four children: John M. Austin (b.1913), called Jack; Mary Austin (b. 1914/1915), called Betty; William D. Austin (b. ca. 1915), called Billy Don; and Alice Ann Austin Baldwin (1917-2002). In a family tree submitted to One World Tree by Brett Baldwin, the death date of John C. Austin was given as September 1960 in Boone, Iowa.

A database for the family with more details has been submitted to the AFAOA. It is hoped that a link can be found for this family to one of the Maryland Austin families.

Source: *Historical Register of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938*; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M1749, 282 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Wash., D.C.

CENSUS: 1850 U. S. Census, Jackson Co., OH, Milton Twp., 20 Sep 1850, Dist 80, p 311B, Dwelling 1122, Family 1122. William Austin, 43, farmer, \$2000. R. E., b MD ca 1807, farmer; Sarah Austin, 57, b VA; Franklin Austin, 20, farmer, b. OH; Andrew A. Austin, 16, farmer, b OH; Jane Carrick 25, b OH.

CENSUS: 1860 U. S. Census, Jackson Co., OH, Milton Twp., 9 Jan 1860, Berlin Cross Roads P.O. William Austin, 3, farmer,

\$3000. R. E., \$300. P. P., b MD; Sarah Austin, 67, b VA; Allen Austin, 25, \$2000. R. E., b OH; Wm. Ryan 21, b. OH.

CENSUS: 1870 U. S. Census, Jackson Co., OH, Milton Twp, 6 Aug, 1870, p 221., Dwelling 108, Family 106. William Austin, ae. 63, b MD, farmer, \$6200. R. E., \$7000. P. E; Sarah Austin, 77, b WV; Erwin Austin, ae. 6, b OH (1864) (a child of Andrew Allen Austin); Louisa Backus ae. 17, domestic servant, b OH; David Savage 14, at school, b OH.

CENSUS: 1880 U. S. Census, Jackson Co., OH, Village of Berlin, 25 Jun, enumerator was Andrew A. Austin, Dwelling 17, Family 17; William Austin, ae. 74, farmer, b MD, parents both b MD; Sarah Austin 87, wife, b VA, parents both b Ireland; Elmer E. Ward, ae 18, boarder, teamster, b. OH, parents b OH; Robert G. Sweeney, ae. 49, boarder, carpenter, b. PA, fa. b PA, mo. b. Ireland.

CENSUS: 1870 U. S. Census, Jackson Co., OH, Milton Twp, 13 Aug, 1870, Dwelling 203, Fam. 199. Austin, Allen ae. 33, farmer, \$35,000.R.E., \$30,000. P. E., b. OH; Mary Q. ae 28, keeping house, b. Ireland; Frances R. ae. 5, b. OH; David L. ae. 4, b. OH; Charles H. ae. 2, b. OH. Others, Ridgeway, Benjamin 19, farm laborer, OH; Kessinger, Francis M. 25, w, m, farm laborer, WV; Alloway, Maria 17, domestic servant, OH; McGhee, John 5, OH.

CENSUS: 1880 U. S. Census, Jackson Co, OH, Milton Twp, Dist 79, Jun 1880, P. 185, Dwelling 19, Fam. 20. Andrew A. Austin ae. 45, b. OH, fa. b MD, mo. b VA, farmer; Mary, wife, ae. 38, b IR, IR, IR; Charles H. ae. 11 OH, OH, IRL, in school; William A. ae. 9 OH, OH, IRL, in school; Robert P. ae. 7 OH, in school; Agnes S. ae. 5 OH; Benjamin Garretson 3 OH; John C. Austin ae. 8, OH; Elizabeth Scarlock 21, servant, white, b OH.

Dayton National Cemetery, Montgomery Co., OH, VA Medical Center, 4100 West Third St., Dayton, OH, 45428. Burial of Andrew A. Austin

Andrew A. Austin enl. 20 Jun 1862, Dis 1 Oct 1862 for 3 month term. He was discharged with rank of Corporal. Pension file, Certificate 546758 Ohio, applied Jul 10, 1890, App. #803241. Co. H. 87th. OH Inf. Enlisted at McArthur, OH. Disc. at Delaware, OH. Pension paid on 4 Mar 1907. Third St., Dayton, OH

CENSUS: 1900 U. S. Census, Montgomery Co., OH, Jefferson Twp, 18 Jun 1900, page 37A, Central Branch National Home. Inmate: Andrew A. Austin, b. Aug 1836 OH, fa. b. MD, mo. b. WV, married in 1864 for 36 yrs., working as a guard at the Home, was not employed for 3 months of the year.

CENSUS: 1910 U. S. Census, Montgomery Co., OH, Jefferson Twp, 18 Jun 1900, Dist. 0135 page 261, Central Branch National Home. Inmate: Andrew A. Austin, ae. 76, b. OH, married for 46 yrs. b OH, fa. b MD, mo. b VA, no employment.

Ohio Birth Records, Milton Twp., Jackson County, OH from FHL film on Ancestry.com. Parents, A. A. Austin and Mary Montgomery. Children: Robert Dillon Austin b 6 Mar 1873; Sarah Agness Austin b 3 Apr 1875; Benjamin G. Austin b 31 Jan 1877; John C. Austin b 19 Sep 1879.

California Death Index 1940-1997. William A. Austin b 6 Dec 1870 OH, last name of parents were Austin ,and Montgomery. He died 9 Apr 1946 in San Francisco, CA.

CENSUS: 1910 U. S. Census, Fort Meade, Meade, SD. Military Reservation, 2 May 1910, Page 29, Sheet 6; William A. Austin, 35, b OH, married, fa. b OH, mo. b IRL, First Lieut. U. S. Cav.; Helen A. Austin, wife, age 24, b MA, parents b MA; John A. Austin, son, age 5, b KS, fa. b OH, mo. b MA; Annie Lang, servant, age 36, w, b MN, parents b MN.

CENSUS: 1920 U. S. Census, Ross Co., OH, Scioto Twp, Camp Sherman, 17 Ju 1920, Page 127, 57-1-517. William A. Austin, b 1871, Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army, age 49 b OH, m, w, married, fa. b OH, mo. b IRL; Helen, wife, 34, MA, MA, MA; William A. Austin, Jr., son, 7 years, NJ, OH, MA.

CENSUS: 1930 U. S. Census, Omaha, Douglas, NE, Military, Ward 4, Sheet 3B; William A. Austin, 59, m, w, married 32 yr. b. OH, fa. b OH, mo. b IRL; Colonel, U. S. Army, in household of George Vidiner of Omaha.

CENSUS: 1940 U. S. Census, Monterey, CA, Pebble Beach, Monterey Just. Fam 12, Sheet 13A, line 39, Apr. 3, 1940. address, Marchetta Lane. William A. Austin, 1871 OH, in same house in 1935, 4 yrs. high school, owns house that cost \$10,000; Helen A. Austin, wife, 55, MA, 4 yrs. high school; Nellie F. Attwood, mother-in-law, 75, b. MA; Bonnet, maid, 24, CA, maid for private family. \$600 income for year.

Register of Enlistments in the U. S. Army 1798-1914. NARA publication M233. Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780-1917. Record Group 94: Wash, DC.

U. S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946. Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File. Record Group 64: National Archives at College Park, MD.

Ancestry.com: *Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918.* Original Source was, *The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the World War.* Columbus, OH, F. J. Heer Printing Co., 1926.

Veterans Gravesites, ca 1775-2006, Findagrave.com. San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio. Plot: Section OS Row 141 Site 6. Col. US Army, William A. Austin, b Dec 6, 1870 d Mar 19, 1946, and also, his son, Lt Col William A. Austin Jr. Service Lt Col US Army World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Birth date 20 Apr 1912, death date 31 Jan 1989, Service start date, 20 Apr 1941, Interment Date 3 Feb 1989.

U. S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946. Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File. Record Group 64: National Archives at College Park, MD.

CENSUS: 1940 U. S. Census, Santa Clara, CA, Palo Alto. #484 Harvart St., #180 Fam. Rents, \$50., Austin, W. A., head, m, w, ae. 28, single, was living in Chicago, Cook Co, IL in 1935, completed 3 yrs. college, b NJ, worked 44 hours last week, advertising salesman for newspaper, wages \$1800./ yr. ;Means, C. D., a lodger, m, w, ae. 27, single, wages \$2033/yr.

NARA- Microfilm Pub. A3577, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787-2004, Record Group 85, NARA, Washington, DC. Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger and Crew Lists. Note: Both William A. Austin and wife, Elaine S. Austin were aboard a U. S. Army transport ship from Okinawa, Japan to Honolulu, HI in 1948. Note: Birthdate and birthplaces of both were included in the information.

Ancestry.com. Stanford University Yearbook of 1940. Elaine Stone was editor of the college newspaper.

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