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## Introducing the AFAOA Archive Series

Stuffed in basements and spare rooms, in the homes of former AFAOA Genealogist Bonnie Bigolin and current genealogists Liz Carlin and Jan Untener, are boxes and filing cabinets filled with the research data of Edith Austin Moore, Janet Austin Curtis, and other Austin researchers who have followed these two pioneers in collecting Austin family histories. Most of the data comes from correspondence between Austins and Austin descendants in the years between 1930 and 1970.

Before the days of home computers, many of the hand written notes and letters were transcribed by volunteers and unified into a series of notebooks. They were typed on typewriters with carbon copies, indexed by Bonnie, and put into binders. Some of the copies were donated to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah; some were given to the Texas State Library in Austin, Texas; and some were presented to the State Historical Library in Des Moines, Iowa. Unfortunately, their availability was limited to Austin researchers who had access to these libraries.

With the advent of the Austin Computer Project, digitizing the wealth of data and making it available to more Austin researchers became our goal. Gay Martin volunteered to extract research material from the past AFAOA Newsletter issues, and created the *Newsletter Archive*. He went on to create digital files of Edith Austin Moore's hand written Field Notebooks (shown above is page 63 of Notebook 3).

His next project was digitizing Janet Austin Curtis' *States Notebooks*. Still going strong, he transcribed the miscellaneous notes and corre-

spondence of both Edith Austin Moore and Janet Austin Curtis. All these documents have been placed on our web site. They are available for text search using this recently added web site feature.

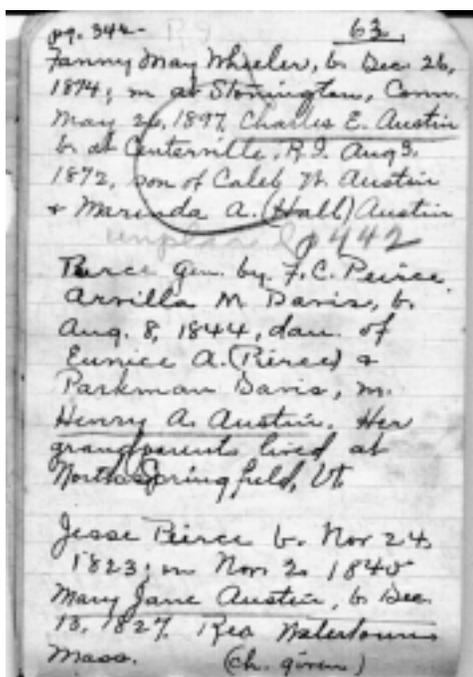
When searching these documents, one must keep in mind that they contain errors and irregularities, but they also provide a wealth of information. Commenting on the transcription process, Gay wrote that, "Because these notes are transcriptions of hand copied information, there are undoubtedly many errors. I have treated obvious typographical or material mistakes by adding alternative words or question marks.

What remains the greatest point of confusion to the user (and to the text search engine) will be the plethora of spelling variations and of really creative

naming of innocent children. For instance, when I am typing, sometimes I add a variant (Sml/Samuel for Sml). I have typed Jonathan, Johnathan, Jonothan, Jonothon, Jno, etc. so many times I don't know which is correct or currently preferred, and Edith always gets Reuben/Rueben wrong or else uses it inconsistently. Consequently, the use of alternative spellings and nicknames is strongly suggested while searching."

Jan Austin Untener has volunteered to proof all of these documents with the understanding that this could take years. She gives two examples of errors that she has found so far:

"Curtis listed a person as CORLEDIA. In transcription, Gay changed it to CORDELIA, which seems sensible. The 1880 census has the person listed as CORLEDIA, so I changed Gay's correction. Who knows what her name really was except someone with more information about the family."



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## Membership



## Corner

### **New Members Welcomed**

#### **Theresa Hartman**

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*John Riley Austin b. 1846 TN, John*

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*Robert Austin b. 1600's UK, Jeremiah*

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*RI.*

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*Austin b. 1821 PA.*

### **Our Ancestors**

Not only are AFAOA members spread out over 44 states and several other countries but their earliest known ancestors are even more diverse. Descendants of Richard Austin of Massachusetts (numbering 49) are the largest group, followed by Robert Austin of Rhode Island (12) and Samuel Austin of Massachusetts (7). Some can be grouped in twos, threes and fours, but the majority have a unique early ancestor not shared by any other member.

Some have traced their line back to an immigrant from England, or perhaps Ireland, in the 1600s or 1700s and enjoy meeting their "cousins," no matter how distant. They have been helped by earlier Austin researchers and in return want to help others find their roots. Other members are stuck in Virginia, North Carolina, New York or other states in the 1800s or even 1900s. They are still searching for that "breakthrough" that will take them back a few more generations. One thing we all have in common is our interest in Austin research and other Austins.

AFAOA provides opportunities for research (check out the updated databases and new information on our web site), for camaraderie (attend the annual convention) and for service (be a database com-

piler, send in your own research, write an article for the newsletter...).

### **Is Your Membership Information Complete?**

When you joined AFAOA you were asked to name your earliest Austin ancestors and 3 spaces were provided. Some of you only named one ancestor and some added additional pages, naming your entire known Austin line. Since giving that information have you extended your line back a generation or more? If so, please send me the additional names to update your membership record.

If you would like to know what ancestor information we have for you, or who else in the Association shares your earliest ancestors, just send me an e-mail or a note and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Also, please notify me if your address is about to change, so that your newsletter will arrive promptly.

Thanks for supporting the work of the AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

**Alice Austin Martin**  
Membership Chairman

## **AUSTIN-AUSTEN DNA PROJECT UPDATE**

Carol R. Austin, Fund Coordinator for the Austin-Austen DNA Project, sponsored jointly by the Austin Families Association of America and the Austin Families Genealogical Society, reports: Since the July 2004 Austin Convention, the FUND has paid for two tests for the Jonah of MA line, three for the Joseph of NH line, one for the John of Southside VA line and one for the Philip of MD line.

Since the last DNA Report in February, we have recruited two donors for the Henry Austin of Calvert County MD line and another donor for the Richard Austin of Charlestown MA line. Watch for the results of those tests in the next month or so.

We have also received donations to

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upgrade two test kits from a 25 to a 37 marker test; one for the Jonah Austin of Taunton, MA line and one in the Robert Austin of RI line.

Some of the above tests have been paid for by AFAOA/AFGS money and some with private donations from members. Overall, the FUND, has received \$684 from the two Austin organizations and \$1,462 in donations, which is really outstanding.

We have almost enough money in the DNA account to pay for two Hatteras, NC Austin tests, and those will be next. With the completion of tests for the Hatteras, Austins, we will have tested all the family lines with over 2000 members in the database. The lines to be tested with FUND money are determined primarily by the size or number of Austins currently in a particular database.

Check out the progress on the Austin-Austen DNA Project often at

<http://www.austins.org/DNA>

All are encouraged to keep your donations coming, so more tests can be funded. Make your checks payable to Carol R. Austin with Austin-Austen DNA Project on the memo line. Send your donations to:

Carol R. Austin  
9726 Mirage Circle  
Garden Grove, CA 92844

Anyone wishing to participate in the Austin-Austen DNA Project for yourself or a family member and pay for your own test, at our group rates, currently \$171 for a 25 marker test and \$231 for a 37 marker test, is invited to do so.

If you are interested in contributing your Y-DNA test results to this project, please go to

[www.austins.org/DNA](http://www.austins.org/DNA)

and at the bottom of this page, click on Family Tree DNA Web Site Austin-Austen Project. At the bottom of this next page fill out and submit the "Austin-Austen DNA Project Join Request" form. Those without computers who wish to participate in the Project may contact the Austin-Austen DNA Project Administrator: Dr. Mike Austin, 23 Allen Farm Lane, Concord, MA 01742.

**Carol R. Austin**  
DNA Project Coordinator



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June is coming and I'm getting excited about our trip to Seattle, Washington! My wife Beverly and I will be spending a week and a half in the area. Our plans include visiting some of the attractions in and around Seattle, visiting some friends, doing some genealogical research and attending two Family Association meetings. I have not been to Seattle in 35 years and Bev has never been there. I have been told by my local contacts that the rainy season should just about be over when we get there. I'm still going to bring my umbrella, just in case.

The Austin Families Association of America will be hosting the National Austin Convention during the weekend of June 10-13. We will be in downtown Seattle just a few blocks from the Space Needle. The following weekend, Bev and I will be at the Sikes/Sykes Family Reunion sponsored by the Sikes/Sykes Families Association.

Registration at the National Austin Convention will be on Friday, June 10, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express - City Center. A tour of the National Archives in Seattle is scheduled for 3 p.m. that afternoon. Transportation from the hotel will be arranged, using either private vehicles or a van. Please let us know when you send in your Registration Form if you would like to be included in this tour and if you will need transportation to the Archives (or if you can help with transportation).

The Archives are open Mon. - Fri., 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Another opportunity for research in the area is the Seattle Genealogical Society Library, located across the street from the Archives. This library is open Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

From 5 to 6 p.m. on Friday, we will have a "Get Acquainted Reception" (casual) at the hotel. Then we will break up into groups and go out to eat.

On Saturday, the doors of the meeting room (Ball Room A & B) will open at 8 a.m. for a workshop, where we can meet and exchange data with other Austin researchers or receive help from the AFAOA Genealogists. Please bring, to share with others, your Austin research material, Austin photos or Austin books that you may have written or purchased. The formal program begins at 9:45, with a variety of interesting speakers and a lunch break. The day concludes with an afternoon workshop from 3:45 - 5 p.m.

The Sunday schedule will be similar to Saturday's schedule, from 8 am to 5 p.m., with the annual AFAOA business meeting that afternoon.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. with a Cocktail Hour (cash bar), followed by our annual Convention Banquet. The guest speaker will be Bonnie J. MacDonald, a member of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Profes-

sional Genealogists. Her talk will be titled "How to Have a Successful Genealogical Trip". She has Austin ancestors and will also be one of our Saturday speakers, with a talk on "Genealogical Resources in Washington State".

I hope to see you all in Seattle.

Arthur M. Sikes, Jr.

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## The "New" AFAOA Web Site

The redesigned Austin Families Association of America web site was scheduled to go active on the web on March 1st. We had been preparing the site for its debut during the three months prior to that, and were almost finished a week or so early when we inadvertently switched on the site. After a few scrambles, and completion of the loading of all our documents, we can now say that we are 100% active at our Internet address [www.afaoa.org](http://www.afaoa.org).

A visitor to our site immediately notices the beautiful modernization of our graphics, and the increased ease in navigating the site. We can only express our gratitude to AFAOA Member Sue Osborn who was responsible for the artistic redesign and its presentation on the web. Sue does this professionally, and should you require her expert services, you can reach her site at:

[www.osborngraphics.com](http://www.osborngraphics.com).

We have retained all of the previous features of the old site, Family Group Sheet presentations of all of our linked Austin genealogical data, everyone indexed in the Master Index as well as individually indexed in each Austin line. This data stems directly from our databases which now contain records for well over 90,000 individuals, all Austins or related to Austin families. These databases are in a constant state of flux as we update them and correct them based on user's inputs and further research.

A brand new capability that we have added to the site is our text search capability. This feature allows visitors to the site to search all of our written documents such as our descendency books, our Newsletters, and our ever growing collection of digitized material. These currently consist of the 93 Field Notebooks of Edith Austin Moore, Edith Austin Moore's Miscellaneous Records, similar Miscellaneous Records collected over the years by Janet Austin Curtis, as well as Curtis' States Notebooks. We have grouped this material into the "AFAOA Archive Series," and we have Gay G. Martin to thank for transcribing our archive material into its searchable format.

We are looking at implementing a counter to log visitors to the site. It has also been suggested that we install a Guest Book so that visitors can identify themselves, and possibly establish a direct connection with one of our members or get help from one of our genealogists. We are looking for a Queries Editor to process queries from web site visitors, and to direct them to the appropriate person within the organization. And we always seek and gratefully accept corrections, updates, and additions to our data from people doing Austin research.

Jim Carlin  
Database Chairman

## Just a Blue Notebook

Bonnie Austin Bigolin

Have you always wanted your mom or dad to write down their memories for you? Perhaps like me you purchased a beautiful, blue, hardbound notebook with gold embossed letters on it, you know the ones that include questions to stir those memories of the past? When you gifted the notebook to your someone special, I'll bet their intentions at the time were good and they said they'd work on it, right? Well this is just what I did with my Mom, but the beautiful blue notebook just sat on her bookshelf. Mom was afraid she'd make a mistake and ruin the beautiful book I'd given her.

Ok, I thought, how about using a regular spiral notebook to do a rough draft, and then we could transfer the finished project to the beautiful, blue notebook, sure to be a family treasure. The spiral notebook was less intimidating, so Mom gave it another try. Time went by and I ask Mom how the memoirs project was going? "Well I started out and got about a paragraph down and I just couldn't think of things to write," said Mom. More time went by and a little more was written in the spiral notebook.

Well, this approach just wasn't getting very far very fast. So I decided to put myself in Mom's shoes and think as though I was writing my own memoirs. I found it quite difficult to sit down and start writing about myself. I really hadn't done anything anyone would want to read about, I thought to myself. Just what would my children and grandchildren want to know about me. It didn't take me long to see why Mom hadn't got past the first page.

This time I took Mom's notebook and split it up into 10 years sections: Birth to 10 years, 11 to 20 years, and 21 to 30 years and so on. Now I asked Mom just to keep the notebook by her favorite chair in the living room and jot down thoughts she had about herself during each of the time periods. "Don't worry about writing paragraphs, just jot down little notes as you think of them", I suggested.

With each visit to Mom's, I'd look at the quick notes she'd made, asking her what this meant, who's this person, etc. This would get us chatting about other things that happened back then. We'd add more notes. This went on for a year or more adding little bits of memories here and there.

In 1986 Mom arrived on the Greyhound bus from Colorado to visit us in Wyoming for a week. I asked her to bring her spiral notebook and we'd work some more on it. She had a considerable collection of thoughts and notes jotted down about her life by this time. I had also jotted down questions preparing for her week's visit. We now had a basic outline to start with.

We sat at the dining room table with the spiral notebook in hand and a cassette recorder. Mom was a bit reluctant about the tape recorder at first, but as I started asking her to tell me about the different notes she had made, we soon forgot about the tape recorder and we were just talking, reminiscing and occasionally laughing our heads off. Of course the notes keep us talking in a chronological order, but with each note she would think of another story and on and on. In no time at all we had three hours recorded.

When the week had past and it was time for Mom to get on the Greyhound once again and go home, we had three hours of wonderful recorded memories. Mom shared her life with me in such a way that I will always have a pleasant warm feeling when I think back to that week. The following Christmas I had made several copies of the recordings to use as gifts for my sisters and cousins. My Mother passed away in her sleep unexpectedly in 1988 only two years after our special time together recording her memories.

Fifteen years had past and I decided that I needed a more permanent way to keep the memories than the tapes. As tapes will eventually get brittle and break, so I had the tapes burned onto CD's and once again they made great Christmas presents for the whole family.

Now the beautiful blue notebook with gold embossed lettering sits on my book shelf, still empty, still big plans to transcribe the recordings to it one day! But whether that happens or not, I will always have my recordings which I treasure dearly. Now almost 20 years have passed since I lost my Mom, but when I have quiet time to listen to the CD..... I can still hear her voice.

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### AFAOA Recommended Books:

*Mayflower Families, Through Five Generations*, a series of 22 volumes researched and published by the Mayflower Society. One of my Christmas presents this past year were two books in this series. These well written and documented books are on all of the families that came over on the Mayflower. I have several lines, related through my father, that I have been investigating, and these new books add much detail to the data I've already gathered over the years. Those of you with Mayflower people in your lines should check out this series. The good news is that many libraries have copies of these books on their shelves.

Art Sikes, Suffield, CT

*Don't Know Much About History*, by Kenneth C. Davis 2003, 678 pages. Santa was also good to me this Christmas. I received a copy of this book subtitled "Everything you need to know about American History but never learned." My husband majored in history in college, so I hit him up often, while working on my genealogy, about what was going on during these years? When did this happen? Why? etc. He gave me this book I guess to get some relief.

The book has a question and answer approach to American historical events from the early discoverers to modern times. When researching genealogy it is often hard fitting ancestors into their times, so I use this book to get a fix on what was going on during their lifetimes. We lay it on our coffee table and you'd be surprised how many times someone picks it up and reads a page or two and exclaims, "Wow. I didn't know that." In high school I wasn't particularly fond of history classes, but my interest in genealogy has logically spiked my interest in history as well.

Bonnie Bigolin, Green River, WY

## Meet our Association Officers: Jan Austin Untener, Vice-President

Kathleen Janice Austin was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She was her parents' second only child. Her sister, Jacqueline, was 19 when Jan was born, and married before Jan was a year old. Although she grew up in the house her maternal grandparents had purchased in 1909, only one grandparent was alive when she was born. She adored her grandfather, but he passed away when she was five. Her father died when she was fourteen.



She attended Cleveland Public Schools where she learned that her first name was Kathleen. Then she attended Cleveland State University where she met and married David Untener, the man who would eventually drag her from Cleveland to Minnetonka (a western suburb of Minneapolis), Minnesota. Following graduate school, she worked as a psychologist for the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and then Cleveland Public Schools.

Jan suffers from migraine headaches, and her interest in genealogy developed as she questioned her family about their medical histories. Soon interest in health issues expanded to interest in everything about the past. There were few family members left in Jan's life, and she was determined to record every memory each of them had. Taking their information and using the records of the Cleveland Archives, Cleveland cemeteries, and Cleveland City Hall, she was able to provide her mother and aunt with more information about their family than they had known themselves.

Researching her Austin relatives was more difficult because only an aunt by marriage survived, and the family was not from Cleveland originally. The Austins moved about the East coast until the mid 1920's when they finally settled in Cleveland.

At the AFAOA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, Austin researchers found the information she needed to trace her great grandparents and to find that they were both Austins from different lines. Her great grandmother is a descendant of the John of New Haven, Connecticut line. Her great grandfather has been traced back only to his father, Thomas Austin (1797-1824) in Fulton County, New York.

Jan joined AFAOA in February, 2000, after discovering the web site on the internet. In 2001, she was elected to a Vice President's office. Later that year, she volunteered to assist AFAOA Genealogist, Liz Carlin, and was appointed Northern Genealogist. She has assisted in the *Newsletter's* production: proofreading, ghost writing, and mailing. She currently is attempting to proofread the transcriptions of the AFAOA Archive Series Documents. This task may prove to be her downfall.

### "Archive Series" Continued from page 1

The second example is a person with the first name of GREEN in Curtis' notes and in Gay's transcription. "I left the notes as they were typed, but at the end of that passage, I put a note in italics indicating that the census record gave the name as GREER." So, search creatively and you may find the one piece of information that will answer that nagging question or open a new path of research. However, as in all good research, verify the information by seeking a primary source.

## "Broom Prevented Union Veteran From Seeing Abe Lincoln Shot"

*Chicita Daily Star*, Feb 13, 1930

The falling of a broom handle prevented George M. Austin, 52 Clinton Street, from seeing Abraham Lincoln assassinated on April 15, 1865. William Hoag, who died here several years ago, and Austin had passes to the theatre that night; Hoag wanted to go to the Oxford, while Austin held out for the presentation of "Our American Cousin" at the Ford."

"All right", said Hoag, as they argued in one of the ante-rooms of the Harwood hospital at Washington, "Let's decide it this way. Take this broom handle and throw it up. If it falls towards the Oxford we go there. If it comes down pointed at the Ford we go there." The broom went up, bumped the ceiling a resounding thwack, and came down - pointed across the city towards the Oxford. So the pair strolled out into the murky twilight of an April evening in the boggy streets of the National Capitol

"As we walked down Pennsylvania Avenue", Mr. Austin recalled yesterday, "an open carriage, surrounded by cavalry passed us. It was just growing dusk then, and the street lamps didn't show much. But we could make out the lanky form of the President, seated in the carriage, with that everlasting gray shawl hung around his shoulders. Later we learned that the party was on the way to the Ford theatre.

"That night after the show, I started back for the hospital, Hoag has his discharge and was working in a bazaar downtown. I was on light kitchen detail at the hospital, recovering from a musket ball through the hip that I got in Cold Harbor in 1864. A few blocks away I was stopped by a picket. It seems strange to me as he stepped out from behind a hedge and challenged.

"I showed my pass, it didn't do any good. He told me I'd have to back to the guardhouse and stay there, if I wanted to sleep. 'No one gets through the picket lines tonight', he said, 'hospital or no hospital'. "Well, what in the devil's up?, I asked.

"He looked at me for a moment and he was just as mad as a hornet. "Abe Lincoln's been shot by that damned actor Booth', he said. He's going to die, I guess." "My God', I muttered and made off down the street."

Later, Austin saw the funeral procession of the martyred President as it made its way down the same avenue, his body atop a huge coach draped in black, the whole drawn by 16 black horses.

Many times this wounded veteran saw Lincoln walking along the streets of the capital, his figure bent over under the gray shawl he wore perpetually. One time Lincoln entered the Harwood hospital, while Austin was still confined to his bed, and the eyes of the President filled with tears, when he looked down the long rows of cots.

Austin enlisted in Norwich in 1863, the group of men left Elmira in heavy wagons, with a chunk of pork "about the size of yer hand" and some hardtack as rations. In Elmira the regiment was formed and entrained for Washington in cattle cars.

Earlier in his war career, Mr. Austin saw President Lincoln with General Meade as they reviewed the troops in southern Virginia. On June 5, 1864 he was wounded in the first attack on Cold Harbour under Meade.

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## Changes to the Association's By-Laws

Three amendments to the by-laws of the Austin Families Association of America have been proposed for a vote at the annual convention in Seattle, Washington. The by-laws require that any amendments be published in this *Newsletter* at least thirty (30) days prior to voting.

### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS - current wording**

Section 1. National Conventions.

a. A national convention of the Association shall be held annually.

b. There shall be no fixed date for holding a national convention except it shall be held at a time that is in the best interest of the Association. It is highly desirable that an Association National Convention be held in conjunction with a meeting or reunion independently scheduled and sponsored by a local branch of an Austin family.

c. The national conventions shall be held in different parts of the country and be hosted by a member of the Association who resides in or near the location chosen for the meeting.

d. The members present at a national convention shall select the site of the next national convention.

### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS - proposed wording**

Section 1. National Conventions.

a. A national convention of the Association shall be held annually and shall be held in a different part of North America each year.

b. There shall be no fixed date for holding a national convention except it shall be held at a time that is in the best interest of the Association. It is highly desirable that an Association national convention be held in conjunction with, or jointly with, a meeting of another genealogical organization or family group interested in Austin research.

c. The members present at a national convention shall select up to four potential sites for the next convention. These sites shall be presented to the membership in the Association *Newsletter* and a vote shall be taken by mail and electronic mail, with the voting procedure to be decided by the executive committee. If the next convention is to be a joint convention then each organization may select two sites and the four sites may be presented to the membership of both organizations for a combined vote.

*[This proposed amendment clarifies the guidelines for convention hosting and changes how Convention sites are to be selected. Currently, a number of sites are nominated during the convention business meeting and then one site is chosen by majority vote of members attending. The proposed by-law change would allow all members to vote on the next convention location, not just the members attending the previous year's convention. The amendment also allows for a combined vote if the convention is to be sponsored jointly with another organization.]*

### **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS - current wording**

Section 8. Duties of the Genealogist.

a. Serve as sole custodian of the Austin database. No part of the Austin database shall be disseminated to any other genealogical or historical organization without the express

permission, in writing, of the executive committee.

### **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS - proposed wording**

Section 8. Duties of the Genealogist.

a. Serve as sole custodian of all Association databases and other proprietary materials. No part of the Association's proprietary materials shall be disseminated to any other genealogical or historical organization without the express permission, in writing, of the Executive Committee.

*[This proposed amendment is a clarification of what constitutes "the Austin database", so named in the current by-laws. Originally, all of the AFAOA data was in the form of paper documents and later a digital genealogical database (family group sheet format). Today, a book has been published and "the Austin database" has been divided into multiple digital databases. These databases are also in Descendancy Book format and have been augmented by transcriptions of the research papers of Edith Austin Moore and Janet Austin Curtis. All "proprietary materials" are added to the custodianship of the Genealogist.]*

### **ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE current wording**

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The duties of the executive committee is to conduct the business of the Association between the biennial conventions. Discussion and coordination of Association matters may be done by letter or telephone. Actions that require a vote by the executive committee may be handled by canvassing the committee members by telephone to obtain a voice vote. Such votes will be documented and made part of the permanent records of the Association.

### **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE proposed wording**

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The duty of the executive committee is to conduct the business of the Association between the annual conventions. Discussion and coordination of Association matters, and actions that require a vote by the Executive Committee, may be handled by letter, electronic mail or telephone. Such votes will be documented and made part of the permanent records of the Association.

*[This proposed amendment allows the executive committee to conduct business by e-mail as well as by letter and telephone.]*

**Arthur Sikes, Jr.**

**2005 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION**  
**Registration Form**  
**Seattle, WA - June 10 through June 12**

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

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) WITH SAME ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 "AFAOA", for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by June 1, 2005 PLEASE

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

I am planning to stay at Holiday Inn Express Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*[Please Note: This registration form is just for the convention proceedings.  
Don't forget to also make your hotel reservations before May 20, 2005.  
Call 1-206-694-0064, and be sure to mention "National Austin Convention"]*

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