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## **Dr. George Washington Austin**

President of Oklahoma College for Women 1914 – 1926

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### **OCW's Austin Named to Hall of Fame**

[As published in the USAO NEWS – November 6, 2004]

Nearly 80 years after his sudden death, the visionary leadership of Dr. G.W. Austin continues to draw statewide attention to the college he loved. On Oct. 5, 2004, Austin – who served as president of the Oklahoma College for Women from 1914-26 -- was inducted into Oklahoma's Higher Education Hall of Fame.

USAO President John Feaver accepted the award on behalf of Austin's family. Gov. Brad Henry served as emcee at the event at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"From Oklahoma's only women's college emerged some of the most extraordinary people," said John Feaver, president of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, the college into which OCW evolved. "Austin was the master builder of the OCW campus and the developer of its institutional saga. If an institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man -- as Ralph Waldo Emerson observed -- then that man for OCW was George Washington Austin. He had both a plan and a passion for women's education. His 25-year master plan for the design of this campus remains intact, and today has earned us national attention through its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places."

When Austin arrived at OCW in 1914, the college had only one building and a small, unfinished dormitory. The campus of 20 acres was located on the Chickasaw prairie approximately two miles from downtown. A year earlier, there were 179 students, most of high school age, and 19 teachers, most without graduate degrees. Neither the high school nor the college was accredited.

At the time of Austin's sudden death of a massive heart attack in 1926, the OCW campus had seven permanent buildings on a 45-acre campus. The student body had increased from

243 to 698, all at the college level, and the faculty had expanded from 20 to 41. In 1920, OCW became the third Oklahoma public institution to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, joining the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. OCW – today known as the University of Science and Arts – has been continuously accredited since that time.

For 12 years, Austin allied himself with Oklahoma's foremost architect, Solomon Andrew Layton, the designer of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building. Together they built a half-dozen striking and compatible three-story, buff-brick structures that now form the nucleus of the Oklahoma College for Women National Historic District, the only such state college district recognized by the National Park Service.

Austin received a hero's memorial. Gov. Martin Trapp, Lt. Gov. William Holloway, many legislators and 14 college presidents attended, together with hundreds of Chickasha citizens. Most of the front page of the Chickasha Daily Express on Monday, Oct. 25, 1926, was devoted to Austin.

According to the newspaper, downtown businesses were closed for the funeral, college classes were cancelled for two days, and the service was broadcast on the campus radio station Austin created.

While Austin's service was held at First Baptist, where he attended and taught Sunday School, ministers from all over town recognized his contributions. Rev. John R. Abernathy, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, called Austin's legacy a spiritual one. "It was not simply the building of buildings in which he was interested. It was the building of character," Abernathy said.

J.D. Carmichael, a member of the OCW Board of Regents, said, at the funeral, "These buildings stand as a monument to his work. But greater is

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## Membership Corner

Welcome!

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*John b. ~1825 Ontario, Canada; Joseph b. 1867 Pelham, Ontario, Canada; John b. 1892 Ontario, Canada.*

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**How do I know when to renew my membership?** Your renewal date is on your Newsletter mailing label.

**How much are membership dues?** Dues are \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years. Send your check to the treasurer - Lois W. Cody, 336 Pleasant Hill Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45215.

**Should I use a Membership Renewal Form?** A Membership Renewal Form is not required, although one can be found on our web site. Use of the form will prompt you to make any needed changes to your mailing address or e-mail address, to update your "earliest known Austin ancestor" if you have made new discoveries, and to send comments and questions.

**Thanks to all members for your support of the Austin Families Association of America.**

Alice Austin Martin  
Membership Chairman

## AUSTIN - AUSTEN DNA PROJECT

There has been a change in the leadership of the Austin DNA Project following the death on February 7 of its project administrator, Dr. Michael E. Austin. The project has been supported jointly by the Austin Families Genealogical Society (AFGS) and the Austin Families Association of America (AFAOA).

Arthur M. Sikes, Jr., past president of AFAOA, will succeed Mike as project administrator, collecting information on the Austin male-line ancestry of candidates for DNA testing and maintaining a database of test results of Austin male-line descendants for comparison and determination of possible ancestral relationships. Other spellings of the Austin surname - such as Austen, Awsting and Ostin - are also included in the project.

Carol Austin, project co-administrator, will continue to serve as manager of the Austin Project General Fund, advising on the selection of candidates for testing, as well as ordering and distributing test kits from Family Tree DNA. Most of the DNA tests are paid for by individual researchers, but some tests, in order to systematically establish DNA profiles for the largest documented lines, are paid from the Project Fund, to which AFGS and AFAOA have contributed. Private donations to the Fund are also appreciated.

Art and Carol are experienced genealogists who have been involved in the DNA project almost from its beginning. They also serve as AFAOA database compilers - Art for *Robert Austin of Rhode Island* and 9 other RI databases, and Carol for *Jonah of Taunton MA, Joseph of Dover NH and Samuel of Boston MA*. In addition, Art serves as administrator for the Sikes-Sykes DNA Project. Art's Austin connection is through his mother, Arlene Austin Sikes, a descendent of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts.

For further information on the project please contact: **Art Sikes:**

or **Carol Austin:**

Visit the project page on the FamilyTree DNA website.  
[www.familytreedna.com/public/austin-austenfamlydna](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/austin-austenfamlydna)

<http://www.afoa.org>

## 2010 Financial Report

### General Fund

Balance - Jan. 1, 2010	\$5,482.66
Dues received	2,416.92
Total Income	+\$2,416.92
Newsletter expenses	987.51
Web site expenses	1,452.00
Computer software	1,176.99
Bank fees	20.99
Convention	423.85
(1/2 deficit)	
Total Expenses	-\$4,061.34
<b>Balance - Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$3,838.24</b>

### Publishing Fund

Balance - January 1, 2010	\$3,211.62
Income: Books sold	+ \$ 730.00
Expense: Shipping	- \$ 52.76
<b>Balance - Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$3,888.86</b>

**Total Bank Balance: \$7,727.10**

## Genealogist's Report

January and February saw updates to many of our on-line databases. This was based on research and verification of material sent in from contributors, as well as answers generated in response to queries. Since February, updates to *William and Ruth of North Carolina* and to our *North-ern Unplaced* database have also been added to the web site.

Major emphasis is currently being placed on nibbling away at the vast quantity of paper resources possessed by AFAOA. The process involves perusal of correspondence and Family Group Sheets gathered by Edith Austin Moore, Janet Austin Curtis and Lorena Austin dating back to 1952. This material was not incorporated into our digital data bases during the early days of the Austin Computer Project because of the need for further verification and research.

On-line resources now available are facilitating this process. The incredible new LDS FamilySearch web site has helped locate these Austin families in time and place by providing images and extracts of marriage certificates, death certificates, State censuses and other information.

Expect continuing updates to all of our databases from this material in the upcoming months.

Liz Austin Carlin  
AFAOA Genealogist



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The time is fast approaching when we will gather in Salt Lake City - for fellowship and fun, learning and sharing. I hope that many of you are planning to be there. Spread the word to your family members and local genealogy societies – all who are interested in learning more about the research of Austin family lines are invited to attend.

Arrive a few days early if possible. The Family History Library offers orientation tours and classes, so we will be planning some library visits and informal get-togethers on Thursday and Friday. When you send your registration form let us know if you want to participate in “early arrival activities”, when you will arrive and what your special interests are. And please send that form as soon as possible!

Keep an eye on the AFAOA website for changes and additions in the coming months. Plans are being made for transfer of the Austin-Austen DNA Project, and other research projects and sources, to our site. Our goal is to preserve as many of the resources of the Austin-Austen Research Center as possible. The AARC was established and maintained by Dr. Michael Austin, on the website of the Austin Families Genealogical Society, which AFGS will not continue to maintain. Our Website Team is working diligently on this. Preservation of the AFGS books and paper files is also a priority.

Your support of AFAOA and Austin research is more important now than ever.

**Gay G. Martin, Jr.**  
**AFAOA President**

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### SOME DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD AUSTIN OF CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, 1638

by Jim and Liz Austin Carlin



Based on the material first published by Edith Austin Moore in 1968, and updated by further research, this book was published by AFAOA in 1998. Since then, there have been many more updates to the resulting website database, and these

have been compiled into an Acrobat document that can be downloaded.

(Go to [www.afaoa.org/richard\\_book\\_info.html](http://www.afaoa.org/richard_book_info.html) for updates and order form.)

The price for AFAOA members is \$55 plus \$5 postage. There are still many books available for purchase, for yourself or as a gift. All descendants of Richard should own this book.

## Meet our Association Officers

### Kathi Koble, Vice President

Hello everyone! My name is Kathleen Patricia Cree Williford Koble - what a bunch of names. I was born on February 14, 1947 in Hollywood, California. My family moved to Lakewood, California in 1948 and I have spent most of my life in Lakewood. In fact I have lived in the same house for 34 years. I am an only child and since neither of my parent's families was close I spent most of my life not knowing anyone that I was related to, other than my parents.



I met my husband, David Koble, in 1968 and just six weeks later we were married! One wonderful advantage of marrying David was his family. The first Thanksgiving there were 27 people, all related to one another, sitting at the dinner table. Can you imagine going from dinner for 3 to dinner with 27 people?

We have two sons - Christopher, born in 1974 and Matthew, born in 1986. They started college and first grade the same year. They are both wonderful young men and I am very proud of them. David and I were married for 38 years. He passed away in 2006, and that is by far the most difficult time of my life.

My two passions in life are traveling and genealogy. I have been lucky enough to visit almost every state in the US and in March of 2009 I went on the trip of a lifetime. I flew to Brazil to take a cruise from there to Portugal and spent the next 9 months traveling all over Europe - 13 countries - living in hostels, convents, monasteries, guest houses, and even with a wonderful family I met on the cruise. I loved every minute of the trip and realized that each of us are like a grain of sand on a beach, but collectively we are part of something so big and wonderful that it should never be taken for granted.

I became interested in genealogy after my parents passed away. I have attended most of the Austin Conventions since 1998 and was editor of the Newsletter from 2005-2009. Through AFAOA I have met cousins in my Austin line (Richard of Charlestown, MA). I now have a much larger family because of the friendships I have formed.

I enjoy being involved with AFAOA and I hope to see you in Salt Lake City this July!

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### Members - Share your stories and research hints!

Please let us know about your interesting Austin ancestors, research successes and research hints, so that they can be shared in the *Newsletter*. Send them to the *Newsletter* Editors:

## Leroy Austin of Oklahoma & Kansas

By Joyce Lee Austin Henzel

Roy Lee Austin was born on 23 August 1912 near Muskogee, Oklahoma, the youngest of four children of Thomas Jacob Austin and Frances Russell. T. J. Austin was a sweet potato farmer owning bottom land near Muskogee. Leroy (as Roy Lee liked to be called) was a tall, lanky, earthy fellow with arms like Popeye the Sailor Man, and an inviting, shy smile. One of my favorite memories is of him waving to us from his tractor. Perched high above the ground, he was on top of the world! He was proud of his work ethic and often said when returning from the fields, "I already put the young men under the shade tree."



Dad held many jobs, at times more than one to support his family. He drilled for oil, farmed, and worked as a Plastics Supervisor for Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas. The plastics industry was just evolving when he came aboard. As design techniques were needed for fiberglass challenges, Dad supplied solutions, and ones with little cash outlay! He was recognized for his problem solving ideas. Dad was a self-educated, gifted inventor who amazingly kept all formulas in his head.

Leroy married Dorothy May Shunk in 1938, and they had six children. After retirement, he returned to his beloved farming, which was all he ever wanted to do. Even the county agents came by to check on his gardening operation, and several articles were published in local newspapers. In the September 1, 1982 Augusta Daily Gazette, Augusta, Kansas, Ronald Tittel wrote "Commercial vegetable gardening isn't something that just everybody would be willing to undertake." He goes on to say that, "Leroy Austin isn't afraid of hard work. With five acres of garden, he wouldn't be.

I wish you could meet him, he has an amazing personality. He really enjoys keeping up with the new technology and I believe that adds to his success. If you need some tomatoes, potatoes, watermelons (he picked about 1,000), onions, asparagus, okra, go see him. His farm is three miles west of Douglass on the blacktop. The most recent addition to his garden is a trickle irrigation system set up for okra. His system emits one gallon of water per minute. It also has a capability of discharging fertilizer along with the water. You should see it. Leroy's okra has stalks over two inches in diameter, and Mark Johnson (interested in commercial vegetables) and

I counted 138 pods on one plant."

Today, many farmers take their extra produce to the local Farmers' Market. Dad had his own produce stand on the side of the road. He sold to other farmers and went by the honor system. If Dad was available, he would work the stand. If not, there was a coffee can with a slot cut in the top. Customers would weigh their own produce and place the correct amount in the coffee can on the long-wooden table.

Dad was a man of resilience. Few people struck by lightning live to tell the story. Dad did! One day lightning struck a steel beam he was working near and knocked him flat. A ball of fire seemed to come out of his hand, and the hair on his arms and legs was singed. He weakly returned to the house and Mother called the doctor who provided this prognosis, Well, "I guess if he's alive, he's gonna make it!" Though the lightning made him quite weak, amazingly, Dad returned to work the next day (reported in the local newspaper in 1975). From that day forward, he reminded everyone that "he was living on borrowed time" and that "any day you woke up breathing was reason to celebrate."

Dad had a foxy smile that seemed to say, "I got you!" and he was a man of many sayings. A few related to food, gardening and weather: "Put something in the pot!", "The 'taters were so big you had to roll 'em to the house.", "It's powder house dry." (drought), "There goes the tater wagon!" (thunder).

A very clear message came to me upon awakening on 19 July 1987: "If you do not see your Dad today, you will not see him." I quickly called Mother to reassure myself that Dad was fine. She

said that he was resting and was doing so much better that she had decided to pick tomatoes and would call me back. Later, I learned that Dad had passed away at the time I received the message.

He always told us that we were just passing through this earth. He never asked for anything for himself as he had no attachment to material goods. As the pastor was giving the eulogy, he looked at all the floral arrangements on the altar and said, "Leroy would have preferred tomatoes!" Although most of Dad's seven children were not gardeners, we all came to have a great appreciation for the earth and all that grows, and we can still picture Dad waving to us perched high above the ground. His character lives in our hearts!

### Editor's Note:

Leroy Austin's ancestry can be found in the AFAOA "William Austin of Kent County, Maryland" database.



## RHODE ISLAND AUSTINS

**Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island:** This large AFAOA database (14,534 individuals) was originally digitized in 1992 by Lloyd C. Austin, directly from Edith Austin Moore's 1951 book, *Robert Austin of Rhode Island*. Additions continue to be made. Robert was born probably about 1635 in England. He was residing at King's Town, Rhode Island in 1661. It is thought that Robert had at least four sons – Edward, Jeremiah, Joseph and John. Descendants of the first three sons have matching DNA. Future tests of John's line could tie all four sons together. DNA testing has also shown a connection with another early New England Austin family - **Jonah Austen**, who came with his family in 1634 and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts. The common ancestor was probably back in England.

*The following Austin lines were first published in the back of Edith Austin Moore's book on Robert Austin. She felt they were closely related to Robert but could not find the documentation to make this connection. They have been moved from AFAOA's Northern Unplaced database to be stand-alone databases, with Arthur M. Sikes, Jr. as compiler for each. The number of individuals currently in each database appears after the name. DNA testing of male Austins in these lines is needed. Some money is available in the DNA Project Fund to help with the test costs.*

**Abel Austin** (364) was born about 1755, most likely in Rhode Island. He married Hannah Sweet, who was born 1758 in Rhode Island. They moved to New York State by 1790, appearing in the Herkimer, Montgomery County, New York census in that year, with five family members. The family also appears in the 1800 Hoosick, Rensselaer County and 1810 Schuyler, Herkimer County censuses. Abel died in West Frankfort, New York, date unknown.

**Benjamin Austin** (483) was born about 1685 in North Kingston, Washington, Rhode Island. A Benjamin Austin with family appears in the 1774, 1777, and 1784 West Greenwich, Rhode Island censuses. His son, Edward, was born about 1708.

**Brayton Austin** (227) was born about 1765 and died 7 Sep 1822. Census records for this family show that they lived in Greenwich, Kent, Rhode Island in 1790 and 1800, and in Coventry, Kent, Rhode Island in 1810 and 1820.

**Edmund Austin** (412) was born about 1706 and married Mary West 22 Aug 1731 at Kingston, Washington, Rhode Island. They had a son James, born in 1739. Records say that the father of James was lost at sea.

**Edward Austin** (520), who was born 6 Sep 1773 in Rhode Island and died 30 Jun 1884 in North Creek, Warren, New York, is the earliest known Austin ancestor of Edith Austin Moore. DNA tests of male Austins in this line show a close connection to the Robert line, as Edith had thought. The connection may have occurred either in New England or back in England.

**Jedediah Austin** (83) was born 24 Jan 1761 at Westerly, Washington, Rhode Island and died 4 Jun 1849 at age 88. He served in the Revolutionary War and pension records show that he was married twice. His children were Ross, Jedediah and Dorcas.

**Nathan Austin** (431) was born 14 Dec 1775 in Providence, Rhode Island and died 18 Nov 1860 in Lebanon, New London, Connecticut. He married Sarah Wilcox on 26 Feb 1800 and had 8 children. He is said to have been the son of Jeremiah Austin, who died when Nathan was about 6 years

**Dr. George Washington Austin, continued from page 1**

the monument he has built in the kindly feeling and sympathetic hearts of the great multitude of girls. I have his plans indelibly stamped in my mind and with your cooperation and those now living over the state, who have gone out, we will put those plans into operation."

Austin was born in 1873 on a farm near Baldwin, Miss., the son of a Baptist minister. He was educated in Mississippi and Texas before moving to Whitewright, Texas, where he served as president of Grayson College and later superintendent of schools. In 1912, he moved with his wife, Pearl Herndon, and their children, Marsden and Miriam, to Wagoner, Okla., where he was superintendent of schools. In 1914, he was appointed the fourth president of OCV.

Special guests at the event included Maxine Sanford Austin of Enid, an author and public speaker who was married for many years to the late Marsden Austin, son of G.W. Austin. Her son, Sanford Austin, an investment specialist from Oklahoma City, and his wife, Judy were present. John Austin Hunt of Amherst, Mass., a retired professor of literature, came to share the experience. John Austin Hunt is a grandson of the inductee, the son of his daughter Miriam.

A half dozen prominent alumni came from across Oklahoma to witness the ceremony, attended by nearly 600 higher education, state and civic leaders.

Other living relatives include Ford Sanford Austin of Los Angeles, a great-grandson; Sayna Austin Marino of Ohio, a great-granddaughter; Hayden Anderson Marino of Ohio, a great-great-grandson; Ann Austin Boone of Houston, a granddaughter; Mrs. William Orr of Oklahoma City, a great-niece; and Scott Austin-Smeltzer of Oklahoma City, a great-great-nephew.

[http://www.usao.edu/usao-news/Fall-04/GW\\_Austin.htm](http://www.usao.edu/usao-news/Fall-04/GW_Austin.htm)

**Editor's Note:**

George Washington Austin (1873-1926) can be found in the AFAOA database for "William Austin of Kent County, Maryland". He is the son of David Jones Austin and Julia Ann Couch. Database Notes for David add the following information: "David Jones was ordained as a Baptist minister in Tennessee. Later David J. moved to Poteau, Oklahoma Indian Territory. There he became superintendent of schools and a pastor of a local Baptist church. His son, George W., taught there for his father around 1895/6. About 1899, David Jones Austin then moved to East Texas where he died Nov. 17, 1919 in Ft. Worth, TX."

old. DNA test results to date are not a match to the Robert line.

**Thomas Austin** (697) was born between 1735 and 1745, supposedly in Rhode Island. By 1800 he was living in Delaware County, New York, married, with possibly six children.

**Wait (Waite, Wright) Austin** (232) was born about 1766-1775 in Rhode Island. His wife was Mary and they had 6 children. The family appears in the censuses of Franklin County, Vermont from 1800 to 1830. An obituary titled "Jedediah Phelps Austin, One of the First Settlers in this Part of the County, Died Dec. 4, 1896" states that Jedediah was born in Vermont and that his parents were Wright & Mary Austin.

## Austin Veterans in Homes for Disabled Soldiers

A Series by Helen Cook Austin, Ph. D.

*There are many Austin veterans of the Civil War listed on the registers of the 12 U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938. I have combined data from other traditional sources - such as the U. S. Census, death and burial records, and the AFAOA database, with the Veteran's Home register records.*

### John Austin of RI (1816-1890)

John Austin is found on Register #6608 of the Eastern Branch Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Togus, Maine. He enlisted October 13, 1861 in The Union Army, Company F of the First Rhode Island Artillery Regiment, and was discharged from that unit in December of 1863. He re-enlisted in Company B of the Fifth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery Regiment on January 2, 1864 and served until July 28, 1865.

When he was in the Civil War, John had an injury to his left leg and was admitted to the Eastern Branch on January 19, 1887. At that time John was age 70, was widowed and listed his sister, Mrs. Phoebe A. Himes of East Greenwich, Rhode Island as his nearest relative. John said he was born in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

Three years later, on July 8, 1890, John Austin died, in the Home, of old age. He was buried in the National Cemetery near the Eastern Branch Home.

The National Archives' records of deceased Union Civil War Veterans and the records of the National Cemetery Administration verify his Civil War service and burial.

U. S. Army enlistment records for John Austin's service in the Civil War show the same unit name and dates of enlistment and discharge that are on the Eastern Branch Register. However there is another U. S. Army enlistment record for a John Austin who was in the Mexican War. This John Austin, who was born 1818 in Rhode Island, was age 32 when he enlisted December 20, 1850. He served in the 8th Infantry, under Major Patten, until Jul 25, 1851. This John had blue eyes, brown hair, a fresh complexion, was five feet six inches tall, enlisted in Washington County, RI, and was a weaver by occupation. It seems that the John Austin of this study also served in the Mexican War.

Edith Austin Moore included a John Austin, born about 1815, who was a son of Joseph Nichols Austin and wife Elizabeth S. Money, in her book, "A Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island", published in 1951. He had a sister named Phoebe A. Austin, born about 1835. The U. S. Census of 1860 of Greenwich, Rhode Island shows a widow Elizabeth Austin, born 1798, who had a son named John, age 40, and a daughter Phoebe age 23.

John, age 63 was still living with his mother Elizabeth in 1880. His occupation was a retired weaver. Another son, Joseph, 53, a laborer, and two grandsons were also in the household.

### SOURCES:

- *Historical Register of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938*; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M1749, 282 rolls).

## NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

July 22, 23 & 24

**Thursday and Friday, July 21 & 22 – Early arrival activities and Friday evening social hour.**

**Saturday and Sunday, July 23 & 24 – speakers and workshop time – Sunday evening banquet.**

**Library Closure Reminder:** the Library will close at 5 PM on Saturday, July 23, will be closed on Sunday as usual, and will be closed on Monday, July 25 for the "Days of '47 Parade".

**Convention Hotel:** Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, 122 West South Temple, next to the Family History Library. A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of "Austin Families Association".

**Special rate:** \$85 per night (single or double occupancy) or \$95 per night (triple or quad occupancy). These rates will also apply four days before and one day after the convention (July 18 through July 25). Parking is \$5 per night for hotel guests. Hotel reservations must be made by May 31 for the hotel to guarantee room availability. To make reservations, call the hotel at (800) 366-3684 or (801) 521-0130.

**Convention Registration:** The convention registration fee is \$60 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 and social hours. Registration forms, with checks payable to "Austin Convention", should be sent to the Convention Registrar: Lois Cody, 336 Pleasant Hill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45215.

**Please send your convention registration forms as soon as possible to aid in planning.**

### For Additional Information:

- Family History Library: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- Salt Lake Plaza Hotel: [www.plaza-hotel.com](http://www.plaza-hotel.com)
- Salt Lake City: [www.utah.com/saltlake](http://www.utah.com/saltlake)

• Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

• U. S. Census, 1840 for Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island.

• U. S. Census, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 for East Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island.

• AFAOA Database, *Robert Austin of Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island*, Arthur M. Sikes, Jr., compiler

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# NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Friday, July 22 - Sunday, July 24, 2011

**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 PLACES AND DATES):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The Convention Registration Fee is \$60 per person. This fee covers all the convention meetings and materials and the banquet. There is a Banquet Fee of \$30 for family or friends who wish to attend only the banquet and social hours.

(# of people) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I am planning to stay at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*[Don't forget to make your hotel reservations by May 31.]*

I will arrive in Salt Lake City on (date, if known). \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in "early-arrival activities" \_\_\_\_\_

I would like assistance in research at the Family History Library \_\_\_\_\_

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**2011 AUSTIN CONVENTION  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
Friday, July 22 – Sunday, July 24**

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.

Explore the LDS Family History Library, which has the largest collection of genealogical material in the world. Come early to take advantage of this great resource and to enjoy other area attractions. Participate in Early Arrival activities.

Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, 122 West South Temple, next to the Family History Library.

**Family History Library: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
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