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## 2003 National Austin Convention

The 2003 National Austin Convention, jointly sponsored by the Austin Families Association of America and the Austins of America Genealogical Society will be held in Richmond, Virginia on the weekend of June 20, 21, and 22.

It will be held in the conference rooms of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 555 East Canal Street in downtown Richmond.

Notice that the Convention date is a little earlier in the summer than previous years. It was decided at the Convention in Denver, Colorado in 2002, that the earlier date would cause fewer conflicts with members' other vacation plans.

Notice, too, that consistent with our desire to involve local Austin researchers in our activities and our organization, we have chosen a more southeastern location for the 2003 Convention. Our last meeting in the east was in Pittsfield, Massachusetts in 2001. We met several new "cousins" there, and we hope to find many new Austin relatives, as well as reunite with known family and friends, when we visit Virginia.

We have been working to make our convention programs relevant and helpful to family researchers at all levels of experience. Presentations about computer programs to organize information; about equipment and programs to copy and preserve documents and pictures; about internet research; and about traditional research using public records and personal documents provide something for everyone.

The Austin Associations' records compilers are available with the information from our databases to help others break through their brick walls.

One-on-one assistance is available to help researchers with many aspects of their family searches and data organization.

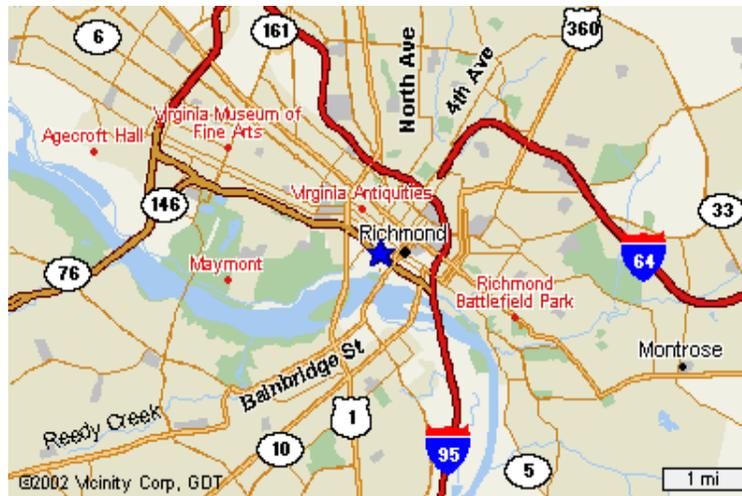
The Crowne Plaza hotel is located in the heart of downtown's financial district within walking distance of many historic places of interest such as the Museum and White House of the Confederacy - Richmond's new Civil War Museum. The hotel also provides free van transportation to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the Science Museum.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the two-week period of Monday, June 16 through Friday June 27, providing conventioners special rate coverage for research or sightseeing before and after the convention weekend. The special rate is quoted at \$89 per night (plus \$7 per night garage parking). This block of rooms is guaranteed by the hotel until May 17, 2003.

Two separate actions must be taken by conventioners: 1) Reserve a room at the hotel, and 2) register for the convention.

The first must be accomplished directly with the hotel by calling their toll-free number 1-800-227-6963. Be sure to mention the "National Austin Convention" and to make your reservation by May 17, to get the special rate.

To register for the convention, fill out and tear off page 7 of this *Newsletter*, and send it with your check to the convention registrar listed at the bottom of the form. The registration fee is \$50 per person which includes all meetings, materials and Sunday banquet. The fee is \$30 per person for family and friends who only wish to attend the banquet. Please register so we'll know that you are coming.





## New Members Welcomed

**Burton Hollingshead**

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*Elihu (Elike) Austin b. 1815 KY*

### Distribution of the Austin Surname in the U.S.

Did you ever wonder where today's Austins live?

- 1000-5000 each in CA, FL, GA, IL, MI, NC, NY, PA, TN, TX, & VA.
- 50-100 each in AK, HI, ND, RI, SD, WY
- 100-1000 each in the remaining states.

This comes from a Surname map that is available on the Web at <http://www.gens-us.net/map/genera>. You can type in any surname and it will draw a map of the U.S. showing the distribution of that particular surname via a color code.

The site doesn't seem to give the source of the data although I suspect that it comes from phone directory listings or some such. I find the distribution interesting.

I note particularly the fact that Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina are all near the site of our upcoming National Austin Convention, so we are looking forward to meeting many of these Austins in Richmond, VA.

**Bob Cody**

### California Vital Records

Effective January 1, 2002, the fee for searches and certified copies of birth and death records is increasing by \$2.00 each. Birth searches and/or certified copies will be \$18.00. Death searches and/or certified copies will be \$13.00.

Effective July 1, 2003, restrictions will be placed on persons requesting copies of all vital records.

**Elizabeth Stookesberry**  
So CA Buckeye

## Using Photographs in your Family Histories

Is your family history filled with dates, facts and words, words, words? Those facts and figures represent a lot of hard work, and to another researcher they may be a real God-send. But there is more to genealogy than data. There is *family history*, a family history that will interest your children and grandchildren, and even interest those family members who could not understand why you were spending your time in libraries, courthouses and cemeteries, and why you were asking so many questions.

Adding photographs and copies of important (and not so important) documents to your genealogy records helps to make them a Family History. Photographs make the people in your family tree "real." They provide the structure that holds up all those facts. The photographs also tell more than the words and facts can convey. Clothing, hairstyles, the posing of the picture, and the details of a person's face give a great deal of information that the facts don't reveal.

The setting of the picture and objects in the background also give information that may not be in the "words." You can learn about family resemblances, family relationships, types of recreation, occupations, and financial circumstances by studying photographs.

If studio photographs are available, you may be able to trace a family's migration by the photographer's imprints on the photo. If you are very lucky, perhaps there will be handwritten notations on the back telling who, where and when the photo was taken. This may also be a hint for you to remember when you start to put a pack of unmarked photos in a drawer!

Your family photo album or box of photos is the place to start. But remember <http://www.afaoa.org>

to contact other family members, especially older relatives, and ask if they have photos you can see and perhaps have copies made. Be sure to have the donor tell you the story behind the picture if they know it, and write it down.

Reproduction costs can be minimized if you use Kodak's Picture Maker. Check out [www.kodak.com](http://www.kodak.com) for the nearest site, or have your niece or grandson check it out for you.

You do not have to restrict your photo additions to pictures of people. Pictures of the homes people

lived in, the buildings where they worked, the schools they attended, and the towns as they were in certain years all add life to the words of your family's story.

In addition to family photos, there may be items in photograph collections maintained by Historical Societies that would be applicable to your family history. For instance, there are a number of collections in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. You can locate manuscript collections in other repositories by use of the Internet (i.e. the Google Search Engine), the National Archives Information Locator (NAIL), or the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts Collections (NUCMC).

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### Tips for Illustrating your family Genealogy:

1. ID the images in your collection.
2. Locate possible contributors to your collection.
3. Re-examine your genealogical research for illustrations/photographs.
4. Locate related family collections in archives, libraries, etc.

Please see "Photos", on page 3





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from sunny South Mississippi! At this time of year, when snow still blankets the northern states, I am grateful to my Austin grandmother for moving her family south.

As we begin a new year I would like to thank each of you for your interest in the Austin Families Association. The renewal of your membership is a show of support and encouragement for those who carry on the work of the organization.

I hope you have benefited from the research done by our past and present Genealogists. If you are still searching, have you contacted Liz or Jan for assistance? Austin lines are continually being updated and made available on our web site (see the database status report on page 5). Visit the web site regularly to see what is new.

Have you shared your Austin information with the Association so that it can be used to expand or correct those databases and perhaps help others to make connections with you? Have you considered volunteering your time and computer skills to work with one of our "orphan databases" as a compiler?

You are an important part of the Austin Families Association. Make your plans now to join your "cousins" in Richmond, VA this summer.

Alice Austin Martin  
AFAOA President

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## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

1. To gather, preserve and disseminate Austin genealogies and Austin family histories.
2. To establish a specialized database of Austin information that can assist genealogists and family members to learn as much as possible about their Austin heritage.
3. To help foster wider acquaintances and long-term friendships among the members of all branches of the Austin families.

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The deadline for the Austin Families Association of America's July issue of the *Newsletter* is Sunday 22 June 2003. Please hand your articles and photos directly to the Editors at the Richmond convention or e-mail to [jcarlin@socal.rr.com](mailto:jcarlin@socal.rr.com).

Thank you

## The Latest from the AFAOA Web Site

I invite you to explore all of the features that our Web site has to offer, just by visiting [www.afaoa.org](http://www.afaoa.org). In our research area, we feature 32 on-line databases and 82,795 people.

The databases are divided into three groups: those with a progenitor from the north (15 databases), those with a southern progenitor (12), and those who do not have an established progenitor (5). Simply click on the **Austin Research** link and begin researching and exploring for yourself.

In our Queries area, you can peruse queries posted by Austin researchers, and possibly link up with someone who is researching your very line. There are also instructions for having your own query posted. Click on **Austin Queries**.

There are also eight more databases that can be placed on the Web site once they are properly prepared. Database chairman Jim Carlin is looking for a few good people to act as compilers for these orphans.

Contact Jim at [jcarlin@socal.rr.com](mailto:jcarlin@socal.rr.com) if you can help.

Please feel free to contact me at [afaoaweb@att.net](mailto:afaoaweb@att.net) if you have any questions regarding the Web site.

Joy Davis  
AFAOA Webmaster

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### "Photos"

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5. Take new images of gravestones, residences, houses or individuals.
6. Illustrate topics rather than individuals when their portraits are not available.
7. Write informative and interesting captions.
8. Obtain permission to use any material covered by copyright, or of living people.

### Examples of photo sharing sites:

1. Albums on-line: [www.albumsonline.com](http://www.albumsonline.com)
2. My Family.com: [www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com)
3. Ancient Faces: [www.ancientfaces.com](http://www.ancientfaces.com)

### Archives On-Line:

1. Nat'l Archives Information Locator (NAIL): [www.archives.gov/research\\_room/arc/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/index.html)
2. Nat'l Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC): <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html>

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## Membership Renewal

Please notice the renewal date on your address label. Your dues of \$15 per year should be sent to:

Lois Cody, 336 Pleasant Hill Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45215.



## Celebrity Austins

By

Wantabe A. Austin

What do Christopher Columbus, David Crockett, Lucretia Borgia, George Patton, George Washington, Jefferson Davis, Benjamin Franklin, Elvis P., Mark Anthony, Flavius Lucilius, Sarah Lee, Napoleon and Thomas Jefferson all have in common? Believe it or not, they are all **AUSTINS!**

In fact, there are 26 George Washington Austins in various databases. Just because they were not the actual people of renown does not mean that we can not take credit for them. After all, isn't cloning the in thing now? These names (except for Napoleon, which I thought was a cool name to have, not being particularly tall myself) were made possible because of the use of middle names.

After a not very exhausting search on the Internet, the earliest three-named person I could find was Gaius Julius Caesar (100 BC). We then jump to 1600 AD (I got bored looking) at which time, according to "The American Language," by H.L. Mencken, the English began using their mother's surnames as middle names. Well known surnames such as Stanley, Cecil, Howard, Douglas and Duncan became common given names.

Allegedly (lawyer-speak for information that sounds good but was not researched), the first recorded person having a middle name in America was found in the Jamestown Colony in Virginia. Edward Maria Wingfield, whose middle name was that of the Virgin, was a leader of the colony, and was one of the first Englishmen in the New World to keep chickens. The author considers it a dubious distinction to be remembered for all time for having a girly name and raised poultry!

Apart from Edward Maria, it is the German immigrants who are credited with introducing the use of middle names to America. The Germans gave their children two names at baptism: the first a spiritual or saint's name, the second the name the person would be known as. It was thus possible that a family could have all sons named Johann and all daughters named Anna! By the 1800's, this practice of using a middle name had become so popular in America that in 1840, 92 percent of students at Princeton had middle names.

Americans relied on the naming patterns used in Europe when naming their children. The eldest son usually had the name of his grandfather or father, with a middle name of his mother's maiden name. The eldest daughter was often named for her maternal grandmother. Again maiden names were used as middle names. Problems in naming began to arise because Americans liked really large families and they ran out of relatives' names to use (What was Uncle Joe's third wife's maiden name?).

With true American ingenuity, we found new sources of names for our children. After the fifth child or so, we began to use the names of famous people when christening our offspring. This practice was also used by second-generation immigrants in the 1700-1800's, who felt a need to break away from old customs. Thus we have the George Washington and Jefferson Davis Austins making their appearance. Usually, but not always, the next generation returned to tradition, so we seldom see George Washington Austin Jr.

Creative naming was not limited to the use of famous names.

Sometimes geography or whimsy was used to create a name. There actually were individuals named Buena Vista Austin, Ms. Sippie Belle Austin, Polly Anna Austin, Landlord Austin, Alicia Alice Austin (alleged founder of Triple A) and the most renowned Preserved Fish Austin.

If the reader feels that creativity is a must in naming his/her child, I strongly suggest a visit to the Institute for Naming Children Humanely (I.N.C.H.) Website. Here you will learn not to name your child after famous people or geographical locations. Your child will think better of you if you follow this site's advice: Remember, the child you name today may be choosing your nursing home!

### Editor's Notes:

1) Back by special arrangement with the *Newsletter*, Mr. Wantabe A. Austin continues his research on NAMES with this issue's article on middle name-naming patterns and traditions.

2) Some have asked if Wantabe A. Austin was a pseudonym of one or both of the editors. The answer is no. Mr. Austin will reveal his identity when he thinks the time is proper.

3) Looking beyond the contrived pun, the editors wonder just what is Mr. Austin's middle name.

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## Augustine, Austin, Keith an Ancient Relationship

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that Saint Augustine founded a Christian church in southern England in the fourth century after leaving the monastery of St. Andrew (the patron Saint of Scotland) in Rome. Followers of Augustine, living more or less as a brotherhood of monks, became known as the Augustine Canons and the "Austin Canons". By 1215 there were 173 independent houses in England alone. The Austin Friars, Order of the Hermit Friars of St. Augustine, became an offshoot of the Austin Canons and had many lay members, whose surnames were Austin or phonetic derivatives such as Ousteane, Oustine, Ousteane Owstyne or Awstyne.

Austin is a sept (offshoot) of the ancient Clan Keith and their tartan is registered in Comrie, Scotland as AUSTIN-KEITH. The tartan was registered by the Austins first and later by the Keiths in early 1600.

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### A Reminder

Please remember to use the Austin-Austen Research Center. It can be accessed by links from either the AFAOA or AOAGS websites. Much of the valuable research information gathered by both organizations can be found there and it is Acrobat searchable on-line. When you go to the site be sure to read the "Help" information on how to do searches so that your search will be more effective. Although the Research Center is a project initiated by the AOAGS, the AFAOA provides data and financial support.

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### Hey Suffielders -

**Did you know** that in about 1670, settlers from Springfield, MA laid out a town at Stony Brook which they called Suffield, originally spelled Southfield. Though under Massachusetts jurisdiction, Suffield and Enfield were found to lie within the limits of the Connecticut Charter. Taxes were lower in Connecticut, the Charter gave the towns more freedom, and many of the people had come from that Colony.

Please see "Suffield" on page 5

## The Search for "Devil John" Wright

By Elizabeth Austin Carlin  
AFAOA Genealogist

Recently I received a query from a great-grandson of "Devil John" Wright:

"I am researching Devil John Wright and came across one of the many women he was involved with namely, Serilda Austin."

I thought that maybe I had hit the jackpot when I came across a web site that showed a Sarilda Austin married to Benjamin Wright, not to John Wright. So this raised the question: Is it possible that John became involved with Sarilda Austin after her husband Benjamin Wright died, perhaps killed during the Civil War?"

That query led to a fascinating search through cyberspace and AFAOA digital files one morning. I discovered that Sarilda Austin Wright was the daughter of Jesse Austin and Margaret Douglas of the line of *Bartholomew Austin of Southwestern VA*. Jesse's and his children's families lived together near Pound Gap, Wise Co., VA close to the Kentucky border.

First I went to the Mormon site [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) to search the 1880 census. There, in Robinson, Wise Co., VA is Sarilda Wright 43 widow, dau Margaret 19, sons Enoch F. 12 and James M. 8.

I thought if Benjamin Wright really did die during the Civil War, the two sons couldn't be his. I then searched GOOGLE for <"Benjamin Wright" Civil War>. On the second page of hits, there was the *Joel Wright Family* page authored by Nancy Wright Bays, Patty May Brashear and Nell Blumel. <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Delphi/2839/joel.html>.

From this page, I learned that Joel and Susanah Wright had a son John Wright who married Annie Bentley. They had a son Benjamin Wright b. 1838, who married Serilda, daughter of Jesse Austin, and that Benjamin Wright had been killed in the Civil War.

Well it's nice to have confirmation of the story, but what about the story of "Devil John" Wright? I looked down the page and there was a link to a "Devil John" Wright page complete with photos, a particularly dashing one of John on horseback with his rifle at his side!

It turns out that John served as Sheriff of Wise Co., VA, and was at one time a Pinkerton Agent. It was from these years as a lawman that John was given the nickname of "Devil John". When tracking an enemy or an outlaw, John never relented until he got his man...thus to be chased by John Wright was to "have the Devil himself at your heels."

John joined the Confederate Army in the Civil War prior to his 17th birthday. After the war John and his Uncle Martin Van Buren Bates joined the Robinson Circus. John performed as a trick rider and sharp shooter and Martin as "The Kentucky Mountain Giant."

The article goes on to describe many of the notorious friends and various exploits that John was involved with. It is said that the character Devil Judd Tolliver, in the novel *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine* by John Fox Jr., was based on John Wright. *Devil John Wright of the Cumberlands* is a complete history of his life written by his son, William T. "Chid" Wright.

"Devil John" apparently was quite a "lady's man" having 35 children by several different women, in some cases in the same year. At this time the only marriage record that has been found is one for John & Martha "Mattie" Humphrey dated 14 Oct 1866 (Cynthiana, KY Court-house File #5869).

Down at the bottom of the *Joel Wright Family* page were links to 7 of the women he was said to have had children with. These included Serilda Austin, and also her sister Margaret Austin!

John and Serilda Austin had Enoch F. b. 1869 and James Martin b. 1872, confirming the 1880 census record above.

John and Margaret Austin's children were Mahala E. b. 1866 and Mack Jesse b. 1872. In the 1880 in Robinson, Wise Co., VA census, Margaret Austin is listed (without John), with children Haley E. Austin b. 1866, and McJessee Austin b. 1872 - note the children's surname.

John is listed in the 1880 census in Letcher Co., KY with his only known wife Martha with a son, also born in 1872!

Finally, it has been reported that he married Ellen Sanders shortly before he was baptized in July 1929. "Devil John" must have been quite a devil.

<http://www.afaqa.org>

## AFAOA Database

### Status

The Austin Families Association of America is pleased to announce that a new database, entitled *White County, Tennessee Austins* (formerly *John & Nathaniel of Tennessee*), has been released to the Internet.

In addition, newly expanded and revised databases have also been placed on the web: *Bartholomew Austin of VA*, *Richard Austin of Charlestown, MA*, and *John Austin of New Haven, CT*.

All Austin databases can be viewed in "group sheet" format at the AFAOA site [www.afaqa.org](http://www.afaqa.org). They can be viewed in "book narrative" format, generation by generation, on the AOAGS Austin-Austen Research Center: [www.aogags.org](http://www.aogags.org).

Austin databases are being continually updated and corrected from inputs from the various people currently doing research in these various lines.

Coming soon will be a major revision/expansion of the John Austin of Southside Virginia.

Jim Carlin

AFAOA Database Chairman

## Standard Abbreviations

Use the following abbreviations in your genealogies: anc. (ancestors, ancestry); b. (born); bp. (baptized); bro. (brother); bu. (buried); ca (circa); ch. (child, children); c.r. (church record); co. (county); d. (death, died); dau. (daughter); desc. (descend, descendant(s), descended, descents); d.s.p. (*decessit sine prole* = died without issue); d.y. (died young); div. (divorced); fam. (family); fl. (flourished, lived); g.s. (gravestone); info (information); int. (intention); m. (married); par. (parents, parentage); poss. (possibly); prob. (probably); rec. (record, recorded); ref. (reference); rel. (related, relative, relationship); rem. (removed); res. (resided, residence); sis. (sister); twp. (township); w. (wife); wid. (widow).

### "Suffield"

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A secession movement began, in which they were joined by Woodstock. In 1749, the Connecticut General Assembly voted to receive these border towns. When the long boundary dispute was finally settled in 1804, Massachusetts was given the small area that makes a dent in the northern line of Suffield and Granby.



**AUSTIN QUERIES** - Please send all new queries to the following addresses. In responding to any of the following queries, please write directly to the submitter, **also sending copies to:**

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**Q13-1,1 - Jim Sheaffer** - jwsheaf@aol.com  
Searching for information regarding Civil War service of descendants of Shadrach Austin (1770-1850) - Mary Gregory of Luzerne Co. PA. They had 7 children. One child John Austin had two sons who fought for the Union. Shadrach (1839-62) served in the 9th PA Cavalry and died of typhoid fever in Tennessee. Peter (1843-1928) served in the 203rd PA infantry. Peter was the last survivor of his company and was buried with the company flag which had covered the coffins of his comrades at their funerals. I have an original letter from Shadrach written from the battlefield on Dec. 24, 1861. I am willing to share a copy of the letter in return for information about other cousins who fought in the war.

**Q13-1,2 - Aileen Adams Brandis** - albee@warpcnet.net  
Seeking information on Joseph Austin. Catherine Adams b 13 May 1824 in Crawford Co., OH, dau of Thomas and Elizabeth Ralston Adams married Joseph Austin 22 Feb 1843 in Porter Co., IN. Her name on their marriage license - Katherine Addams. Seeking any info on this couple.

**Q13-1,3 - Lona Gibson** - LonaGibson@aol.com  
I am looking for the family of Lou or Lewis Austin of Pittsburg, PA. He married Margaret \_\_\_\_ b. OH, and had a son named Leroy. Margaret's parents lived in Mt. Washington and she had a sister named Minnie. Lou was in Letcher Co., KY in the 1930 census. Lou served in WW1, and is supposed to have died in a veteran's hospital in Kingsport, TN in the late 1930's, and I believe Margaret went back to Pittsburg, PA afterwards. Lou and Margaret were my adopted parents and I would love to find out what happened to them and where they are buried.

**Q13-1,4** - (anonymous) - looneytoon@attbi.com  
Looking for any information on John Freeman Austin who married Anna Aurilla Whittier. They had at least 1 child who is my ggrandfather Willis F. Austin. John and Anna are buried in Newton, NH and Willis is buried in Amesbury, MA. Any information or direction would be greatly appreciated.

**Q13-1,5 - Libby Dotson** - bhdotson@preferred.com  
I am trying to find information on Laura J. Austin's parents. Laura was born April 8, 1872 in Scott Co., VA. She married February 20, 1891 George Minga Catron, also in Scott Co., VA. Their marriage papers were signed by M. J. Austin as mother....no father signature. From Family lore she had a sister Jane. Earlier, in the 1880 census for Johnson-Scott Co., VA, (next to the Russell Co., VA line), Laura, listed as a step-daughter, is living with James Rickman age 48 and wife Mary Rickman age 45, and the four Rickman children. Their parents were all from VA. Please can anyone help with this line of Austins ....I am thinking they were Melungeon ... as James and Jane were listed as Mulatto...but Mary and Laura was listed as White.

**Q13-1,6 - Harley Miller** - janmil@direpc.com  
Mary Ann Austin b. abt 1824 m. Harrison Miller b. abt 1823 Garrard Co., KY. They had a son, John Thomas Miller b. 1847 in KY. Appears family moved to Missouri around 1850 and settled. Seeking info on Mary's connection to Austin family.

**Q13-1,7** - (anonymous) - flobhn@aol.com  
Searching for parents of Benjamin Austin who married Harriet Hubbell Feb. 10, 1820 in Utica, NY. Children were Maria Louise (m. Charles Henry Olcott), Juliet Amelia (m. Richard Smith Barnum) and Matthew H. (m. Cornelia Knowlson). Benjamin was listed as "of Schuyler", Herkimer Co., NY in 1821.

**Q13-1,8 - Tom Austin** - taus007@aol.com  
I am seeking information about the parents and heritage of JOHN AUSTIN whose descendency is outlined as follows:  
John Austin, b. 1780 in Chester Co., PA, d. 1863 in Nobelsville, Hamilton Co., IN, plasterer, m. abt 1805 in Chester Co., PA, Mary Pyle b. 1784 in Chester Co., PA, d. 20 SEP 1854 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN, religion: Quaker Descent. Her parents: Ebenezer Pyle, Sarah Clark.

Children: James M. Austin b. 24 AUG 1814 in PA; Ebenzer Pyle Austin b. 11 NOV 1807 in Harrisburg, PA; William A. Austin b. 1 AUG 1806 in PA; Elizabeth Austin b. 6 JAN 1810 in PA; Isaac Austin b. 1812 in PA; Peleg Austin b. 1818; John Austin b. 19 DEC 1819 in Chester Co., PA; Mary Ann Austin b. 21 SEP 1822 in OH; Stephen Austin b. 1824; David B. Austin b. 2 JUN 1828; Charles B. Austin b. abt 1826 in OH or Chester Co., PA, d. February 11, 1890, Veedersburg, Fountain Co., IN, bu. Uniontown Cemetery, Wells Co., IN; who 1st m. 1844 Sarah Ann Burnau, b. abt. 1826, OH; d. June 24, 1877, Bluffton, Zanesville, IN; bu. Uniontown Cemetery, Wells Co., IN; 2nd m. Joanna Brown, 1879; Thomas Blaine Austin b. 1846, OH; d. 10/18/1886, Zanesville, Wells Co., IN; bu. Uniontown Cemetery, Wells Co., IN.

**2003 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION  
Registration Form**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, 555 East Canal Street  
Richmond, Virginia - 20, 21, 22 June 2003**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Please write names as you wish them to appear on name tags.]

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) WITH SAME ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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MAILING ADDRESS: (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EARLIEST KNOWN AUSTIN ANCESTORS (WITH PLACE AND DATE):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

The Convention Registration Fee is \$50 per person. This fee covers convention meetings and materials and the Sunday banquet. Family or friends who wish to only attend the banquet may pay a Banquet Fee of \$30.

(# of people) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(# of people) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

I expect to arrive in Richmond on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ about (time) \_\_\_\_\_ by Car \_\_\_ Plane \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

I am planning to stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Yes? \_\_\_ No? \_\_\_ Maybe? \_\_\_

*[Don't forget to make your hotel reservations **before May 17.** Call 1-800-227-6963  
Be sure to mention our group rate \$89.00]*

I expect to be staying after the convention for research: Yes \_\_\_? No? \_\_\_

When using computers I consider my level to be: Novice \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Experienced \_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form and your check to the Convention Registrar:**

**Cheryl Austin Akusis**  
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Designed by Thomas Jefferson after a Roman Temple. The Building was completed in 1788. The rotunda has the only statue for which George Washington posed.

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Friday 20 June

to

Sunday 22 June