

**Case 25 Jeremiah Austin was born Jan 1840-1843 Maysville, Kentucky, died Aug 1, 1900 in Delaware, Ohio.**

Register #8854 of the Central Branch of the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, has a military record for Jeremiah Austin. He Enlisted on 1 Aug 1864 at Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio, in Company C of the 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored Troops. He was discharged on 29 Aug 1865 at Newbern, North Carolina because of the expiration of his time of service. His residence after The Civil War was Delaware, Ohio. He was a black laborer and was married with three children. His wife was Anna Eaton. The residence of Anna was listed as a place in Delaware Co., Ohio.

The register did not have a personal description of Jeremiah, but the Military Service Record did. At enlistment he was age 22, 5' 5" tall, black, with black eye and hair. His occupation was farmer. Muster rolls show that Jeremiah was absent because he was sick in the hospital from September 1864 to December 1864 and again in March 1865. Payment records show he was due \$1000 credit and he was provided with transportation due him from his discharge place to his enlistment place in Delaware.

Jeremiah was admitted to the infirmary at the Central Branch on Aug 9, 1879 when he was age 36. His disability was a rupture of left side & rheumatism that occurred during his service. He was dropped because of government order #5 and was discharged from the Home on Jan 18, 1883.

### **Civil War Service**

The 5th United States Colored Infantry Regiment was an African American unit of the Union Army. A part of the United States Colored Troops, the regiment saw action in Virginia as part of the Richmond–Petersburg Campaign. There was also action in North Carolina, where the Regiment participated in the attacks on Fort Fisher and Wilmington and the Carolinas Campaign.

"The Military History of Ohio" (1866) gives this account of casualties. Of the 550 men in the ranks fighting at Chaffin's Farm in Virginia, September 29, 1864, the regiment lost 85 killed and 248 wounded, in addition to 9 officers wounded. Perhaps that fight was where Jeremiah was wounded and served hospital time.

### **Life after the War**

The U. S. Census for 1870-1900 had more information about Jeremiah, or Jerry Micah as he was sometimes called. On 14 Jul 1870, Jerry Austin age 30, born ca 1840 in Kentucky was a black laborer living in

Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio by himself. He owned \$200.00 of real estate. In 1880 Jeremiah was living at the Central Branch. His wife, Anna Austin, however, was living in Delaware, Ohio, Brown Township, on 12 Jun 1880. Anna was a mulatto, age 35, born 1845 in Ohio. Her parents were both born in Ohio. She had a son, William Austin, a mulatto, age 17, born in Ohio, living with her. The list for the group of people living in the same dwelling was called "A List of the Infirm." Many of the people were called "cripples." Anna and William did not have any infirmity listed.

Twenty years later, on 7 Jun 1900, Jerry Austin age 60, b Jan 1840, and his wife Mary E. Austin age 49, b. Mar 1851, were living at 47 Ross St., Delaware Twp., Ward 2, Delaware, Ohio. They were married in 1891. Jerry is called an invalid. Mary said she had no children. Mary was a second wife. Two months later, on 1 Aug 1900, Jerry Miah Austin died and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Delaware, Ohio.

No further records have been found for Jeremiah and Anna's son, William Austin, born 1863 in Delaware, Ohio, or for Anna Eaton Austin.

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