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Nathaniel Austin of South Carolina

Our earliest known Austin ancestor is Capt. Nathaniel (Nathan) Austin, Sr. who was born about 1720 in England, possibly York. According to tradition Nathaniel came to America about 1750 with his wife and three boys: our ancestor Nathaniel, Jr., Walter Manning and Thomas. Nathaniel's wife, and mother of the three boys, was Mary Manning, also born in England. She and Nathaniel had two more sons, John and Francis, both born in Virginia. Mary died in 1753 soon after Francis was born. Left with five young sons to raise Nathaniel married again, to Miss Agnes Dickinson.

Agnes and Nathaniel had six children - five more sons (making 10 Austin sons in all) and a daughter, Mary Austin. Mary must have been their pride and joy, with all those sons, but tragically she was killed in an Indian raid while returning home from a quilting party at a neighbor's home. She was 17! This occurred just before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Several years later one of her brothers, Col. William Austin, was involved in slaying one of the Indians who had been involved in her death.

Nathaniel Austin, Sr. has been described as "a man of commanding personality, bold and adventurous." Indeed, he was so adventurous that he moved into Indian Territory. It was in Simpsonville (then Laurens Co.) South Carolina where he built the Austin home, called Gilder. The Surveyor General signed Nathan Austin's Royal Grant in 1769 for 500 acres of land on Little River, a branch of the Saluda. But it was not until 1774 that the family moved to the place on Gilder's Creek.

This area became Greenville, South Carolina in 1784. South Carolina was overrun at that time with British soldiers and those hired by the British to oppose the local colonists. The British were also quick to win the Indians to their side.

Gilder has been described as a two-story log house, although it is referred to as a "plantation". It was located one and a half miles inside Indian Territory in Austin Township, SC.

Nathaniel's son William eloped with his neighborhood sweetheart, Jane Collins, and they subsequently moved into Gilder with William's parents. The log house must have soon become crowded because according to tradition all of William's children were born at his father's new house called Gilder II. William's first child was born in December 1783. The baby was a girl, named Mary for her aunt who had been killed by the Indians.

House raisings were exciting affairs in the Colonial period. The neighborhood gathered and the men assisted in building the house. It probably didn't take long to erect the 8-room Gilder II "in a grove of giant cedars, hickory and oak, with two massive stone chimneys". The house stood until around 1920. Col. William Austin built Gilder III, the house that stands today, about 1830.

A description from *Atlanta and Environs* by Franklin Garret, written in 1880, gives us some insight into what life was like at Gilder in the early days: "When my parents and grandparents moved here in 1822 there were only six families in the county. There was a large unbroken range. Sheep went where they pleased, coming home occasionally to be salted. At the time of the new moon in September our fathers would go to the forest and drive the sheep home and shear them, and our mothers would wash the wool and card and spin it.

We boys were pressed into the spinning business also. Our mothers would have different kinds of bark brought in from the forest to dye the wool, some black and some brown, and if they wished to make something gray they used white and black. To make a roan color they would mix brown and white. I wish I had a suit of it now like my mother used to make 60 years ago.

Cooking was done in pots, ovens and skillets before large open fireplaces, wide and high enough to receive large logs. The water supply came chiefly from springs, sometime quite a distance from the house. The digging of wells was rarely attempted until later years. Light was made by torch pine or from homemade tallow candles. There were no

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Membership Corner

Membership News

New Members Welcomed

Lester Ray Austin

206 Drake Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068
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Larkin Kelly b. 1813 TN or NC; Jonathon Scot b. 1855 IL; Harvey Edgar b. 1902 IL.

Susan Laird

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Nathaniel b. ~ 1720 Eng., d. 1798 Greenville District, SC; Nathaniel b. 1843 Eng.; William Anderson b. 1778 Greenville, SC; Nelson b. 1802 Greenville, SC; Mary Jane b. 1843 SC, m. James Harrison Boyd.

Renewals

Please check your newsletter mailing label for your renewal date. When you renew your AFAOA membership, please send your dues (\$15 for one year or \$25 for two years) to:

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415 Wilkes Dr.
Green River, WY 82935

Address Changes

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Alice Austin Martin
Membership Chairman

Web Site Software Redesign

The AFAOA web site uses software to 1) install the database (in the form of a gedcom file), 2) to create the individual indexes for that database, 3) create the Master Index, an index of all of the databases and 4) to generate, on-the-fly, the Family Group Sheet for each of the 160,000 individuals contained in the Master Index. Although the install and the index creation are done once for each database, the FGS page software runs each time a user clicks on an individual.

Bill Minnick stitched together the original software back in 1995 when the AFAOA site was first established. It was based on the IGM (Integrated Gedcom Method) system. It was designed to process only what typical genealogy programs were capable of then (i.e. DOS programs like PAF 2.3 and PAF 3.0).

But as these programs evolved over time, features were added such as imbedded source citations, user defined events, and other ways to efficiently handle data which meant that databases contributed by people using these programs had outgrown the capability of the site's operating software, and had to be converted to the older format just to run on our site.

The new operating software can now handle anything that meets the current Version 5.5 gedcom specification published by the LDS Church. (The gedcom file is equivalent of the "RTF" file for word processors, can be generated and imported by any modern genealogy program).

We can now handle the features of all modern genealogy programs, the operator time and efficiency and turnaround time in placing databases on the site has been vastly improved, and the memory requirements of the total project on the server has been reduced by a factor of two.

Jim Carlin
Database Chairman

Genealogist's Database Report

Genealogist Liz Austin Carlin has been incorporating data for the line of Humphrey Treadwell Austin of Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., NY sent in by Rae Malneritch, and for that of James Austin and Cordelia Phelps of Main, Dunn Co., WI contributed by Paul Gormanson and Buster Harold Austin. She is currently

working on a large contribution from Betty Robison for Isaac Austin and Ann Sherwood of New York. All of these databases currently reside in the Northern Unplaced file.

Database updates that have been placed on the web site include *Samuel Austin* of Boston, MA, *Ambrose Austen*

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friction matches and people "borrowed fire" from each other or produced it by means of flint, steel and "punk". Travel, by foot, horseback or wagon, was slow and laborious over the trails that served for roads. Amusements were confined mostly to dancing, quilting [quilting parties], log rolling [log rolling contests], shooting matches, gander pulling and horse racing."

Editor's Note: This was written in the 1980s by Barbara Austin, wife of William Hugh Austin, Jr. (8th generation descendent of Nathaniel).

Nathaniel's grave is located on private property adjacent to the Holly Hill Golf Course near Simpsonville, Greenville County, South Carolina. (See Ed Zeigler's companion article about his visit to the gravesite on page 3.) There is a marker on the property at Gilder III that states:

GILDER

AUSTIN PLANTATION: SETTLED BEFORE THE REV. WAR BY NATHANIEL AUSTIN (c1720 c1800) AND HIS WIFE AGNES DICKINSON. TEN SONS: NATHANIEL, JR., WALTER, THOMAS, JOHN, FRANCIS, DICKERSON, WILLIAM, THOMPSON, SAMUEL & ROBERT. ONE DAUGHTER, MARY.

NATHANIEL AUSTIN, CAPT. S.C. MILITIA & SONS SERVED IN THE REV. WAR. THE FIRST HOUSE WAS A MILE SOUTH NEAR GILDER CREEK & FAMILY CEMETERY. SECOND HOUSE 1786 WAS 100 YDS EAST OF THIS MARKER.

PRESENT HOUSE BUILT 1830 BY WILLIAM & JANE COLLINS AUSTIN. EIGHT GENERATIONS OF AUSTINS HAVE LIVED ON THIS LAND.

ERECTED 1977 IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM RENWICK AUSTIN (1906-1973) BY DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL AUSTIN.

of Jeromesville, OH, *John and Charity Austin* of MD, *Joseph and Jenny Austin* of VA, *Nathaniel Austin* of SC, *William and Ruth Austin* of NC, *Jonah* of MA, *William Wilson Austin* of VA, and *Northern Unplaced*.

Liz Austin Carlin



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Visit to Nathaniel Austin's Grave



Make your plans now!! This year the Austins are gathering in the Washington D.C. area! The Austin Families Genealogical Society will join Austin Families Association of America in sponsoring the annual Austin Convention and Dr. Mike Austin, president of AFGS, is working hard on planning interesting speakers, workshops and tours for the weekend of June 4-6. (See page 6 for more information.)

This is a great opportunity to meet and exchange information with others who are researching their Austin lines. Washington has a wonderful variety of research facilities and historic landmarks. We hope that you will consider attending.

AFAOA Web Site Software Redesign

The AFAOA website has a new look and improved functions! A big THANKS to our website team – Joy Davis, who did a major redesign of the operating software; Jim Carlin, who does a remarkable job of putting our databases online; and Sue Osborn, our webmaster. They were assisted in beta-testing by Bill Minnick and database compilers Richard C. Austin, Helen Cook Austin, Bonnie Bigolin, Susan J. Lewis, Joy Shaw and Art Sikes. Bill Minnick also assisted as a consultant to the project. Thanks to all!

One thing that sets AFAOA and AFGS apart from most family associations is that we are not confined to descendants of a single person or couple and that we are not necessarily even related to each other, except by an interest in the last name of Austin. This helps many who are researching their roots but do not know which Austin family is theirs. Much of the work done by our volunteers is not directly related to their own branch of the Austins – a truly unselfish donation of their time, effort and resources to help others find those connections.

Personal Austin Stories

Vast quantities of information have been digitized and made available to researchers who can now easily “travel” over vast distances to search and find. What a change from the days of Edith Austin Moore, who for over forty years had to travel by car to libraries to hand copy the information that formed the core of our organization!

Although there have been great advances in the use of the Internet for research, the personal stories in this issue of our *Newsletter* show that there is still great value in traveling to the

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Tate Weston Zeigler, Dot Bobo Zeigler, and Edward Tate Zeigler, Jr. at site. Graves from l to r: Agnes Dickinson Austin, Nathaniel Austin, Sr., and daughter Mary “Polly”.

What connection does my wife Dorothy “Dot” Bobo Zeigler have with Nathaniel Austin? Nathaniel was her fourth great grandfather. Her line is through Nathaniel’s son, Col William Austin. I obtained much help in learning about Nathaniel from AFAOA Genealogist Liz Austin Carlin, and from the AFAOA descendency book “Modified Register for Nathaniel Austin, Sr. of Greenville County, South Carolina”. Additional information was obtained from The Austin and Allied Families, by James Waddy Austin and Josephine Austin Knight, and from booklets by Barbara Austin and David Austin.

My next quest was to discover where in Greenville County Nathaniel settled, and where he died and is buried. Various leads stated that he was buried near what is now a golf course in Simpsonville, South Carolina. Finally I met a man who said he would take me to the burial site. We drove to the Holly Hill Golf Course in Simpsonville. The golf pro agreed to take us in a golf cart to the grave site. After driving quite a distance from the clubhouse he pointed to a brick walled area nestled in a group of trees, located at the rear of a lot belonging to a private homeowner and adjacent to the golf course boundary.

The wall is about three feet high, twelve feet wide and twenty feet long. The name “Austin” is on the iron gate. Inside are three graves marked with grave markers for Nathaniel Austin, his wife Agnes Dickinson and their young daughter Mary Rebecca “Polly” Austin. There are several more graves marked only with stones. Who else is buried there is unknown.

I have permission to visit the site any time by parking in the homeowner’s driveway and walking to the back of his property that adjoins the golf course. Recently I was able to return for a visit, taking Dot and our son and grandson. What a great day!

Edward Zeigler
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The Life of Mack Jessee Austin

By Barbara Austin Giacomelli

In July 2009 my cousin, Nancy Austin Beil, and I took a road trip through eastern Kentucky, parts of Virginia and West Virginia. Our purpose was to retrace the life of our grandfather, Mack Jessee Austin.

Mack Jessee Austin and his sister Mahala, born in the 1870s, were the children of Margaret Jane Austin from Pound, Wise County, Virginia and "Devil John" Wright from Kentucky. Margaret, born 30 June 1844, was the daughter of pioneer Jessee Austin and granddaughter of Bartholomew Austin. She is buried in the Austin Cemetery, South of the Mountain Road, Pound, Virginia. Nancy and I visited this beautiful cemetery with the help of Willard Mack Wright, a cousin on the Wright side of the family. The cemeteries in this area are not well marked so it was very helpful to have Willard with us.

The Austin Cemetery is impressive. It sits on the top of a knoll overlooking the surrounding countryside. The site was chosen by Anne Reeves Austin (wife of Bartholomew) and is



beautifully maintained by Austin family members who still live in that area. Margaret shares an elaborate headstone with her sister Ann.

Margaret died 30 May 1914. Census records and her death certificate tell us she lived out her life as an unmarried woman raising her two children and keeping house for others.

The inscription on her headstone reads "Thy trail is ended - thy rest is won".

Life must have been difficult for Margaret as a single parent during the Reconstruction Era, in a place that had been ravaged by both Union and Confederate soldiers. "The Pound", as it is referred to by the locals, had a reputation of being a place of violence. The late author John Fox wrote several stories in which he describes feuds between the different clans of the people who lived in these mountains. Men who were heavily armed with hand guns and rifles would race their horses at a full gallop through the town wildly discharging their firearms and terrifying the townspeople. The gun was law and disputes were settled by shooting. In the midst of this hardness and feuding Mack Jesse's childhood was shaped.

During our journey, Nancy and I had the opportunity to

visit with people who remembered our grandfather, Mack Jessee Austin. Some remember him as Mack Wright. From the stories I heard, Mack challenged his mother to the point where one family member said Margaret was so beside herself that she tied Mack up to a bedpost and whipped him. When Mack was a teenager, it seems he actually robbed his Uncle Bill Austin's store. Margaret called the law and had him carted off to jail. An 1890s newspaper accounting tells about Mack Austin having been released from the penitentiary when he was about 18 years old. Willard Wright recalls being told by Chid Wright that "Mack was riding home on his horse when two men came at him. Mack knew he was in trouble so he shot in self defense and killed one of the men. Mack had to go into hiding and no one knew what happened to him after that." Chid said that "Pappy (Devil John) knew".

Some say Devil John hid Mack in his barn for a time, then sent him away to live with a family who owned a store. Mack lived upstairs in the store and taught school to the store owner's children. My research indicates Mack stayed on the move for a few years to keep ahead of the law, making slight changes to his name and birthday each time he moved.

A 1900 census in Bluefield, West Virginia shows M. J. Austin is a boarder and working as a fireman for the railroad. He is single and 21 years old. Sometime between 1900 and 1910 Mack ended up in Nicholas County, West Virginia with Norma Jean Hundley (my grandmother). They lived together for a time and had two children, William Harrison (my dad) b. 1903 and Delta b. 1906. Then Mack was on the move again. In 1910 he appears as Mack Austin in Greenbrier County - single, a boarder and lumberman. In 1917-1918 he registered for the draft as Max Jessee Austin, married to Annie Jane McCutcheon (Nancy's grandmother). Max and Annie had two children - Clifford and William.

Nancy and I drove through Bluefield where Mack had worked on the railroad and went on to Nicholas County where Mack and Norma had lived. Then we traveled on to Meadowbluff in Greenbrier County, West Virginia where Mack lived out the rest of his life with Annie. Mack and Annie ran a general store and a post office. Nancy told me the original post office was inside the general store. They built a very nice home (still standing) next to the general store.

My dad told me he once saw Mack in front of the store. He saw him only from a distance because his Uncle Mancell told him Mack did not want to know him.

While in Meadowbluff we visited with Nancy's family, who remembered Mack. Nancy's Aunt Mildred and her son Dick remember that Mack was "no one to fool with." Dick said he "heard tell that Mack was on the run - that he came near to killing someone." However Nancy remembers her mother always spoke highly of Mack, saying "he was a fine man".

After our visit we drove to the Sam Black Methodist Church where Mack worshipped with his family. Near the church is the "End of the Trail" cemetery" where Max, as he was known

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by family and friends in Meadowbluff, is buried.

Mack's death on March 29, 1930 was caused by general Septicemia (blood poisoning). He was 52 years old. Aunt Margaret told us Mack had cut the back of his hand when using a "crate opener" to open cases of merchandise delivered to the store. Mack's obituary reveals he converted to the Methodist Church, that the last work he did was for his church and that his death was a loss to both family and community as "one of their best citizens".



Editor's Note: This is a continuation of Barbara's story about "Devil John" Wright, published in the July 2009 issue of the Newsletter.

Other Austin Pioneers of Texas

Stephen Fuller Austin is well known as the "Father of Texas", but he was not the only Austin involved with the formation and leadership of the colony that would become the State of Texas. John Austin and his younger brother, William Tennant Austin, were early settlers, working alongside Stephen F. Austin in the administration of the new colony and eventually fighting for its independence from Mexico.

John born 1801 and William born 1809 in Connecticut were sons of John Punderson Austin and Susan Rogers, and descendants of the John Austin who settled in New Haven before 1667. Stephen was a descendant of Richard Austin who arrived in Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1638.

John Austin

John Austin, born 17 Nov 1801 in New Haven, Connecticut, went to sea as a youth, joining the Long expedition in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1819, in one of the early attempts to take possession of land controlled by Spain. He was taken as a prisoner, with other members of the expedition, to Mexico.

After his release he contacted Stephen F. Austin, who had just started a colony of 300 American families on a tract of land between the Brazos and Colorado rivers purchased by his father Moses from the Mexican authorities. In 1822 he joined Stephen at San Felipe and aided him in settling his original colonists.

On January 26, 1824 John Austin made his bond as constable of the district of San Felipe de Austin. With financing mainly from Stephen, he bought a cotton gin on Buffalo Bayou in 1825 and a few months later he formed a partnership with James E. Brown Austin, Stephen's younger brother which included a mercantile store in Brazoria. His business interests grew to include cattle and shipping enterprises. He became port officer in 1831 and alcalde (municipal magistrate) of Brazoria Municipality in 1832. He was in command of the 1832 battle of Velasco, prelude to the Texas Revolution, and received Gen. Domingo de Ugartechea's surrender. He

later signed the Turtle Bayou Resolutions and was elected brigadier general of the militia.

John Austin died 11 Aug 1833 in Brazoria in a cholera epidemic which also claimed the lives of his two children. His wife, Elizabeth Perry Austin, married Thomas Parrott in 1834. She turned over the upper league of John Austin's 1824 two-league grant to his father. John P. Austin came from Connecticut to take over his son's estate but he too died of cholera, probably in July 1834.

Independence from Mexico was finally declared and the Republic of Texas was officially formed in March 1836. On August 26, 1836, Elizabeth and Thomas Parrott sold for \$5,000 the lower half of the John Austin grant on Buffalo Bayou to Augustus and John Allen for the proposed township of Houston.

William Tennant Austin

William Austin, John's younger brother, already established as a merchant in Norwich, Connecticut, arrived in Brazoria in October 1830 at the age of twenty one, with his wife and young daughter. He also acquired land on Buffalo Bayou and set up a mercantile trade.

He was wounded in the 1832 Battle of Velasco and in 1833 his wife and child died in the same cholera epidemic that also claimed the life of his brother. Later that year the Brazos River flooded and washed away his store.

In 1834 he joined the volunteer Texas army and was active in citizen committees and the leadership of the district. In October 1835 he was commissioned a colonel by Gen. Stephen F. Austin and appointed as one of the general's two aides-de-camp. He was then aide-de-camp to Gen. Burleson, and later to Gen. Houston, with the rank of major.

After the war William Austin returned to his Brazoria county plantation. In 1837 he was elected clerk of the Brazoria county court and in 1838 was appointed collector of revenue for the port of Velasco. In 1854 he was in Galveston as a commission merchant and cotton factor. During the Civil War he served as Confederate marshal for East Texas and was appointed a brigadier general of state troops. He died at Galveston 25 February 1874.

Information from the *Handbook of Texas Online*, a project of the Texas State Historical Association (<http://www.tshaonline.org>).

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places where our ancestors lived. Filling in the blanks of born/died/children is important, but this type of article really brings them to life. Submitting your information to our database or newsletter, whether pure facts or anecdotal in sights into your ancestor's life and times, is a great way to preserve and share that information with others. If you can submit it in digital form, so much the better, but if not, bring it on – we'll find a way to do it...

Nominating Committee

Election of officers is on the agenda for this year's business meeting. The nominating committee - composed of Art Sikes, Bonnie Bigolin, and Alice Martin - will gladly consider your offers. The pay is lousy, but the rewards are great...

Gay G. Martin, Jr.
AFAOA President

2010 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION
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Friday, June 4 - Sunday, June 6, 2010

Jointly sponsored by
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Do you have an interest in your Austin heritage? Would you like to have help with your Austin research? Meet with others who are researching their Austin lines. Search the extensive Austin databases. Bring your Austin pictures to be scanned. Bring your charts and data to share.

Take advantage of research opportunities at the National Archives, the DAR Library and the Library of Congress and visit the many landmarks in our nation's capital.

The convention meetings will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the **Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge**, 8241 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Virginia.

The convention hotel is Marriot's **Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax**, 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, Virginia. This is about 1 1/2 miles from the Elks Lodge and transportation between the hotel and the Elk's Lodge will be provided if needed. The hotel is located adjacent to the Dunn Loring Metro Station (on the Orange line). The Metro provides easy access to downtown Washington.

This hotel is recommended as an excellent location. However, no block of rooms has been reserved for convention attendees and there is no special convention rate. Hotel reservations may be made on the Marriot web site, www.marriot.com, for \$79/night (King bed), with a discounted Senior (62 +) rate of \$76-Thursday through Sunday nights only! The rates are higher on other nights. There is free parking and free internet access. Driving directions and information to and from the airport can be found on the hotel web site. **Please make your reservations early!!**

Schedule: A Friday excursion to research facilities and other places of interest in downtown Washington will be arranged for attendees who arrive early (indicate your interest on the registration form). There will be a "get acquainted" party at 6:00 PM on Friday at the Courtyard hotel. Attendees will pick up their nametags, enjoy some wine and cheese and meet with other Austin researchers, then break into smaller groups for dining at local restaurants. Saturday and Sunday activities will include speakers, workshop time and optional tours. There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, followed by the convention banquet.

Registration: The convention registration fee is \$50 per person, which includes all meetings, materials and the banquet. The fee is \$30 per person for family or friends who wish to attend only the banquet. Please fill out the registration form (next page), indicating the number in your party and selecting the banquet meal each would like. Be sure to check the places you are most interested in visiting.

Or - you can register and pay your registration fee by credit card on-line on the AFGS web site: www.austins.org

Please mail your form as soon as possible to enable us to plan the best possible convention experience!

2010 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

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Friday, June 4 - Sunday, June 6, 2010

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The Registration Fee is \$50 per person. This fee covers convention meetings and materials and the Saturday banquet. There is a Banquet Fee of \$30 for family or friends who wish to attend only the banquet.

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Enclosed is my check, payable to "Austin Convention" for \$ _____

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