

Case 2: Benjamin Austin: Born 4 Mar 1846 Huntington, VT - Died 5 Sep 1909 MI

Register of Mountain Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers of Johnson City, Tennessee (MtnB), #3545 lists a military history for Benjamin Austin who enlisted September 16, 1862 in Huntington, Vermont as a Private in Company K of the 7th Vermont Infantry Regiment. He was dismissed on March 14, 1866 in Brownsville, TX because of the expiration of his term of enlistment. His disabilities when admitted to the Home were: urinary incontinence, mitral stenosis, loss of left index finger, and mychitis (sic).

Benjamin's residence after discharge was Quincy, Michigan. He was married and his nearest relative in 1907 was his wife, Sylvia Austin. Her address was Fulton St., Quincy, Michigan.

U. S. Pension Certificate #1060.128 was listed on the MtnB Register for Benjamin with a pay rate per month of \$12.00 as of his admission date of November 12, 1907. He only lived at Mountain Home for five months and was discharged on May 14, 1908.

Benjamin died within two years after he was discharged from the Home. He died before the 1910 U. S. Census as his wife was listed as a widow, living on Fulton Street in Quincy, Michigan. Living with her was a son, Leo Ray Austin born 23 Aug 1885 in Michigan.* The Michigan grave registration database for Union soldiers lists Benjamin's birth date as 4 March 1846 and his death date as 5 September 1909.

Leo Ray Austin and his wife, Hazel, had four daughters named: Charlotte, Evelyn, Ethelyn, and Lenora. Leo died in January of 1963 in Michigan.

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, Washington, D.C., as posted on Ancestry.com.

U. S. Census, 1880 Calhoun County, Michigan, Tekonsha Township, 21 Jun 1880, page 401A, Dwelling 257, Fam 264. Benjamin Austin age 34, was a farm laborer and was born in Vermont. His parents were both born in Vermont. His wife was Silva (sp) Austin, age 34, who was keeping house. She was born in Ohio. Silva's father was born in OH, but her mother was born in Connecticut.

U. S. Veteran's Schedule 1890, Branch County, Michigan, Quincy Village, SD-1, ED18, page 10. Line 24, 186-191. Benjamin Austin, Pvt. Co. K, 7th Vermont Infantry. 16 Dec 1863 to 4 Mar 1866. Served in the U. S. Army for two years, two

months and sixteen days. Note: Hospital- head jaundice and chronic diarrhea and piles as a result of diarrhea and dumb ague.

U. S. Census, 1900 Branch County, Michigan, Quincy Village, 1 Jun 1900, page 233A. Dwelling 7, Family 7. Austin, Benjamin, was head of the household. He was born March 1847, is age 53, and has been married for 26 years (1874). He is a teamster by occupation and was born in Vermont. His parents were both born in Vermont. He owns his home. The wife of Benjamin is Esylvah (sic), who was born January 1846 in Ohio. She is age 54 and was married 26 years ago. She had three children, and one was living in 1900. Her father was born in Ohio, but her mother was born in Connecticut. Her son is named Ray Austin and he was born August 1, 1886 in Michigan. He is age 13 and single. His father was born in Vermont and his mother was born in Ohio. He is at school. Also in the household was a servant, a housekeeper named Leora Walters, a white, female, born October 1882 in Michigan. She is age 17 and a single girl.

Michigan Union Veterans website www.suvcwmi.org
Veterans burial database.

Austin, Benjamin, was born 4 March 1846 and died 5 September 1909. He served in Company K, 7th Vermont Infantry. He is buried at Lakeview Cemetery, in Quincy, Branch County, Michigan.

U. S. Census, 1910 Branch County, Michigan, Quincy Village, 26 Apr 1910, page 182, Residence on Fulton St., Dwelling 283, Fam 299. Esilvia A. Austin age 63, is a widow born in Ohio. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother was born in Connecticut. Living with her is her son, Leo Ray Austin age 24, a single man, born in Michigan. His father was born in Vermont and his mother was born in Ohio. Leo Ray Austin is a laborer in a cement factory.

WWI Draft Card, Hillsdale County, Michigan, dated September 12, 1918 for a Leo Ray Austin, born 23 August, 1885 in Michigan. His address is 08 Railroad Street Hillsdale, Michigan. Leo is of medium height, slender build, has grey eyes and brown hair and has no handicaps. Leo does bench work and is employed by Ayr's (sic) Farm Light Co., in Superior, Hillsdale, Michigan. He is married and his wife is named Hazel Austin.

U. S. Census, 1920 Hillsdale County, Hillsdale, Michigan, H Ward 1, 16 Jan 1920, Page 120; residence #48 Marion St. at Railroad St., Dwelling 319, Fam 339. Ray Austin is age 33, is head of the household and owns his home. He was born in Michigan. He is a machinist at an engine factory. His wife is Hazel Austin age 33, who was born in Michigan. They have four daughters who are: Charlotte age 11; Evelyn age 7; Ethelyn age 4; and Leona age two years and six months.

U. S. Census, 1930 Jackson County, Michigan, Jackson District 26, Apr 22, 1930; 425-609-672, line 40. Boarding House operated by Walter Noggle. A lodger named Leo R. Austin, age 44 is living in the boarding house. He has been married since he was age 22 (in 1908) He is a laborer in a auto parts factory. Leo was born in Michigan. His father was born in Vermont. His mother was born in Iowa (?).

Social Security Death Index. SS 386-07-6684 Leo Austin of Michigan was born 23 August 1885 and died January 1963.

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