

THE AUSTIN FAMILIES REGISTER

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Austin Families Genealogical Society

AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF AUSTIN FAMILY RESEARCHERS

INTERNATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION IN CANTERBURY, KENT

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View of Canterbury, Kent, England

The 2005 International Austin Convention will be held in Canterbury, Kent, England on 16-18 September, at the historic Saint Martin's Priory on the campus of Christ Church University College. There will be two days of informative lectures by Austin family researchers and genealogists and by British historians. There will also be tours conducted by Dr. Andrew Thomson. Friday tours include the historic Canterbury Cathedral and Archives, and a bus tour of the Kent countryside to visit Dover Castle and the Cliffs of Dover (photo above) and their famous WWII tunnels. We return to the College for dinner and a talk on *Canterbury's Key Place in English History*. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

This is shaping up to be the best AFGS convention ever, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there. Please submit your Registration Form as soon as you can (either by mail or via our web site), since we need a good 'head count' of attendees. Also, please note that your Lanfranc House deposit must be received before 15 June in order to ensure you a room at our group rate.

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Pilgrims traveled great distances to the site of Becket's murder in the Canterbury Cathedral.

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The Austin Convention sessions will be held in Saint Martin's Priory (at right), built circa 1550. Attendees can stroll its lush grounds and enjoy a panoramic overview of the city.

*Photographs courtesy of the
Canterbury City Council*

SOCIETY AND NEWSLETTER NAME CHANGES

The *Austins of America Genealogical Society* (AOAGS), founded in 1979 by Dr. Michael Edward Austin and Carol Leighton Hull, has been serving Austin family researchers for almost 26 years. In February 2005, to better reflect the increasingly international nature of its membership, the Society's name was changed to the *Austin Families Genealogical Society* (AFGS), and the Society's familiar *Austins of America* newsletter became the *Austin Families Register*. The newsletter Staff hopes you find this first issue under our new banner of interest, and we welcome your suggestions regarding the content of future issues.

AFGS CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The new AFGS Constitution was unanimously approved via the ballot mailed with the Society's January 2005 newsletter, and new Society officers were elected (see next page). We are grateful to Norman Wade Austin of Lakewood, California, who served as Election Chairman and who carefully tabulated all of the election results.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY

Members continue to contribute new information on their Austin lines, and many new branches are now available at the *Austin-Austen Research Center* on the AFGS web site. Other members have donated to the Austin-Austen DNA Project Fund (see page 20). Richard Murillo, Jr. of Corona, California, discovered a fine group of Austin portraits in an old photo album owned by an Austin family from Ohio, and he contributed them to the AFGS Library. Thanks to all for your generous contributions!

NEW AFGS OFFICERS ELECTED

The ballots for electing new AFGS Officers were mailed to members with the January 2005 issue of the Society’s newsletter. All ballots that were mailed back to the AFGS Election Chairman, Norman Wade Austin, and postmarked before 1 March were counted. Wade reported the following election results:

- PRESIDENT.....MICHAEL EDWARD AUSTIN
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.
- VICE PRESIDENT.....JOSEPH EARL AUSTIN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA U.S.
- VICE PRESIDENT.....PAULINE LUCILLE AUSTIN
MARION, IOWA U.S.
- VICE PRESIDENT.....ROGER BRIAN AUSTIN
SHERBORNE, DORSET U.K.
- SECRETARY.....DONALD EDROY AUSTIN, SR.
HOLBROOK, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.
- TREASURERCHERYL AUSTIN AKUSIS
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.

Congratulations to these new Officers, and thank you for your willingness to serve. It is only through the efforts of such dedicated people that the Society can continue to help Austin family researchers discover their heritage.

Since many Members do not know all of these Officers, future Society newsletters will profile each of them. If you would like to meet the Officers in person, most of them will be attending the 2005 International Austin Convention in Canterbury... come and join them!

According to the AFGS Constitution (which was also approved via the January ballot), these elected Officers will also serve on the AFGS Board of Directors. Their main task over the next few months will be to draw up the new Society Bylaws, which will be published and mailed out with the September 2005 newsletters.

2006 CONVENTION SITE SELECTION

The 2006 International Austin Convention site will be selected by the Membership via ballots to be mailed out with the September newsletter. If you would like to nominate a city for the convention, please e-mail your city’s name to *ConventionSite@austins.org* or mail it to the AFGS Secretary: Donald Edroy Austin, 12 Pleasant Street, Holbrook, MA 02343. One of the Constitutional requirements for our convention site is that it must be held in a country “with a significant number of resident Austin families.” Please include a brief description of the advantages of your city, such as nearby historical sites, museums, genealogical research facilities, etc. The

advantages of each city will appear on the ballot, to help Members choose among the nominated convention sites.

AFGS Photo 2

The 2005 International Austin Convention is close to the ruins of Saint Augustine’s Abbey in Canterbury.

Saint Augustine was a reluctant missionary sent by Pope Gregory the Great to re-convert the heathen English in the south of the country. Although ostensibly Christian under the Romans, this part of England had been drawn back into paganism partly through the successive settlement of Angles, Jutes and Saxons from northern Europe. Saint Augustine’s work was to first convert the leaders of the various kingdoms and go on to disseminate the faith under their aegis. At the end of the sixth century, Saint Augustine arrived in Kent, and the King Ethelbert was probably baptized the following year. The king gave the old Roman church of Christ Church together with the adjacent lands to Saint Augustine, and the abbey was founded in 598. Ethelbert’s wife, Bertha, had already been a practicing Christian and this no doubt helped Saint Augustine’s mission.

The abbey of Saints Peter and Paul, is situated outside the eastern walls of the City of Canterbury. This is the oldest Anglo-Saxon abbey in England. It was founded by St. Augustine and King Ethelbert about 598, and from its earliest years was intended as a burial place for the archbishops of Canterbury and kings of Kent. It housed monks sent from Rome for the conversion of the Britains, and became a great center of learning. After the chaos of the Viking invasions, it re-emerged in the tenth century as the only surviving monastery in Kent, since all the others had been destroyed by the invaders. In 978 a new enlarged abbey church was re-dedicated by Archbishop Dunstan to “Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Augustine of England.” The foundations of the original church lay under the nave of the later abbey. To the east was the chapel of Saint Mary, destroyed in the making of the later crypt. In 1055 these two small buildings were joined by an octagonal tower into one larger church. Further east was the chapel of St Pancras, the only pre-conquest structure to survive partly above ground until the dissolution.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
THOMAS AUSTIN OF BARBADOS**

*by Roger Brian Austin
Timothy John Smellie
and Bruce Merivale-Austin*

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FIFTH GENERATION

T2A2-2. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK BURY⁵ AUSTIN (*Henry William,⁴ Thomas,³ Hugh Williams,² Thomas¹*) was born 27 August 1865. He married on 2 October 1897 Elizabeth Mabel Foster, who was born 2 February 1874. Augustus died 17 August 1920, Elizabeth died 7 February 1948. They had three children:

T2A2-21. MARGARET BURY AUSTIN, *b. 15 September 1898*

T2A2-22. HENRY WILLIAM BURY AUSTIN, *b. 9 April 1900, m. 19 July 1926 Mary Gray, b. 28 December 1899. Henry d. 14 September 1930, Mary d. 1 July 1948. Ch: Barbara Elizabeth Austin m. Maurice Lappan and Marie Louise Gray Austin m. Piers Denys Barber, had son Austin Ralph Gray Barber.*

T2A2-23. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK BURY AUSTIN, *b. 18 March 1905, d. 4 April 1905.*

T2A5-4. AUGUSTUS WINCHESTER⁵ AUSTIN (*Wyndham Bruce,⁴ Thomas,³ Hugh Williams,² Thomas¹*) was born 21 September 1860. He was married on 6 July 1910 to Morag McLeod Terroux, they had three children:

T2A5-41. WYNDHAM WINCHESTER AUSTIN, *wife's name is unknown, they had two daughters: Mary Jane Austin b.1950 and Ellen Winifred Austin b.1951.*

T2A5-42. MALCOLM CHARLES AUSTIN, *wife's name is unknown, they had four children: Janet Austin, David Austin, John Austin, and Carol Austin.*

T2A5-43. SHEILA MCLEOD AUSTIN

T312-1. WILLIAM EDWARD PIERCY⁵ AUSTIN (*William George Gardiner,⁴ William Piercy,³ William,² Thomas¹*) was born in 1860 in British Guiana. He went to Reading School and then to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he earned a B. A. degree in Classics and History in 1883. He was captain of his college boat club and just missed his place in the Oxford eight in 1883. William went to Australia in 1885 where he was an Assistant Master at Geelong Grammar School near Melbourne from 1886 to 1888. From there he went to Invercargill High School in New Zealand and then as Senior Master to The Hutchins School in Tasmania, until 1895. In 1896 he was appointed as a master at St. Peter's School, Adelaide. He returned to Melbourne, where he was head of the new Wesley College Preparatory School. Subsequently he went to St. Paul's Cathedral School, Melbourne, where he was headmaster for

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(Small, uncaptioned photos, William Edward Piercy Austin and Lancelot St. George Piercy Austin)

24 years. He was married on 8 January 1889 in St. Paul's in Geelong to Mary Harriet Peerman, born 12 January 1860. William died 25 July 1930 in Melbourne, where he was buried in the Brighton Cemetery. Mary died 29 March 1952. William and Mary had two children born in Australia:

T312-11. WILLIAM PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 1892 +*

T312-12. JOHN PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 25 February 1894 +*

T312-6. LAUNCELOT ST. GEORGE PIERCY⁵ AUSTIN (*William George Gardiner,⁴ William Piercy,³ William,² Thomas¹*) was born 29 October 1871 at the Kingston House in Georgetown, British Guiana. He went to Reading University in England and then emigrated to Australia where he joined his brother William in Adelaide and taught at St Peter's College there. Later he took the position of the Registrar and Business Manager at the Ballarat School of Mines. He remained there for several years but later moved to a teaching position at Mentone Grammar School. There, he had an argument with the Principal over the marking of examination papers, as a result of which he left the school. He was married in December 1901 to Alice Elizabeth Bradley. He then became an insurance agent and continued in that job until his death from drowning on 9 June 1938 in the Yarra River in Melbourne. Alice died on 25 January 1950. They had two children:

T312-61. ROBERT LAUNCELOT PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 9 March 1904 in Geelong and educated at the Ballarat Grammar School and at the Ballarat School of Mines. He joined the Victoria State Electricity Commission where he became in charge of plant design and construction, a job he held until he retired. After retirement he undertook consulting jobs. He died in Melbourne on 26 April 1979.*

T312-62. ELIZABETH MARY GRAY AUSTIN, *b. 20 June 1916, she worked in a music shop in Melbourne. Elizabeth remained a spinster and continued to live in Melbourne after she retired. She died in 2001.*

T314-3. CHARLES JAMES EVELYN PIERCY⁵ AUSTIN (*Charles Piercy,⁴ William Piercy,³ William,² Thomas¹*) was born on 20 March 1872 in British Guiana, but like his siblings, was brought up in England by relatives. He had hoped to go to Sandhurst, but finances did not permit this. He also hoped to secure his father's job in British Guiana, and was very bitter when this did not happen. Possibly as a result of his upbringing and these

disappointments, he was said to be cold, hard and difficult. His first marriage was on 16 January 1905 to Alice Eva Halifax, who was born in 1881. He was in the Colonial Service in Nigeria and so was often away from England. Charles abandoned his wife before John Cecil was born, and she went to live in Brighton. She died there on 16 January 1916 of tuberculosis. Her son, aged two, was sent by an aunt to an orphanage in Shoreham, her three daughters were sent to an orphanage in Liverpool. The sisters did not know they had a brother until Charles' granddaughter Patricia Austin Mathewson researched her family. In 1918 Charles married Susan Dorothea Nalton, who was born 20 September 1887 in Yorkshire and known as Dorothy. Charles died on 20 March 1947. Dorothy owned a kindergarten in Eastbourne, she died there on 10 February 1984. The Austin children were all from John's first wife:

T314-31. ILENE DORIS AUSTIN, *b. 21 February 1906, was sent to a Liverpool orphanage in 1916, later went to a boarding school in Thame, spending holidays with different aunts. As an adult, Ilene changed her name to Joan. She had a lively intellect. She spoke Russian and French, she read Sanskrit, and was interested in antiques. She lived latterly in Chelsea where she d. in 1997. Apparently she strongly disliked her stepmother.*

T314-32. DIANA THORA PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 13 December 1908. After leaving school, she and her sister Mollie went to a convent in Belgium. Later they both became nurses (SRN) in England. Diana lived in St. John's Wood, London, was a spinster and was friendly with her stepmother. Diana died in May 1998.*

T314-33. MOLLIE EVELYN PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 1910, like her sister Diana she went to a Belgian convent and was a nurse in England. She died of tuberculosis in 1937 when only 26 years old.*

T314-34. JOHN CECIL AUSTIN, *b. 15 July 1913 Brighton +*

T314-8. HUGH CECIL HAVELOCK PIERCY⁵ AUSTIN (*Charles Piercy,*⁴ *William Piercy,*³ *William,*² *Thomas*¹) was born on 14 February 1888. In his early years he was a talented artist, particularly with oils. He joined the army and served in the Middlesex Regiment and also as Provo Marshall in the Military Police. He rose to the rank of Captain and fought in the battle of the Somme in World War I where he was gassed. After the war he became a don at Oxford University teaching history. His youngest son, Anthony, discovered a number of poems and plays written by his father which have not been published. Sometime before 1921 Hugh Cecil married Ivy Mary Emily Halls, who was born 3 January 1898 and died in September 1984. Hugh died in 1951, and is buried in the Military Cemetery in Woking, Surrey. Hugh and Ivy had three children:

T314-81. JOHN EDMUND PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 29 July 1921 +*

T314-82. DAVID HUGH PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 19 May 1928, m1. Rita Howard, had a son Paul Austin. David m2. Sylvia Humphries, m3. Elizabeth 'Louise' Donnelly.*

T314-83. ANTHONY CECIL PIERCY AUSTIN, *born on 27 November 1936 +*

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(Small, uncaptioned photos, Hugh Cecil Piercy Austin and Mehetabel Emma Grant Austin)

T342-1. MEHETABEL EMMA GRANT⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner,*⁴ *John Gardiner,*³ *William,*² *Thomas*¹) was born on 21 January 1867. Mehetabel wrote a 27-page account of her life until the age of 18 ('Earliest Recollections') during which she crossed the Atlantic several times as well as travelling in Europe. The following is an extract from her recollections:

'When I was four years old I made my first trip to England. The steamer was expected late one evening and we duly left The Farm [the family house in Bridgetown], bolted and barred, and set off in a carriage to the wharf at Cavan's office, under a tamarind tree. The firm was agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company whose history is as much part of the West Indies as the P&O line is of the Far East. I was perched on the box next to the coachman while Mother, Jeffrey, the baby and nurse who was to accompany us to England, were inside. We waited in vain for the 'Shannon', for there was no wireless to tell us that she had been delayed. Late at night, the steamer was still not in sight, so, as The Farm was shut up, we drove to Holborn, a huge old house in Fontabelle where my mother's uncle, old John Grant, lived with his big family. I cannot remember if the advent of a family of five and a servant caused any surprise or inconvenience, except on the part of the youngest daughter Carrie, who expressed some annoyance at being woken up and having Jeffrey and myself to sleep on a mattress in her room. Next day the steamer arrived and we sailed. The baby was another little brother (John Gardiner Austin III). He became so popular with the sailors who called him 'Mr. Rough and Tumble' and the name 'Ruff' stuck to him for life.'

On 30 December 1891 Mehetabel Austin was married to William Burslem, who was born 18 May 1853. He gained an M. A. at Oxford University, later became headmaster of The Lodge School in Barbados, and latterly head of Queens' Royal College in Trinidad. William Burslem is mentioned in *Beyond a Boundary* by C.L.R. James, who describes him as a cross between Dr. Johnson and Mr. Pickwick. James also ascribes his love for cricket and English to William Burslem's teaching. William died on 25 August 1920 in Barbados. Mehetabel died there on 5 March 1961. Mehetabel and William had six children, of whom four survived to adulthood:

- T342-11. DORA PHOEBE BURSLEM, b. 22 March 1894, She was born in The Lodge, St. John's, Barbados, went to London University and gained a B. A. degree. She joined the Colonial Service as an education officer, and she worked in Trinidad, Hong Kong and Barbados. When in Hong Kong, she and her mother were evacuated after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941. Dora traveled extensively and was the first author of the book 'An Old Colonial Family, 1685- 1900.' She d. on 6 September 1982, she never married.
- T342-12. JOHN AUSTIN BURSLEM, b. 3 July 1895 in Trinidad, h d.6 October 1895 in Trinidad.
- T342-13. WILLIAM HAROLD BURSLEM, b. 18 September 1897 in Trinidad, d. 18 May 1898. He was buried in the family vault in St. Leonards.
- T342-14. JOHN BURSLEM, b. 12 November 1898 in Trinidad, he died 4 June 1975. He went to Edinburgh University where he gained a B. A. degree in geology. He worked in oil exploration. He married Kathleen Williams in Trinidad, but they had no children.
- T342-15. ARTHUR GARDINER BURLSEM, b. 21 January 1900 in Trinidad. He went to the Royal Naval College, Osborne, Isle of Wight but left following severe pneumonia, returning to Trinidad where he was in commerce. He married Margaret Aston Shrewsbury on 8 October 1935 and in 1944 emigrated to New Zealand. They had two children: William Herbert Gardiner Burlsem b. 20 July 1936 in Trinidad (m. Susan and had four children) and Bridget Margaret Burlsem b. 30 December 1938 in Trinidad (m. Mr. Graham and had one child). Arthur Gardiner Burslem died in 1968 in New Zealand.
- T342-16. FRANK GRANT BURSLEM, b. 10 April 1901 Trinidad, He worked in the oilfields. He was in the RFC in World War I and in World War II was in the RE, being involved in pipeline laying in the Western Desert. On 9 April 1931 he m. Ruth Portia Rashleigh from Cornwall and had three sons: Michael Rashleigh Grant Burslem b. 7 February 1933 became a medical doctor, Quintin Nathaniel Grant Burslem b. 1 May 1936 was in the police force, and David Christopher Jeremy Grant Burslem b. 27 January 1935 became a clergyman.

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(Small uncaptioned photo of Dora Phobe Burslem)

T342-4. JOHN GARDINER⁵ AUSTIN (John Gardiner,⁴ John Gardiner,³ William,² Thomas¹) was born 20 June 1871 at The Farm in St. Philip, Barbados. He was married on 3 May 1898 in London to Margaret Drew Moir, who was born in 1873 in Australia. John was known as 'Ruff' to family and friends. Like his brothers, John was a fine

AFGS Photo 5-2

Ruff's parents at 'Elmore' on Barbados in 1901

cricketer and he captained Barbados in the 1906 Inter Colonial series. He had a distinguished military career in the British army. He trained as an officer at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the 'Sword of Honour' and 'Silver Bugle', both of which were very prestigious awards and was commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1891. During 1899-1900 he served in the Boer War in South Africa, where he was involved in the advance on Kimberley, in operations in the Orange Free State and in Cape Colony. He was transferred to the Army Ordnance Department in 1909 and seconded to Australia as Director of Ordnance Services to the Commonwealth of Australia in time for the outbreak of war in 1914. He sailed with the first Australian Expeditionary Force serving in Gallipoli (where he was one of the first to land and the last to leave) and also served in France, on General Birdwood's staff. He was wounded twice during the war and twice mentioned in Despatches. He was awarded the C.M.G. in 1915, the C.B. in 1920 as well as the Croix de Guerre by the French. During the war he wrote many letters to his mother Dorothy, describing his experiences. These letters survive in a typed transcript, a copy of which has been placed in the Imperial War Museum in London. The following is an extract from one of the letters:

At about 2 a.m. there was a pause in the firing as if by mutual consent. I sat alone on my pile of ammunition and mused. The spirits of night and of death were abroad and my sensations were curious, abnormal, as if the whole thing were some horrible, fantastic dream. The moon shone bright and its beams cleft the water down to my very feet. Just opposite, steeped in brilliant light, lay the Isles of Greece, so beloved by Byron. Imbros in front and Samothrace to the right, its peaks just touched with snow. Each little peak and summit stood out in the strong light. The twinkling lights of the transports shone in the distance and in front of them lay the huge hulks of the

men-of-war. Man alone could be vile in such surroundings and vile indeed was his handiwork. Slowly winding its way down the hill to my left came a stream of maimed and mangled humanity. Some are limping painfully with the assistance of a comrade, others supported by two comrades, others carried on stretchers in every agonised contortions of body, the stretchers steeped in blood so that you could see and smell it. At my feet, their bodies kissed by little waves, lay the stiff bodies of men, gallant fellows who had fought their last fight and lay there, killed on their way to the boats. And with it all not the sound of a groan.

Behind, doctors plied a busy trade and as each man was bound up he was carried to the waiting boats on which the enemy could turn his shrapnel at will. My God, if only one half of the world could just see five minutes of war, there would never again be any war. Public opinion would stop it and the nations would make any sacrifice to dignity, I had almost said to honour, to avoid such horrible slaughter. My musing wasn't to last long. A screech and a flash and the beastly chorus began again! The rattle of musketry grew louder and I began once more my vile occupation of sending up little things of lead and nickel for my own side to inflict the same suffering which I had seen on a race of men which they had never seen.'

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(Uncaptioned photo of John Gardiner Austin)

John Gardiner Austin was Director of Army Ordnance Services from 1926 to 1928. He retired as a Brigadier General in 1928 and went to live in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. Margaret Austin died on 22 July 1955, and John died in Victoria on 1 November 1956. An obituary notice written by one of his army friends notes:

"Besides being a fine athlete and games player with a charming way with him, he was one of the smartest and best dressed men I have known. This, with his tall splendid figure made him a beau sabreur."

John and Margaret had one son:

T342-41. JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN, b. 19 July 1903. He married Pamela Charlewood in 1936 but they had no children. He worked for the British-American Tobacco Company and was a captain in the British Army during World War II. After the war he went to live in Vancouver, where he died in 1979.

T342-5. ARTHUR PIERCY GARDINER⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner*,⁴ *John Gardiner*,³ *William*,² *Thomas*¹) was born 2 August 1873, at Enmore in Barbados. He spent a year or two in London with the old established firm of Wilkinson & Gaviller, they were West Indian merchants.

AFGS Photo 6-2

Wedding of Arthur Austin and Louisa Watts in 1905. Sir Francis and Lady Louisa Watts are also seated.

Subsequently Arthur joined the Colonial Bank and he served on many of the islands in the Caribbean, just missing the 1902 Mont Pelée eruption in Martinique, though being in Jamaica for the earthquake of 1907. When the Colonial Bank was taken over by Barclays, he became manager in Demerara and in Barbados, retiring as the local Director. He played cricket for Demerara and, on occasion, led the team. Arthur was a member of the British Guiana Legislative Council. His younger brother Malcolm took his place when he left the colony for Barbados. On 10 June 1905 in Antigua, Arthur Piercy Gardiner Austin married Louisa Frances Watts, born 22 January 1884, daughter of Sir Francis and Lady Louisa Watts (Francis was the founder and later Principal Emeritus of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, which was later to become the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies). Arthur Piercy Gardiner Austin died 1 February 1962 in Reading, Berkshire, and Louisa died 16 October 1969 in Dublin. They had five children:

- T342-51. DOROTHY LOUISA AUSTIN, b. 8 April 1906 +
- T342-52. MABEL EILEEN AUSTIN, b. 16 June 1908 +
- T342-53. SYBIL JOAN AUSTIN, b. 9 April 1916 +
- T342-54. JEAN MAUD AUSTIN, b. 11 October 1917
Georgetown, known to her family as 'Bullar,' meaning 'Little One' in the Carib language. She went to England, joining the Inspection Dept. of Barclays Bank DCO. On 10 July 1943 she was m. at St. Andrew's Church in Oxshott, Surrey, to David Stewart Murdoch, b. 7 November 1917 London. Children: David Grant b. 8 May 1946 and Sandra Jane b. 5 November 1949.
- T342-55. ARTHUR FRANCIS GARDINER AUSTIN, born 21 March 1920 +

AFGS Photo 6-3

(Uncaptioned photo of Arthur Austin)

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**THE LAST PUBLIC HANGING IN ENGLAND
AN ACCOUNT OF THE 1783 TRIAL AND
EXECUTION OF JOHN AUSTIN**

7 November 1783 – The last public hanging in England took place when John Austin was executed at Tyburn.

Convicted at the Old Bailey on Saturday, 1 November 1783, of a Cruel Highway Robbery on John Spicer, a Poor Man. This robbery was so peculiarly inhuman and aggravated, that the circumstances attending it are too interesting to the public not to be given in detail; nor perhaps can the Old Bailey afford an instance more odious, or more reflecting on the depravity of human nature.

John Spicer, the prosecutor, of Cray, in Kent, a poor labouring man, was coming to town on the Tuesday before, with his bundle, where he was a total stranger, in order to get into work, and met with the prisoner at Ilford, where they joined company, and traveled to town together. The prisoner, during their traveling together, sifted the prosecutor, and got out of him the nature of his journey, and what little property he was possessed of, undertook to get him a lodging, provide him a master, and to show him about London. After eating, drinking, and sleeping together on the road at different places, they arrived in town on the Thursday, when the prisoner took Spicer to a public house in Whitechapel, and left him there, pretending to go out after a lodging.

Under this specious shew of friendship, Spicer was left for three or four hours, when a man whose name is Patrick Bowman (who also stands indicted, but is not yet taken) came to Spicer with a plausible apology for Austin's leaving him so long, and desired Spicer to go with him to Austin, who had got him a lodging. This the credulous prosecutor assented to, and Bowman took him to another public-house, where they joined Austin, and from thence they all went out, as Spicer thought, towards the lodging; but when he found himself in the middle of a field, out of the high road, by the side of a ditch, no house near, nor anything to be seen but the lights of some distant lamps, he observed that it was a very comical place to look after a lodging; upon which Austin retired a little, and Patrick Bowman drew a cutlass, with which he kept chopping at the hands, wrists, arms, body, and head of the prosecutor, and mangled him in a most shocking manner. Spicer resisted this attack, and would have got the better of Bowman, if Austin had not come up to Bowman's assistance; for when the poor wretch, thinking he had a firm friend in Austin, called out, "O John, won't you come and help

me!" Austin immediately seized him by the collar with one hand the inside of his handkerchief, and with the other caught hold of his legs, and threw him down, when they rifled him of the things mentioned in the indictment, Spicer crying out, "O John, I hope you won't be against me."

This cruel attack on the prosecutor happened to be overheard by one James Story, a servant to Mr. Wells, a gardener, who rushing out to the poor man's assistance, Austin and Bowman made off, and Story ran after to apprehend them, and overtook them, but Bowman and Austin facing about, one with a stick, the other with a cutlass, in order to attack him, he retreated to Spicer, whom he found in a most mangled condition, and took him to his master, from whence he was sent to the hospital, without hopes of recovery.

This was confirmed by Mr. Wells, who did everything in his power to comfort, assist, and stop the bleeding and wounds. Early the next morning, Story saw the prisoner coming towards the spot where this brutal scene took place, and looking about him; Story asked him what he was looking for, to which Austin replied, for some money that had been lost there; upon which Story, who before had some suspicions, apprehended Austin, and secured him in his master's stables; he was observed by Mr. Wells to secret a silk handkerchief and a pair of stockings in the rack, which turned out to be the prosecutor's property, and on Austin being shown to Spicer, was fixed on by him. This was the evidence, except the prisoner's cloaths being wet with blood when apprehended, which was proved by Story and Mr. Wells, and one Yardly, a constable, proved that Bowman and Austin had been companions on board the lighters together.

Being called on for his defence, he said, that he acted from the impulse of fear, and that he should not have assisted in the robbery but for the dread and threats of Bowman. The Jury without hesitation found him guilty; and the Recorder, who tried the prisoner, first consulting with Baron Eyre and Judge Nares, said he thought the case of such a nature that he should immediately pass sentence of death. Austin being asked the usual question of what he had to say why judgement of death should not be pronounced against him, replied, "I don't fear death, as I am not guilty, and shall die innocent."

The Recorder then addressed the prisoner as follows:-

John Austin, you have been tried and convicted by a just and yet merciful jury, upon the most clear and satisfactory evidence. So horrid a crime as you have been guilty of, in its nature so audacious and inhuman, calls aloud for the very severe and immediate inter-

position of justice. It has been the declared intention of our merciful Sovereign, that he will never shew any compassion to such wretches as you, who add cruelty to robbery, and whose attacks on the property of his peaceable and honest subjects are accompanied with acts, whereby the crime of murder may be added to that of robbery. Everybody must applaud a resolution founded on the strictest justice and necessity. It is peculiarly my duty to further his royal intentions, by making my report of such criminals as you the first opportunity after conviction; and, therefore, to carry his Majesty's purpose into effect, I shall report you as a fit object of punishment with all possible speed. Your crime has been accompanied with every species of aggravation. Under the mask of friendship you have robbed a poor innocent man, deluded by your treacherous designs, and your false friendship : it is further aggravated by the baseness and inhumanity of your deceit, which cannot entitle you to any instance of mercy, but requires that you may be made an example of immediate justice. On Monday, therefore, I shall make the report of you to his Majesty. I advise you to prepare your soul for that fate which I am now about to pronounce against you.

The Recorder then pronounced the usual sentence, and the prisoner was taken from the bar.

THE EXECUTION

Yesterday morning was executed, at Tyburn, John Austin, convicted last Saturday of robbing John Spicer in a field adjoining the highway at Bethnal green, and cutting and wounding him in a cruel manner. From Newgate to Tyburn the convict behaved with great composure. While the halter was tying the unhappy wretch trembled in a very extraordinary manner, his whole frame appearing to be violently convulsed. The Ordinary having retired from the cart, the convict addressed himself to the surrounding populace in the following words, "Good people, I request your prayers for the salvation of my departing soul; let my example teach you to shun the bad ways I have followed; keep good company, and mind the word of God." The cap being drawn over his face, he raised his hands, and cried, "Lord have mercy on me, Jesus look down with pity on me, Christ have mercy on my poor soul;" and while uttering these exclamations, the cart was driven away. The noose of the halter having slipped to the back part of his neck, it was full ten minutes before he was dead.

REFERENCE

Curiosities of Street Literature, London, Reeves and Turner, 196, Strand, 1871. Submitted by Pauline Austin.

QUERIES

8-1. **Elizabeth Austen** was married to John Bromley on 28 October 1746 in Linton, Kent, England. I would be interested in learning any information about her Austen family.

8-2. **John Austin Nockles** was my ancestor, his parents were married on 5 January 1801 in London. Has anyone come across an Austin-Nockles marriage in England – most likely in Kent or Norfolk – between 1720 and 1780?

8-3. **Benjamin Newell Austin** was married to Polly Wooster (or Worcester) and resided in Berwick, Maine in 1827 and in Somersworth, New Hampshire in 1846. They had a son David Austin b. 31 June 1827 in Berwick who died 30 July 1895 in Rochester, New Hampshire. Seeking Benjamin's ancestry.

8-4. **Henry P. Austin** was born circa 1810 in Virginia, he married Louise Blankerhave, born circa 1810 in Kentucky. They are in the 1850-1860-1870 Kentucky census. A Henry Austin appears in the Westmoreland County, Virginia census in 1840. Could this perhaps be my Henry? Seeking any information on Henry P. Austin's family.

8-5. **Henry Austin** was born in 1826, census records say in Fenlon Falls, Ontario, Canada. He might have been one of the five children of John Marks Austin of Tandragee, Ireland (his son James Austin born in 1813 was an incredibly successful Toronto businessman) except that John did not emigrate with his family to Toronto until 1829. Was the census wrong about Henry's birthplace? Any insight on my Henry Austin is needed!

8-6. **Robert Austin** was born circa 1776 in South Carolina. He perhaps married Margaret Allen. They ended up in Yancey County, North Carolina, and had two daughters: Rachel Austin (who married a Riddle) and Margaret Austin born 1810 who had sons Robert Burton Austin born 1828 and William M. Austin born 1832. I would like more information on Robert Austin's line. Was he perhaps a son of Nathaniel and Agnes Dickinson Austin of Greenville County, South Carolina?

8-7. **Benjamin Austin** was a baker, he married Letitia. Their son Benjamin Austin was baptised on 21 February 1827 in St. Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, England. He was a Master Grocer and married Ann Bickford Cole on 16 July 1856 in Charlton, Devon. Their daughter Hellen Austin was b. 23 August 1861 on Camden Street, Lady Wood, Birmingham, England. Perhaps Benjamin Austin was descended from a Thomas Osten who married Jane? Any further information on this Austin family would be greatly appreciated.

8-8. **Gilbert Edward Austin** born in 1871 and his wife Grace emigrated from London, England circa 1900, settling as fruit growers in Orange County, California. Their son Gilbert V. Austin (1897-1962), an Aetna Life Insurance agent, married Evangeline from Wisconsin. Their son Turner G. Austin (1931-1990) had two children and was living in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1962. Gilbert's elder brother Sidney Albert Austin (1861-1922) died in England, but his home address was West 25th Street in New York. He seems to have had a son Lorin William Austin. Seeking the ancestry of this Austin line.

**THE DESCENDANTS OF
ISAAC AUSTIN AND BARBARA BENSCOTER
OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

by Robert Krause Austin

[Continued from PAGE 927 of the AFGS *Austins of America* newsletter]

R22B-8211-15. ROBERT KRAUSE¹⁰ AUSTIN (*Charles M.,⁹ Miner B.,⁸ Isaac,⁷ Peter,⁶ Shadrach,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Anthony,³ Anthony,² Richard¹*) was born on 20 September 1922 at home in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In the sixth grade he worked on the Franklin Street School newspaper, *The Franklines*, participated in the chorus, and was stage manager for the drama club, which he much preferred to acting. He loved to read and travel, belonged to the Cub Scouts, and took ballroom dancing lessons in Wilkes-Barre. Robert graduated in 1940 from the Elmer L. Meyers High School, where he had been *The Elmprint* newspaper Printing Editor, Co-Manager of the stage crew, and Associate Editor of the 1940 *Colophon* yearbook. Robert also earned his varsity letter "M" in swimming.

Thinking of Lake Nuangola and of his parent's cottage brings back some kaleidoscopic memories of the many wonderful summers spent there in swimming, canoeing, sailing, rowing and hiking. Games like Hearts, Pinochle, Cinch and Michigan were played on the porch or in front of the living room fire. For many summers Robert slept more often in a tent than in the house. Clam bakes and weenie roasts were big social gatherings for folks of all ages. Each morning he went to the General Store and Post Office to pick up the mail, sometimes carrying home a five-gallon can of coal oil which he would set down, in order to rest, about every fifty feet or so. Kick the Can was played in front of the store on clear, quiet nights. They gathered cat-o'-nine-tails in the swamp, or caught tadpoles, greenies and lizards at the boardwalk. In the Fall they went berrying or picked cranberries in the swamp. They played in the woods, took boat rides to the island, and occasionally went into town for a movie, sandwich and lemon coke.

Many an hour was spent at the ice cream parlor on a rainy day, dancing to the juke box and making up our own confections. The chocolate-marshmallow-peanut-sundaes (CMPs) were popular.'

On Sunday afternoon, when no swimming was allowed, Robert would go to the Chapel with his father and toll

AFGS Photo 9-1

Robert Krause Austin – photo taken in 1942

the church bell for the three o'clock service. There were also chores to do – cutting grass and firewood, filling the stove and fireplace woodboxes, filling up the big brass washtub on Sunday nights so that the water could be heated for Monday's wash day. On Labor Day the Lake Association sponsored races for all ages. They raced in wash tubs, canoes and boats. There were also diving and swimming events. Bob's father Charles Austin judged and announced these events for as many years as Bob can remember. Charles' megaphone was always kept in his bedroom closet. For years the Austin gang entered everything for which they were eligible, and won many a medal, Hershey bar, or flashlight.

During his teenage years Robert held a variety of jobs to earn 'pin money.' He sold playing cards and Christmas cards for a Chicago firm, ammonia, blueing and vanilla extract for the Austin Manufacturing Company of Wilkes-Barre (no relation), and picked up and returned clothes for a dry cleaning establishment. One of his favorite jobs was that of lamplighter. He had about six kerosene lamps in the Pines and on the boardwalks which had to be lighted each evening and extinguished in the mornings. Once a week he cleaned their globes, trimmed their wicks, and replenished their kerosene. The other job he liked was being janitor of the dance pavilion. He and his brother 'Gibby' spent four hours on Saturday mornings sweeping the floor, then in late afternoon they dusted the seats. For this they were admitted

AFGS Photo 10**Austin Gravestone**

The tombstone of Robert Krause Austin's great-grandfather Rev. Isaac Austin and his wife Barbara Bencotter Austin is located in the Bencotter Cemetery, in Muhlenburg, Pennsylvania. They were interred on the family farm, but today the cemetery is encircled, except for an access road, by property belonging to the Morgan Hill Golf Club. The stone is a very large and heavy piece of Vermont granite. Today it shows no sign of the wear or erosion found on many other markers in the cemetery. It appears to have been installed very recently, but this is not the case.

The stone was purchased from a monument company in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, late in the nineteenth century, but well before any automobiles or trucks were available. Because of its size and weight, the marker could only be shipped by rail. The nearest railroad line ran beside the Susquehanna River south to Shickshinny and then on to Harrisburg. The closest it came to Muhlenburg (which is north of Shickshinny) was six miles. Since there were no scheduled stops near Muhlenburg, special arrangements had to be made with the railroad for the train to stop at a spot closest to the cemetery.

When the train arrived at the designated location, it was met by a large group of local farmers with a heavy duty farm wagon and two teams of horses. Using heavy ropes and iron bars as levers, the men and horses were able to successfully transfer the monument from the railroad flat car to the wagon. The trip to the cemetery was rather slow and difficult, as most of it was on an upward slope. Then a sand bar was encountered, and the wagon's wheels sank until the wagon bed was flat on the ground.

A stone sledge was then brought to the scene and placed alongside the mired wagon. Again the brute strength of the men and horses moved the marker from the wagon to the sledge before they could continue the trip to the cemetery. The remainder of the journey was uneventful and they were able to place the tombstone in its present position.

to the dance free, saving 50 cents, and were each given one dollar in cash. This enabled them to take a girl to the dance and still have enough left over for two CMPs at intermission. Robert also spent a couple of summers doing yard work, floor painting, sweeping and dusting for the Union Chapel.

Each summer masquerades were held for children and adults. The Austin family took many prizes over the years, and Robert had his share, winning at the Junior Masquerade every year from 1927 to 1934 for costumes such as Tarzan, Fisk Tire, Balloon Man, Firecracker and

Sawed-off Man. He also teamed up with Mitzi Weer and Betty Albert as groom and bride and cop and maid to win couples prizes on three occasions. At Carnival time the cottagers decorated their homes, docks and boats and a water parade was held and prizes awarded. The Fourth of July fireworks included sparklers, Roman candles, cherry bombs, Chinese fingers and carbide cannons. In 1935 the Grove Theatre was built and a summer stock company came to Lake Nuangola. Robert met such well-known personalities as Sally Rand, Roscoe Ates and others who came to star in productions. He and his oldest brother 'Dip' spent a lot of time around the scenery barn and over a five-year period they learned a great deal about building, painting, erecting, striking and shifting sets, as well as lighting, acting and directing.

In high school Robert Austin switched from the College Preparatory course to printing, graduating in June 1940 with a Technical Arts diploma. That fall he entered Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, working towards a Printing Engineering degree, but in November 1940 he had an appendectomy, missing mid-semester exams. That plus several weeks convalescence caused him to withdraw from school and return to Wilkes-Barre. He went on a blind date to a New Year's Eve party, and met 'the girl,' Ellen Jane Williams, who went by the name of 'Honey.' He told her on their first date that he was going to marry her, but she thought it was just a line.

In 1941 Robert worked briefly as a wire splicer for the Hazard Wire Rope Company, making bomb hoists for Navy planes. He was a chauffeur and life guard for a while. Passing Civil Service exams, Robert found work with the printing department of the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office. He departed for Washington on the same day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Wartime gas rationing made travel difficult, but he managed to save enough "A" stamps to make the trip to Wilkes-Barre about once a month to see 'Honey.'

On 4 July 1942 Robert was seriously injured in a car accident, with three broken ribs, smashed eye sockets and right cheek bone, numerous torn jaw muscles, and injuries to his left knee. Dr. William C. Malloy, a facial bone specialist, restored his face to 'mint' condition.

Robert resigned his job with the Navy Department in November 1942, and volunteered for the Marine Corps in December 1942. His father did not think he would get past the physical exam, but with a few 'white lies' and some luck, he made it. Boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, was as rough, tough and nasty as everyone had predicted, but every man was well trained, and there was a tremendous esprit de corps. His first assignment was to the Personnel Classification School at Parris Island, where he classified Marines throughout the United States, which involved a great deal of travel. On weekends he made extra money as a lifeguard, saving enough to buy an engagement ring from his uncle Juan Krause. While on leave in September 1943, Robert and Jane Williams became engaged. He was so nervous that he almost put the ring on her right hand!

His next assignment was to the 14th Artillery Regiment, Fourth Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California. His records were misplaced and for ten weeks Robert could not even get paid, so he worked for pocket change at the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Company in San Diego. In November 1943 he was given an emergency furlough to fly home, as his father was gravely ill with cancer. He died only hours before Robert arrived.

The outfit shipped out in January 1944, but Robert was left behind to assist the Regimental Loading Officer. He compiled unit, personnel, and tonnage tables, and made up and drove in convoys. He later acted as supervisor to a San Diego docks loading crew. In February he was shipped to Hawaii and caught up with the Fourth at their base camp on Maui. The Fourth had already seen action at Florida, Tulagi and Roi-Namur islands, all of which Robert had missed. Their camp was on the side of the dormant Haleakala volcano. Liberty was usually spent at Paia, Lahaina or Wailuku. They enjoyed steak and eggs, pineapple sundaes, swimming, shopping, roller-skating or movies. In June they sailed to Honolulu and took on provisions before heading to destinations unknown, ready for amphibious warfare.

Their destination proved to be Saipan in the Marianas Islands. It was heavily fortified by the Japanese and it took the Second and Fourth Marine Divisions plus the 127th Army Division thirty days and many casualties to capture it. Next they crossed a narrow channel and attacked Tinian. On Saipan Robert went ashore six hours after the initial assault on D-Day plus one. Saipan was to be used as a base for B-29 aircraft and Tinian as a base for fighter planes. At that time they were closer to Tokyo

AFGS Photo 11

Robert Krause Austin & Ellen Jane Williams in 1945 (Wedding Picture)

(1200 miles) than any other American troops. For their part in these two campaigns, the unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon their return to Maui, Robert was ordered to apply for a Naval V-12 Unit as an officer candidate. He sailed to San Francisco, then to Camp Lejuene, North Carolina for three weeks of academic review courses, and then on 1 November 1944 to Villanova College in Pennsylvania. He completed three semesters of courses towards an Engineering degree, but was bad at physics and learned that he was not cut out to be an Engineer. In college he was stage manager for two productions, and keeper of the school mascot, a baby wildcat named Count Villain II. His greatest pursuit, however, was Ellen Jane Williams, born on 2 September 1923 in Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Owen John & Flora Jane (Hore) Williams. Bob saw her at every available opportunity.

The Japanese agreed to an unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. Two months later, on 21 October 1945, Robert Krause Austin and Ellen Jane Williams were married in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania at the Methodist Church by Reverend Edgar F. Singer. No invitations had been sent out, but nearly a thousand people attended the affair. His mother said the people waiting on the lawn as they came out of the church resembled a Polish picnic. Gas rationing, a small town, a church on a main street, both families being from the area, the joy at the war's ending, and many caring friends contributed to the large attendance. They honeymooned in the Poconos, and had

AFGS Photo 12

Robert Krause Austin, Ellen Jane (Williams) Austin and children Susan Jane Austin, Judith Gail Austin and Robert John Austin. Photograph taken in 1965.

a week in New York where they saw *The Red Mill* and *Oklahoma!* and danced to the music of Tommy Dorsey at the 400 Club. On 1 November Robert was given the choice of remaining in school and becoming an officer, or taking a discharge. Ten days later he was a civilian.

Jane's father died in 1939, when she was only 16. Her 'Aunt' Mildred Pryn took her to New York City in 1937, bought her a prom gown, and later her wedding gown in Philadelphia. Jane enjoyed swimming, was always on the high school's honor roll, was active in dramatic productions, was Class Secretary every year, and was Editor of the school newspaper. Her mother was good with money and totally self-sacrificing, but Jane could not afford college, so after graduation in 1941 she had gone to work for the Sordoni Construction Company in their payroll and benefits department.

Robert was a laborer in Forty Fort for a while before he entered Bucknell University with support under the G. I. Bill of Rights. He received a B. S. in Education in June 1948 and an M. S. in Education in August 1948. While in school Robert worked various jobs – including one in maintenance at the University and one as a haberdashery clerk – but his main job was as an industrial construction laborer. In 1946 they acquired a car, a 1928 Chrysler, and in February 1947 their first child Susan was born.

After graduation Robert taught English at Council Rock High School in Newtown, Pennsylvania for three years. During this time he took courses at Temple University, but never completed all of the doctoral requirements. He was a patrolman at the General Motors plant one summer. He also assisted a mortician, worked in a machine shop, and did carpentry. In August 1951 Robert became the Guidance Counselor at New Hope-Solebury High School in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Jane worked part time as a bookkeeper, and between them they managed financially.

In 1955, however, their daughter Judith was hospitalized four times. Her medical bills were high, and Robert sought something more lucrative than teaching. In August 1955 he went to work for General Motors in Wilmington, Delaware. They bought a home at 4521 Hendry Avenue, and still live

there today. Jane continued as a homemaker, and was also very active in church and civic affairs.

Bob had begun PTA work in 1948 and continued until their youngest child Rob graduated in 1972. Church activities also kept Bob and Jane busy. They joined the Stanton Methodist Church (later St. Mark's), where they were both very active. Bob taught the Men's Bible Class for one year and the teen-age youth class for thirteen years. He also served on several committees and as a lay speaker he preached in many Delaware and Pennsylvania churches to Methodist men's organizations and other church and Masonic groups. He served on the Stanton School Board of Education for 16 years.

The family started camping in 1957, covering thousands of miles in seeing the U. S. and Canada over the years. They joined the Oakwood Valley Swim Club in 1959. Robert was certified by the Delaware Swimming and Diving Officials Association as a timer, stroke and turn judge, and starter. He was an announcer for Oakwood Valley's home meets, and officiated at three Middle Atlantic College Conference Championships. In 1971 Robert Austin received an award from General Motors for his outstanding community service.

Bob and Jane have been members of the YMCA since 1972, and swim almost every day. For several years Bob was a member of the Delaware Track and Field Club and officiated at meets at the University of Delaware, where he was also an usher for eight years during the football season. He remains an active stamp collector. Another interest is antique American Autos and he has several hundred pictures and slides of pre-1942 cars. His father interested Bob in genealogy, and he spends much of his spare time working on the family tree, which he calls "a labor of love."

Robert and Jane enjoyed trips to England and Wales in 1978, to the Holy Land in April 1979, and have traveled extensively since that time. Robert retired from General Motors in 1980, then was a substitute teacher in local high schools for eight years. He spent much time volunteering, and twice received the Delaware Governor's Award for Volunteerism. His favorite activity has been portraying Happy, M.M.D. (Doctor of Mirth & Merriment), a clown at the local hospital. Robert and Jane have three children: R22B-8211-151. SUSAN JANE AUSTIN, b. 4 February 1947 +

R22B-8211-152. JUDITH GAIL AUSTIN, b. 5 February 1949 +

R22B-8211-153. ROBERT JOHN AUSTIN, b. 26 August 1954 +

**STARYL CHESTER AUSTIN, JR.
MEETS ONE LAST TIME WITH OTHER
P-47 THUNDERBOLT PILOTS**

by Gloria Clark

Editor's Notes: The following article appeared in the April 2005 issue of the Marion Polk and Coastal Counties Edition of the *Northwest Senior News*, a monthly newspaper published in Keizer, Oregon. It is reprinted here with the kind permission of the newspaper's Editor Trude McMillin. Staryl Chester Austin, Jr. descends from Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island. On 23 June 1980 Brigadier General Austin was awarded The Distinguished Service Medal.

SALEM, OREGON – It's all about the airplane and has been all about the airplane since "the" air war, which needs no further identification to those of a certain age.

The first flight of the P-47 Thunderbolt was in early 1941. The P-47 was destined to become a reliable fighter for the hundreds of pilots who flew one in World War II. The P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association had its first reunion in May 1963 and will hold its last reunion this year from May 5 to 8 at the South Center Doubletree Suites Hotel in Seattle 60 years after the end of WWII.

"This is the final reunion because we're all getting old, and we thought the anniversary was a good time to stop," says Staryl Chester Austin, Jr., the Association's National Vice President. "We've had them both nationally and internationally, and I have gone to most of them, and I will be at the final one, our 43rd reunion," says the 84-year-old veteran.

AFGS Photo 13-1

(Small uncaptioned photo of Staryl Chester Austin, Jr.)

"I flew 58 missions based out of Belgium, Holland, and eventually Germany, and all of my missions were in support of our ground forces," recalls the man who retains his military posture. "No dogfighting for us, that was up higher. We were normally below 10,000 feet on our missions. We were strafing anything that moved, trucks or trains, whatever was trying to get supplies to German troops. Many times we would wait until someone on the ground told us the target, a factory for instance, that they wanted us to hit and we went after it."

Austin was very close to the front during the Battle of the Bulge, and was there for the crossing of the Rhine

AFGS Photo 13-2

1st Lt. Staryl Chester Austin, Jr in 1944

River which he says was almost as big an operation as D-Day. "The Germans considered the Rhine a natural barrier and did not want us to cross it which accounted for their more than usual ferocity in trying to stop us from succeeding." The pilot has to think a bit about his closest call. "It was 88mm flak from the Germans that went close up to the nose of my plane, but I'd always planned on coming home to get married so I wasn't worried. Those who worried about getting shot down in many cases did get shot down because they became too cautious. Your attitude helped you get through."

The P-47 was of no small assistance. "It was the best airplane we could possibly have for ourselves," declares Austin. "It could be hit by ground fire and still fly home. Some other planes in WWII couldn't do that. I enjoyed flying it except I didn't like getting shot at, and we got shot at every time we went on a mission. We expected it, but it was never mundane. You just kept your mind on what you were doing, because if you thought of getting shot down or killed or taken prisoner, you were in even more danger."

The Salem resident and graduate of Salem High School counts himself fortunate. "Both pilots I was close to in the war survived, and I see them regularly." The P-47, a propeller aircraft, gets the credit rather than the pilot who, nonetheless, must have used his abilities to guide it from the time it took off until it landed back on base.

AFGS Photo 14**Staryl Austin's plane, the P47D-30-RA Thunderbolt**

Austin went into the Army Air Corps on 23 September 1942 and started out training with four different airplanes. On 1 October 1943 he was made a 2nd Lt. and served as a P-47s instructor before being sent overseas. He had tried to get in cadet training when he joined up, but did not qualify, so he began with glider pilot training.

"I always wanted to fly, and when Pearl Harbor was attacked, I knew I'd be going into the service," recalls Austin. "I have no regrets about what I did during the war, not a one. After the war I went to Spartan School of Aeronautics in the Reserves, and later became one of the charter members of the post-war Oklahoma Air National Guard. I was recalled during the Korean War. I was deployed to Europe and flew an F-84 jet to protect us from an invasion there while we were busy in Korea. And they sent a bunch of us to France, through NATO, at the very beginning of the Cold War."

When he went to work for the Oregon Air National Guard, he stayed there until he was 60 years old. Then it was the Department of Veterans Affairs for four years as Director. "I'm still on the Advisory Committee with them," reports the Brigadier General, USAF, Retired. He ticks off the catalog of positions that constitute his life-long commitment to the service of his country. He also mentions, with a hint of pride in his voice, that both his father and his father-in-law were WWI veterans.

"We expect about 200 members plus wives and guests at the reunion in May," says Austin. Presumably the P-47 will be the focal point of conversation interspersed with other comments connected with 'the' war, but always returning to the plane, which was a huge gas guzzler, but got the survivors back home safely. The losses will also be acknowledged, yet those who got through will probably credit the plane rather than themselves; the P-47 they think of as reliable, though its weight and excessive fuel usage made it unfit for peacetime flying." "There are still about 1300 members of the Association with attrition over the years due to the deaths of many others," say Austin. "We've had guys 80 years old send us money for a life membership when they found out about us," he laughs. Call Austin at 503-363-2508 or check the web site at p47pilots.com for more information about the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association reunion.

The 1850 US Census for the District of Columbia appears here on half of Page 14. This census has been removed from this document and appears elsewhere on this web site.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
THOMAS AUSTIN AND SARAH PARROTT
OF BATH, SOMERSET, ENGLAND**

*by Sally Anne Lambden Shine,
Lorna Meehl and Jenny Kisler*

T. THOMAS¹ AUSTIN was married by banns on 22 September 1806 to Sarah Parrott. 'Thomas Aust' and 'Sarah Parrot' were married just across the Bristol Channel at Chepstow, Llandaff, Monmouthshire, Wales. There is a place called Aust which is the other side of the ferry (now the Severn Bridge) from Chepstow. Sarah was baptised on 26 October 1788 in Chepstow, the daughter of Thomas Parrott and Elizabeth Morgan, who had been married by banns in Chepstow on 26 December 1786. Sarah's sister Charlotte was baptised 10 January 1790 in Chepstow.

At the time of his daughter Selina's baptism in 1829 in Bath, Somerset, England, Thomas was listed as a labourer living at No. 1 Snow Hill. On 9 October 1833 the ship *Edward Colston* from Liverpool arrived in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The ship's records list 74 passengers: there were no Austins, but Thomas Aust and his six children. Two of the children were listed as Sarah and Charlotte. In Selina's death listing, her father is listed as a butcher. On James' marriage certificate and on Amelia's death certificate, Thomas was listed as a gardener. Thomas and Sarah had eleven children, all of them were born in England:

- T1. SUSANNAH AUSTIN, *bp. 6 March 1808 +*
- T2. WILLIAM AUSTIN, *bp. 12 October 1809+*
- T3. JAMES AUSTIN, *bp. 10 November 1811 +*
- T4. THOMAS AUSTIN, *bp. 26 March 1815 at St. Swithen's in Bath.*
- T5. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA AUSTIN, *bp. 2 August 1818 at St. Swithens in Bath, m. 1 July 1834 in Hobart to Emanuel Brown. He d. 17 June 1883 in Hobart at age 83.*
- T6. FREDERICK EDWIN AUSTIN, *bp. 2 August 1818 at St. Swithins Church in Bath, d. 2 January 1821, bur. Bath.*
- T7. FREDERICK EDWIN AUSTIN, *bp. 4 February 1821 at St. Swithins in Bath. He was buried 1 August 1821.*
- T8. URIAH THOMAS AUSTIN, *bp. 18 May 1823 +*
- T9. SARAH AUSTIN, *bp. 8 April 1827 at St. Swithins in Bath, she m. at age 21 on 3 February 1845 in Hobart Town, Tasmania to Joseph Fletcher age 35.*
- TA. SELINA AUSTIN, *bp. 7 August 1829 +*
- TB. AMELIA AUSTIN, *bp. in April 1832 in St. Swithins Church in Bath, d. November 1833.*

SECOND GENERATION

T1. SUSANNAH² AUSTIN (*Thomas*¹) was baptised on 6 March 1808 in Chepstow, Llandaff, Monmouthshire, Wales. She was married on 24 December 1833 in the Parish of Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania to widower Daniel Williams. He was born in Liverpool, England and baptised on 3 April 1807 in Whissendine, Rutland, England, the son of Daniel Williams (1768-) and Sarah Tuckwood. On 9 October 1833 Daniel had arrived in Australia with his wife Charlotte Augusta (Barwise) Williams and their sons John Thomas Williams and three year old Joseph Barwise Williams on the ship *Edward Colston*, along with Thomas Austin and his children. Charlotte died at age 30 on 18 November 1833, only five weeks after her arrival in Australia. A month later Daniel married Susannah, who he likely met during the long ship's passage from England. Daniel died in 1873, Susannah died 18 September 1887 at age 79 in Sale, Victoria, Australia. Susannah raised Daniel's sons from his first marriage, and she had nine other children by him:

- T11. JOSEPH BARWISE WILLIAMS, *bp. 8 February 1830 at St. Peters in Liverpool, m. 1854 Sarah Jane Bowden. Two children: Charlotte August Williams b. 1888 in Geelong and Josephine Williams b. 1863 Ballarat d. 1882 age 17 (sic).*
- T12. JOHN THOMAS WILLIAMS, *b. circa 1832*
- T13. MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS, *b. 1834, d. 1877*
- T14. FREDERICK EDWIN WILLIAMS, *b. 1836, d. 1882.*
- T15. SUSANNA WILLIAMS, *b. 1838, d.1839 (twin)*
- T16. AMELIA WILLIAMS, *b. 1838, d.1839 (twin)*
- T17. EMMA AUGUSTA WILLIAMS, *b. 1840, d.1924.*
- T18. SUSANNAH WILLIAMS, *b. 1842, d.1923.*
- T19. DANIEL AUSTIN WILLIAMS, *b. 1844, d.1911.*
- T1A. THOMAS ALBERT WILLIAMS, *b. 1847, d.1934.*
- T1B. CHARLOTTE BARWISE WILLIAMS, *b. 1850, d. 1837*

T2. WILLIAM² AUSTIN (*Thomas*¹) was baptised on 12 October 1809 in Saint Swithen's Church in Bath, Somerset, England. On 29 March 1831 William (age 21 and a kitchen gardener) and his brother James were put on trial in Somerset for highway robbery. They were both convicted and sentenced at Bridgewater, Somerset Quarter Sessions on 13 April 1831 to life (originally they were both sentenced to death, according to the *Bridgewater Advertiser*). At the time both men were from Bathampton, Somerset. On 2 August 1831 they were deported as prisoners from London aboard the ship *Strathfieldsay*, arriving in Australia on 15 November 1831. William Aust was married on 27 December 1841 to Helen McIntosh, who was born circa 1803. They may have had children, but none were found in the *Victoria Pioneer Index* or the *Tasmania Pioneer Index*.

T3. JAMES² AUSTIN (*Thomas*¹) was baptised on 10 November 1811 in St. Swithen's Church in Bath, Somerset, England. On 29 March 1831 James and his older brother William (see above) were convicted in Somerset, England for highway robbery, and arrived in Australia 15 November 1831 aboard the *Strathfieldsay*. He married first circa 1843 (approved 28 September 1843, but no marriage record has been found) in Tasmania, Australia to Ann Leach, born circa 1804 in Rockford, Essex, England, the daughter of Sarah. Ann married — Berry/Bessy?, but by 1842 she was a widow with two children, working as a house and laundry maid. She was convicted of larceny in Lancashire, Salford Quarter session 4 July 1842, and sentenced to seven years. Her children were left with her brother Francis, a druggist at Rochford or Rochdale. Ann arrived in Australia on 2 January 1843 on the *Garland Grove*. Her Ticket of Leave was dated 7 October 1845 and her Free Certificate dated 4 October 1851. Ann died on 11 March 1853. James Austin was married second on 5 February 1854 in the Church of Scotland in Colac, Geelong Land District, Polwarth County, Victoria, to widow Sarah Ann Leach of Colac, born circa 1830 in Peterborough, Cambridge, England. The Victorian Marriage Index 538 lists James as age 38, a gardener living in Colac. He signed with an X since he could not write.

Sarah was age 23 and a housekeeper in Colac when she first married. She could not sign her name at that time, but listed her parents as iron monger William Bray and Elizabeth Andrews. Sarah's first husband had died on 14 June 1853, leaving her with a daughter Henrietta Sarah.

James Austin purchased land from Richard Coney. He was a gardener and freehold on the Colac voter's roll in 1857. He suffered for six weeks before dying of cardiac dropsy on 31 December 1873 in Colac. Again a widow, and with 12 children, Sarah Ann Austin married J. Soley. By then she had learned to write, and signed her name. At that time she listed her parents as William Leach and Elizabeth Andrews. Her oldest daughter Henrietta Crotaz witnessed this third marriage.

Sarah actively managed property and advertised a house and land for rent in the local paper on 4 April 1879. In 1890 she rented a house to A. Short for 2 months for £3, and leasing it for £35 per year during 1891. In 1895 she sold three bullocks for £11/14/0. In 1901-2 she leased Thomas Maloney of Elliminyt 40 acres of pasture land.

Sarah Soley attended the Church of England. She was admitted to the Colac Hospital on 21 September 1916 at age 86, her father was listed as William Leach. She died as a result of endocarditis exhaustion on 28 June 1917 in Colac. She was buried with her second husband James Austin in Colac Cemetery. Sarah and James Austin raised her twelve children, all were born in Colac:

T31. HENRIETTA SARAH CROTAZ, *b. 1853, d. at age 31 on 22 April 1884.*

T32. AMELIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN, *b. 1854 +*

T33. MATILDA EMMA AUSTIN, *b. 1856, d. 15 April 1859 in Colac.*

T34. GEORGINA MAY "GINA" AUSTIN, *b. 1858 +*

T35. EMMA MATILDA AUSTIN, *b. 1860 +.*

T36. SELINA SUSAN AUSTIN, *b. 1862 +*

T37. ALBERT WILLIAM JAMES AUSTIN, *b. 1864, d. 7 September 1899 in Geelong, Victoria, bur. in Colac Cemetery with his parents.*

T38. ADA MALVINA AUSTIN, *b. 1866 +*

T39. ANN SELINA AUSTIN, *b. 1869, d. 30 May 1869 in Colac.*

T3A. ARTHUR REUBEN AUSTIN, *b. 1870*

T3B. ALFRED FREEMAN AUSTIN, *b. 1870 +*

T3C. EVA FLORENCE AUSTIN, *b. 1872 +*

T8. URIAH THOMAS² AUSTIN (*Thomas*¹) was christened on 18 May 1823 in Bath, Somerset, England, his father Thomas was listed as a labourer at the time. Uriah was a bachelor living in Geelong, Victoria, Australia and working as a sawyer when he married on 18 September 1854 at Christ Church in Geelong to Ann Blair. She was born on 31 July 1832 in Kilfinan, Argyll, Scotland, daughter of Neil Blair and Mary MacLachlan. Neil was a mason. At the time of her marriage Ann was a spinster age 22 and was working as a servant and residing in Geelong. She had older siblings: Janet b. 1821, Donald b. 1823, Peter b.1826, John b.1828 and Margaret b.1830. Uriah and Ann had three children:

T81. SARAH ANN AUSTIN, *b. 1855*

T82. [UNNAMED] AUSTIN, *b. 1857*

T83. NEIL BLAIR AUSTIN, *b. 1860*

TA. SELINA² AUSTIN (*Thomas*¹) was christened on 7 August 1829 at St. Swithens Church in Bath, Somerset, England. She arrived in Australia with her father and siblings in October 1833. She was married on 12 September 1854 at St. Peter's Church in Melbourne, Victoria to blacksmith John Robinson of Geelong, Victoria. She could not write at the time and signed the marriage certificate with an X. Witnesses were Thomas Austin (who also signed with an X) and George Thomas Lupson.

John Robinson was born circa 1817 in Willenhall, Staffordshire, England, the son of John Robinson and Ann Burgess. He had arrived in Australia on the *Waterloo* in December 1848, the ship's list has him as age 30-31 years. In 1853 he had been living at Batesford and worked as a farmer. John had blonde curly hair and blue eyes. He must have been muscular to have been a blacksmith, but was not quite five feet tall. Selina must have been petite as well, for on his deathbed John said "I'm

coming little woman, I'm coming." He was reputed to have put some shoes on 'back to front' on certain horses for bushrangers (outlaws living in the Australian bush).

Like many of that era, Selina loved to bake rhubarb pies. After they were baked the pies were placed on the windowsill to cool. What an aroma they must have had, for sometimes the aborigines would sneak up to the window and steal them! On 9 June 1868 at age 38 Selina was admitted to the Ballarat Hospital, recommended by J. J. Gollin. She was suffering from cancer of the uterus, and living at Saw Pit Gully at the time. She was discharged as being no better on 18 October 1868. Selina died six months later on 6 April 1869 in Jacksons Gully, Victoria. Her death certificate states that she was buried at the Rokewood Cemetery by the Church of England Minister John Caton. John Robinson died at age 82 on 19 July 1899 in Mount Doran, Victoria. John and Selina raised eight children, the first two were likely John's by an earlier marriage:

- TA1. SUSANNAH ROBINSON, *b. circa 1848 in Geelong, Victoria, she m. 11 June 1866 in the British Hotel, Rokewood, Victoria, to Anton Meehl bc.1837 Bavaria, Germany, the son of John Meehl b. 1811 and Catherine Schreiber b.1815. Susannah's father was so annoyed with his daughter's running off at age 17 to be married that he disowned her. Anton d. 14 June 1902 in Dereel, Victoria, Susannah d. there 4 December 1909. This couple had fourteen children: Anna b. 1867, John b.1868, Anton b.1870, Selina b.1871, Albert and Emma b.1873 (twins), Henry b.1875, Philip Anton b.1878, Florence Louisa b.1880, Susannah b.1882, Kasper Albert b.1885, Frederick Albert b.1888, James Stanley b.1891, Christian Meehl b.1893*
- TA2. SARAH ROBINSON, *b. 7 March 1853, Batesford, Victoria, m.1877 in Victoria to James Plotzza, bc.1845 Switzerland. James d. on 28 May 1910 in Ballarat, Victoria. This couple had nine children: Stephen b.1877, Catherine b.1880, James b.1882, Mary b.1884, Alice, Theresa b.1887, Hilda, Annie and Albert.*
- TA3. FREDERICK ALBERT DANIEL ROBINSON, *b. 11 April 1855, Chilwell, Victoria, m. 31 May 1876 Ballarat, Victoria to Josephine Almans b.1855 in Ballarat, daughter of Joseph Daniel Almans and Ellen Gillespie. Frederick d. 5 March 1934 in Geelong, Victoria, while Josephine d. 20 September 1936 in Ballarat. This couple had nine children: Frederick Albert John b.1876, Mary Elizabeth b.1878, William Joseph b.1880, Josephine "Elizabeth" b.1883, Samuel Henry b.1884, Thomas Arthur b.1886, Cecile Bernice b.1887, John Edward b.1889 and George Ernest b.1891.*
- TA4. SAMUEL ROBINSON, *b. 7 October 1859, Little Hard Hill, Victoria, m. 17 December 1890 in Ballarat, Victoria to Wilhelmenia Almans b. 15 September 1873 in Whim Holes, Enfield, Victoria. Samuel d. 8 May 1943 in Ballarat, Wilhelmenia d. 13 December 1954 in Lal Lal, Victoria. This couple had*

eleven children, all born in Lal Lal: Samuel b.1891, Selina Josephine b.1892, Wilamena Rose b.1894, Samuel John b.1897, Arthur Gilbert b.1900, Ernest Edward b.1903, Herbert Joseph b.1905, Priscilla Grace b.1908, Hedley John b.1910, Allan Austin b.1912, Ivy Jean b.1915.

- TA5. THOMAS ROBINSON, *b. ca. 1861, Australia, d. 12 December 1930 in Meredith, Victoria.*
- TA6. WILLIAM JOHN ROBINSON, *b. ca. 1863, Dereel, Rokewood, Victoria, he m. in 1887 to Sarah Ann Johnson b. 1868 in Mount Doran, Victoria, daughter of William Henry Johnson and Caroline Pearson. William d. 17 June 1930 in Meredith, Victoria, while Sarah d. 19 February 1931 in Mount Doran. This couple had nine children, the first three born in Lal Lal, Victoria, the next five in Elaine, Victoria, and the last in Staffordshire, Reef, Victoria: William Henry b.1888, Helena May b.1890, Lillian Hester b.1892, Ruby Ethel b.1894, Leslie John b.1897, Florence Hannah b.1900, Albert George b.1902, Percival Rupert b.1904, Eric Llewellyn b.1909.*
- TA7. HELEN "NELLIE" ROBINSON, *b. 4 March 1865 in Saw Pit Gully, Victoria. She m(1) to Richard Charles Wier, they had four children: James b.1883, Robert b.1885, Rose May b.1886, Elizabeth "Lizzie" b.1888. Helen m(2) in Dunedin, New Zealand to John Frederick William Fisher, b. 4 March 1863 in Tokomairiro, "Milton", New Zealand, the son of John Frederick Fisher (1820-1888) and Annie McDonald (1837-1881). John d. 5 May 1911 in Prahran, Melbourne, Victoria, while Helen d. on 21 September 1942 on Mulgrave Street, Elsternwick, Victoria. This couple had seven children: Lena b.1892, Linda b.1894, William b.1896, Laura b.1897, Leonard Fisher b. 6 January 1901 (in St. Kilda, Victoria, d. 30 September 1961 in Brighton, Victoria, he is the author's grandfather), Nellie b.1904, Albert 1906.*
- TA8. HANNAH "ANNIE" ROBINSON, *b. 4 February 1867, Springcreek, Victoria; m. 10 July 1883 to Steffano Zappelli; b. ca. 1854 in Lombardy, Italy, son of Joseppi Zappelli and Caterina Marchezi. Steffano d. 16 February 1931, Caulfield, Victoria. This couple had ten children: Josipp b.1885, Katherine b.1886, Stephen John b.1888, Rose b.1891, Charles, Peter, Lina b.1895, Olive b.1897, Dorothy and Effie.*

THIRD GENERATION

T32. AMELIA ELIZABETH³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1854 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married in 1873 in Victoria to Francis Bowen, who was born in January 1849 in Middlesex, London, England. He was the son of Francis Bowen (-1868) and Elizabeth Shipton (1819-1891). Francis died on 11 January 1885 in Victoria, while Amelia died on 11 July 1911 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This couple had seven children, all of them were born in Colac:

- T111. AMELIA ELIZABETH BOWEN, *b. 1874, d. in March 1899 in Colac, bur. Colac Cemetery.*

- T112. FRANCIS BOWEN, *b. 2 May 1876* *March 1957 in Ballarat, while Clarence d. 20 May 1974 in Ballarat.*
- T113. ALFRED JAMES AUSTIN BOWEN, *b. 1877, d. 12 November 1903, Armadale, Victoria, bur. Brighton Cemetery, Victoria.*
- T114. SELINA SARAH BOWEN, *b. 1879, m. 24 March 1903 in Christian Chapel, Prahran, Victoria to Thomas James Emerson, b. 1868 Ballarat, Victoria, son of William Emerson and Mary Hannah Searle. Selina d. 12 October 1915, Surrey Hills, Victoria. She and Thomas had three children b. in Elsternwick, Victoria: Frances Rose b.1906, Thomas George b.1908, Elinor Milvie b.1910.*
- T115. GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, *b. 1880*
- T116. BERTHA ANN BOWEN, *b. 1882, d. 20 June 1887 in Colac, bur. Geelong Cemetery, Victoria*
- T117. ROSINA FRANCES BOWEN, *b. 1885*
- T33. GEORGINA MAY³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1858 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. Known as "Gina," she married James Bruce in 1877 in Victoria. James was born circa 1852 in Scotland, the son of James Bruce (1823-1889) and Ann Mabon (1820-1876). James died in September 1913 in Geelong, Victoria, while Georgina died 21 May 1940 in Geelong. This couple had three children:
- T331. JAMES ARTHUR AUSTIN BRUCE, *b. 1878 in Colac, Victoria, m.1904 in Victoria to Eva Beatrice Boyd, who was born in Geelong. James d. 1936 in Seddon, Victoria. This couple had three ch. b. in Footscray, Victoria: Claudia Annie Marion b.1905, Georgina May Beatrice b.1907, Arthur Leslie Austin b.1909.*
- T332. ALBERT ERNEST BRUCE, *b. 1879 in Colac, Victoria, d. 24 July 1940 in Geelong, bur. in Western Cemetery in Geelong.*
- T333. CLAUD ALEXANDER BRUCE, *b. 1884 Geelong, Victoria, d. February 1901 Geelong, buried in the Western Cemetery in Geelong.*
- T34. EMMA MATILDA³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1860 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married Joseph Kellett in 1881 in Victoria. He was born circa 1853 in Yorkshire, England. Emma died in July 1934 in Ballarat, Victoria, while Joseph died there in August 1935. This couple had five children, all were born in Ballarat:
- T341. JOSEPH JAMES KELLETT, *b. 1882, m. 1904 to Ruby Ada Vera Ramage b.1884 in Thoona, Victoria, daughter of John Alexander Ramage b.1860 and Jane Margaret Cameron b.1858 d.1892. Ruby d. 21 September 1953 in Ballarat, while Joseph d. 17 December 1955 in Ballarat. This Couple had four children b. in Ballarat: Clarence James b.1905, Alexander Joseph b.1906, Thelma Ruby May b.1908, and Charles Horace b.1910.*
- T342. HORACE ALFRED KELLETT, *b. 1883*
- T343. EMMA SARAH KELLETT, *b. 1885*
- T344. CLARENCE AUSTIN KELLETT, *b. 1887, m. Margaret Bravinia Waugh b. ca. 1890. She d. in*
- T345. FLORA MAY HOPE KELLETT, *b. 1890, she d. 1891 in Ballarat.*
- T35. SELINA SUSAN³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1862 in Colac, Victoria, Australia, and died on 3 September 1937 in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. She married Walter Wright Tweedale in 1886 in Victoria. He was born in Ballarat, Victoria. Selina and Walter had one son:
- T351. ALBERT WALTER AUSTIN TWEEDALE, *b. 1887 in Ballarat.*
- T38. ADA MALVINA³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1866 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married in 1893 in Victoria to Thomas Edward Lewis, who was born in Geelong, Victoria. Ada died at age 38 on 2 April 1905 in Prahran, Victoria. Ada and Thomas had seven children:
- T381. MALVINA EVA LEWIS, *b. 1894 in Geelong.*
- T382. GLADYS LEWIS, *b. 1896 in Prahran, d. 1896 in Prahran.*
- T383. LOIS ADA LEWIS, *b. 1898 in South Yarra, Victoria, d. 1899 in South Yarra.*
- T384. LYLIA IRENE LEWIS, *b. 1900 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T385. MAY FEDERAL LEWIS, *b. 1902 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T386. VIDA ALEXANDRA "VENI" LEWIS, *b. 1903 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T387. IVY LEWIS
- T3A. ALFRED FREEMAN³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1870 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. He married Amelia Elizabeth Basnett in 1890 in Victoria. She was born in Geelong, Victoria. Alfred and Amelia had five children, all were born in Geelong:
- T3A1. EMMA FLORENCE AUSTIN, *b. 1890*
- T3A2. RUBY MARY AUSTIN, *b. 1892*
- T3A3. OLIVE MALVINA AUSTIN, *b. 1893*
- T3A4. MYRTLE ALFREDA AUSTIN, *b. 1896*
- T3A5. OLIVE THELMA AUSTIN, *b. 1907*
- T3B. EVA FLORENCE³ AUSTIN (*James², Thomas¹*) was born in 1872 in Colac, Victoria, Australia, and died in 1940 in East Malvern, Victoria. She married Richard Wilson in 1897 in Victoria. Richard was born in Victoria. Eva and Richard had five children, their first four were born in Elsternwick, Victoria:
- T3B1. FLORENCE MARGARET WILSON, *b. 1898*
- T3B2. ROBERT RICHARD WILSON, *b. 1902*
- T3B3. KENNETH ALBERT WILSON, *b. 1905*
- T3B4. JAMES BRUCE WILSON, *b. 1906*
- T3B5. DOROTHY SARAH WILSON, *b. 1910 in Caulfield, Victoria, Australia.*

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(Panorama of "Great Mountain")

**AN ACCOUNT BY NICHOLAS AUSTIN
OF CLIMBING 'GREAT MOUNTAIN'
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

by *Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

Author's Note: Nicholas Austin was born circa 1736 in Somersworth, New Hampshire, the great-grandson of Joseph Austin of Dover, New Hampshire. He was "bred a Quaker, but in consequence of having married out of that society, he was looked upon as an alien, till by continued adhesion to the customs of the sect, he retrieved his standing and was forgiven, continuing to wear the Quaker garb and retaining their habits of speech till his death."^[1]

John Wentworth was surveyor of the King's Woods in North America and spent months in the saddle and on foot, becoming familiar with the 'western lands' of New Hampshire. He was appointed Royal Governor in 1767, governing from Portsmouth, and in 1768 he built a private estate in Wolfeborough. In 1769 he had the road from Portsmouth extended from Middleton to his estate. Sometime after September 1771 and before October 1774 Nicholas Austin of Somersworth moved north 30 miles to Middleton, settling on the west side of Governor's Road near the Wolfeborough line, only about 3.5 miles from the Wentworth estate. [2,3] Nicholas was a man of some courage, and he remained a friend to his neighbor Governor Wentworth and loyal to the crown in the turbulent days before the Revolution.

In early October 1774 Nicholas Austin and eight others climbed the 'Great Mountain,' located about 70 miles north of his home in Middleton. Today it is known as Mount Washington. Historian Jeremy Belknap reported on a June 1776 interview of Austin about the climb^[4,5]: "The first week in October 1774. He with eight others visited these Mountains on a report of their containing silver and precious stones – which report by the way is altogether false.

"They encamped and lodged at the foot of the highest Mountain on the south side, near a brook which descended, waiting several days for fair weather. While they tarried below they frequently observed the Mountain to be obscured and even totally hid by the clouds. At length on a clear morning they began their ascent at the rising of the sun (which is ¼ after 6 H^o).

They went through a thick growth of fir and spruce shrubs the tops of which not being much more than a man's height were knotted together so that it was difficult getting through. The height of these shrubs diminished as they rose the hill. When they had left them they came to whortleberry bushes about 4 or 5 inches high which had both rip and green berries. They also saw a species of berries which they had never before seen. When they had got through these they came to a space covered with moss and not very steep, the moss about 2 or 3 inches deep and a rock underneath. Here they walked at a great pace and could have galloped horses if they had had any.

In this space, he observed several small ponds of water and some spots full of very smooth stones which he supposed may be wet at some seasons. This mossy space continues to the foot of the Sugar Loaf which consists entirely of grey rock without either earth or moss and is judged a mile in height. They clambered up the rocks which are fixt and uneven so as to serve as steps and in an hour and half from the foot of the Sugar Loaf they reached the highest top of the Mountain, a few minutes after 12 a clock. Here they sat down and rested being much fatigued, but found no difficulty in breathing. The top is a rough rock and may contain half an acre as he judges but there was no water as some travellers have reported nor any hollow capable of containing any quantity.

"There are four Mountains properly called the White Mountains. They appear to belong to one ridge which he judges may be 20 miles in length lying NE and SW. He could discover the Atlantic Ocean very plain and many ponds and lakes and rivers of which he did not know the name of all. He could see the high land between Connecticut and St. Lawrence River. From the easterly side about 2/3^{ds} up issued 3 small streams which pursued different courses down the Mountain. In the fissures of the rock he found a root resembling a parsnip and

brought away some of the seed but being informed it was a species of the hyoscyamus and therefore dangerous he has thrown it away. He observed no animals but hares which were among the shrubs and a species of fowl which he has since been informed is a heath-hen. Of these they shot several which were fine meat. They descended and arrived at their former lodging about sunset, being all very stout men and used to the woods: having tarried an hour on the top of the Mountain. They found an old hat covered with a stone on the top of the Mountain, and they left one of their knapsacks under the same stone."

In early November 1774, just a month after his climb, Nicholas Austin recruited fifteen carpenters from the Wolfeborough area for his friend Gov. John Wentworth. He was perhaps unaware that they were to be sent from Portsmouth to Boston to construct barracks for General Gage. When this became known, Austin was obliged on his knees to confess and repent his role in this affair which had greatly angered his patriot neighbors. The Governor and his family fled from Portsmouth in August 1775, but Nicholas remained in Middleton. In 1788 he served as a delegate to the New Hampshire Convention which adopted the Federal Constitution. In 1789 he was chosen as Auditor for the town in 1789, 1792 and 1793.

In 1789 Nicholas Austin began his efforts to obtain land in Quebec Province, Canada, about 200 miles north of his comfortable home in Middleton. His motivations for doing this were complex. He had great ambition, and as a former Loyalist he had friends in high office in Canada. Land was cheap there, and taxes in the United States after the Revolution were high. In January 1790 he made a trip to Quebec City, petitioning the Governor for land on which to settle. In 1792 the Township of Bolton was surveyed, and he began improving the land. By 1793 he had improved over 100 acres. In 1797 he was granted the township, becoming its Leader and a large landowner. His descendants have erected a fine monument to Nicholas Austin which overlooks 'Austin Bay' named in his honor.

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2005 INTERNATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION A HUGE SUCCESS

Like Chaucer's pilgrims, Austens and Austins traveled from afar in small groups to reach Canterbury. Their goal was to attend the 2005 International Austin Convention, the first three-day convention ever sponsored by AFGS. Most checked into Lanfranc House on the Christ Church university campus on Thursday, 15 September, and soon became acquainted with other attendees at a 'Wine and Nibbles' party that evening.

THE FRIDAY TOURS

After breakfast Dr. Andrew Thomson led a walking tour of Canterbury (top left photo at right). At the Cathedral Archives, an archivist and a genealogist explained some unique aspects of researching there. Using mandatory white gloves attendees studied some Austin records (top right and the document). An experienced historian then guided us on an informative tour of the Cathedral itself, pointing out where Archbishop Thomas 2 Becket was killed by four knights of Henry 11. A coach then drove us to Chillenden for lunch at *The Griflins Head* pub, built during the reign of Edward I in 1286 (two center photos). The coach continued to Dover, where we toured Dover Castle (bottom left photo) and World War II tunnels in the white cliffs. After dinner back at the University, Dr. Thomson gave a fine talk about *Canterbury's Key Place in English History*.

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CONVENTION SESSIONS

Four Workshops on Saturday and Sunday provided time for attendees to research with the computers, notebooks, and CDROMs which were available, and to compare and share their information with one another. Saturday talks began with Peter Park of Surrey, who spoke on *London's Record Offices for Day Trippers*. Then Dr. Roger Brian Austin - who made all of the arrangements for the convention and is to be both thanked and congratulated for its huge success - talked about the *Distribution of the Austins in England*. Ms. Else Churchill of London then spoke on *Locating Your*

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(Composite picture with 7 vignettes, all identified in by the text)

English Origins. Carol Robinson Austin talked about *Austin-Austen Families Around the World*, and Dr. Michael Edward Austin discussed finding your ancestors at *The AFGS Austin-Austen Research Center*. The day concluded with many attendees dining together that evening at an Italian restaurant in Canterbury.

Sunday began with Dr. Michael Edward Austin discussing the *Austin-Austen Records of the Kent Family History Society*. Next Dr. Stephen Hipkin, the Director of the Centre for Early Modern Kentish Studies, spoke on the *Social History of Kent, 16-17th Centuries*, then Dr. Charles Ward Austin discussed *The Role of DNA in Genealogy*, and Carol Robinson Austin gave an *Austin-Austen DNA Project Update*. The AFGS business meeting concluded with the presentation of the 2005 Austin Genealogical Research Award to AFGS Associate Editor Carol Robinson Austin (see page 42 for a write-up on Carol and her Eagle Award).

The convention drew to a close with tea and pastries at beautiful Saint Martin's Priory (the bottom right photo). Its success was clear to everyone, with attendees enthusiastically suggesting places - York, Cambridge, etc - for hosting the International Austin Convention the next time it is held in Merry England!

Individual photos of the convention participants follow on Page 22. This page has been omitted here.

On Page 23 is a map of all of the parishes in the County of Kent, England. The page is omitted here, but the image is denoted AFGS Photo 23

**SOME AUSTIN-AUSTEN BAPTISMS
FROM PARISH RECORDS AND THE
BISHOPS TRANSCRIPTS OF KENT**

by Glenn Matthew Austin

Editor's Note: The information here was extracted from the *Parish Registers Volume 1* and *Parish Registers Volume 2* published on CDs by the Kent Families Historical Society, www.kfhs.org.uk, and appears here with permission of the KFHS. The dedicated individuals who transcribed the parish records are noted in the references. Dates immediately following the parents' names are the actual birth dates. A map showing the location of each parish appears on page 23.

ASHFORD BAPTISMS
1688-1795 [Reference 1]

Thomas Austin, son of Roger & Margaret	18 Oct 1694
Edward Austin, son of Roger Margaret	5 Jan 1697
Elizabeth Austin, dau. of Robert & Mary	8 Mar 1697
Mary Austin, dau. of Robert & Mary	2 Nov 1698
William Austin, son of Roger & Margaret	29 Mar 1699
William Austin, son of Roger & Margaret	7 Feb 1701
Jane Austin, dau. of Robert & Mary	13 Oct 1701
John Austin, son of Roger & Margaret	28 Feb 1703
Mary Austin, dau. of Richard & Mary	25 Oct 1704
Elizabeth Austin, dau. of Robert & Mary	8 May 1707
Valentine Austin, son of Robert & Mary	4 Oct 1708
Elizabeth Austin, dau. ¹ of Elizabeth	9 Jul 1716
Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas Mercy	12 Jan 1743
Edward Austen, son of Thomas Mercy	28 Oct 1744
Mary Asten, dau. of William & Mary	9 Mar 1747
Matthew Austen, son of John & Mary	11 Jan 1749
Elizabeth Asten, dau. of John & Mary	8 Apr 1751
Thomas Austen, son of John & Mary	6 Apr 1756
Caroline Austen, dau. of John & Mary	18 Jan 1758
John Austen, son of John & Mary	26 Dec 1760
James Austen, son of James & Elizabeth	3 Apr 1761
Richard Austen, son of James & Elizabeth	18 Dec 1763
Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas Susanna	7 Mar 1764
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of John & Elizabeth	8 Jul 1764
Anne Austen, dau. of John & Elizabeth	23 Jun 1765
John Austin, son of John Elizabeth	30 Aug 1767
William Austen, son of Thomas Susan	26 Feb 1768
John Austen (age 3y), son of Thomas & Susan	28 Feb 1768
Robert Austen, son of John & Elizabeth	3 Feb 1769
Susanna Austen, dau. of Thomas Susanna	22 Nov 1769
Margaret Austen, dau. of Thomas & Susanna	10 Nov 1771
Ann Austen, dau. of John & Elizabeth	29 Apr 1772
James Austen, son of Thomas & Susanna	12 Mar 1773
Stephen Austen, son of John & Elizabeth	11 Apr 1779
Mary Austen, dau of John & Sarah	8 Jun 1794

Note: [1] illegitimate, known father.

BADLESMERE BAPTISMS
1564-1837 [Reference 2]

[No Austen or Austin baptisms were listed for this town.]

BENENDEN BAPTISMS
1558-1906 [Reference 3]

Elyzabeth Asten, dau. of Harry	23 Dec 1558
Katheryne Asten, dau. of Alyn	10 Dec 1559
George Austen, son of Walter	2 Feb 1562
Kathryn Austen, dau. of Harrye	31 Jul 1562
Margeret Austen, dau. of Alen	10 Oct 1562
Tomeson Austen, dau. of Water	24 Feb 1563
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Alyn	21 Nov 1563
Thomas Asten, son of Thomas	21 Dec 1564
Jone Asten, dau. of Water	28 Jan 1565
Henrye Asten, son of Alon	28 May 1566
Richard Asten, son of William	12 Feb 1570
Allen Asten	25 May 1572
Thomas Asten, son of William	30 May 1573
Wylliam Austen, son of Walter	11 Dec 1575
Dorite Austen, dau. of William	29 Jun 1576
William Austen, son of William	19 Jul 1579
Marye Austen, dau. of John	1 May 1586
Elysabeth Austen, dau. of Richard ¹²	28 Nov 1613
John Austen, son of Wylliam	14 Nov 1619
Thomas Austen, son of Wylliam	1 Sep 1622
Anne Austen, dau. of John	12 Jan 1623
Agnes Austen, dau. of Wylliam	27 Feb 1625
Wylliam Austen, son of John	27 Nov 1625
Walter Austen, son of John	31 Aug 1628
Wylliam Austen, son of Wylliam	15 Mar 1629
Wylliam Austen, son of John	11 May 1630
John Austen, son of John	19 May 1633
Walter Austen, son of Edward	26 May 1633
Elysabeth Austen, dau. of Wylliam & Susan	6 Nov 1636
Richard Austen, son of John & Anne	15 Jan 1637
Thomas Austen, son John & Elysabeth Junior	1 Jul 1638
Thomas Austen, son William & Susan Junior	12 May 1639
John Austen, son of John & Elizabeth	21 Sep 1640
Anne Austen, dau. of William & Susan	20 Mar 1642
William Austen, son of William	16 Oct 1642
Symon Austen, son of William & Susan	26 Jan 1647
Cathrin Ausden, dau. of Thomas	31 Mar 1653
Richard Austen, s. Thomas & Margery	30 Dec 1657 ? 1657
Tamsing Austen, dau. of Thomas	17 Aug 1660 ? 1660
Thomas Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah	11 Aug 1664
Martha Austen, dau. of Samuell Francis	19 Nov 1666
Sarah Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah	10 Apr 1667
Elizabeth Austen, dau. Thomas & Sarah	30 Sept 1668 29 Oct 1668
John Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah	2 Mar 1671
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Edward & Martha	17 Feb 1678
John Austen, son of John & Mary	13 Dec 1678 9 Feb 1679
Edward Austen, son Edward & Martha	20 Mar 1680 2 Jun 1680
Mary Austen, dau. of John & Mary	21 Sep 1680 9 Oct 1681
Henry Austen, son of Edward & Martha	17 Jan 1681 4 Mar 1683
Anne Austen, dau. of Edward & Martha	8 Mar 1686
Francis Austen, son Edward & Martha	8 Apr 1687 23 May 1687
Martha Austen, d. Edward & Martha	14 Dec 1688 26 Jan 1689
Thomas Austen, son Edward & Martha	27 Jan 1688 13 Apr 1690
Walter Austen (adult)	19 May 1711
Edward Austin, son of Edward & Elizabeth	23 May 1714

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**THE DESCENDANTS OF
ISAAC AUSTIN AND BARBARA BENSOTER
OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

by Robert Krause Austin

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ELEVENTH GENERATION

R22B-8211-151. SUSAN JANE¹¹ AUSTIN (*Robert Krause,¹⁰ Charles M.,⁹ Miner B.,⁸ Isaac,⁷ Peter,⁶ Shadrach,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Anthony,³ Anthony,² Richard,¹) was born 4 February 1947 at the General Hospital in Wilkes-Bane, Pennsylvania. The family lived in Pennsylvania, where her father was attending Bucknell University. In 1948 they moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where Susan attended West School, a one-room school in Newtown Township. The next year she attended second grade in Newtown Borough. The family moved to Wilmington, Delaware in the fall of 1955 and she was enrolled in the third grade in the Stanton school district. She completed her education in that district and graduated from John Dickinson High School in 1965. As a youth she taught Sunday School, and later she became a Licensed Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church and always taught Sunday School. She was an active Girl Scout, and she attended National Round-up.*

Susan matriculated at the University of Delaware in 1965 in Newark, with a dual major of Home Economics and Child Development. She finished the required degree work and graduated in May 1969. On 28 June 1969 she married Robert Femconiam Athow, a Navy veteran she had been dating for several years. Susan procured a job teaching Home Economics in the Stanton School District, Robert was employed by the DuPont Company. In 1970 he left DuPont and enrolled as a full-time engineering student at the University of Delaware, transferring some of the credits from the U. S. Naval Academy which he had attended previously. Susan completed her graduate work as a part-time student in 1972, receiving her M.S. in Education degree. Robert completed his degree in Engineering in 1973. After graduation Bob accepted a civil service, position in Vicksburg, Mississippi with the Waterways Experiment Station, a research facility of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. That summer they bought their first home in Vicksburg, and Susan was a substitute teacher until their first child was born in December.

Susan has made good use of her degrees in education through the years by teaching at Pre-school from 1973 to

AFGS Photo 25

Susan Jane Austin Athow Family in December 2004

Back row: Kelly Gupton Athow, Susan, Rebecca Susan Athow, Elizabeth Kristen Athow Allison, Robert F. Athow.
Front row: David Austin Athow and Robert Brian Athow.

1981, Kindergarten from 1982 to 1992, and classes in Nutrition, Family Life and related subjects at Warren Central High School since 1992. She has always been very active in school, church and community affairs. After having two daughters, she was a troop leader for two troops at the same time. She remains active in Girl Scouting and with the American Red Cross and serves on their board of directors. Susan and Robert had four children born at Mercy Hospital in Vicksburg, they all graduated there from Warren Central High School:

R22B-8211-1511. ROBERT BRIAN ATHOW, b. 24 December 1973. *He earned simultaneous B. S. degrees in English and History at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee, and an M. S. degree in Political Science from the University of Memphis. On 11 March 2000 he m. Jennifer Kelly Gupton, the daughter of Jerry W. and Kay F. M. Gupton of Murray, Kentucky.*

R22B-8211-1512. ELIZABETH KRISTEN ATHOW, b. 1 January 1977, *earned undergraduate degrees in Communications and French in 1999. Betsy tarclgtz English in France in 2000. On 11 August 2001 she m. Jones E. Allison. 'Jay' earned a Masters from Mississippi State. They now live in Huntsville, where Betsy is the Girl Scouts of Northern Alabama Public Relations Director. Size & Jay are chrrelz Youth Leaders.*

R22B-8211-1513. REBECCA SUSAN ATHOW, b. 10 November 1980. *She was awarded the Gold Award, the Girl Scouts' highest honor, and was active with the youth of Hawkins United Methodist Church. She graduated Mississippi State in 2003 with a degree in biological science. She works for ASI at the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, and she continues to be active in church and Red Cross affairs.*

R22B-8211-1514. DAVID AUSTIN ATHOW, b. 10 July 1985, *he received the Eagle Award in Boy Scouting and he played and officiated soccer during high school. David is presently studying civil engineering at Mississippi State University.*

R22B-8211-152. JUDITH GAIL¹¹ AUSTIN (*Robert Krause*,¹⁰ *Charles M.*,⁹ *Miner B.*,⁸ *Isaac*,⁷ *Peter*,⁶ *Shadrach*,⁵ *Joshua*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Anthony*,² *Richard*¹) was born 5 February 1949 in Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She lived with her family in Newtown, Pennsylvania until 1955 when they moved to Delaware. Her education was in the Stanton School District and she graduated from John Dickinson High School in 1967. Judy was an active Girl Scout and was chosen to participate in the National Round-up. She served as a Scout camp counselor, was active with her church youth group, taught Sunday School, and during high school was active in drama. She matriculated at the University of Delaware and received her B. S. in Education degree from there in 1971. For the next 34 years she taught in several elementary grades in Delaware before retiring in 2005. In the 1997-1998 school year she was honored as "Teacher Of The Year" in her school. She is also listed in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. In 2001 she received an M. A. degree in Economics and Entrepreneurship for Educators from the University of Delaware. For twenty-five years she has directed a youth choir at her church and has sung with the adult choir. She never married.

R22B-8211-153. ROBERT JOHN¹¹ AUSTIN (*Robert Krause*,¹⁰ *Charles M.*,⁹ *Miner B.*,⁸ *Isaac*,⁷ *Peter*,⁶ *Shadrach*,⁵ *Joshua*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Anthony*,² *Richard*¹) was born 26 August 1954 in Abington, Pennsylvania. That year the family moved to Stanton, Delaware, where 'Robby' grew up. He was a Cub Scout, played trumpet in the school band, and participated in both wrestling and soccer. He swam competitively from an early age, earning a varsity letter at Dickinson High School, and joined the University of Delaware swim team his fresh-man year. He was a lifeguard for several summers and played water polo. Robby enjoyed tent camping with the family, as far west as Montana and into parts of Canada. He became quite interested in Civil War history as he visited many battlefields of that war. He also collected coins, but his collection was stolen in 1972 by a house burglar and never rebuilt. He also enjoyed keeping the family cars (and those of several friends) in good repair.

Robert Austin spent ten semesters at the University of Delaware. He had enrolled as an 'undeclared engineer,' but graduated with a B. S. in Business Administration in June 1977. He worked part time during college as a life guard, night watchman, trash collector, construction laborer, and a General Motors assembly line worker. In many ways his work experience was as valuable as his classroom studies, providing him with spending money and supporting his cars and motorcycle. He motorbiked 3500 miles through the southern states in the summer of 1977. In September 1978 Rob went to work for the Georgia-Pacific Company in Wilmington, Delaware, at

first as a warehouse clerk, later as a Sales Representative. In June 1981 he became Operations Manager, and in September 1983 was made Outside Sales Representative.

On 12 March 1983 Robert was married at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton to Laura Lee Reid, born on 8 August 1955 in Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Donald Eugene Reid and Dolores Ada Creamer. Laura was an excellent student, taking advanced mathematics and chemistry in high school, and was in the National Honor Society. She sang with the choir and participated in hockey, basketball and lacrosse. She graduated from DuPont High School in June 1973. After graduating from the University of Delaware's College of Nursing in 1977, Laura worked for three years at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, primarily in the Emergency Room. Bob and Laura had known each other for many years, but did not start dating until 1979. Laura returned to Delaware to work at the Wilmington Medical Center. In 1982 she became a head floor nurse at the Memorial Division Hospital. During their courtship Bob and Laura took lessons in scuba diving, dancing and Karate. When first married they lived in a Newark, Delaware apartment. In July 1983 they bought a home in Wilmington.

In April 1984 Robert Austin was transferred to Denville, New Jersey, and promoted to Assistant Regional Sales Manager for Metal Products for the Northeast Region. In September 1984 they purchased a new home in Lake Tranquility, New Jersey, and Laura worked part time at the Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, New Jersey. In May 1985 Robert became Assistant Branch Manager at Denville, and in January 1986 he was named Branch Manager for the company in Salisbury, Maryland. In 1990 he moved to Long Island until he was transferred to Atlanta in 1995. He and Laura have three daughters:

R22B-8211-1531. ASHLEY JANE AUSTIN, *b. 21 April 1984 at General Hospital in Wilmington. She went to schools on Long Island, New York and Alpharetta, Georgia, graduating in May 2002 from Chattahoochee High School. She played soccer, swam, and was yearbook editor. In September 2002 she entered Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.*

R22B-8211-1532. LISA LEE AUSTIN, *b. 23 January 1986 at the Newton Memorial Hospital. She attended public schools in Long Island and Alpharetta and graduated in 2004 from Chattahoochee High School as Salutatorian of a large class. She played soccer and was yearbook editor. She enrolled in Wake Forest in Sept. 2004.*

R22B-8211-1533. CYNTHIA JEAN AUSTIN, *b. 3 January 1989 at Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland. In January 1990 she moved with the family to Mount Sinai, Long Island, and in January 1995 to Alpharetta, Georgia. She is currently a student at the Northview High School where she plays volleyball.*

KENT BAPTISMS [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24]

Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Walter & Elizabeth 20 Feb 1715
 Mary (Martha) Austin, dau. Walter & Elizabeth 10 Oct 1717
 Samuel Austin, son of Matthew & Susan 23 Aug 1730
 Mary Austen, dau. of Joseph & Mary 9 Jun 1773
 Jane Austen, dau. of Joseph & Mary 9 Oct 1774
 Thomas Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 23 Jun 1776
 Joseph Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 15 May 1778
 John Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 25 Dec 1779
 William Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 17 Apr 1781
 Lawrence Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 15 May 1783
 Charles Austen, son of Joseph & Mary poor 17 Feb 1786
 James Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 12 Mar 1789
 Jane Austen, dau.³ of Mary 5 Apr 1789
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. of John & Lydia poor 14 Jan 1790
 James Austen, son of Joseph & Mary 5 Jul 1790
 William Austen, son of William & Mary 28 Aug 1791
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. John & Martha 26 Jul 1792 8 Sep 1793
 Mary Austen, dau. of William & Lydia 29 Sep 1793
 Martha Austen, dau. of William & Mary 22 Jun 1794
 Henry Austen, son³ of unknown & Jane 2 Nov 1794
 James Austen, son of William & Lydia 4 Oct 1795
 John Austen, son of John & Martha 9 Mar 1796
 John Austen, son of William & Lydia 14 May 1797
 Thomas Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah 26 Oct 1797
 Francis Austen, son of John & Hannah 8 Jul 1798
 Thomas Austen, son of William & Lydia 23 Jun 1799
 Mary Austen, dau. of John & Martha 17 Aug 1800
 Lydia Austen, dau. of William & Lydia² 21 Apr 1801
 Nanny Austen, dau. of William & Lydia² 21 Apr 1801
 Eleanor Austen, dau. of John & Martha 25 Jan 1803
 Edward Austen, son of William & Lydia 27 Mar 1803
 Joseph Austen, son of William & Lydia 30 Jun 1805
 Richard Austin, son of John & Martha 14 Jul 1805
 Mary Austen, dau. of Francis & Mary 27 Oct 1805
 William Austen, son of John & Martha 11 Jan 1807
 James Austen, son³ of unknown & Mary 25 Feb 1810
 George Austen, son of John & Martha 11 Nov 1810
 George Austen, son³ of unknown & Martha 29 Mar 1812
 George Austen William & Lydia 18 Oct 1812
 John Austen, son³ John & Elizabeth Colebrook 19 Dec 1819
 Eleanor Austen, dau. of James & Mary 11 Nov 1821
 Francis Austen, son of Francis & Susannah 14 Apr 1822
 Martha Austen, dau. of John & Philly 25 Aug 1822
 Sarah Austen, dau. of John & Philly 6 Jun 1824
 Susannah Austin, dau. of Francis & Susannah 11 Jul 1824
 Sarah Anne Austin, dau. of Edward & Harriet 26 Dec 1824
 John Austen, son of John & Philadelphia 18 Jun 1826
 John Austen, son of Francis & Susannah 12 Nov 1826
 Thomas Austin, son³ of Bartlett & Ann Munn 19 Nov 1826
 George Austen, son of Francis & Susanne 26 Apr 1829
 Francis Austin, son of John & Philadelphia 14 Feb 1830
 Harriet Austen, dau. of Edward & Harriet 31 Oct 1830
 Martha Austen, dau. of George & Ann 21 Nov 1830
 George Austen, son of William & Emily 15 May 1831
 Ann Austen, dau. of Francis & Susannah 30 Oct 1831
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. of George & Ann 4 Nov 1832
 Thomas Austin Austen, son³ James & Esther Dury 4 Nov 1832

Eleanor Austen, dau. of John & Philadelphia 18 Nov 1832
 William Austen, son of William & Emma 7 Jul 1833
 Martha Austen, dau. of Francis & Susannah 16 Mar 1834
 Thomas Austen, son of John & Philadelphia 7 Feb 1836
 Francis Austen, son of Francis & Louisa 6 Apr 1845
 John Austen, son of Francis & Louisa 9 Aug 1846
 Victoria Ellen Austen, dau. of Francis¹ & Louisa 14 May 1848
 Thomas George Austen, son Francis¹ & Louisa 9 Sep 1849
 Adasia Letites Austen, dau. Francis¹ & Louisa 18 May 1851
 Martha Austen, dau. of John¹ & Belinda 24 Jun 1855
 Albert Austen, son of John¹ & Belinda 13 Dec 1857
 Jannette Janet Austen, dau. of John¹ & Belinda 18 Oct 1859
 George Austen, son³ of Sarah Jane Dunster 3 Dec 1860
 Harry John Austen, son of John¹ & Belinda 8 Sep 1861
 Felix Austen, son of George¹ & Sarah Jane 29 Jun 1862
 Edgar Austen, son of John¹ & Belinda 31 Jan 1864
 William Thomas James Austen, son³ of Martha 22 Jul 1864
 Emily Austen, dau. of George¹ & Mary Anne 27 Nov 1864
 Theophilus Austen, son of Francis¹ & Louisa 26 Mar 1865
 William Austen, son of George¹ & Sarah Jane 27 May 1866
 Alice Austen, dau. of George¹ & Sarah Jane 28 Feb 1869
 Anne Edith Austen, dau. of John¹ & Belinda 30 May 1869
 Albert Austen, son of George¹ & Sarah Jane 25 Feb 1872
 Ernest Alfred Austen, son of John¹ & Belinda 5 Feb 1873
 Fred Austen, son of Thomas¹ & Kat Weekes 25 Jan 1874
 Thomas Austen, son of George¹ & Sarah Jane 30 Jan 1876
 George Edward Austen, son³ of Selina⁴ 30 Jul 1876
 Ellen Louise Austen, dau. Felix¹ & Rose Ellen⁵ 30 Apr 1882
 George Ernest Austen, son Felix¹ & Rose Ellen⁵ 29 Jun 1884
 George Alfred Austen, son Alfred¹ & Mary Jane⁶ 12 Aug 1888
 Frederick Austen, son of Alfred¹ & Mary Anne⁷ 12 Jan 1890
 Charles Harry Austen, s. Harry John¹¹ & Alice Sabina 5 Oct 1890
 Jane Austen, dau. of George¹ & Sarah Jane 6 Apr 1891
 Alfred Austen, son of William¹ & Anne 6 May 1891
 William Austen, son of William¹ & Anne 6 May 1891
 Ernest Robert Austen, son Theopholus¹ & Mary 16 Oct 1891
 Montgomery Austen, son Theopholus¹ & Mary 26 Aug 1892
 Daisy Austen, dau. Frank¹ & Selina Anne 30 Dec 1894
 Lilly Austen, dau. of Frank¹ & Selina Anne 30 Dec 1894
 Ellen Austen, dau. of Francis¹ & Selina Anne 5 Apr 1896
 Henry Austen, son of George¹ & Jane 24 Apr 1896
 Frank William Austen, son Edgar¹ & Mary Anne 7 Nov 1897
 Harold Frederick Austen, s. Edgar¹ & Mary Anne 7 Nov 1897
 Albert John Austen, son Albert John¹ & Elizabeth⁸ 6 Nov 1898
 Charles Austen, son of Frank¹ Selina Anne⁹ 2 Jun 1900
 William Henry Austen, son Albert¹ & Elizabeth 2 Jun 1900
 Annie Austen, dau.³ of Alice 6 Mar 1902
 William Alfred Austen, son Frank¹ & Laura Aug¹⁰ 5 Oct 1902
 Ethel Austen, dau. of George¹ & Rose 6 Mar 1904
 Ernest Frank Austen, son of Frank¹ & Laura 6 May 1906

Notes: [1] labourer [2] private admitted 21 June [3] illegitimate [4] Iden Green
 [5] Dingleton [6] Park Gate [7] Biddenden [8] Skullsgate [9] Mount Lehoe
 [10] Skulls Gate 2 October [11] Coachsmith, Tunbridge Wells [12] Rolvenden.

BIDDENDEN BAPTISMS

1538-1846 [Reference 4]

Willm Austen, son of Thoms. 11 Nov 1540
 Katherine Austen, dau. of ? 7 May 1552

Jane Austen, dau. of ?	8 May 1552	John Awstine	13 Jan 1576
Margaret Austen, dau. of George	15 Mar 1557/8	Judyth Awstine	26 Jan 1577
Rebecca Austen, dau. of Henry	12 Oct 1560	Alice Awstine	1 Mar 1578
Anne Austen, dau. of Walter	28 Jun 1574	Agnes Awstine	15 Mar 1578
Harry Austen, son of Walter	11 Aug 1577	Thomas Awstine	22 Mar 1578
John Austen, son of Walter	6 Sep 1579	William Awstine	30 Aug 1578
Peter Austen, son of Wacher	17 Jun 1582	Richard Awstine	12 Mar 1580
Thomas Austen, son of Wacher	27 Sep 1584	Elizabeth Awstine	11 Jun 1581
William Austen, son of Wacher	18 Feb 1587/8	Gervyse Awstine	7 Oct 1582
Marye Austen, dau. of Michael	12 Mar 1597/8	Alice Awstine	5 Jul 1584
Michael Austen, son of Michael	30 Mar 1600	George Awstine	4 Apr 1585
Rose Austen, dau. of John	4 Apr 1602	Percivall Awstine	27 Mar 1586
Michaell Austen, son of Michael	19 Dec 1602	Margaret Awstine	2 Apr 1587
Mercy Austen, dau. of Michael	27 Dec 1605	Thomas Awstine	24 Dec 1587
Willm. Austen, son of Michael	24 Apr 1608	Elizabeth Ausnet	30 Jun 1588
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of William bur 1 Jan	27 Nov 1612	Henry Awstine	17 Aug 1589
Jone Austen, dau. of Michael	29 Apr 1614	Elias Awstine	28 Sep 1589
Henry Austen, son of Michael	18 Apr 1619	Elizabeth Awstine, dau. of Thomas	13 Aug 1592
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Michael	14 Oct 1621	John & Margaret Awstine twins	27 Aug 1592
Francis Austen, dau. of Michael	1 May 1625	John Awstine, son of William	1 Jan 1595
Margery Austen, dau. of Michael	23 Mar 1627/8	Frauncis Awstine, son of Thomas	2 Jul 1598
Margaret Austen, dau. of Michael	22 Apr 1632	Richard Awstine	10 Sep 1598
Annis Austen, dau. of Michael & Elizabeth	7 Aug 1636	Katherine Awstine, dau. of William	28 Jun 1601
Mary Austen, dau. of Robert	6 Dec 1644	Lettis Awstine, dau. of William	28 Jun 1601
Agnes Austen, dau. of William	18 Jan 1646/7	William Awstine, son of William	9 Oct 1603
Bartholemew Austen, son of Francis & Mary	15 Feb 1651/2	Lettis Awstine	22 Feb 1607
Bartholemew Austen, son of Francis & Mary	15 Feb 1652/3	Thomas Awstine, son of William	2 Sep 1610
Ann Austen, dau. of Robert & Ann	18 July 1686	Katherine Awstin, dau. of Richard	2 Aug 1612
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Valentine & Elizabeth	17 Oct 1744	John Awstin, son of Richard	27 Mar 1614
John Elphick Austen, son of John ¹ & Elizabeth	28 Apr 1822	Mary Austen, dau. of George	31 Dec 1615
Elizabeth Ann Austen, dau. of John ^{1,2} Elizabeth	25 Jan 1824	Margaret Austen, dau. of William	8 Sep 1616
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth L	8 Jun 1845	Joane Austen, dau. of Richard	10 Nov 1616
William Austen, son of Thomas & Elizabeth L	8 Jun 1845	Elizabeth Austen, dau. of William	7 Feb 1618

Notes: [1] collier [2] Cranbrook.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN BAPTISMS

1538-1846 [Reference 5]

[No Austen or Austin baptisms were listed for this town.]

COLDRED BAPTISMS

1561-1812 [Reference 6]

Elizabeth Austin, dau. of Ralph & Elizabeth [802]	21 Oct 1770
Mary Austin, twin dau. of Ralph & Elizabeth [806]	1 Mar 1772
Anne Austin, twin dau. of Ralph & Elizabeth [806]	1 Mar 1772
Ralph Austin, son of Ralph & Elizabeth [810]	4 July 1773
Mary Austin, dau. of Ralph & Elizabeth [822]	22 Dec 1776
John Austin, s. Ralph & Elizabeth b. 21 Apr [829]	30 Apr 1780
Jane Austen, d. Ralph & Elizabeth b. 6 Mar [845]	10 Apr 1785
Catharine Austen, d. of Robert & Hannah [942]	9 Aug 1807
John Austen, s. Robert & Hannah b. 9 Dec [952]	25 Dec 1809
Thomas Austen, s. Robert & Hannah b. 31 Oct [961]	24 Nov 1811

CRANBROOK BAPTISMS

1558-1812 [Reference 7]

Frauncis Awstine	26 Dec 1559
Thomas Awstine	21 Sep 1562
Thomas Awstine	26 Feb 1569
Mercie Awstine	14 Sep 1571

John Awstine	13 Jan 1576
Judyth Awstine	26 Jan 1577
Alice Awstine	1 Mar 1578
Agnes Awstine	15 Mar 1578
Thomas Awstine	22 Mar 1578
William Awstine	30 Aug 1578
Richard Awstine	12 Mar 1580
Elizabeth Awstine	11 Jun 1581
Gervyse Awstine	7 Oct 1582
Alice Awstine	5 Jul 1584
George Awstine	4 Apr 1585
Percivall Awstine	27 Mar 1586
Margaret Awstine	2 Apr 1587
Thomas Awstine	24 Dec 1587
Elizabeth Ausnet	30 Jun 1588
Henry Awstine	17 Aug 1589
Elias Awstine	28 Sep 1589
Elizabeth Awstine, dau. of Thomas	13 Aug 1592
John & Margaret Awstine twins	27 Aug 1592
John Awstine, son of William	1 Jan 1595
Frauncis Awstine, son of Thomas	2 Jul 1598
Richard Awstine	10 Sep 1598
Katherine Awstine, dau. of William	28 Jun 1601
Lettis Awstine, dau. of William	28 Jun 1601
William Awstine, son of William	9 Oct 1603
Lettis Awstine	22 Feb 1607
Thomas Awstine, son of William	2 Sep 1610
Katherine Awstin, dau. of Richard	2 Aug 1612
John Awstin, son of Richard	27 Mar 1614
Mary Austen, dau. of George	31 Dec 1615
Margaret Austen, dau. of William	8 Sep 1616
Joane Austen, dau. of Richard	10 Nov 1616
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of William	7 Feb 1618
John Austen	26 Apr 1618
James Austen, son of Richard	26 Sep 1619
Margaret Austen, dau. of Richard	27 Jan 1621
Thomas Austen, son of Richard	30 Sep 1621
Elizabeth Austen, dau. of Richard	25 Jan 1623
John Austen, son of John	14 Dec 1623
Richard Austen, son of Richard	13 Feb 1624
Richard Austen, son of Richard	12 Mar 1625
John Austen, son of William	10 Jul 1625
Thomas Austen, son of John	28 Jan 1626
Hanna Austen, dau. of William	4 Nov 1627
Mary Austen, dau. of Walter	21 Sep 1628
William Austen, son of William	9 Aug 1629
William Austen, son of Richard	5 Nov 1629
Katheren Austen, dau. of William	18 Jul 1630
Hanna Austen, dau. of William glover	19 Feb 1631
Lettice Austen, dau. of William	30 Oct 1631
John Austen, son of William	21 Oct 1632
Symon Austen, son of William	2 Mar 1633
Sara Austen, son of William	2 Aug 1635
Mary Austen, dau. of William	4 Nov 1638
Richard Austen, son of George	19 Apr 1640
Margarett Austen, dau. of George	29 Aug 1641
Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas	12 Jan 1644
Dorothy Austen, dau. of John	26 Jan 1644
Thomas Austen, son of Thomas	18 Jan 1645

Thomas Austen 14 Mar 1646
 Anne Austen, dau. John & Anne 6 Sep 1646
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. of William & Sara 27 Sep 1646
 John Austen, son of Tho[mas]¹ 2 Feb 1649
 John Austen, son of Thomas¹ 3 Feb 1650
 Thomas Austen, son of Thomas² & Ann 2 Jan 1651
 Anne Austen, dau. of Thomas² & Anne Dives 24 Oct 1658
 Mary Austen, dau. of Willm³ & Mary Randall 8 Mar 1659
 Anne Austen, dau. of Mr William⁴ 24 Jul 1661
 Mary Austen, dau. of Samuel Francis⁵ 16 Aug 1662
 Richard Austen, son of Samuel 30 Aug 1663
 William Austen, son of William & Mary 31 Mar 1667
 John Austen, son of John & Sarah 26 Sep 1669
 Thomas Austen, son of Peter & Frances 14 — 1670
 William Austen, son of William & Mary 3 Feb 1670
 Will Austen, son of John & Sarah 9 Feb 1671
 Anne Austin, dau. of John & Anne 23 Nov 1684
 Rich Austin, dau. of John & Anne 23 Nov 1684
 Mary Austin, dau. of John & Anne 8 Feb 1685
 Thomas Austin, son of John & Anne 30 May 1686
 John Austin, son of Peter & Elizabeth b. 2/12/1688 30 Jun 1689
 Thomas Austin, son Peter & Elizabeth b. 4/1688 30 Jun 1689
 Eliz[abeth] Austen, dau. John & Ann b. 1/10/1689 20 Apr 1703
 Jeoffrey Austen, son John & Ann b. 4/10/1690 20 Apr 1703
 Sarah Austen, son of John & Ann b. 2/27/1691 20 Apr 1703
 Sam[uel] Austen, son of John & Ann b. 7/23/1693 20 Apr 1703
 John Austen, son of John & Alice b. 4/10/1697 20 Apr 1703
 Mary Austen, son of John & Alice b. 1/2/1700 20 Apr 1703
 Eliz[abeth] Austen, dau. John & Alice b. 3/16/1701 20 Apr 1703
 Tho[mas] Austin, son John & Alice b. 3/1/1704 28 Jul 1704
 Anne Austen, son of Ri[chard] & Susanna 13 Oct 1706
 Ann Austen, dau. of Tho[mas] & Ann 7 Nov 1708
 Susan Austin, d. Ri[chard] & Sus[anna] b. 3/13/1707 11 Oct 1714
 Ri[chard] Austin, s. Ri[chard] & Sus[anna] b. 3/30/1713 11 Oct 1714
 Ann Austen/Gray, dau.⁶ Walter Gray & Ann 7 Nov 1720
 M[ar]y Austen, dau.⁶ of Eliz[abeth] 16 Jan 1729
 J[oh]n Austen, son of Tho[mas] & M[ar]y 14 Aug 1735
 Samuel Austen, son of Sam[uel] & Ann 14 Feb 1749
 J[oh]n Austen, son of Sam[uel] & Ann 29 Apr 1752
 Ann Austen, dau. of Sam[uel] & Ann 31 Aug 1753
 Nich[olas] Austen, son of Sam[uel] & Ann 1 Jun 1757
 M[ar]y Austen, son of J[oh]n & Rebekah 29 Sep 1764
 W[illia]m Austen, son of W[illia]m & M[ar]y 30 Jun 1765
 John Austen, son of Tho[mas] & Ann 27 Sep 1771
 Sam[uel] Austen, son of Sam[uel] & Ann priv 3 Feb 1772
 J[oh]n Austen, son of J[oh]n & Sarah 23 Oct 1772
 Sam[uel] Austen, son of J[oh]n & Sarah 28 Dec 1773
 Geo[rge] Austen, son of J[oh]n & Sarah 6 Jun 1775
 Sam[uel] Austen, son of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y 7 Jul 1775
 M[ar]y Austin, dau. of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y 4 Oct 1776
 Charles Austen, son of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y 8 Apr 1778
 Eliz[abeth] Austin, dau. of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y 28 Sep 1783
 Hannah Austin, dau. of Rob[ert] & Eliz[abeth] 5 Mar 1784
 Ann Austin, dau. of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y poor 27 Nov 1784
 J[oh]n Austin, son of Rob[ert] & Eliz[abeth] 28 Feb 1787
 Rob[ert] Austen, son of Rob[ert] & Eliz[abeth] 4 Feb 1789
 Eliz[abeth] Austen, dau. Rob[ert] & Eliz[abeth] 11 Feb 1791
 M[ar]y Austin, dau. of Rob[ert] & Eliz[abeth] 17 Aug 1794

Sam[uel] Austen, son of Sam[uel] & M[ar]y 13 Aug 1797
 Ann Austen, son of J[oh]n & Harriet Esq. 27 Jul 1799
 Charles Austen, son of J[oh]n & M[ar]y 9 Feb 1806
 John Austen, son of J[oh]n & Mary 30 Jun 1811
 Ann Austen, dau. of Tho[mas] & Mary 28 Jul 1811
 James Austen, son of Sam[uel] & Eliz[abeth] 11 Aug 1811
 Notes: [1] Mgt. Bodle cordwainer [2] tanner [3] Broadweaver of the Towne
 [4] Mgt Walter Doctor [5] Cryer gent [6] illegitimate.

EAST PECKHAM BAPTISMS

1558-1812 [Reference 8]

John Ostoune, son of William & ? 23 May 1574
 Alexander Austin, son of ? 7 Dec 1578
 John Austin, son of William & Denise Sutor 12 Jan 1584
 Thomas Austin William & Denise Sutor 26 Dec 1585
 Ales Austin, dau. of William & Denise Sutor 31 Dec 1587
 William Austin, son of William & Denise Sutor 23 Aug 1590
 Edward Austen, son of Tobias¹ 3 Jun 1646
 Alice Austen, dau. of Richard & Ann 7 Oct 1677
 An Austin, dau. of Richard & Mary 23 Apr 1680
 Mary Austin, dau. of Thomas & Mary 18 Mar 1686
 Elizabeth Austin, dau. of Thomas & Mary 3 Feb 1689
 Thomas Austin, son of William & Ann 30 Jan 1723
 Mary Austen, dau. of William & Ann 3 Aug 1729
 Frances Austen, dau. of Samuel & Mary 10 Jun 1732
 William Austen, son of Samuel & Mary 16 Sep 1733
 Mary Austin, dau. of Samuel & Mary 19 Oct 1735
 Samuel Austin, son of Samuel & Mary 23 Oct 1737
 Ann Austin, twin dau. of Samuel & Mary 2 Oct 1739
 Elizabeth Austin, twin dau. of Samuel & Mary 2 Oct 1739
 Ann Austin, dau. of Samuel & Mary 6 Jun 1743
 Sarah Austen, dau. of Thomas & Anne 10 Dec 1754
 William Austen, son of Thomas & Anne 24 Dec 1756
 Ann Austen, dau. of Thomas & Ann 13 Mar 1759
 Thomas Austen, son of Thomas & Ann 7 Feb 1762
 James Austin, twin son of Thomas & Ann 6 Oct 1765
 Jeffrey Austin, twin son of Thomas & Ann 6 Oct 1765

Note: [1] By an order Brenchley.

FAVERSHAM BAPTISMS

1620-1801 [Reference 9]

Susan Austen, dau. of Mathew & Susan 22 Oct 1650
 Mathew Austen, son of Mathew & Susanna 8 Dec 1653
 Mathew Austen, son of Mathew & Susana 1 Nov 1655
 Mathew Aston, son of Mathew & Susanna 11 Aug 1664
 John Austen, son of Mathew & Susanna 2 Apr 1668
 Catherine Austen, dau. of James & Lucy 7 Dec 1800

HOLLINGBOURNE BAPTISMS

1556-1834 [Reference 10]

Robert Austin, son of Robert & Judith [1692] 19 Dec 1670
 Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas & Ann [1955] 23 Jul 1695
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. Thomas & Ann [1976] 29 Nov 1696
 William Austen, son of William & Mary [3191] 23 Feb 1769
 Rebecca Austen, dau. of James & Mary [3461] 29 Mar 1782
 Mary Austen, dau. of James & Mary [3497] 23 Apr 1784
 Catherine Harriot Austen, d. George & Harriot [3796] 8 Jan 1797

LEAVELAND BAPTISMS

1558-1837 [Reference 11]

[No Austen or Austin baptisms were listed for this town.]

LYDD BAPTISMS

1802-1846 [Reference 12]

James Austin, son of Jeremiah & Frances	12 Jun 1803
Mary Ann Austen, dau. of Richard & Ann	20 Oct 1804
Kitty Austen, dau. of Richard & Ann	14 Feb 1808
Richard Austen, son of Richard & Anne	3 Mar 1811
Jane Austen, dau. of Richard ^{1,2} & Ann	3 Oct 1813
John Austen, son of Richard ¹ & Ann	19 May 1816
Louisa Austen, dau. of Richard ¹ & Ann	9 Jan 1820
Eliza Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	8 Jun 1823
William Austen, son of William ¹ & Phoebe	3 Sep 1824
George Austen, son of Richard ¹ & Ann	9 Jul 1826
John Austen, son of William ¹ & Phoebe	3 Jun 1827
Anne Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	13 Jul 1828
Richard Austin, son of Richard ¹ & Phoebe	17 Jan 1830
David Austen, son of William ¹ & Phoebe	18 Sep 1831
Phoebe Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	16 Dec 1832
Louisa Austin, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	7 Sep 1834
Mary Julia Austen, dau. of Jeremiah ³ & Ruth Roffe	16 Nov 1834
Mary Deborah Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	17 Jul 1836
Tom Austen, son of Jeremiah ³ & Ruth Rolfe	16 Oct 1836
Elizabeth Anne Austen, dau. John ¹ & Mary Deborah	23 July 1837
Sarah Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	27 May 1838
Ruth Rolfe Austen, dau. Jeremiah ^{3,4} & Ruth Rolfe	6 Jun 1838
Mary Louisa Austen, dau. John ¹ & Mary Deborah	27 Jan 1839
Eliza Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Phoebe	24 Dec 1839
John Clement Austen, son of John ¹ & Mary	4 Apr 1841
Rebecca Jane Austen, dau. of John ¹ & Mary	24 Nov 1844

Notes: [1] labourer [2] Midley [3] baker [4] Jeremiah d. in November 1837.

MAIDSTONE BAPTISMS

1823, 1876-1912 [Reference 13]

James Austin, son of James ¹ & Ann [165]	30 Apr 1823
Kathleen Mary Austen, d. George Savage ² & Lydia	9 Sept 1877
Ellen Ruth Austin, dau. of Arthur ³ & Sarah [181]	29 Sep 1878
Lizzie Austen, dau. of Arthur ⁴ & Sarah [348]	7 Mar 1880
Alice Austin, dau. of Arthur ⁵ & Sarah [625]	15 Oct 1882
Charles Austen, s. Frederick ⁶ William & Annie	1 Mar 1891
Eileen Dorothy Austen, d. Frederick William ⁷ & Anne	13 May 1894
John Charles Austin, s. Charles John ⁸ & Lily	21 Sep 1902
Frank William Owen Austen, s. Frank John ⁹ & Elizabeth	9 Aug 1903
Bertram Charles Austin, s. Charles Henry ¹⁰ & Louisa Ann	3 Apr 1904
Archibald Clyde Austen, s. William ¹¹ & Alice Charlotte	25 Jan 1905
Ruby Emma Austen, dau. William ¹¹ & Alice Charlotte	25 Jan 1905
Elsie Alice Austen, dau. William ¹¹ & Alice Charlotte	25 Jan 1905
Frederick Austen, son Charles John ¹² & Lily	29 Oct 1905
Mildred Kate Austen, dau. Frank John ¹³ & Eliza	18 Mar 1906
Phyllis Elizabeth Austin, Charles Henry ¹⁴ & Louisa Annie	26 Aug 1906
Harold Edgar Austen, s. William Peter ¹⁵ & Elizabeth Mary	13 Oct 1907
Charles Walter Austin, s. William Peter ¹⁵ & Elizabeth Mary	25 Apr 1909

Notes: [1] labourer r. Maidstone [2] [78] 6 Bower St., Butcher [3] 7 Orchard Place, Bower Place, Coachman [4] 5 Orchard Place, Coachman [5] Whitmore Street., Hostler [6] [1714] 30 Charlton Street, Groom [7] [2065] 15 Charlton Street, Groom [8] [3031] 46 Bower Lane, Stoker in Royal Navy [9] [3105] 25

Western Road, Railway Guard [10] [3231] 23 Coxwell Road, Plumstead Skilled Labourer [11] [3510, 3511, 3512] 1 Cleveland Villas, Florence Road, Commercial Traveller [12] [3526] 7 Charlton Street, Stoker R.N. [13] [3618] 76 Upper Fant Road, Railway Guard [14] [3659] 21 Coxwell Road, Plumstead Machinist [15] [3728, 4069] 57 Charlton Street, Lithographic Printer.

MILTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE BAPTISMS

1782-1845 [Reference 14]

Frances Austin, dau. of Samuel & Elizabeth [471] 30 Jan 1791

NORTON BAPTISMS

1559-1983 [Reference 15]

Ann Austen, dau. of (unknown) [1]	5 Nov 1559
William Austen, son of (unknown) [4]	25 Mar 1562
George Austen, son of (unknown) [8]	20 Aug 1565
John Austen, son of Jessy ¹ & Margaretta [772]	6 Oct 1844
Harriet Austen, dau. of Jesse ² & Margaretta	27 Jan 1846
George Austen, son of Alfred ³ & Faith [909]	1 Apr 1877
Linda Teresa ⁴ Austen, d. Brian John ⁵ & Lilian Elvey	18 Aug 1963
James Brian ⁶ Austen, s. Brian John ⁵ & Lilian Elvey	18 Aug 1963
William John ⁷ Austen, s. Brian John ⁵ & Lilian Elvey	25 Oct 1964
Edna Kathleen ⁸ Austen, d. Brian John ⁵ & Lilian Elvey	12 Nov 1967

Notes: [1] labourer, admitted [2] [776] labourer, privately [3] labourer, Stone [4] [1372] b. 5 Oct 1957 [5] 2 Buckland Cotts, London Road, Farm Worker [6] [1373] b. 12 Apr 1963 [7] [1382] b. 12 Sep 1964 [8] [1405] b. 8 Dec 1966.

PATRIXBOURNE BAPTISMS

1602-1929 [Reference 16]

John Austen, son of Robert & Anne [75]	2 Aug 1655
Charlotte Austin, dau. of Thomas & Ann [660]	23 Dec 1798
Harriet Austin, dau. of Thomas & Ann [672]	7 Sep 1800
Stephen Austin, son of Thomas & Ann [688]	31 Oct 1802
Valentine Austen, s. William & Elizabeth [695]	20 Mar 1803
Samuel Austin, son of William & Sarah [758]	18 Dec 1808
John Austen, son of William & Mary [777]	25 Nov 1810
William Austen, son of William ¹ & Sarah [800]	2 Jan 1813
Phoebe Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Sarah [827]	21 May 1815
William Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [847]	27 Oct 1816
Sarah Austen, dau. of James ¹ & Mary [861]	4 Jan 1818
Mary Austen, dau. of William ¹ & Sarah [864]	11 Jan 1818
James Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [882]	22 Aug 1819
John Austen, son of William ¹ & Lucy [905]	7 Apr 1822
John Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [914]	13 Oct 1822
Thomas Austen, son of William ¹ & Sarah [922]	18 Jan 1824
Thomas Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [923]	1 Feb 1824
Edward Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [941]	18 Dec 1825
Charles Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [959]	23 Mar 1828
Richard Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [966]	14 Jun 1829
Gabriel Austen, son of James ¹ & Mary [976]	5 Sep 1830
Amelia Elizabeth Austen, d. James ¹ & Mary [985]	16 Jan 1832
— Austen, child of James ¹ & Mary [988]	2 Sep 1832
Robert Box ² Austen, son of Mary Ann [1010]	23 Feb 1836
Frederick Austen, son Edward ¹ & Sarah [1016]	23 Apr 1837
Mary Elizabeth Austen, d. Charles ¹ & Anne [1161]	18 Oct 1857
Charles John Austen, s. Charles ¹ & Ann [1188]	17 Jun 1860
Alfred James Austen, s. Charles ¹ & Ann [1213]	24 May 1863
Jack Thomas Austen, son of Albert ³ & Eliza	7 Feb 1915
Albert Edward Austen, son of Albert ³ & Eliza	7 Feb 1915

[1] labourer [2] illegit. [3] [1549,1550] waggoner, abode: Renville Patribourne.

RAINHAM BAPTISMS

1628-1662 [Reference 17]

Elizabetha Oxtou, dau. of Eduardi [101] 21 Aug 1633
 Eliz: Austen?, dau. of Rot et Dorotheae [156] 1 May 1636
 Elizabetha Osty?, dau. of Thoae et Annae [223] 15 Dec 1639

RIVER BAPTISMS

1566-1840 [Reference 18]

William Austin, son¹ of ? & Ann² 30 Sep 1832
 Notes: [1] illegitimate [2] Poorhouse.

RODMERSHAM BAPTISMS

1538-1892 [Reference 19]

Salomon Austen, son of William [426] 7 Apr 1616
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. of William [443] 8 Aug 1619
 Alice Austen, dau. of William [469] 23 Jun 1622
 Anne Austen, dau. of Wm [551] 20 May 1632
 Elizabeth Austin, dau. Stephen & Margery [585] 6 Mar 1635/6
 John Austin, son of Stephen & Margerie [614] 7 Apr 1639
 Elizabeth Austin, dau. of Symon [886] 25 Oct 1680
 Symon Austin, s. Symon & Elizabeth [898] 9 Jan 1682/3
 Elizabeth Austin, d. Symon & Elizabeth [948] 28 Dec 1690
 Hannah Austin, dau. of John & Sarah [1657] 4 Nov 1804
 John Austin, son of John & Sarah [1670] 5 Jan 1806
 Emily Agatha¹ Austin, dau. of George² & Jane 6 Mar 1853
 Walter John³ Austin, son of George² & Jane Maria 8 Jul 1855
 Notes: [1] [2116] b. 1 January 1853 [2] miller [3] [2138] Newington

ROLVENDEN BAPTISMS

1568-1837 [Reference 20]

Anne Austen, dau. of Henry & Anne [566] 26 Apr 1635
 Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas & Ann [2089] 5 May 1765
 Thomas Austen, son of Thomas & Ann [2127] 26 Dec 1766
 Edward Austen, son of Thomas & Ann [2179] 26 Feb 1769
 Joseph Austen, son of Thomas & Ann [2204] 27 May 1770
 Margaret Austen, dau. of Thomas & Ann [2278] 6 Jan 1774
 James Austen, son of Thomas & Anne [2330] 8 Apr 1776
 John Austen, son of John & Jane [2356] 24 Jun 1777
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. Thomas & Anne [2375] 2 Aug 1778
 Anne Austen, dau. of Thomas & Ann [2422] 8 Oct 1780
 James Austen, son of John & Jane [2434] 21 Feb 1781
 Mary Austen, dau. of John & Jane [2487] 27 Jul 1783
 Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2638] 28 Jun 1789
 Anne Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2679] 6 Feb 1791
 Jane Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2747] 6 Mar 1793
 Thomas Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah [2797] 22 Feb 1795
 Joseph Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah [2823] 29 Feb 1796
 Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2896] 25 Aug 1799
 Mary Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2915] 25 Oct 1799
 Anne Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2963] 15 Feb 1801
 Sophia Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [2993] 25 Jul 1802
 Eleanor Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [3055] 17 Jan 1804
 Joseph Austen, son William & Elizabeth [3083] 24 Nov 1804
 James Austen, son Lawrence & Frances [3102] 4 May 1805
 William Austen, son William & Elizabeth [3124] 11 Oct 1806
 Eliza Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [3179] 11 Jul 1807

Mary Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [3189] 20 Oct 1807
 James Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah [3263] 13 Oct 1809
 Elizabeth Austen, d. William & Elizabeth [3274] 18 Jan 1810
 Harriot Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [3313] 6 May 1811
 George Austen, son William & Elizabeth [3349] 25 Jan 1812
 John Austen, son of John & Mary [3369] 8 Nov 1812
 William Austen, son of Thomas & Sarah [3371] 6 Dec 1812

SHEPHERDSWELL (SIBERTSWOLD) BAPTISMS

1563-1812 [Reference 21]

Valentine Austin, s. Valentine & Margaret [433] 11 Sep 1642
 Elizabeth Austen, dau. Robert & Elizabeth [1093] 24 Jun 1764
 Amey Austen, dau. of Robert & Elizabeth [1104] 17 Aug 1766
 Robert Austin, son of Robert & Elizabeth [1129] 23 Jul 1769
 Anne Austen, dau. of Robert & Elizabeth [1141] 28 Apr 1771
 Barbary Austin, dau. Robert & Elizabeth [1153] 2 Dec 1772
 Martha Austin, dau. Robert & Elizabeth [1167] 17 Apr 1774
 Andrew³ Austin, son Robert & Elizabeth [1193] 1 Feb 1778
 John⁴ Austin, son of Robert & Elizabeth [1204] 10 Jul 1779
 Charlotte Austen, d. Edward & Ann b. 5 Jul [1238] 24 Jul 1785
 Millicent Austen,² dau. of Elizabeth [1240] 9 Oct 1785
 George Austen¹, son of Ralph & Elizabeth [1248] 14 Jan 1787
 Mary Austen, d. Edward & Ann b. 16 Apr [1251] 6 May 1787
 John Austen, son of Elizabeth² [1252] 6 May 1787
 Sarah Austen, d. Edward & Jane b. 22 July [1268] 16 Aug 1789
 Elizabeth Austen, d. Edward & Ann b. 13 Oct [1308] 6 Nov 1796
 Jane Austen, dau. Edward & Ann b. 4 Feb [1323] 10 Mar 1799
 Note: [1] b. 23 December 1786 [2] illegitimate [3] b. 10 January [4] b. 6 July.

SMARDEN BAPTISMS

1563-1812 [Reference 22]

Rose Austen, dau. of John 28 Mar 1602
 Michael Austen, son of Michael 12 Dec 1602
 Mercy Austen, dau. of Michael 27 Dec 1605
 Mercy Austen, dau. of Michael 27 Dec 1605
 Willm Austen, dau. of Michael 24 Apr 1608
 Sara Austin, dau. of John & Sara 20 Jul 1646
 Elizabeth Austin, dau. of John & Katherine 25 Mar 1650
 Katherine Austin, dau. of John & Katherine 19 Jul 1651
 Daniell Austin, dau. of John & Katherine 27 Nov 1652
 George Austin, dau. of Peter & Elizabeth 2 Jan 1780
 William Austin, dau. of John & Elizabeth 17 May 1795

STOURMOUTH BAPTISMS

1794-1865 [Reference 23]

James Austen, son of Abraham & Sarah¹ 27 Oct 1799
 Note: [1] privately baptised.

SUTTON VALENCE BAPTISMS

1661-1679, 1724-1795 [Reference 24]

Mary Austen, dau. of William & Jane 5 Oct 1662
 Benjamin Austin, son of Guiliemi & Jane 22 Jan 1664
 Jane Austin, son of William & Jane 15 Apr 1666

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
ISAAC AUSTIN AND LUCY FISH
OF NEW YORK AND ONTARIO**

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R12B-8. ISAAC⁵ AUSTIN (*Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was the eighth child of Jonathan Austin, who was a great-grandson of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island. Jonathan had been married on 22 July 1787 in Warwick, Rhode Island to widow Mehetabel Casey, the second marriage for both. Mehetabel was the daughter of John and Abigail Baker of Glocester, Rhode Island and later of Uxbridge, Massachusetts [1,2].

Jonathan Austin settled in Saratoga, Albany County, New York [3]. On 15 March 1789 his land became part of the new town of Easton in Albany County, formed from those parts of Saratoga and Stillwater lying east of the Hudson River. Jonathan is found in the 1790 census for Easton, which in 1791 became part of Washington County. After Jonathan's death circa 1800, his widow Mehetabel was granted custody of his three youngest children – Job, Isaac and Anna – and they are found with her in the 1800 Easton census [4,5,6]. Mehetabel Austin married for a third time on 25 June 1801 to James Cornell, the son of Daniel and Mary Cornell [2]. James and his family were living in Easton in the 1810 census. Our Isaac is probably one of the two males age 16 to 26 listed in this family of thirteen persons.

Isaac was likely born in Easton. An Austin family bible shows his birth date as 19 December 1791. However, other records imply that Isaac was born between 28 March 1790 and 4 August 1790, for he was over age 10 in the 4 August 1800 census and had already attained age 80 before his death on 28 March 1871 [6,7,8].

Isaac Austin was married circa 1813 to Lucy Fish, the daughter of Benjamin Fish and Eunice Hammond, who were married on 17 August 1780 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schaghticoke, New York [9,10]. An Austin family bible has Lucy's birth date as 19 September 1794. The Fish family was in Easton in both the 1790 census and the 1800 census, so Lucy was probably born there.

Easton was a small township, so Lucy undoubtedly knew Isaac, who was only four years her senior. Benjamin and Eunice Fish moved about seven miles south to the town of Schaghticoke before the 1810 census, Lucy was the female age 10 to 16 found with them. They apparently remained in Schaghticoke, for Benjamin Fish died there in 1820. Our Isaac Austin and Lucy Fish were possibly married in Schaghticoke or in a neighboring town, but no record of their marriage has yet been found.

Isaac's great-grandson David Stanley Austin wrote up a brief "Austin History" based on his family tradition [11]. It contains some known errors and a few misspellings (reproduced here), and perhaps some elements of truth:

"In 1776, Issac Austin and wife Lucy (Fish) and child, Job, born in Boston, left Boston with cart and horse and traveled to St. Lawrence River. Here they traded the Rig for first boat. Leaving what is now Cornwall, they made their way to Bay Quinte following further up they found the entrance of Black Creek, going up this to a point near Jackson Homestead, they built a shack and tannery. Lucy his wife was a weaver (fancy) coverlids & such. (Jennie got it.) Family: Jobe, Charles, Ben, James, Willet, Deal Ann, Myria (7). Took up 1300 hundreds acres of land. Lumbered Extensively pine & oak, West India staves blue oak 6 ft x 4 in x 1/4 in thick. These staves were corded on the rafts. One one (sic) of these immense rafts he met with disaster in Lake St. Peter and lost everything. Upon return he moved to Brighton & Murray Tps. 41 years there. Did their shopping in Oswego for years. Boys took up land, and became farmers."

Reference [12] is a captivating book, painting a colorful history of Ontario settlers and their lives. Its page 43 is clearly based on D. S. Austin's "Austin History," but the book's embellishments are rather misleading. Mapping the erroneous "1776" into the phrase "Following the Revolutionary War," the book fabricates the story that Isaac and Lucy were "with a group of Loyalist refugees," and provides incorrect birth information for Isaac. He arrived too late to be an United Empire Loyalist, and he could not have been a refugee if "for years" his family shopped in Oswego, New York, probably making a 45-mile trip across Lake Ontario by boat, rather than taking the land route which would have been much longer.

Following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in November 1815, the British were interested in populating Canada to strengthen their position there. A flood of emigrants from Britain and the United States were given 100 acres of surveyed land for free. Settlers were required to clear and fence at least five acres of land, build a house of 16' by 20', and clear half the roadway in front of the house. The "Jackson Homestead" referred to above was likely on the north side of Black Creek in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario, close to where Jackson's Falls Road is today. Isaac and Lucy Austin no doubt settled there in 1816 rather than "1776," since their third

child was born there in 1817. Their first child Job Austin was born in New York where their journey to Canada must have begun, rather than in ‘Boston,’ and his infant sister Mariah would have made the journey as well.

Isaac and Lucy settled in Ontario during the coldest summer on record in the southern Canadian provinces, the northeastern United States, and Europe. Uncommon invasions of cold arctic air were frequent that summer. In June heavy snow and ice as far south as Philadelphia were reported, and frosts occurred in July and August. Crops were repeatedly killed by the cold, and fall came early. A paper in Concord, New Hampshire reported:

“Indian corn on which a large portion of the poor depend is cut off. It is believed that throughout New England scarcely a tenth part of the usual crop...will be gathered. In Montréal it was said that... many parishes in Quebec must inevitably be in a state of famine before winter sets in. During the severe winter of 1816-1817 which followed, the threat of starvation or semi-starvation became reality for many.”

With the land to clear and a home to construct, the cold weather must have made it difficult for Isaac and Lucy and their small children during their first year in Ontario. If Isaac built a tannery as claimed in the “Austin History,” then he must have been engaged in more than farming in his first decade after settling at Black Creek. In 1826 the Royal Navy’s Crown Reserve on Pine was released, and a boom period came to the area. Schooners were built in the Milford hamlet of South Marysburgh and floated down the Black River. It must have been in this period that Isaac began his lumbering on a large scale, which eventually led to his “disaster” on Lake St. Peter. The lake – 20 miles long and 10 miles wide – is part of the St. Lawrence River between Montréal and Trois Rivières and is generally known as Lac St. Pierre. Its treacherous currents posed a serious hazard to navigation, and one can easily imagine Isaac’s raft breaking up in a storm, scattering his staves beyond recovery.

Isaac Austin was naturalized as a Canadian citizen on 26 July 1828 [13]. On 1 February 1832 he purchased 200 acres (Concession 1, Lot 19) in South Marysburgh from Nicholas Peterson, Senior. [14] Later that year Isaac was one of the thirteen inhabitants of Marysburgh who signed a petition on behalf of their neighbor, Jesse Vanclief. Isaac’s signature appears here. [15]. On 18 November 1845 Isaac and Lucy sold their 200 acres to Lewis Minaker. Their son Benjamin appears in the 1848 census for Murray, Northumberland County, Ontario. Between 1848 and 1850 Isaac and Lucy also moved to Murray. In the 1850 Murray census Isaac was a farmer and owner of 100 acres (Concession 5 Lot 28), and his son Benjamin and his family were living with them. Perhaps it was a little crowded, for in the 1851

census Isaac and Lucy were residing alone in Brighton, Northumberland County, which is adjacent to Murray. Isaac Austin was listed as a “yeoman,” one definition of which is “a small proprietor who cultivates his own land, lower in rank than a gentleman.” By 1861 the elderly Isaac and Lucy are again found living with their son Benjamin Austin’s family, but this time in Brighton.

Reference [8] claims Lucy Austin joined the Episcopal Methodist Church in 1836. and that Isaac belonged to the Society of Friends when he died. He may have been a Quaker, but the four Austin generations before him were not known to be Quakers. His children were not known to be Quakers either, except for his son Charles who was listed at various times as an Episcopal Methodist, a Quaker, and finally a Free Thinker. The 1871 census for Brighton lists deaths in the twelve months ending 2 April 1871, and includes Isaac Austin age 80 and Lucy Austin age 75, listing both as being Episcopal Methodist. Lucy died on 17 October 1870, while Isaac died on 28 March 1871 [8]. Isaac and Lucy had seven children, the first two were born in New York, the others were born in South Marysburgh:

- R12B-81. JOB AUSTIN, *b. 5 May 1814 +*
- R12B-82. MARIAH AUSTIN, *b. 12 September 1815 +*
- R12B-83. CHARLES STARBUCK AUSTIN, *b. 14 May 1817 +*
- R12B-84. JAMES B. AUSTIN, *b. 25 May 1820 +*
- R12B-85. BENJAMIN F. AUSTIN, *b. 25 September 1823 +*
- R12B-86. WILLETT CASEY AUSTIN, *b. 25 July 1825 +*
- R12B-87. ADELIA ANN AUSTIN, *b. 16 August 1831 +*

SIXTH GENERATION

R12B-81. JOB⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born on 5 May 1814 in New York, and was a young child when he moved with his parents to Canada, settling in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. Job married Miss Sarah Kerr, who was born in February 1809 in North Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County. The Austin and Kerr families were close neighbors, living beside each other in Concession 1, North Black River, Lots 18 and 19 in South Marysburgh. Job was a farmer. He and Sarah had at least one child born in Hallowell, before they moved prior to the 1851 census to Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario. Job Austin apparently died before the 1871 census, which lists his youngest son Job as the head of the household, living with his mother Sarah. She died 3 December 1894 at age 85y 10m in Brighton. Job and Sarah Austin had six children:

- R12B-811. EMILY ELIZA AUSTIN, *b. circa 1835 +*
- R12B-812. ANDREW CHARLES AUSTIN, *b. 1838 +*
- R12B-813. LEWIS THORPE AUSTIN, *b. 8 August 1839 +*
- R12B-814. SUSAN JANE AUSTIN, *b. circa 1841 +*

- R12B-815. MARY AUSTIN, *b. circa 1845 in Hallowell, Prince Edward County. She was age 21 and resided in Hallowell when she m. on 8 February 1866 to Robert Johnston age 38, the son of Robert and Martha Johnston.*
- R12B-816. JOB AUSTIN, *b. 2 July 1846 +*
- R12B-82. MARIAH⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Pasco,³ Jeremiah,² Robert¹*) was born on 12 September 1815 in New York, and was an infant when her parents moved to Canada, settling in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. She was married on 15 December 1831 in Marysburgh by Methodist Minister Daniel McMullen to Samuel Minaker. Both were of Marysburgh, and her brother Job Austin and Ann Mitchell were witnesses [16]. Samuel was born 13 July 1810 in South Marysburgh, son of John Christian Andrew Minaker and Phoebe A. Ostrander. Samuel and Mariah farmed in Athol, Prince Edward County, just west of Miller Crossroad. They both died in Rednersville, a hamlet of Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County. Maria died 29 September 1893 age 78 and 17 months, she is buried at Albury Cemetery in Ameliasburgh. Samuel Minaker died on 12 June 1900. He and Mariah had twelve children born in Athol:
- R12B-821. JEMIMA ANN MINAKER, *born 26 October 1832, m. Samuel Kelly, b. 11 March 1827, son of David Kelly who came from Ireland to Picton in 1819. Jemima d. 12 June 1899, Samuel d. 5 June 1904. They had three children: Mary M. Kelly, David Kelly, and Herbert W. Kelly.*
- R12B-822. LUCY JANE MINAKER, *b. 15 July 1834, m. Philander S. Orser, b. 1 May 1824 in Prince Edward County, son of David Joseph Orser and Phoebe Worden. Lucy d. 26 October 1909 of heart failure at her residence on Oliphant Street in Brighton, Ontario. She was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. Philander d. on 16 August 1915 in Cobourg, Ontario. One known child: Minnie Maud Orser b. 1867.*
- R12B-823. PHOEBE DELILA MINAKER, *b. 5 January 1837, m. 12 May 1856 at her parent's home in Athol by Rev. J. C. Slater to John Augustus Spencer, b. 1832. They settled on the north side of Picton Harbour in the days when Main Street was a forest and the market square a mosquito-infested marsh. They both died in 1920 and are buried in Albury Cemetery, east of Carrying Place. Three ch: Finley Spencer b. 1857, Elwood L. Spencer b. 1861, and Madora Spencer b. 1863.*
- R12B-824. MARTHA MINAKER, *b. 8 February 1839, d. 9 March 1941 in Athol.*
- R12B-825. ALBERT H. MINAKER, *b. 10 February 1841, m. 6 July 1864 in Prince Edward County to Adelia Louise Losee, b. 19 December 1842 in Ontario, dau. of Wakeman & Clarissa Losee, she was called "Lucy." Albert farmed on Royal Street, he d. 15 April 1925. They had three children: Cassie Adelle Minaker b. 1868, Frank H. Minaker, and Bruce Perrin Minaker b. 1875.*
- R12B-826. SARAH ELIZA MINAKER, *born 4 February 1843, m. 24 Feb. 1864 in Hastings Twp., Prince Edward County to James E. Redner, b. August 1837 in Ameliasburgh, son of Henry and Susan Redner. James d. 12 Nov. 1886, Sarah d. 1930.*
- R12B-827. SANFORD POLLER MINAKER, *born on 15 January 1845, m. recorded 25 May 1867 to Sarah Emily Redner, b. 26 January 1851, the daughter of Lewis Redner & Jane Clute. Sanford worked on a farm in Ameliasburgh at the time they were married. Sarah d. on 30 March 1924, Sanford d. 10 July 1936. Nine ch: Etta August Minaker b. 1870, Samuel L. Minaker b. 1872, David Albert Minaker b. 1875, George Bidwell Minaker b. 1878, Ralph Ethridge Minaker b. 1881, Sanford Austin Minaker b. 1883, Charlie Planette Minaker b. 1885, Francis Redner Minaker b. 1887, and John Russell Minaker b. 1893.*
- R12B-828. ISAAC MINAKER, *b. 10 June 1847, m. on 29 October 1873 in Cramahe Township, Ontario to Esther Morgan, b. 1852 in Ontario. Isaac d. on 4 September 1916.*
- R12B-829. ADELIA ANN MINAKER, *b. 9 February 1849, m. 30 January 1868 in Prince Edward County to Willet Casey Yeomans, b. ca. 1847, son of J. W. Yeomans and Tabitha Taylor.*
- R12B-82A. EMMA LOUISE MINAKER, *b. 17 November 1853, m. on 19 May 1875 in Athol to Jonas Garrison Ackerman, b. circa 1850 in Athol. Emma d. in 1931.*
- R12B-82B. MAUDE MINAKER, *b. 6 September 1855, she d. 15 May 1883.*
- R12B-82C. JOHN MINAKER, *b. 28 February 1858, m. Blanche McIntosh b. circa 1860. John d. 17 November 1921.*
- R12B-83. CHARLES STARBUCK⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Pasco,³ Jeremiah,² Robert¹*) was born on 14 May 1817 in Prince Edward County, Ontario. He married Elizabeth Ann Leet, who was born 28 August 1817 in Canada. In the 1851 census Charles and Elizabeth were living in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario, both were listed as Episcopal Methodists. Around 1858 the new Bobcaygeon Road opened Northern Crown Lands to settlement, and Charles and two of his brothers moved northwest into Peterborough County, Ontario. In 1860 Charles Austin was the Reeve of Galway, Snowden, Minden, Anson, and Lutterworth. Opening up new lands was hard work, but [12] retells a newspaper story of the early settlers taking time out for a large picnic on 31 August 1865, held on an island on the Minden side of Lake Kushogawigamog, now called Puffer's Island [17]:
- "That day, a fleet of punts, skiffs, and canoes, fighting with a gentle breeze, reached the island, which is believed to have been the headquarters of Indian chiefs during a big battle between the Mississauga and Mohawk tribes in the 18th century, in which the Mohawks were defeated... Some of the 150 picnicians who made the trip, unloaded baskets, kettles and

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THOMAS AUSTIN OF BARBADOS**

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T342-6. DORA HELEN ANNETTE⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner*,⁴ *John Gardiner*,³ *William*,² *Thomas*,¹) was born 12 November 1874 at Enmore in Barbados. She was known to close relatives as 'Daisy.' She helped her father with his genealogical research, and she appears right behind him in the family photograph on *Austins of America* page 874. After her father died, Dora took charge of his notes and the family papers, probably saving them from destruction. She added to them as much as she could (with little time or help at her disposal), and always referred to the collection as "The Archives."

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(Small uncaptioned head shots of Dora Helen Annette Austin and Harold Bruce Gardiner Austin)

This became a family joke to her younger relatives, with the exception of Geoffrey Francis Austin, her nephew, who shared her enthusiasm for the subject. It was not until after her death that anyone else became interested. Sometime in the 1930s, T343 Mehetabel Piercy (Austin) Dickson gave Dora a collection of forty letters written by her brother T342 John Gardiner Austin, Jr. between 1854 and 1866. These are a mine of family information, and provide an interesting picture of life in the West Indian colonies more than a century ago. Dora studied these letters and made a list of relations and friends, saying who they were as far as she knew, with relevant comments. She wrote: "These notes are all from reliable sources, except where I state that they are conjecture. From them I hope that someone, with the assistance of my father's papers, will compile a history of the family." This article is part of our efforts to do so 'in piam memoriam' (in pious memory). Dora Austin lived the last twenty years of her life in Herne Bay, on the south coast of England. She died on 15 March 1955 in Amersham Hospital, about 27 miles west of London. Dora was buried on 21 March 1955 in Golders Green Crematorium in North West London. She never married.

T342-7. HAROLD BRUCE GARDINER⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner*,⁴ *John Gardiner*,³ *William*,² *Thomas*,¹) was born on 15 July 1877 at Enmore in Barbados, he was educated there at Harrison College. Known as H. B. G, he was an excellent cricketer and was the prime mover in the formation of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control. He was the first captain of the first West Indies team and was due to take the team to England in 1900. Unfortunately, the Boer war in South Africa intervened and H.B.G. went to fight in that war instead of going to England.

He joined the 20th Brigade of Major General Arthur Paget, becoming a Major in the Royal Artillery, but fell ill and was repatriated without having seen service. In World War I, he served with the Royal Ordnance Corps. He captained the West Indies cricket team on other occasions, taking it to London in 1906 and in 1923. As one of the fathers of West Indian cricket, his portrait hangs at the Lords ground of the M.C.C. He was featured on one of five postage stamps issued in Barbados in 1988 to commemorate famous Barbadian cricketers (see *Austins of America*, PAGE 896). H. B. G. Austin also excelled at tennis and golf.

Harold was married in St. Lucia on 13 May 1904 to Lillian Marie Dennehy, daughter of Dr. Dennehy from St. Lucia and a French mother.

He revived the firm of Michael Cavan & Company in Barbados after his father's sudden death, changing its name to Gardiner Austin & Company. It was a successful venture, partly due to the spectacular rise in the price of sugar during the 1914-1918 war. In 1915, he was elected to the House of Assembly as a representative of the City

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West Indian Cricket Team in 1906.

l to r, back row: C. G. Learmond, J. J. Cameron, C. K. Bancroft, C. S. Morrison; middle row: S. G. Smith, L. S. Constantine, P. A. Goodman, R. C. Ollivierre; front row: G. Challoner, O. H. Layne, J. E. Parker. H. G. B. Austin (Team Captain), R. H. Mallett (Team Manager), C. P. Cumberbatch.

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**H. B. G. Austin at a presentation by the Governor
in 1922 at the Bourda Cricket Ground in
Georgetown, Guyana.**

of Bridgetown, so beginning a political career of out-first Curator of the Museum which, owing to the state of standing merit, which was to extend over a period of 26 finances of the Society, was an honorary post. years and which culminated in his election as Speaker of the House of Assembly, the highest political honour Barbados had to offer, and the subsequent honour of Knight Bachelor (Kt) conferred by the Crown in 1935 (H.B.G. had been awarded the O.B.E. in 1927). Harold represented Barbados at the Jubilee celebrations of King George V in London. He also became the Swedish Consul for Barbados and for this he was awarded the order of Vasa. He lived at Enmore in Barbados, the house of his father. After he died, an editorial tribute to him appeared in the *Barbados Advocate*:

"As long as cricket is played in the British Empire, the name of H. B. G. Austin will be remembered."

Again from the *Barbados Advocate*:

"Sir Harold's success in politics and in commerce was the reward of infinite pains. As a politician, as Speaker, and as President and member of the Chamber of Commerce, no aspect of any subject under discussion was too unimportant to be considered. And Harold was always scrupulously careful to marshal his facts before attempting to express an opinion on any matter. This was for him an abiding principle, and gained for him a reputation for strict unimpeachable veracity. It was this and his laborious zeal for public service which gave him the weight of esteem of his fellows."

H. B. G. Austin was a founding member of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society which came into being in 1933. The Rev. Canon Piercy Austin Farrar was the first Curator of the Museum which, owing to the state of finances of the Society, was an honorary post.

Harold died on 27 July 1943 in Collymore Rock, Saint Michael, Barbados. After his death, his wife Lillian sold Enmore and retired to England. Since then, the house has, sadly, been destroyed and the site redeveloped as a hospital, though the gazebo still

stands. Lillian died on 26 January 1949 in London. Harold and Lillian Austin had two daughters:

T342-71. MABEL PATRICIA AUSTIN, b. 19 February 1906 at Enmore. She married Richard Arthur Collins in the Brompton Oratory in 1937, but had no children. Richard Arthur became a Lt. Colonel in the Royal Artillery and was awarded the **D.S.O.** whilst serving in Burma during World War II. Pat was a WVS driver during the war. She died in 1993.

T342-72. CLODAGH MARIE AUSTIN, b. 3 November 1913 +

T342-9. MALCOLM BURNETT GARDINER⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner*,⁴ *John Gardiner*,³ *William*,² *Thomas*,¹) was born 24 May 1880 in Tytherington, Gloucestershire, England. He was married on 9 September 1908 in British Guyana to Muriel Jane Craigen from British Guiana. She was born on 6 July 1882, her brother was a well-known medical doctor in that colony. Malcolm joined the firm of Curtis Campbell & Co. in British Guiana and in 1945 became managing director of Bookers in the colony and lived at Colgrain House in Georgetown. He was a member of the Legislative Council of British Guiana

and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1938. He played cricket for Demerara. Malcolm had two children, and he was known to his nieces and nephews as 'Uncle Pecksniff and 'Uncle Pecky', though more widely as M.B.G. He retired to Barbados and lived in the Balmoral Flats, Hastings, until his death. His grandson Martin Borrett Austin Wickham remembered him and his wife Muriel very fondly and contributed the following recollection:

"In 1947 my parents and I were invited to spend my father's long leave with Granddad at a rented house ('Harcliffe') in the St. Lawrence Gap. I learned to swim and surf really well, to catch crabs and to find the marvellous shells which, then, were regularly thrown up on the beaches. I also learnt all the nooks and crannies of Barbados as we often went on car outings to every part of the island. Later, I was invited to come on my own to spend most of my summer holiday with Granny & Granddad at the Balmoral Flats in the period 1952 - 1956. Granddad always took me for rides on the old 'open air' buses where the conductor swung along the running boards issuing wonderful coloured tickets.

These visits were almost always to the Yacht Club or to Bridgetown, and if to the latter, Granddad would take me to Goddard's (department store) for a 'Bentley' and to visit the book section of other stores – from which he left considerably the poorer. Granddad also organised an annual sweepstake at the Balmoral Flats when the horse racing was on, and when I was there I was his 'salesman'. He also always took me to the real thing ... to 'see them run' at the Garrison Savannah. Granddad was 'old school' - he expected respect and good manners, but was unflinchingly kind and generous to me, and always humorous.

Sometimes he would have a sneezing fit; I always laughed and that egged him on to sneeze some more - counting each sneeze loudly. This drove Granny crazy and she would disappear leaving Granddad to sneeze some more and me to laugh some more. Last thing at night, we had a little ritual. When I was tucked up in bed, he would bring me a very cold glass of water, and when I finished drinking it I would sigh hugely. Granddad would then always say 'Sweet eh, sweet like sweet corn!'

At various points during those halcyon years I learnt about my Austin heritage, met and visited many relatives including: Bruce and Marion Austin who lived at 'Greentrees', their children John Bruce and Brigid (Biddy), Great Aunt Dorrie, Audrie Manning and three of her children, Caroline, Rachel, and David, Aunt Gwen Manning and her husband Clifford. Clifford was a member of the Magic Circle, loved kids and was always ready to amaze us with superb card tricks and other forms of sleight of hand. My favourite was the one where you picked a card from a fanned deck, made a note of it and were then told to 'phone the senior barman at the Yacht Club and ask him what was the card you picked.' Of course the barman always got it right!!

I also remember Granddad encouraging me to 'go and see some good cricket at the Wanderers Cricket Club.' The club was just a short walk away and was where the many Austins, Challengers and others of that vintage had played their cricket. History there was quite palpable. My last memories of Granddad are of him, in the final years of his life, sitting in his Berbice Chair next to the window overlooking the roof of the lower flat. In my mind's eye I see him throwing out bits of bread from a large glass jam jar for the sparrows and doves on the roof outside. It is August, the heat is intense, the doves are cooing ... and so is Granddad!"

Malcolm Burnett Gardiner Austin died on 8 January 1958 in Barbados, and was buried in the family vault in St. Leonard's, Barbados. After her husband's death, Muriel Austin returned to British Guiana to be with her children. She died in 1968. Malcolm and Muriel had two children born in British Guiana:

T342-91. ERIC MALCOLM GARDINER AUSTIN, *b. 3 June 1909 +*

T342-92. PAMELA MURIEL AUSTIN, *b. 16 January 1914 +*

T342-A. FRANCIS ELWYN WILDAY GARDINER⁵ AUSTIN (*John Gardiner,*⁴ *John Gardiner,*³ *William,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born 10 April 1882 at Enmore in Barbados, the tenth and last child of John Gardiner Austin and Dora Grant. Known as Frank, he was married on 14 April 1909 to Gwendolen May Francis from England. She was born on 2 May 1885, her father was an agronomist. Frank played cricket for Barbados against the M.C.C. and in Inter-Colonial matches. He died on 23 January 1938 in Barbados, and was buried in the Austin family vault in St. Leonard's, Barbados. Gwendolen died in 1981. She and Frank had four children, all were born in Barbados except for Geoffrey, who was born in Southsea, Hampshire:

T342-A1. BRUCE WILDAY GARDINER AUSTIN, *b. 16 February 1910 +*

T342-A2. DAVID ANTONY AUSTIN, *b. 26 August 1911 in Barbados, he d. 13 June 1913 in Bedford, England.*

T342-A3. GEOFFREY FRANCIS AUSTIN, *b. 14 May 1913 +*

T342-A4. AUDRIE DOROTHEA AUSTIN, *b. 23 July 1916 +*

T513-2. WILTSHIRE STANTON BRUCE⁵ AUSTIN (*Preston Bruce,*⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born in 1857. He was a medical doctor in Barbados and was married to Ethel Newcombe. He died on 22 January 1903 in Barbados. Ethel married second to his brother, Charles Ware Bruce Austin. Wiltshire and Ethel had a son:

T513-21. CECIL AUSTIN, *he m. Dorothy - in Canada.*

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(Uncaptioned head shots of Malcom Burnett Gardiner Austin & Francis Elwyn Wilday Austin)

T513-3. PRESTON BRUCE⁵ AUSTIN (*Preston Bruce*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born in 1859. He was a student at Codrington College, Barbados, became a barrister and took Holy Orders. At his ordination in St George's Pro-Cathedral in Georgetown in 1890, the sermon was given by Archdeacon Thomas Farrar, who had married into the Austin family. Preston was an assistant master at Queen's College, Georgetown, and Assistant Curate at the Pro-Cathedral. Sometime later he was unfrocked for 'serious misdemeanours'. These appear to have been his gambling habits. He liked playing cards and on one occasion the game lasted all night and into the next morning. Preston was due to officiate at the early morning communion, but as he was on a winning streak, he persuaded one of the other players to put on a surplice and take his place at the altar. That it was not Preston taking the communion was found out and it did not please the Bishop. This incident may have been the last straw on the camel's back that caused him to be unfrocked. Preston died on 18 October 1927 in London.

T513-5. CHARLES WARE BRUCE⁵ AUSTIN (*Preston Bruce*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born on 29 July 1862. Charles was a planter in Barbados, having inherited Apes Hill Plantation in St. Thomas parish. He married Ethel (Newcombe) Austin, the widow of his older brother Wiltshire Stanton Austin. Charles Austin represented St. James parish in the Barbados House of Assembly for twenty years. He died on 10 May 1933 in St. Johns, Barbados.

T513-6. GARDINER BRUCE⁵ AUSTIN (*Preston Bruce*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born on 20 April 1864 in Trinidad. He was married on 8 June 1885 to Blanche Damien. He was known as 'Stiggs' while she was called 'May.' Gardiner Bruce became manager of the Standard Life Insurance Company in Trinidad. Blanche died in 1919, Gardiner died on 8 August 1922 in Trinidad. He was buried in St. Mary's, Tacarigua, Trinidad. He and Blanche had three children:

T513-61. CYRIL AUSTIN

T513-62. FRANCIS PRESTON BRUCE AUSTIN, *b. 1899 +*

T513-63. MARY ESTELLE AUSTIN, *b. 1902, she was known as 'Stella' and married Frank Martin Carrington Hobson in 1926. They had no children, and later divorced. Stella subsequently married Courtenay Mallalieu, a widower with two children. Stella died in 1950 in Trinidad. It is believed that she was buried in St. Clement's churchyard in Trinidad. Courtenay died in 1979.*

T514-8. FRANCIS MURRAY⁵ AUSTIN (*Francis Webster*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born in 1881 in Berbice, British Guiana. and was a naval cadet at the *H.M.S. Britannia* shore station in 1895. Francis Austin

was a midshipman on the *Repulse* in time to be present at the Diamond Jubilee Naval Review at Spithead in June 1897. He became a sub-lieutenant in 1900 and promoted to Lieutenant in 1901. He became gunnery officer of the cruiser *Hermione and Isis* and the battleships *Temeraire* and *Colossus*, and was promoted to Commander in 1913. When war broke out in 1914 Francis was in charge of instruction at Portsmouth barracks. Early in 1915, he was given command of the *Queen Victoria*, a cross-channel steamer which had been fitted for laying wire nets at high speed for protection against sub-marines. After successful trials off the Belgian coast, the vessel was sent to the Dardanelles, where Francis Austin was commended for his services in action.

In 1916 Francis married Marjorie Jean Stewart Barker, daughter of Major General J. Stewart S. Barker, R.A., C.B. In August 1916 he joined the cruiser *Leviathan*, flagship in the North Atlantic. After she ceased being a flagship, he became her acting Captain, and received a similar appointment on the cruiser *Astraea*. He was promoted to Captain in June 1919 and given charge of young officers studying at Cambridge from 1921 to 1923. He commanded the cruiser *Danae* from 1923 to 1925 in the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets, and for the next two years was at the Admiralty, first as Director of Physical Training & Sports, then as Deputy Director of Operations. From 1927 to 1929 he commanded the *Iron Duke* and *Benbow* as flag-captain and chief staff officer in the Third Battle Squadron. From 1929 until after he attained flag rank in 1931 he commanded the *H.M.S. Ganges*.

On 8 April 1931 Francis was promoted to Real Admiral, and was appointed C.B. (Naval) in 1933. He was Rear-Admiral in Charge and Admiral-Superintendent of the Dockyard in Gibraltar between 1933 and 1935. In 1936 he was placed on the retired list with the rank of Vice-Admiral. On the outbreak of World War II he resumed active service, first as Commodore, R.N.R. of various convoys, and served continuously afloat in that capacity for three years. For that service he was knighted (K.B.E.) at the 11 June 1942 Birthday Honours. Later that year he became Inspector of Merchant Naval Gunnery, and did much to improve the efficiency of merchant ships self-defence against air attack. He retired again in 1946.

Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Murray Austin died on 19 June 1953 in Maylebone, Middlesex, England. He and Marjorie had two sons:

T514-81. PETER MURRAY AUSTIN, *b. 16 April 1921 +*

T514-82. ANTHONY JOHN AUSTIN, *b. 1927, he was in the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot and served in Korea. When he retired from the Royal Navy in the 1950s, he went to Oman and was involved in the establishment of a naval port there. Anthony died in 1990.*

KENT BAPTISMS [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31]

SWALECLIFFE BAPTISMS

1558-1850 [Reference 25]

[No Austen or Austin baptisms were listed for this town.]

TENTERDEN BAPTISMS

1736-1837 [Reference 26]

Thomas Austin, son of Thomas & Mary [9]	17 Nov 1736
Hannah Austen, dau. of Thomas & Mary [37]	1 Jun 1738
Sarah Austin, dau. of Thomas & Mary [51]	29 Nov 1739
Margaret Austin, dau. of Thomas & Mary [84]	28 Mar 1742
Joseph Austen, son of Thomas & Mary [94]	12 Jun 1743
John Austen, son of Thomas & Mary [95]	12 Jun 1743
Margaret Austin, dau. of Thomas & Mary [116]	25 Dec 1745
William Austin, son of Thomas & Mary [132]	3 Sep 1747
James Austen, son of Thomas ¹ & Mary [169]	14 Feb 1750
Martha Austen, dau. of Thomas ¹ & Mary [184]	26 May 1752
Samuel Austin, son of Thomas ¹ & Mary [212]	10 Jun 1755
Jane Austen, dau. of Samuel & Catharine [708]	1 Jul 1814
Frances Austen, dau. Samuel & Catherine [709]	1 Jul 1814
Samuel Austen, son Samuel & Catharine [755]	21 Dec 1817
Sarah Austen, dau. of Samuel & Catherine [786]	19 Dec 1819
William Austen, son Samuel & Catherine [807]	29 Jan 1821
Esaw Austen, son of Samuel & Catherine [846]	9 May 1824
Henry Austen, son of Samuel & Catherine [865]	28 Aug 1825

Note: [1] abode Benenden

WOODCHURCH BAPTISMS

1611-1851 [Reference 27]

Margaret Austine, d. William & Margaret [139]	17 Nov 1639
Susanna Austen, dau. of Catherine (widow) [332]	9 Jun 1672
Elizabeth Auston, dau. John & Elizabeth [503]	12 May 1683
Mary Austen, dau. of John & Elizabeth [539]	1 Sep 1685
Elizabeth Austen, d. Mathew & Catherine [191]	20 Sep 1663
Mathew Austen, son Mathew & Catherin [220]	23 Jul 1665
Mary Austen, dau. Mathew & Catherine [246]	14 Apr 1667
William Austen, son William & Margaret [403]	8 Aug 1676
Sarah Austen, dau. of William & Margaret [444]	14 Nov 1678
Mary Austen, dau. of William & Margaret [469]	12 Oct 1680
Elizabeth Austen, d. William & Margaret [494]	7 Nov 1682
Margaret Austen, d. of Richard & Sarah [542]	15 Nov 1685
John Austen, son of William & Margaret [543]	19 Nov 1685
Sarah Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [820]	28 Mar 1703
Elizabeth Austen, d. William & Elizabeth [836]	6 Aug 1704
William Austen, son William & Elizabeth [858]	3 Mar 1706
Margaret Austen, d. William & Elizabeth [899]	31 May 1710
Anne Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [913]	16 Dec 1711
Lydia Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [946]	10 Jan 1714
Martha Austen, dau. of John & Mary [979]	21 Feb 1716
Ammy Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [981]	26 Feb 1716
Jane Austen, dau. William & Elizabeth [1000]	22 Mar 1717
William Austin, son William & Elizabeth [1022]	26 Feb 1719
John Austen, son of William & Elizabeth [1061]	10 Sep 1721
Samuel Austen, son William & Elizabeth [1098]	6 Jan 1724
Daniell Austen, son William & Elizabeth [1140]	31 Oct 1725

James Austen, son Robert & Jane Phipps [1938]	8 Dec 1825
Elizabeth Austen, dau. Thomas & Sarah [1807]	23 Apr 1804
Jane Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [1839]	16 Sep 1810
Frances Austen, dau. of Thomas & Sarah [1862]	17 May 1814
Susannah Austen, d. Thomas & Sarah Knowler [1902]	9 Apr 1820
Elizabeth Austen, d. Robert & Sarah Phillias [1926]	30 Mar 1823
Stephen Austen, son of James & Mary [1957]	22 Jun 1828
Eliza Austen, dau. of William & Mary [2030]	23 Jan 1842
James Austen, son of William & Cylia [2037]	27 Mar 1842
Charles Austen, son of William & Mary [2097]	10 Sep 1843
Thomas Austen, son of William & Mary [2197]	3 May 1846
Mary Jane Austen, dau. of Grace [2309]	28 Apr 1849
Alfred Austen, son of Celia [2317]	6 Jul 1849
Emma Austen, dau. of William & Mary [2360]	17 Sep 1850

YALDING BAPTISMS

1559-1579 [Reference 28]

George Austine, son of Steven	5 Jan 1560
Anne Austine, dau. of Steven	23 Aug 1562

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QUERIES

40-1. William A. Austin was born around 1860 in Missouri, married Neoma Breshears. He died on 14 October 1907 in Oklahoma. Would like to learn of William Austin's ancestry.

40-2. W. N. Austin was 39 in 1890, he was possibly Wiley Nelson Austin. His wife was perhaps Mary Jane Smith 1847-1892. Their daughter Lina Elizabeth Austin died 7 July 1919 and is buried in Prospect Cemetery in Marion County near Jefferson, Texas. Seeking any information on this family.

40-3. John Delos Austin was born in 1807 in New York and married Anna Maria Yolman born in 1813 in New York. In the 1850 Wayne County, Michigan census had them and children Charles W. Austin 7, Abner D. Austin 5 and John Ross Austin 22 from Canada. Family has said John and Anna died of cholera in Detroit in 1851. Abner was taken in by the James Milroy family, Charles by another family in Jackson. Seek parents of both John Delos Austin and John Ross Austin.

40-4. Silas Austin was born 28 January 1804, was of Tyrone, Steuben County, New York. He married Hannah Prentiss in 1826 in New York, they had 11 children. Need Silas' parents.

40-5. George Austin married Julia Ann Smith. Their children Lewis, Eliza, Minnie, Clara, George and Albert Austin were born in Canada, some moved to Michigan. My grandmother was Eliza, my father visited his favorite uncle Lew in 1919 at his ranch in Gorham, Kansas. Would like to contact relatives.

40-6. William Austin born 1838 married Martha born 1841. Children: Laura Wilson Austin born in September 1861 in Gallatin County, Tennessee and Mattie Austin born in 1871. Laura married on 1 May 1879 George Emerson Porter, she died 30 October 1910 in Henry County, Tennessee. Searching for any information regarding this Austin family.

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Our 2006 International Austin Convention will be held on 21-23 July in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The convention is being sponsored this year by two Austin organizations - the *Austin Families Genealogical Society* and the *Austin Families Association of America*. Fort Wayne was chosen by members of both organizations, receiving more votes than Nashville, Savannah or Toronto. Meeting sessions and workshops will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 300 East Washington Boulevard, Fort Wayne. You can reserve rooms at our special \$69 rate by phoning 260-422-5511 before 19 June. Please remember to send the enclosed Registration Form to the Convention Registrar so we will know how many are planning to attend.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Convention attendees should come earlier or stay longer to visit the Allen County Public Library, only three blocks from our hotel. The Library is well known for its fine genealogical collections. Extensive renovations begun in 2000 are expected to be completed in March 2006, so researching your roots there should be easier than ever!

SOCIETY CONTINUES TO GROW

Circulation of the September 2005 issue of the Society's *Austin Families Register* reached a new high, with 670 members & libraries receiving copies of the newsletter. Members continue to contribute their research to the AFGS Library. In an effort to make more of this available to researchers, the *Digitization Project* was recently initiated (next column). Interest in and contributions to Genealogists can presently search through hundreds of the Society by non-U.S. residents continue to increase documents at the Austin-Austen Research Center by steadily, as Austin-Austen researchers everywhere pursue their English roots. Their interests will be reflected in the However, hundreds of other documents submitted by content of future issues of the *Austin Families Register*

DIRECT VIEWING OF NEWSLETTER PAGES

At the request of member John Marshall Ford, there is

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Sketch of Atrium at Allen County Public Library

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Architects, &c.

Now a way that members can directly view and print AFGS Newsletter pages via the Research Center. All past *Austins of America* and *Austin Families Register* newsletter pages may now be viewed via the AARC Documents Search Form. This is especially useful whenever you have a reference to a specific page, or encounter '[CONTINUED ON PAGE XXI]' on an AFGS newsletter page found via an AARC search.

DIGITIZATION PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Genealogists can presently search through hundreds of documents at the Austin-Austen Research Center by visiting our website: www.austins.org/ResearchCenter. However, Hundreds of documents submitted by members and others over the past quarter century to the AFGS Library are not yet available in digital form and thus cannot be easily searched. New software will soon enable scanned images of many of these documents to be viewed and transcribed by volunteers working at home on their personal computers through the AFGS website. This is a large undertaking, and the more volunteers the better - there are documents enough for all! You just need a computer with a web browser, and be able to type. Please e-mail AFGS Secretary Donald E. Austin Sr. at fireltret@aol.com if you would like to volunteer to help out with this very worthwhile Digitization Project.

CAROL ROBINSON AUSTIN RECEIVES 2005 EAGLE AWARD

Editor's note: The Austin Genealogical Research Award is awarded at International Austin Conventions by the Austin Families Genealogical Society to recognize AFGS members who have made "significant contributions to publishing Austin genealogical research." The 2005 "Eagle" was awarded to Carol Robinson Austin for her contributions in researching and publishing information on Austin family lines.

Carol Lynne Robinson was born on 5 September 1936 in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Walter Lee Robinson, Jr., and Dorothy Amelia Koontz. She has one younger brother, Richard. Walter was a Postal Inspector so the family moved frequently, living in California, Arizona, Hawaii, Montana and Washington state. Carol attended sixteen different schools, graduating from Queen Anne High School in Seattle in 1954. She had piano lessons as a child and enjoys playing even today. She attended the University of Washington for one year where she met Charles Ward Austin, born on 5 November 1932 in Seattle, the son of Carl Philip Austin & Mary Elizabeth Hurlbut. Charlie taught a geometry class Carol took to complete her college entrance requirements. She got his attention by earning the highest grade in his class. They married 10 June 1955 in the Church of the Epiphany, and then Charlie was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He left the Navy in 1958 to finish his graduate work at the University of Washington.

Carol and Charles had five children: Catherine Elaine Austin, born 9 July 1958, fraternal twins John McCaine Austin and David Holmes Austin born 15 August 1960, and fraternal twins Thomas Anthony Austin and Charles Ward Austin Jr. born 18 June 1961. The latter twins were premature, and suffered from respiratory distress syndrome. Charles Jr. lived only 15 hours.

In 1962 Charlie Austin received his Ph.D. in mathematics, and became an Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where they bought their first house. In 1966 they moved back to California, where he became an Associate Professor at California State University in Long Beach. The children all being in school, Carol went part-time to California State University, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1971 with a B.A. in Geography. She was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholarship honorary, and to Gamma Theta Upsilon, the geographic honor society. In 1973 she received an M.A. in Geography, specializing in cultural geography. She spent two years as administrative assistant at St. Anselm Indochinese Refugee Center, and served as the Parish Registrar for St. Anselm of Canterbury Episcopal Church. In 1978 Carol took a position with the IRS, where she was a tax auditor, trained newly-hired auditors, and managed several audit groups. For the last ten years of her career she was a Problem Resolution Specialist in the district headquarters at Laguna Niguel. She retired from the IRS in 1996.

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Carol Robinson Austin of Garden Grove, California, accepting the 2005 Austin Genealogical Research Award from AFGS President Dr. Michael E. Austin.

Carol's interest in genealogy goes back to childhood, but she did not become involved in research until 1971 when she inherited her maternal grandmother's genealogical collection. She began with the goal of tracing all her ancestral lines back to the immigrant but soon realized what a monumental task that would be since most of her ancestors were in this country by 1650. When she was stuck on her own ancestry, she began work on Charlie's and discovered that his ancestors were also here early. Before long, she discovered that they were related many times over. She also discovered that Charlie descends from Ann Foster, a convicted witch in Andover. Carol descends from the woman Ann bewitched, Elizabeth Phelps Ballard.

She spends most of her spare time doing genealogy, but also enjoys playing piano, reading, and gardening. Charlie and Carol also enjoy traveling, and have visited western Europe several times. In 1987, Charlie became interested in birding, which resulted in their visiting countries with colorful birds such as Tahiti, India, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, China, and southern Africa. They especially enjoy traveling in the United States and have visited all 50 states, which has afforded Carol many opportunities for research. She spends a week in the library in Salt Lake City at least once a year, as well as making trips to local libraries whenever possible.

A member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Carol's research was published in *The Sparks Quarterly* and *The Second Boat*. She has published *The Descendants of John Milliman of Kingston, Rhode Island* and *The Descendants of Aaron Milleman of Kingston, Rhode Island*, both in 1994, and *Some Descendants of Joseph Grayum of Connecticut* in 2001.

Carol served as an AFAOA Vice President for four years. She volunteered to compile the Samuel Austin of Boston, Joseph Austin of Dover, New Hampshire & Jonah Austin of Taunton, Massachusetts lines, and assisted in compiling the John Austin of Stamford, Connecticut line. Since October 2003 Carol has served as an Associate Editor of the AFGS newsletter, the *Austin Families Register*, and she coordinates DNA volunteers and contributions for the Austin-Austen DNA Project Fund.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS AUSTIN OF BARBADOS

by Roger Brian Austin
Timothy John Smellie
and Bruce Merivale-Austin

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T516-4. FRANCIS SUMNER WARE⁵ AUSTIN (*Richard*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born in 1868 in Melbourne, Australia. In 1891 he married Charlotte Davis. Francis died in 1951. He and Charlotte had at least seven children:

- T516-41. RICHARD ARTHUR HERBERTSON AUSTIN, *b. 1892 in Footscray, Melbourne, but he probably left Victoria.*
- T516-42. JULIA MARY DOROTHEA AUSTIN, *b. 1895, she died in 1959.*
- T516-43. FRANCIS ROBERT ANTHONY AUSTIN, *b. 1898 +*
- T516-44. CHARLOTTE LONA AUSTIN, *b. 1900, she died in 1950 in Melbourne.*
- T516-45. CHARLES BRUCE CHELSEA AUSTIN, *b. 1907 in Footscray, a suburb of Melbourne, he d. in 1939 in Fairfield, another suburb of Melbourne.*
- T516-46. BLANCHE VALERIE AUSTIN, *b. 1911, m. Norman A. Gibbs. Blanche d. 1957 in Melbourne.*
- T516-47. WILLIAM ABRAHAM LINCOLN AUSTIN, *b. in 1913, he died as an infant in December.*

T51A-1. WARE⁵ AUSTIN (*Ware Plumtre*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born on 29 September 1867 in Coimbatore, India. He was christened on 9 December 1867. He emigrated to South Africa where he married Amy Jane Johnstone Stuart. Ware died in 1941 in Durban, South Africa, his wife died about 1972. Ware and Amy had one child born in Burghersdorp, Cape Providence, South Africa:

- T51A-11. WARE STUART AUSTIN, *b. 1898 +*

T51A-4. WILTSHIRE STANTON WARE⁵ AUSTIN (*Ware Plumtre*,⁴ *Wiltshire Stanton*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*¹) was born on 22 March 1872 in Calicut, India and educated in England at Cheltenham College and Charterhouse. He later emigrated to Johannesburg, South Africa. Wiltshire married three times. His first wife was a divorcee, Mrs. Clarke, and they had a son. In 1899 he married Lulu Isabella Jerdan, née Bartlett, in Krugersdorp, South Africa. Wiltshire fought in the Boer War in the British Cavalry and was at Mafeking (about 120 miles west of Johannesburg), where he was wounded. Here are two abstracts from a diary he kept during the war:

Monday 23rd October 1899 2:00 a.m. No. 3 troop (my troop) were turned out to escort the 27 pounders out to shell the Dutch in their position at the mouth of the springs. Shortly

after daybreak we began and kept up the music for about three or four hours. Finally our fire proved rather too hot for them and they retired, working round to the north of Mafeking. As luck would have it I was told for the first-time to act [as] number three of our section and hold the horses. As it was bitterly cold and damp I took my overcoat off the saddle and laid down with the four horses linked together by their reins and, holding on to my reins, tried to get some sleep, but every time or one of the enemy's shells burst near me the brutes would jump and wake me up. I dug up three pieces of one (a shrapnel) that burst in the ground quite close to me. (Note the word 'quite' just above - a shell whizzed over and made me jump and spoilt my otherwise neat calligraphy). None of our fellows were killed and so far as I know, only one wounded and one horse killed. We stayed there till about 4:00 pm and then a galloper came up with orders that we were all to return to camp. All of the others rode off leaving my section to stay behind for half an hour to cover their retreat if necessary. About 5:00 pm the Dutch began shelling Mafeking from the North - but only fired a few shells before sundown. Had a decent sleep under a shade for a wonder.

Saturday 28 October 1899 ...I'd give a week's pay to be able to send a shilling wire [telegram] down to Lulu. She must be worrying....

From 1912 to 1913 Wiltshire Austin was an estate agent in Johannesburg. He then fought in World War I. He left his wife Lulu and their four children and went to Canada where he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Lulu bravely worked her way up to Kenya as a midwife, taking her four children with her. Lulu Isabella died in 1933 and is buried in Mombasa, Kenya.

After learning that Lulu had gone to Kenya, Wiltshire returned to South Africa where he married Doris — and became a 'Frontiersman' (they were part of the military intake which formed the 25th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who, with the second Rhodesian Regiment, fought under General Smuts for Britain in Tanganyika during World War I). Doris Austin died in 1940. Wiltshire Austin returned to live in Johannesburg. He always carried a pistol with a hair-trigger mechanism. One evening in August 1948, bending down to see what was in the oven for dinner, his pistol went off, killing him. Wiltshire had one child by his first wife, and four by his second wife Lulu:

- T51A-41. WALTER AUSTIN, *b. 1895, He served as a private and was a machine gunner with General Smuts in Tanganyika during World War I and died there of malaria in 1916. He was buried in Arusha, Tanganyika, but in 1977 his remains were transferred to the British Military Cemetery, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.*
- T51A-42. WILTSHIRE FRANCIS WARE AUSTIN, *b. 25 July 1902 +*
- T51A-43. MARJORIE FRANCES WARE AUSTIN, *b. 3 August 1903 +*
- T51A-44. SUMNER GREENAWAY WARE AUSTIN, *b. 25 September 1905 in La Rochelle, Johannesburg and was*

educated in that city. He married Florence Ellen Barratt in Nairobi in 1930, but they had no children. Sumner worked for East African Railways as an accountant and later for the Harbours and Stores Department of tize Kenyan government. He died in 1985 in Mombasa, Kenya.

T5 1A-45. NOEL STANTON WARE AUSTIN, b. 1 Jan. 1919 +

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(Uncaptioned head shot of George Richard Austin)

T551-1. GEORGE RICHARD⁵ AUSTIN (*Richard*,⁴ *Charles Ayde*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*,¹) was born in 1872 in Rio de Janeiro, but moved with his parents to England, where he became an accountant. On 3 October 1896 in Camberwell, London he married Isabella Ann Fitzsimons 'Nina' Cregeen, born in 1871. Nina died in 1908 and on 28 November 1916 George married Nellie Beatrice Cawte. He had four children by his first wife and one by his second wife:

T551-11. GEORGE GORDON AUSTIN, b. 1898 +

T55 1-12. STELLA VIOLET AUSTIN, b. 17 April 1900. She d. 7 August 1986 in Worthing, West Sussex. Death registered by her niece, Janet Mary Mitchell.

T551-13. ETHEL MARY AUSTIN, b. 1903, m. James Davies, they had two children: Janet Mary Davies and Brian Richard Davies.

T55 1-14. JACK RICHARD AUSTIN, b. 9 March 1908 +

T551-15. NELLIE BEATRICE AUSTIN, b. 24 July 1918, she married Cecil Sidney Wiffen in 1939, and they had two children: Graham Wiffen and David Wiffen. Cecil was in the oil industry and often worked overseas. He and his wife died accidentally of carbon monoxide poisoning in 2001.

T551-4. PERCY HAMILTON⁵ AUSTIN (*Richard*,⁴ *Charles Ayde*,³ *Richard*,² *Thomas*,¹) was born in 1875 in London and died in 1898 of typhoid fever in Wilcannia, New South Wales, Australia. He never married. A typed letter to his father Richard, dated 23 April 1897 survives, gives a graphic description of a drought there:

My dear Father,

You will see from the above date that I have had to put this letter aside for some time, at the time I ended the first part of this letter my boss was working on the books and getting them fixed up ready for me to post to the Ledger and I had to start straight away and post up three months entries, and in a big concern like this with three branches it is no small matter, I have been going all the time, for I have my ordinary work to do just the same, so please excuse the delay, I am going to finish this letter tonight, if I have to stay up all night to do it.

I am sorry to say since starting this letter I have heard that there is not the remotest chance of any work going on for at least six months to come, this is owing to the severe drought, no rain, no feed, few sheep, the latter are dying in thousands for the simple reason there is absolutely nothing for them to feed on, you cannot realize the terrible state the country is in, everywhere you

look it is as bare as a billiard table, nothing but glaring sand to look on, and the stock cannot live on that. We are practically 'closed down' and goodness only knows when we will resume work, there are very few hands here now and in a week or so I expect there will not be any at all, I do not know what I am going to do, the head boss may have something for me to do elsewhere as I have been here some time now and standing well with them I do not think they will discharge me, I may have to go to one of their branches, of course this is only a surmise, I have not the slightest idea how things will turn out but the next few weeks will decide the question one way or the other. If I have to go, then I shall be on my beam ends for a while but not for long I bet, I'll make tracks for South Africa or some other place in double quick time perhaps I might take a run to South America and see some of the dear old haunts when I was a kiddie, that would be great fun, just suit my roving disposition to a T but there, it has not come to such a pass yet and rest assured dear father I will acquaint you immediately my destination if I leave, I do not want to leave for I have made up my mind to settle down quietly if I can live the life a gentleman's son should live, but if I once have to start on my own again I am afraid I will try and disprove the old proverb, 'A rolling stone gathers no moss.' I would be living the life I like best and I think I could make it pay also, but as long as I can stick here I will and try my level best to get on.

I have some amusement sometimes, at least it is amusement to me, and that is dancing, I am passionately fond of this form of enjoyment and never feel tired of it, no doubt you are aware that I could not dance at home so did not show any great inclination for same, but this is terrible country for dancing, I learned here at Menindee and without blowing my trumpet I think I can say that I am a tolerable good dancer, at least I can always secure partners and the best of them. In a good season there is no end of sport, both with the rifle and shot gun, and all we have to do is to go out a few miles and bag as much game as we want, for there are many kind of wild ducks, pigeons and wild turkeys, in galore, three of us went out one day some little time ago and we came across turkeys in droves, but they were very wild indeed and we only succeeded in getting a couple, we also got some ducks and pigeons which are splendid eating. If we could only be sure of some good seasons this place would not be half bad to live in, for we have tennis, riding, rowing, fishing, polo and lots of other sports to go in for, of course Cricket and Football go without saying. But if we have no feed we can't keep horses and game go elsewhere where there is feed and so on, the bad seasons play the devil with everything.

I must not forget my old friends, please kindly remember me to Mr. Beresford, Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Miles if ever you see them now and I hope they are all well.

I believe Mr. B. C. Besley (the managing director of the Company) is going to England on a visit in about a week, if so I am going to ask him to be good enough to see you and from him you will be able to hear about me and you will also find him full of information about the Colonies, I should like him to meet you very much, if he promises to call I will let you know hereafter. Now dear father I think I have exhausted my stock of news so must wind up, first asking you to write to me soon and let me know how you are. Adieu, God Bless you and keep you well and prosper you.

With fondest love,

I remain your affectionate son, Percy

Percy Austin's sad end (he died from typhoid fever) was recorded in a letter dated 30 January 1898 from Lionel Henri Meyer to Percy's father, T551 Richard Austin.

AFGS Photo 45-1

(Uncaptioned head shot of Arthur Gordon Austin)

T551-9. ARTHUR GORDON⁵ AUSTIN (*Richard,*⁴ *Charles Ayde,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born 8 December 1898 in London. His father died when Arthur was about a year old. His mother then went to live in Framlingham, Suffolk, where she had relatives, until her death on 6 February 1924. Arthur went to Framlingham College and was in the Army Pay Corps at the end of World War I. He was a keen sportsman, playing rugby and golf for local teams. After military service, Arthur joined Lloyds Bank in Kettering, Northamptonshire, where he met Marjorie Winifred Knight, born 6 June 1901 in Northampton. They married on 23 March 1929 at Barton Seagrave (a village near the town of Kettering, Northamptonshire). Arthur was later posted to Hadleigh, Suffolk, where he was Branch Manager. He died there on 26 September 1945 after a long illness, and Marjorie died there 24 March 1975. Two children:

- T5.51-91. ROGER BRIAN AUSTIN, *b. 9 October 1930 +*
 T551-92. JANET MARY AUSTIN, *born on 2 April 1934 in Sleaford, Lincolnshire. After an unsuccessful first marriage in England, she In. Cliff Jorgensen from Johannesburg, a widower with three young children. Together Janet and Cliff brought up these children in Johannesburg, where they had been born and where their father worked and lives. Two of their children, Martin and Bernard, are married and have children. The third, Roger, died a bachelor in 1998 at age 30.*

AFGS Photo 45-2

Photograph taken at Cheltenham around 1892-95. From left to right seated in front: Christopher Edward Lefroy Austin, Ada Maud Austin, Emily Jane Austin, Kate Evelyn Austin (she is seated just behind Emily), and Jessie Constance Austin. The women who are standing have not been recognized.

AFGS Photo 45-3

(Uncaptioned head shot of Robert Gordon Lefroy Austin)

T556-2. ROBERT GORDON LEFROY⁵ AUSTIN (*Christopher Edward Lefroy,*⁴ *Charles Ayde,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born 29 December 1871 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, the son of Christopher and Emily Austin who appear in the photograph below. He went to Cheltenham College and then to Oriel College, Oxford, from where he gained the degree of B.A. in 1894. He was a housemaster at Harrow School before being brought out to Transvaal under the auspices of Lord Milner to organize schools for the English speakers in the former Republic. With the union of the four Provinces and the creation of South Africa he left government service in 1918 and purchased the Parktown Preparatory School, by now established at Mountain View, Johannesburg, in a magnificent mining magnate's former home. In Gordon Austin's time as headmaster, there were three pupils destined to become chairmen of the three rival mining houses of South Africa, Harry Oppenheimer of Anglo American, Colin Anderson of Union Corporation and Peter Anderson of Rand Mines. Gordon Austin was married on 14 August 1911 in St. Mary's, Pretoria to Marie Kathleen O'Connor of Port Elizabeth, who was born in 1882. And they had three children. He revived the use of the name Wentworth for his two sons (their great grandmother was Mary Jane Wentworth). Gordon died 26 May 1958.

(For more on this Austin family see pages 915-916 of *Austins of America.*)

on his fruit farm at Dwarsrivier near Stellenbosch, South Africa. Marie died in 1975. They had three children:

- T556-21. HENRY CHRISTOPHER WENTWORTH AUSTIN, *b. 1913 +*
- T556-22. GUY PAUL WENTWORTH AUSTIN, *b. 25 March 1914 in Pretoria, South Africa. He was destined to succeed his father Gordon at Parktown Preparatory School. He went to Oriel College, Oxford where he joined the Flying Club and qualified as a pilot. He joined up at the outbreak of WW II and was shot down over Germany whilst serving in the 9 Squadron RAFVR. He died 15 October 1940 and is buried at the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery in Brandenburg.*
- T556-23. ANNE ROSEMARY AUSTIN, *born 8 July 1921 in Johannesburg. She suffered bad health, retiring to a nursing home in Natal, South Africa, where she died a spinster in 1947.*

AFGS Photos 46-1, 46-2 & 46-3

(Uncaptioned headshots of Guy Paul Wentworth Austin, Edward Neville Lefroy Austin and Emily Joan Austin)

T556-3. EDWARD NEVILLE LEFROY⁵ AUSTIN (*Christopher Edward Lefroy,*⁴ *Charles Ayde,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born 10 November 1873 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, and was known as Neville. He was educated at Cheltenham College, and then joined the Royal Navy. However, he left the Navy and went to South Africa where he served as a trooper in the Imperial Light Horse during the Boer War. Edward participated in the battle of Elandslaagte and in the siege at Ladysmith. In 1904 he joined the Native Recruiting Corporation in Cofimvaba, Eastern Cape, South Africa, where he as an agent for the mining industry until 1915. Neville was married in East London, South Africa on 28 December 1910 to Nora Frances Lawlor, born 8 October 1886 in Engcobo, Cape Province. He died on 21 February 1924 of an embolism in Cofimvaba, while on a hunting trip near Queenstown, Cape Province. In 1924 his widow Nora went into the hotel business to support her family of four. She died in 1977 and was buried in Johannesburg in the West Park Cemetery. Neville and Nora had four children:

- T556-31. EDWARD BRUCE LEFROY AUSTIN, *b. 15 November 1911 +*
- T556-32. EMILY JOAN AUSTIN, *b. 27 December 1914 in Cofimvaba, she was known as Joan. She became a bookkeeper for Marble Lime Company and was a keen and competent horsewoman, like her mother Nora Frances. Joan did not marry, but lived with her mother in Johannesburg until her death there on 11 July 1968. She is buried in West Park Cemetery.*
- T556-33. FRANK LAWLOR WENTWORTH AUSTIN, *b. 29 August 1918 +*
- T.556-34. BARBARA MARY AUSTIN, *b. 2 August 1920 in Queenstown, Cape Province. She joined the*

First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY, a part of the special Operations Executive and was involved in British intelligence, despite the name) in Nairobi in 1941 and served in both Signals and Intelligence and was promoted to Sergeant in 1943. On 12 February 1944, while she was en route to Trincomalee in Ceylon on the troopship S.S. Khedive was torpedoed by the Japanese submarine I-27, and Barbara died. The submarine itself was eventually sunk by the destroyer escorts H.M.S. Petard and H.M.S. Paladin in a remarkable action described in chapter 7 of 'Capturing Enigma' by Stephen Harper (Sutton Publishing, 1999), Barbara's name is among those appearing on the FANY Memorial at St. Paul's Church in Knightsbridge, London.

T558-1. CHARLES HENRY BRUCE⁵ AUSTIN (*Aemilius Saunders,*⁴ *Charles Ayde,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born in 1883. Known as Bruce, he was keen on the violin and owned instruments for over 60 years: together with a grand piano the violin has now been passed to his grandson Wayne. Bruce became a travelling magistrate in Natal, journeying from place to place by horse (his saddle and whip are now in the possession of his granddaughter Sheila Ann). He was married in 1910 to Grace Dixon, who was born in 1886. Bruce retired in 1943, and went to live in the Johannesburg area. Grace died in 1963, Bruce in 1965. They had two children:

- T558-11. BRUCE EMILIUS AUSTIN, *b. 1916 +*
- T558-12. JOAN AUSTIN, *b. 1923, she m. Eric Stanley Tooth in 1949. Eric worked for Barclays Bank, though he served in the South African Defense Force during 1935-1945 in the Western Desert and in Italy. Joan and Eric had two sons: Barry Victor Tooth b. 1953 and Donald Eric Tooth b. 1956.*

AFGS Photos 46-4 & 46-5

(Uncaptioned headshots of Barbara Mary Austin & Joan Austin)

T558-5. EMILIUS SAUNDERS⁵ AUSTIN (*Aemilius Saunders,*⁴ *Charles Ayde,*³ *Richard,*² *Thomas,*¹) was born in 1896 in Lake Chrissie, Transvaal. Known as Emil, he was educated at Maritzburg College, Natal. He served in East and West Africa during World War I, having been commissioned an officer. He subsequently served in France until the end of the war. After the war he worked for two years as a mine assessor. In 1921 he bought a plot of undeveloped land in the Highflats district of Natal. He developed the land into a model commercial dairy and arable farm, and was well known for his con-

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NOTE: Pages 47-49 have been deleted. They contain the 1850 US Census for Illinois which is shown elsewhere on this web site

UNDERSTANDING DNA, THE FAMILY TREE DNA TEST REPORTS AND THE DNA PROFILES TABLE

by Charles Ward Austin

DNA Basics

A detailed treatment of DNA basics was given by Roger Brian Austin in his January 2004 newsletter article [I], so only a brief review is offered here.

DNA (DeoxyriboNucleic Acid) is a complex chemical which occurs in every living cell. Despite its complexity, it has a rather simple and elegant structure, discovered by Francis Crick and James D. Watson in 1953, as shown in the illustration below.

The fundamental building blocks of DNA are molecules called *nucleotides*, composed of a phosphate molecule (P), a sugar molecule (S), and one of four chemical *bases* - Adenine (A), Cytosine (C), Guanine (G) or Thymine (T). The sugar and phosphate molecules alternate in two strands called "backbones," and the strands are joined together by chemical bonds between pairs of their attached bases. The sugar-phosphate backbones are twisted around a central axis, forming the famous "double helix" structure of DNA.

The bases occur in two complementary pairs, A and T, C and G, whose members bond *only with each other*. Each base on one strand of the DNA molecule thus has a unique complementary base on the other. The sequence of bases along one strand of DNA completely determines the sequence of base pairs in the full molecule. This unique bonding property of the bases allows DNA to make an exact copy of itself in cell division, and to serve as a code for the production of proteins within the cell. The copying process is not always perfect, however, and it is the occasional but rare errors in copying, called *mutations*, which make DNA useful for genealogical, anthropological and forensic investigations.

Most of the DNA in a cell lies in the cell nucleus, as large molecules called *chromosomes*. There are 46 chromosomes in a human cell, of which 44 occur in matched pairs with one inherited from each parent. They are numbered from 1 (largest) to 22 (smallest) The remaining chromosomes are called X and Y; a woman has a pair of X-chromosomes, while a man has an X and a Y. Along each chromosome are "functional" sections called *genes*, which encode the production of particular proteins. Between the genes lie non-coding sections of DNA, having no apparent function. The members of a matched pair have maternal and paternal variants of the same genes. The X- and Y-chromosomes are

AFGS Photo 50 DNA Structure Graphic

Illustration is courtesy of Darryl Leja, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health.

quite different: the X has about 1000 genes, while the much smaller Y has only about 100.

In the formation of sperm and egg cells, members of the matched pairs of chromosomes may actually exchange segments of their DNA so that they become combinations of maternal and paternal genes, in processes called *crossover* and *recombination*. The X- and Y-chromosomes in a man do this only at their extreme ends. The rest of the Y-chromosome is passed from father to son, unchanged through the generations except for the rare changes caused by mutation.

Mutations and Markers

A mutation is a change in the DNA sequence due to some form of copying error in the replication process. A mutation which occurs in a gene may have adverse (or beneficial) consequences in future generations, but those in the non-coding sections of DNA, such as the nonrecombinant part of the Y chromosome, have no known effects of any kind.

Sections of DNA at which mutations have been observed are called *markers*. In one type of mutation, called a *single nucleotide polymorphism* (*SNP* or "*snip*"), a single nucleotide is replaced by another with a different base (an A replaced by a G, for example). The location of such a mutation is called an *SNP marker*.

The other type of mutation commonly used in studying ancestral lines is called a *short tandem repeat (STR) mutation*. A short string of bases (usually 2-6 bases) may be repeated several times. An example would be TGGATGGATGGATGGATGGA, or (TGGA)₅, with five repetitions of TGGA. The string TGGA is called the *repeat motif*; the sequence itself is called an *STR marker*. Through a copying error called “slippage” the number of repetitions may be changed by the insertion or deletion of one or more repetitions.

Many of these STR markers have been identified on the non-recombinant Y-chromosome. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) has chosen 37 to use for its tests, of which 12 or 25 are often used for the initial test. (Those who have submitted a DNA sample for one of these tests may later have additional markers analyzed without submitting a new sample.) With a few exceptions, each of these markers is identified by a “DYS” number, such as DYS 393. These marker numbers appear as column headings in the DNA Profiles Table (p. 58), to be discussed below.

Mutation Rates

In comparing a set of markers in the non-recombinant Y-chromosome of two males, some differences may be observed because of mutations which have occurred in the lines of descent from a common male-line ancestor. If the number of mutations and the rates at which they may be expected to occur are known, then some information can be inferred about the number of generations which have elapsed. FTDNA and similar companies compute *the probability that the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) will have occurred within a given number of generations*. (We can only deal with probabilities because mutations occur randomly. We cannot say exactly how many generations must pass before a mutation occurs, any more than we can say how many times a pair of dice must be rolled to get a 7.)

A mutation has occurred if a parent and his child have different bases at an SNP marker, or different numbers of repetitions at an STR marker. The *mutation rate* of a marker is the probability that a mutation will occur at that marker in one generation. This may be expressed as a decimal fraction (e.g., .004) or as the number of generations in which a mutation may be expected to occur (e.g., 1 mutation in 250 generations).

The mutation rates of SNP markers are believed to be extremely low. Roger Brian Austin [1] has reported an estimate of one per 50 million bases per generation. This stability of SNP markers makes them unsuitable for distinguishing lineages within the “surname era” (the last 1000 years or so), but they have enough variation to allow them to be used to distinguish lineages which

separated from a common ancestor in the distant past. People with the same DNA profile for a set of SNP markers are said to belong to the same *haplogroup* (for that set of markers).

STR markers are much more variable than SNPs. Early studies estimated rates between .002 (1 per 500 generations) and .004 (1 per 250 generations) for Y-chromosome STRs. This allows calculation of the probability that two men whose Y-chromosome DNA has been tested will have a common male-line ancestor within a certain relatively small number of generations or years.

The New tMRCA Calculator

The mathematical foundation for FTDNA’s calculations was presented in an article by Prof. Bruce Walsh of the University of Arizona [3]. Because rates for individual markers were not well known, Walsh first assumed that all markers had the same mutation rate, but he also presented the mathematics for individual marker rates to be used when they became sufficiently known. FTDNA initially used a “standard” rate of .002 and a “high” rate of .004. Recent studies suggest that even .004 may be on the low side for their 25-marker test set, and especially as additional rapidly mutating markers have been added for the 37-marker test. In the meantime, Prof. Mike Hammer and his colleagues at Arizona have completed a determination of individual rates for STR markers (including the 37 markers used by FTDNA). FTDNA is now using those rates for its test reports, and will announce them after they have been published in the scientific literature.

The program used by FTDNA to calculate probabilities for *time to Most Recent Common Ancestor (tMRCA)*, called FTDNATiP™, provides a personal report for each tested person, available online with a password provided by FTDNA. The report provides (under “Y-DNA DYS Values”) a list of the donor’s repeat numbers for the markers tested. This sequence of repeat numbers is called the *haplotype* or *DNA profile* of the donor. The report also provides (under “Y-DNA Matches”) a list of individuals who are “relevant” matches (at least 23/25 or 33/37), and for each of these individuals it reports the probabilities that the MRCA is within 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 years. The report allows recalculation of these probabilities when records show that the MRCA could not have occurred within a given number of generations.

The use of individual STR marker rates allows this comparison with specific individuals, and makes the resulting probabilities more accurate than they would be if based on a single mutation rate. The individual-rate probabilities will be higher than the single-rate probabilities if the mismatches occurred at rapidly mutating

markers, and lower if they occurred at slowly mutating markers. Probabilities for two people with the same number of mismatches may be different, depending on where the mismatches occurred.

The report may also give the tested person's *predicted Y-chromosome haplogroup*. This prediction is based on a comparison with haplotypes for which an SNP test has been done. An actual SNP test is needed to confirm the prediction. Among the other pages available on the FTDNA web site is "FTDNATiP™ Frequently Asked Questions." This is worth a read, and will answer some questions which have not been discussed in this article

Interpreting the DNA Profiles Table

The Austin-Austen DNA Project - Profiles Table contains a line listing the haplotype (sequence of repeat numbers) of each person who has had his DNA tested. The person is identified only by his Y-DNA Kit number, assigned by FTDNA, and the names of the first three known generations of his presumed male ancestral line as determined by traditional genealogical research. The number of additional generations to and including the donor is shown by the "M's (for "male") in column 5. The rest of the columns, headed by the DYS numbers of the various markers, give the number of repetitions for each marker. (Some lines will not include a number in every column, for reasons explained below.)

Within the Profiles Table, kits having the same or very similar DNA profiles are grouped together, with background shading separating the groups. Unlike previous versions of the Table, groups no longer include those kits which were thought to belong when their DNA tests prove otherwise (Kits 14615 and 13565, for example, are no longer included in the Robert of Kingstown and Richard of Charlestown groups respectively). For each group, marker numbers with dark shading are mutations, while those numbers with medium shading are possible mutations. Unshaded numbers are believed to be the non-mutated values which characterize or 'profile' the group. The sequence of these numbers is known as the group haplotype (or modal haplotype) for the group. Kits which appear alone have not yet been found to match closely with any other kit tested to date. Over time more Austin males will have their Y-DNA tested, and it is expected that additional groupings will be identified.

Degree of Relatedness

We have referred to "closely matching" lines, without saying what that means. The answer can be given in terms of probabilities for tMRCA as given by the single-rate method of calculation, which depends only on the number of mismatches, not on the markers at which they occur. For those interested in a "do it yourself" estimate

of these probabilities, a useful tool for finding them is "Bill Jackson's MRCA Calculator" [4], which provides numerical tables for them. Below is a brief selection of results from the Bill Jackson tables, for illustration. They are the probabilities of two males having their MRCA within 20 generations, for various mutation rates (m), numbers of markers, and numbers of matches:

matches/markers	m=.002	m=.004
23/25	30.1%	73.7%
24/25	58.3%	90.2%
25/25	86.5%	98.2%
33/37	15.2%	65.7%
34/37	31.6%	81.7%
35/37	54.9%	92.6%
36/37	78.8%	98.0%
37/37	94.8%	99.7%

Since it now appears that the average mutation rate for the markers used by FTDNA is closer to .004 than to .002, it seems that even a 24/25 or a 35/37 match gives at least 90% probability of a common ancestor within 20 generations and, of course, an even higher probability for more generations. On the other hand, matches poorer than 23/25 or 33/37 suggest that the MRCA is farther back and that the relationship of the compared individuals is too distant to be of much genealogical interest. FTDNA deems such matches as not "relevant."

Special Markers

Two markers (or, more accurately, groups of markers) require special care when translating the number of mismatches into the number of mutations which have occurred. These are DYS 389-1,2 and DYS 464a,b,c,d.

DYS 389-1,2 Markers

DYS 389-1 is part of DYS 389-2, so a mutation in 389-1 produces the same change in the repeat numbers of both markers. This looks like two mutations, but is really only one. If the differences between the repeat numbers at 389-1 and 389-2 remain the same, there has been no mutation in the second part of 389-2. (Paradoxically, if the repeat numbers in two lines differ at 389-1 but are the same at 389-2, this indicates that a second mutation has occurred in 389-2.) For example, Kit 28527 in the Joseph of Dover group has repeat numbers 14 and 30 respectively at those markers, while others in the same group have 15 and 31. Since the difference in each case is 16, there has been no mutation in the second part of DYS 389-2 in any of the lines in this group.

DYS 464a,b,c,d Markers

The repeat motif for DYS 464 appears at four different locations on the Y-chromosome, and the test which counts repetitions is unable to distinguish between them.

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
ISAAC AUSTIN AND LUCY FISH
OF NEW YORK AND ONTARIO**

*by Michael Edward Austin
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

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pots onto the clean white sand of the island... While the food was being readied in a cooking tent, helpers notched living trees to form table legs and set up double swings. Soon dinner was announced, which consisted of turkey and roasting pig, new potatoes, corn, peas, beans, etc., and which was satisfying to the most discriminating of palates... After dinner, the elderly settlers were asked to form a Council, to chat over the prize list of the Agricultural Society and to appoint its first officers.... After tea and cakes were consumed... Charles Austin the Reeve of Minden gave a short address... The Vice-President then asked for three cheers for good Queen Victoria and the National Anthem was sung.”

In 1864 Charles Austin and his sons led the construction of a Methodist church, the first in the district, on the west side of what was later known as “Austin Narrows” (named after Charles) and still later became Ingoldsby. The building was used as a school and meeting place. In 1865 Charles was the Reeve of Minden, Stanhope and Dysart, all in Peterborough County. In June 1866 he and 84 others from Minden and one from Dysart petitioned the Peterborough County Council asking to be set apart for municipal purposes. The 1871 census lists Charles as a Quaker and farmer, living with his wife Elizabeth Ann and their two youngest children in Minden. The Austins were apparently a rather close-knit family [12]:

“In 1871 the senior Austin, Charles Starbuck and Elizabeth, as well as Willett John (sic), his wife and their only child Frederick, rented a dwelling on Lot 4, Block X in Haliburton own by J. C. Blomfield. When another son and brother, Isaac, moved in with his wife Nancy McKnight and baby Henrietta, more room was urgently needed.

“The Austins, who were all excellent carpenters, bought Lots 5 and 11 on the same block, which gave them an unbroken piece of property on which they built a substantial dwelling.

“Charles Starbuck and Elizabeth Austin are shown on the 1873 assessment rolls as householders on Lot 1, Concession V and Lot 8, Block Q. In 1877 they moved to Monmouth Township to be with their eldest son, Benjamin Franklin, and his family.”

Minden became part of the newly-formed Haliburton County in 1874. In the 1881 census Charles Austin was listed as a “Free Thinker” and Elizabeth as a Calvinistic Methodist. Both lived with their single son Charles Jr. in Monmouth in Haliburton County, Ontario. Elizabeth’s parents were Harry Leet and Audrey Jackson. She was

called Betsy, and died on 31 May 1888 in Haliburton County, and Charles moved to Dysart where he was a “lodger” with his son Emerson in the 1891 census. Charles Austin died shortly after that, from nephritis on 30 June 1891 in Dysart Township, Haliburton County. He and Elizabeth are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Dysart. They had seven children:

- R12B-831. BENJAMIN “FRANKLIN” AUSTIN, *b. 13 September 1839 +*
- R12B-832. WILLETT JACKSON AUSTIN, *b. 11 October 1844 +*
- R12B-833. ISAAC NEWTON AUSTIN, *b. 2 October 1845 +*
- R12B-834. MEHETABEL “HATTIE” AUSTIN, *b. 1847 +*
- R12B-835. EMERSON BURLEIGH AUSTIN, *b. 22 April 1850 +*
- R12B-836. SARAH JANE AUSTIN, *b. 1854 +*
- R12B-837. CHARLES WILSON AUSTIN, *b. 10 July 1856 +*

R12B-84. JAMES B.⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born on 25 May 1820 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. He married circa 1846 to Martha Scott, born circa 1826 in Ontario, the daughter of John Scott and Annie Wood. They first settled in Percy Township [23], just north of Cramahe Township. Circa 1857 James and his brothers Charles and Benjamin pushed into unsurveyed townships. They claimed land at the Robertson Settlement, later known as Allsaw near Lake Kushogawigamog [12]. However, it seems James never moved his family north, for he was a shoemaker age 40 in the 1861 census for Brighton Township in Northumberland County, Ontario. Martha was 35, she and James were Episcopal Methodists. They later moved to Murray Township in Northumberland County, where two of their sons died in late 1870. In the 1871 census they were still in Murray Township (Lot 22 Concession 7), James was 49, a farmer with 100 acres, Martha was 44, both were Wesleyan Methodists. James Austin died of apoplexy in Murray Township in April 1872 at age 52. The informant was his son Alfred, who stated that his father belonged to the Church of England. James and Martha had six children:

- R12B-841. ALFRED FRANKLIN AUSTIN, *b. 17 June 1848 +*
- R12B-842. CALEB AUSTIN, *born 11 November 1850 in Prince Edward County. He d. 3 November 1870 age 19y 11m 22d of typhoid fever. He had been a farmer and a joiner and had died in Murray Township. He was an Episcopal Methodist, and was buried in McPhail Cemetery, Brighton Twp.*
- R12B-843. MARSHALL AUSTIN, *b. November 1853, d. 4 December 1870 age 17y 1m of typhoid fever. The 2 April 1871 census lists him as having been Episcopal Methodist, occupation was not listed. He was age 8 in 1861. He was buried in the McPhail Cemetery in Brighton Township.*
- R12B-844. ANNIE AUSTIN, *bc. 1855 (6 in 1861 census)*

R12B-845. JOHN MANLEY AUSTIN, *b. 16 October 1858, he was 'Manley' age 2 in the 1861 census. He d. 3 February 1871. John M. Austin age 12, died within the year ending 2 April 1871 and was an Episcopal Methodist, per Murray Township 1871 census. He is buried in McPlzail Cemetery.*

R12B-846. MARTHA AUSTIN, *b. after 1861 census, she died [23 October?] 1865 in Briglztan Twp. and is buried there in McPhail Cemetery.*

R12B-85. BENJAMIN F.⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac,⁵ Jonathon,⁴ Pasco,³ Jeremiah,² Robert,¹) was born on 25 September 1823 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. He was married on 3 December 1844 in Picton to Mary Ann McGuire, b. 30 August 1819 in Prince Edward County, daughter of John McGuire and Margaret Gerollamy. By the 1848 census they resided at Concession 6 Lot 27 in Murray Township, Northumberland County, Ontario. Their land was situated somewhere west of Wooler, and circa 1850 it became part of Brighton Township, Northumberland County. The couple is still found there in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses. Benjamin was a farmer, and by the 1871 census he owned 100 acres (Concession 7 Lot 28). He and Mary were Episcopal Methodists. By the April 1881 census they had moved to Sidney Township in Hastings County, Ontario. Benjamin died in 1900 in Belleville, Hastings County, while Mary died of arteriosclerosis on 9 December 1913 age 94y 3m 10d in Peterborough, Ontario. Her obituary appeared in The Evening Examiner, Peterborough, on 10 December:*

Mrs. Mary Ann Austin - There passed away late yesterday one of the aged residents of our city in the person of Mrs. Mary Ann Austin, the beloved mother of Mr. Walter Austin and Miss Phoebe Austin of Weller St. Born in the neighboring county of Prince Edward of one of the early pioneer families of that famous county, she had passed her 94th birthday by some three months. Soon after her marriage, Mrs. Austin came with her husband to Northumberland County, settling in Murray township when it was a wilderness. Here thirty years of her early married life was spent. Afterwards for a number of years she lived in Belleville and Brockville, coming from the latter place to Peterborough some ten years ago. The last five years the deceased had been confined almost entirely to her home through weight of years. In religion Mrs. Austin was a Methodist and during her early years her home was always a centre of activity, the minister and church workers being always welcome guests. Her husband, Mr. Benjamin Austin predeceased her some twelve years. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons and one daughter, Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin, of Los Angeles, California; Manley Austin of Theodore, Saskatchewan; Walter C. Austin and Miss Phoebe Austin of this city. The remains will be taken to Belleville on Thursday for interment.

According to the Belleview Cemetery records, Benjamin and Mary were buried there in the plot owned by their son

George, although their graves are unmarked. They had six children:

R12B-85 1. GEORGE W AUSTIN, *b. June 1844 +*

R12B-852. PHOEBE J. AUSTIN, *b. 18 August 1847 (twin), she never married. In 1913 Phoebe resided in Peterborough, and in 1918 she was residing in Theodore, Saskatchewan (where her brother Manley also lived at that time).*

R12B-853. ADELIA ANN AUSTIN, *b. 18 August 1847 (twin), d. 9 August 1863 age 15y 11m 22d. Buried in McPhail Cemetery in Brighton Twp.*

R12B-854. BENJAMIN FISH AUSTIN, *b. 21 Sept. 1850 +*

R12B-855. MANLEY MANSON AUSTIN, *b. 1853 +*

R12B-856. WALTER CLARKE AUSTIN, *6.21 Jan. 1857 +*

R12B-86. WILLETT CASEY⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac,⁵ Jonathon,⁴ Pasco,³ Jeremiah,² Robert,¹) was born on 25 July 1825 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. In the 1848 census for Murray Township, Northumberland County, Ontario he was a cabinetmaker living with his brother Benjamin (at Concession 6 Lot 27). He was first married 26 September 1849 in Brighton, Northumberland County, by Reverend Joshua Webster of Hilton to Esther Adelia Holland. Both were of Murray, Northumberland County. Esther was born in September 1832 in Brighton, the daughter of Richard Holland and Lady Mary Thompson. Her brother Cornelius Holland married Willett's niece, 'R12B-811 Emily Eliza Austin and they were neighbors. In the 1850 census Willett and Esther were still living in Murray Township (Concession 5 Lot 9, non-proprietor), and were listed as living in Brighton in the 1851 census. Willett Austin was a cabinetmaker and of the Church of England. They were still in Brighton in the 1861 census which lists Willett as a farmer, and Willett and Esther as Episcopal Methodists.*

AFGS Photo 54

Satellite view of Willet Austin's Cabin Area in Dysart Township, Peterborough County, Ontario, Canada

In addition to farming, Willett spent part of each year as a trapper and fur trader. Perhaps as early as the 1850s he began making trips north. Near his trap lines he built the first cabin in the area, described as "a shanty of the most primitive sort," at Stewart's Narrows where Head Lake flows into Grass Lake. It was only about a mile from

where Haliburton lies today, but then it was wilderness in the middle of sparsely-populated Dysart Township in Peterborough County, Ontario. Whenever he accumulated enough pelts, Willett took them south to Peterborough to trade for goods and supplies. Sometime after the 1861 census and before 1864, he moved his family to the cabin, and they became pioneer squatters. Esther Austin had some interesting experiences with an Indian there:

Their cabin was built on a water route popular with Indians. One day Esther was taking fresh baked bread from pans when an unfamiliar sound behind her made her drop it on the hand hewn pine table. She turned to face a towering bronzed Indian. Uttering a guttural "ugh" he marched poker-faced to the table, picked up a warm loaf, and departed as silently as he had arrived. Mrs. Austin was outraged at the behavior of what she called "the thieving savage!" and roundly berated her returning husband for exposing her to such goings on. In vain did Mr. Austin assure her that the Indians were all friendly and this one's conduct quite in keeping with custom. It took actual privation during an extended absence of her husband's to show her how wrong she had been. With supplies all used up and the breadwinner not due for several days, Mrs. Austin cooked the last lump of venison for her children's dinner. There were no neighbors near enough to help and the little family faced hunger. A noise behind her made her turn about to face the same impassive Indian. This time he carried a haunch of freshly killed venison which he deposited on the table. He bowed formally and passed out the door into the forest – his obligation discharged. From that day forward Mrs. Austin never spoke of "thieving Indians." Instead she became their most militant defender and cultivated their friendship at every opportunity. [21]

On 15 April 1861 the Canadian Land and Emigration Company was formed. In the fall of 1864 the Austins moved about a mile east to Lots 4 & 5, Block Q, in Haliburton village, which they purchased from the Land Company. At that time Haliburton village, part of Dysart Township, was only a dense forest, and Drag Creek, the outlet of Drag Lake, ran through it into Head Lake. The year 1864 was an unusually poor one for Ontario's agriculture. There was a general crop failure and Dysart Township residents were on the verge of starvation. To help the settlers, the Company opened a store on Lot 1, Concession V and distributed basic food to all those in need. Early settlers included the Hollands, Austins, Sawyers, Bucks, and Vernon Wadsworth who kept the store and post office on a part-time basis [22]. Willett Austin was a skilled carpenter and built most of the Company buildings, which included an office and a store. He also built the second bridge across Head Lake Narrows at a cost of \$130.27, and a house for the Company's agent, Lynn Cameron.

Willett's grandson R12B-8667 Kenneth Gordon Austin related to a cousin what he recalled from conversations with his grandfather [20]. While it contains some known errors, it is nonetheless of great interest:

Grandfather Willett Casey Austin, together with Grandma Esther Adelia (Holland) ventured into the Haliburton County via the Trent Valley waterways, Rice Lake, Cameron Lake the North branch of the Burnt River, to where Gelert now is and then up the Drag River to Canning lake to what was later called Austin Narrows at Ingoldsby, where he paddled into Kashigawigamog Lake on up through Carsons Narrows into Little Kashag. Lake and Birch Narrows into Mud Lake then up a creek to the Head Lake at Haliburton. Just down the bank from where the Anglican Church now is they made camp on a Cedar Point where a small creek came in from a spring or several springs which come from under the mountain which used to be known as "Dover's Hill."

I will relate more on this to you at a later date. Grandpa Willett Casey, told me of this and said he had been engaged by a Mr. Bloomfield of the Land Company to join Capt. John Lucas there and build a dam across the Drag River which flows in the Head Lake at the north end. Also to then build a sawmill and gristmill which would be water powered, this they did with the help of local Indians and settlers coming in. My Dad Gorton Thomas Austin was born there in 1866. I cannot believe that they brought the whole family into Haliburton with them at that time. Some one at Picton must have cared for them as you will see by the record enclosed that there were three boys and two girls older than my Dad.

"From the rock Picton, and I have come up here into Egypt to save souls from hell and damnation' They likened the journey to Haliburton unto the journey of the Children of Israel to the Promised Land."

[Editor's note: Picton was a city close to Marysburgh where Willett was born. His grandson Kenneth Gordon Austin appears to erroneously believe that his grandfather had come directly from the Picton area, apparently unaware that Willett had also dwelled for over 16 years in Northumberland County. Also, Drag Creek flows into Head Lake at Haliburton, not at the "north end" of Head Lake.]

On 26 September 1865 the Dysart Agricultural Society held its first Fair in a large shed erected on Queen Street in Haliburton. It was completely filled with the fruits of an abundant harvest. Visitors browsed through the show, admiring the over seven foot long oak straw exhibited by Alex Pogue. Willett Austin, one of fifty farmers then living in Dysart Township, won the prize for fall wheat. In 1870 Willett was asked by the Dysart Council to draw out the necessary timber for the town hall which was about to be built. [12] In the 1871 census Willett Austin resided on 100 acres in Dysart Township (Concession 6, Lot 31), and was listed as an Episcopal Methodist and carpenter.

In 1873 a financial depression slowed the local economy, and several families moved out of Haliburton. Willett Austin sold his Lots 4 & 5, Block Q, to John Croston, who was a shoemaker of "Gents fine boots." Willett had been invited to use his skills to rebuild mills destroyed during the U. S. Civil War, so he and his family moved to North Carolina, except for sons James and Alexander who remained behind in Haliburton. In 1874 Haliburton

village – along with the rest of Dysart Township – became part of the newly-formed Haliburton County. James Austin died suddenly at age 29 in 1881. [12]

Willett Austin has not been found in the 1880 census for North Carolina, although he is supposed to have been operating a sawmill there at that time. [12] He ran into financial problems, and in 1883 Willett and his family returned to Haliburton, buying a farm (which was tax exempt because of its welfare shanty) from William Davies and his younger brother John Thomas Davies. Willett continued with carpentry, and one of the barns he built on the Gordon Neville farm was still standing in 1968. [12, 21]. Before 1890 Willett and Esther moved to Snowdon Township in Haliburton County.

Esther died from “spinal disease” on 7 January 1890 in Snowdon. Willett Austin married second on 31 July 1890 in Minden to Melissa Jane (Sheppard) Minaker. She was born 14 August 1840 in Prince Edward County, the daughter of James Sheppard and Mary Ann Williams. Melissa had four children by her first husband, Peter Minaker, who died in 1889, and was known as “Granny Austin” to her grandchildren. Willett spent his declining years at Ingoldsby, Haliburton County, where following his death on 29 November 1910 in Minden Township, Haliburton County, he was buried in the little cemetery opposite the Indian burial ground on Puffer’s Island. Melissa died on 25 August 1913. Willett and Esther had nine children:

- R12B-861. SAMUEL AUSTIN, *b. 1849, he was age 2 in the 1851 census of Brighton, but must have died before the 1861 census.*
- R12B-862. JAMES HARVEY AUSTIN, *b. 18 December 1852, he suffered from consumption from early childhood. He died in Snowden on 10 June 1881.*
- R12B-863. LUCY JANE AUSTIN, *b. 16 July 1854, m. on 4 March 1873 in Haliburton village in Dysart Township to Ewald McEnroy b. circa 1848 in Scotland, the son of Ewald and Ellen McEnroy.*
- R12B-864. MARY ELIZABETH AUSTIN, *b. 13 Feb. 1857 in Brighton, Northumberland County. She m. 30 December 1857 in Percy Township, Norham, Northumberland County to James Addison Morrow, b. 1850 in Brighton, the son of John Morrow and Mary Hubbell. James was a farmer, he and Mary resided in Brighton. Mary died 14 May 1890 and is buried in the Hilton Cemetery, in Hilton, Northumberland County. James Morrow d. 1937 and is also buried in Hilton Cemetery.*
- R12B-865. ALEXANDER POTTER AUSTIN, *b. 26 May 1859 +*
- R12B-866. GORTON THOMAS AUSTIN, *b. 22 June 1864 +*
- R12B-867. RHODA ANN AUSTIN, *b. 5 March 1868 in Haliburton, m. 25 December 1885 in Haliburton to Hercules Scott. He was b. in 1863, the son of Hercules and Agnes Scott. At the time of their marriage Rhoda was of Minden and Hercules was a lumberman of Haliburton.*

- R12B-868. WILLIAM STANLEY AUSTIN, *b. 3 May 1870 +*
- R12B-869. EMMA NORA AUSTIN, *b. 14 March 1872 +*

R12B-87. ADELIA ANN⁶ AUSTIN (*Isaac,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Pasco,³ Jeremiah,² Robert¹) was born 16 August 1831 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario. She was married circa 1848 in Ontario to Carlton Fraleigh, born in 1825 in Ontario. He was a farmer, and died on 17 October 1895 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County. Adelia then lived with her youngest son Benjamin until 1905 when he moved to Saskatchewan. She lived with her daughters until her death of flu and pneumonia at age 90 on 11 June 1922 in Brighton Township. She and Carleton are buried in McPhail Cemetery in Brighton Township. They had fourteen children and many grandchildren:*

- R12B-871. NANCY FRALEIGH, *b. 10 Oct. 1849 Murray Twp., Northumberland Co., m. 6 January 1867 Percy, Northumberland Co. Thomas Richardson Ames, b. 11 October 1845 on Waupoos Island, N. Marysburgh Twp., Prince Edward County, the son of James Ames & Mary Richardson. Thomas d. 2 April 1925 Trenton, Nancy d. 19 December 1933 in Brighton Twp. Ch: Ada Luella Ames b. 1868, Lillian Adele Ames b.1869, Ethel Maud Ames b. 1874, Milton Fraleigh Ames b. 1876, Minnie Gertrude Ames b. 1882, Mabel Clara Ames b. 1886, and Florence Winifred Ames b. 1888.*
- R12B-872. MAUD MARIE FRALEIGH, *b. 13 May 1851 in Brighton, Northumberland Co. She went by ‘Maria’ and m. Monroe S. Gould, b. 31 March 1846 in Colborne, Ontario. He d. 16 Oct. 1915, Maud d. 17 June 1935 in Toronto. Ch: Clarissa Adelia Gould b. 1873, Charles Orloff Gould b. 1876, Rowena Olivia Gould b. 1878, twins Annie Louise Gould and Adam Burr Gould b. 1880.*
- R12B-873. MARIAH FRALEIGH, *b. 1853 in Brighton, she d. before 1881.*
- R12B-874. EUNICE FRALEIGH, *b. 1853 in Brighton, she m1. 11 October 1870 to Samuel Hugh McColl, b. 9 October 1851 in Brighton.. Ch: Burton McColl bc.1873, Llewellyn McColl b.1874, Nettie May McColl b.1876, Bertha McColl bc.1878, P. Ethel McColl b.1883, Margaret Edna b.1885. Samuel d. 28 September 1895 in Ontario, Eunice m2. — Oliver after 1896. She d. 1944 in Ontario.*
- R12B-875. MARY ELIZABETH FRALEIGH, *b. 1856 in Brighton, m1. 4 November 1874 in Brighton to Joseph Allison, b. 1851 Brighton d. 8 October 1877 Brighton. Mary m2. after 1880 to George Francis Teal. Ch: Addison Wilfred Teal b. 1887, Alice May Teal b. 1890, Gladys Teal b. aft. 1902.*
- R12B-876. LUCY FRALEIGH, *born on 28 May 1857 in Brighton, d. 11 September 1864 in Brighton.*
- R12B-877. ANNIE L. FRALEIGH, *b. on 15 June 1858 in Brighton, she d. 6 January 1865 in Brighton.*
- R12B-878. WILLIAM FRALEIGH, *b. 18 August 1859 in Brighton, he d. 18 October 1864 in Brighton.*

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Instead, it simply reports them in order of length. The shortest is called 464a, no matter which location it occupies, and the longest is 464d. If a mutation changes the length of one of these markers, the *order* of their lengths may change and hence also their designations.

For an example, look at Kit 25039 (Daniel Austin in the large Samuel Austin of Boston group). At first glance, this line appears to have 3 mismatches with the Samuel group haplotype for markers DYS 464a-d. But a single *3-step mutation* from 15 to 18 at DYS 464a in the group haplotype would change the order of the lengths from 15,16,17,19 to 16,17,18,19 for Kit 25039. Thus the original DYS 464a, changing from 15 to 18 repeats, would become DYS 464c for Kit 25039, and so on. FTDNA interprets such changes as being the result of a single mutation.

What if You Match a Documented Line?

As was noted in the January 2005 AFGS newsletter [2], “the Y-DNA match proves that *you are related* to the documented Austin line, but it does not show you *how you are related* to that line.” The 90+% probabilities noted above constitute proof of relationship within a reasonable degree of certainty, but remember that this only means that you and the DNA donor for the matching line have a common ancestor within a certain number of generations (20, in this example). It does *not* tell you that you are descended from the first-generation ancestor shown for that line in the table; you may only be a distant cousin of that ancestor. Unless you have genealogical documentation of your descent from the listed ancestor, it is still up to you to try to find that unknown common ancestor “the old fashioned way.” But now you have a clue which may help your research.

If you do have documentation which suggests descent from someone in the documented line, of course, the DNA match gives you strong evidence of the correctness of that documentation, and it is for this kind of confirmation that some people submit their DNA (or that of a close male relative) for testing. A mismatch at more than 4 or 5 markers effectively disproves a conjectured line of descent or a close relationship between two lines.

Some Achievements of the Project

The purpose of the Austin-Austen DNA Project is to assemble a database of Austin DNA profiles (shown on page 58) which may be used (1) to confirm a line of descent established by documentary research; (2) to disprove a conjectured line of descent; (3) to identify a *probable* relationship to an established line for someone who has not yet made such a connection; and (4) to

establish groups of several lines with descent from a single known early ancestor. The following examples illustrate these four purposes.

(1) The author’s DNA (Kit 13566) was submitted in part to help establish a modal haplotype for the Samuel Austin of Boston line, but also with the desire to establish the correctness of his wife’s years of research on that line. As it turned out, his Y-DNA was a 24/25 match when compared to two other tested Samuel descendents, with a single 1-step mutation at DYS 449. This gives a probability of 90.2% that he shares a common ancestor with the other Samuel descendents within 20 generations (assuming that $m = .004$), and a probability of 58.3% within 10 generations. The actual documented common ancestor is Samuel’s son, Thomas Austin of Andover, Massachusetts, eight generations back from the author.

(2) There have been two surprising results in our DNA testing, in which a large number of DNA mismatches effectively proves that the DNA donor cannot have been biologically descended from the documented ancestor. These are Kits 14165 and 13565, originally presumed to be descendents of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island and of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts respectively. In each case, at some point in the line of descent, the documented father is not the biological father. Some possible causes may be undiscoverable, such as a marital infidelity or an unrecorded adoption. If the cause is simply an error in the documentation, further testing of other descendents may reveal where the break occurred, and further research may reveal a correct or probably correct ancestral line.

If you examine the table closely, you may notice that Kit 13565 which was originally with the Richard Austin of Charlestown group (see the Profiles Table on page 856) now appears in a separate group which begins with John Austin b.1738 Massachusetts. John was originally thought to be a fourth generation descendent of Richard through his grandson Nathaniel. Kit 33038 establishes Nathaniel as having a 25/25 match with the Richard group, but testing of another descendent of John Austin (Kit 33359) produced a 25/25 match with Kit 13565. This gives a strong presumption that 13565 is descended from John, whose further ancestry is not yet known but which is definitely *not* of the Richard line. Similarly, Kits 14165 and 35988 did not match the Robert Austin of Rhode Island line, so they also appear alone in the latest Table.

(3,4) The two closely related lines of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island and Jonah Austin of Taunton, Massachusetts (son of Jonah of England) have been productive in finding homes for other unattached lines. There is a 25/25 match between a Robert descendent (Kit 20943) and a Jonah descendent (Kit 24626), but a

couple of mismatches have shown up in one 37-marker test. Descendents of William Austin b.1793 in Vermont or Connecticut (Kit 8647) and Benjamin Austin b.1770 Massachusetts (Kit 20945) both have 25/25 matches with these two, and a descendent of Stephen Austin b.1750 (Kit 24037) has a 24/25 match with them. All of these lines, including Robert and Jonah, almost certainly share a common male line ancestor within the past twenty generations, and possibly much more recently than that. The later birth dates of William, Benjamin and Stephen even leave open the possibility that they themselves are descended from Robert Austin or Jonah Austin, although documentation of this has not yet been found.

The now completed tests for Kit 28527 and Kit 28183, both descendents of Joseph Austin through his grandsons Nathaniel and Joseph respectively, show matches of 23/25 and 22/25 with Kit 11744 (the line of William of Guyana). The probability of William and Joseph having a common ancestor is perhaps less than hoped for (roughly 50-70% within the last twenty generations from the present), but the chances are still better than 50-50.

The line of William Austin of Kent County, Maryland (Kits 18245 and 34236) shows a perfect match with the Samuel of Boston line for 25 markers, but the 37 marker test shows 3 or 4 mismatches compared to those Samuel descendents who have so far been tested at that level. That still leaves about a 65-80% chance of a common ancestor for William and Samuel in the last twenty generations, but this also is less than had been hoped for.

While the uncertainties remaining in these results may seem disappointing, they may be sharpened by future testing. The Austin-Austen DNA Project - Profiles Table published in January 2004 showed 20 tested lines. There were 47 lines in January 2005, and 67 lines in the current table shown on pages 58 and 59. This steady addition of tested lines holds hope for many future discoveries.

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QUERIES

58-1. **Charles Austin** was born circa 1745 and married Ann Creech on 1 February 1770 in Dorchester, Dorset, England. Seeking any information on his parents, birth or baptism.

58-2. **Thomas Austen** had a daughter Anne who m1. Thomas Scranton/Stranton who d.1602. She m2.1603 Josias Seyliard. Thomas Austen may have been brother of William Awsten of Biddenden, Kent area. Seeking information on these Austens.

58-3. **Lafayette Austen** b. 1834 in Ohio, m. 28 February 1858 in Saint Clair County, Illinois to Hester Beedle. they had daughter Emily Ann Austin. He died in Christian County, Illinois. Seeking information regarding Lafayette's ancestry.

58-4. **Sarah Austen** m. Thomas Hopper 30 September 1735 in Smarden, Kent, England. His will dated 6 October 1747 gives 4/5ths to children by first wife: John, Thomas, Daniel & Mary. Sarah was perhaps a widow when she married Thomas? Would appreciate any background information on Sarah and Thomas.

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DNA CASTS DOUBT ON ROBERT AUSTIN OF KINGSTOWN, RI LINE

Conflicting DNA test results for putative descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island have caused AFGS genealogists to review documentation behind the four children commonly attributed to Robert: Jeremiah, Edward, Joseph and John. Initial results are on PAGE 62.

2006 INTERNATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

Our 21-23 July convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana is jointly sponsored by the *Austin Families Genealogical Society* and the *Austin Families Association of America*. Meeting talks and workshops will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn Hotel at 300 East Washington Boulevard. Phone 260-422-5511 before 19 June to reserve rooms at our special \$69 rate. Also, please remember to send the enclosed Registration Form to the Convention Registrar, so we will know how many are planning to attend.

COUNTY KENT RECORDS

The most recent five CDs published by the Kent Family History Society were purchased for the AFGS Library. Twenty-one KFHS CDs will now be made available for research at our conventions. These include baptisms, marriages and death records for many Kent parishes. In September 2006 *THE AUSTIN FAMILIES REGISTER* will have a supplement to the September 2005 issue article on *Kent Austin-Austen Baptisms*, based on the new CDs.

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH AWARD

Each year at its convention, the Society presents its Austin Genealogical Research Award to a member who has contributed significantly towards publishing Austin genealogical research. If you would like to nominate a researcher for the 2006 'Eagle Award,' e-mail his or her name and address along with a description of his or her Austin-Austen research and publications.

AFGS Photo 61-1 The Eagle Award

2007 CONVENTION SITE NOMINATIONS

Even before our 2006 convention is held in Fort Wayne, it is time to give thought to where the 2007 International Austin Convention will be held. You can nominate a site

by sending an e-mail to. A ballot with your September newsletter will select the site.

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Australia is not the site chosen for our 2006 International Austin Convention – this chap is one of the residents of Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. For researchers the Allen County Public Library offers large collections from many countries. ACPL is the largest public genealogy research library in the United States.

AFGS Photo 61-2 Kangaroo

AUSTIN-AUSTEN DIGITIZATION PROJECT

As mentioned in the January newsletter, the AFGS library has hundreds of documents submitted by members that are not yet available at the *Austin-Austen Research Center* (AARC) at our website: www.austins.org. The Society's *Austin-Austen Digitization Project* enables volunteers to digitize these documents on their personal computers. As is shown in the screen image below, the document to be digitized appears in the large upper window, while the transcriber types text into the smaller lower window. We have had a few volunteer transcribers to date, and they have provided many newly-digitized documents for the AARC. These new documents can be also be viewed via the 'Holdings' links (see Holdings PAGE 43 for some good examples). This is a large project, and more help is needed. If you would like to help with this worthwhile effort, please either click the 'Projects' and 'Digitization Project' links at the AFGS website, or e-mail the AFGS Secretary Donald E. Austin Sr.

AFGS Photo 61-3

Digitization Project Data Entry at the AFGS Website

**DNA TESTING CASTS DOUBT
ON THE ROBERT AUSTIN LINE
OF KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**

Under the *Austin-Austen DNA Project*, Y-DNA tests have been done for many Austin lines. At the AFGS web site www.austins.org click on the *Projects* link, then follow the *DNA Project* link, then click *View Latest Test Results*.

Four tests were done for putative descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island. DNA Kits 13567 and 20943 are descendants of Robert Austin's putative grandson Edward Austin born circa 1690 (son of Edward), while Kits 47057 and 14165 are descendants of Robert's putative grandson David Austin born circa 1693 (son of Jeremiah). There is an absolute mismatch between the Y-DNA of Edward and David, thus Robert Austin could not have been the grandfather of both these men. It had been noted from the earlier Y-DNA testing that the descendants of Edward Austin closely match those of Jonah Austen of Taunton, Massachusetts, which is less than 50 miles from Kingstown, Rhode Island. The initial conclusion was that the Robert and Jonah lines must be closely related, but now David Austin's mismatching results raise other serious possibilities and concerns.

Robert Austin does not appear in James Savage's classic book *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, published in Boston in 1860. Nor does he appear in John Camden Hotten's book *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*, published in London in 1874. Robert Austin is first mentioned in John Osborne Austin's book *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, Comprising Three Generations of Settlers Who Came Before 1690*, published in 1887. Only this latter book is referenced by Edith Austin Moore in her popular book *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island*, published in November 1951. Thus it is from John Osborne Austin's book alone that the Robert Austin's four putative sons' names are found: (I) Jeremiah Austin who died in 1754, (II) Edward Austin who died after 1731, (III) Joseph Austin who died circa 1743, and (IV) John Austin who died 17 April 1752. John Osborne Austin, however, admitted to lacking proof:

"The name of Robert was revived in two instances in the third generation. The positive proofs that Robert Austin was the ancestor of this family are not found, but the belief is thought to be well founded."

Thus it is possible that one or more of the putative sons are unrelated to Robert Austin. AFGS genealogists have recently been trying to locate some living male Austin descendants of Joseph and John. Once they have been

found, Y-DNA tests should reveal additional information about the relationships between Robert's putative sons.

QUERY

62-1. **John Austin** resided in Huntressville, later Lowell, Maine in the early 1800s. On 27 October 1837 for \$200 he sold to John Bailey Austin, his Lots 4 & 5 Range 1, 200 acres bounded on the south by Bingham Purchase and north by land of Benjamin and John Bowers, east by Nathan Coffin, west by Lot 3, occupied by John G. Littlefield. John Austin was possibly the father of John Bailey Austin and Stephen Decatur Austin. **John Bailey Austin** was born on 15 May 1815 in Enfield, Penobscot County, Maine, and married there circa 1838 to Aurelia Cleaves, b. 8 January 1822 Windsor, Prentiss Township, Kennebec County, Maine. She was a daughter of James Cleaves and Sarah Stevens and often went by 'Orilla.'

AFGS Photos 62-1 & 62-2

Aurelia Cleaves (1822-1895) **John Bailey Austin** (1815-1880)

John Bailey Austin and Orilla sold their Lowell land on 9 March 1842 for \$250 to David F. Bacon of Orono, Maine. They had eight children b. Prentiss, then moved ca. 1855 to Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin where they had two more: Elizabeth, Edward, Ernestine, Israel or Ezra, Winfield, Arabella, Adeline, Emma, Clara, and Edith. In 1870 John Bailey Austin and his family are in Garden Valley, Jackson County, Wisconsin. He died in Jackson County before 15 June 1880. In the 1880 census Orilla lived in Alma, Jackson County with her daughter Edith (Austin) Butterfield. She died 16 December 1895 in Boyd, Chippewa County, Wisconsin. **Stephen Decatur Austin** was born in Maine on 1 December 1819. 'Cate' was also from Lowell, and married Lucy Bernard, born in New York. Cate and Lucy lived next door to John and Aurelia in the 1860 Rantoul census, with three children: Stephen, William and Caroline. Both men were farmers. It seems probable that John Bailey Austin and Stephen Decatur Austin were brothers. I would like information on John Austin, and am seeking proof they were his sons.

NOTE: Pages 63-65 contain the continuation of the 1850 US Census for Illinois (continued from page 49). These pages have been omitted here and can be found elsewhere on this web site.

QUERIES

66-1. **John Austin** born ca. 1831 in Bolton, Lancashire, died 15 December 1884. He married Betty Holt, had three known children b. in Lancashire: George Austin b. ca. 1860 d. 15 May 1936 m. Emma Holt had daughters Jane Agnes Austin and Fanny Austin; Annie Austin b. 18 November 1872 d. 17 April 1947 San Diego, California, buried Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, California. She m. ca. 1895 in Bolton to Jules Heiby, three daughters: Emilie Heiby, Violet Heiby, Bertha Edith Heiby (my grandmother); William Austin b. 31 January 1875 in Bolton d. 9 June 1946 m. Fanny Holt, two sons: William Austin, Jr. and George Austin. According to a posting by Lisa Austin Sears of Cloverdale, Oregon, Annie and William went to Lima, Ohio, Pennsylvania & California. Seeking any information on John Austin and his parents.

66-2. **Robert Austen** of Tenterden married Jane Strode of St. Giles-in-the-Fields on 30 April 1703. They had sons Edward Austen, William Austen & Robert Austen, and a daughter Jane Grace Austen who married Richard Windsor of Broad Street, London and Tottenham. Jane's only surviving child, Sarah Windsor, born circa 1735, married Edward Constable of London, and they had two daughters, Mary and Ann Constable. Edward Constable died before his younger daughter was born. I would like anything known concerning this Edward, and would also appreciate additional information on this Austen line.

66-3. **Solomon Austin** was born 28 February 1779 in Rhode Island. He married Delight —, born 11 October 1784 in Albany County, New York. They appear in the New York census from 1810 to 1840, and resided for many decades in Locke, Cayuga County, New York. In the 1850 census Delight is with her daughter Julia's family in Locke, but Solomon is in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio with Philanda Grant, whose relationship to him is unknown. Delight died in 1861 in Locke, Solomon d. 1861 in Kingsville. They had seven known children: Isaiah Austin b. 1801 may have moved to Michigan; Delight Austin m. Merritt Cornwell; Lucinda Austin m1. — Armstrong, m2. — Guest; Betsey Austin m. — Raynor; Polly or Patty Austin m. — Greenly or Greenleaf; Julia Austin b. 1823 d. 1896 m. Harvey Harris; Mercy Austin m. — Chamberlain. There appear to be two Solomons, and it is confusing as to who is the correct choice. Seeking Solomon Austin's parents.

66-4. **Eli E. Austin** was married in 1864 in Kingston, Wisconsin to Ann N. Staves, born 2 September 1843 in Lincolnshire. She practiced nursing in Civil War camps where her husband Eli was stationed. They moved to

Minnesota in 1878, she died 5 August 1930. Would like to learn of the ancestry of both Eli & Ann Staves Austin.

66-5. **Moses Austin** was born in Tennessee on 12 March 1860. Family legend has his parents as fur trader Seth Austin and a Blackfoot Indian woman, and his brothers as Robert Austin and Aaron Austin. Moses married circa 1885 Parisetta Ellen Walker, born April 1868 in Kentucky (photo above). The 1900 Lawrence County, Indiana census lists Ellen and Moses, a farm laborer, and five children b. Kentucky: Anna Austin b. August 1890, Rosa Austin b. March 1892, George Austin b. October 1893, Thomas Austin, b. 4 May 1896, Lulu Austin b. November 1898. Moses d. 1 April 1936 in Lawrence County, buried in a 'pauper grave.' Thomas, b. in Horse Cave, Hart County, m. Edith E. Strange, eleven ch: William Austin, Raymond Austin b. 19 September 1922 in Springfield, Illinois; Max Austin, Walter Austin, Moses Austin, Thomas Austin, Mary Ellen Austin, June Austin, Shirley Austin, Althea Austin & Dorothea Austin. Seek any help tracing Moses.

AFGS Photo 66**Parisetta Ellen Walker and Moses Austin**

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
ISAAC AUSTIN AND LUCY FISH
OF NEW YORK AND ONTARIO**

*by Michael Edward Austin
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

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- R12B-879. EMMA FRALEIGH, *b. 4 June 1862 in Percy Twp., Northumberland County, m. 13 February 1878 in Colborne, Ontario to James P. Morgan, b. 20 August 1850 in Cavan Twp., Durham County, Ontario. He d. 27 January 1928 in Brighton, Emma d. 1945 in Ontario. Ch: Harry Lorn Morgan b. 1879, Richard Loyd Morgan b. 1880, Maud A. Morgan b. 1881, Clara Morgan b. 1883, Wilfred E. Morgan b. 1885, Martha Morgan b. 1887, Mabel Melissa Morgan b. 1891, Clarence Morgan b. 1894, Florence Anna Morgan b. 1896, Arthur Morgan b. 1898.*
- R12B-87A. LILLIE W. FRALEIGH, *b. 31 October 1865 in Brighton, m. 24 August 1882 in Belleville, Ontario to William Morgan, b. 15 May 1860 in Cramahe Township, Northumberland County. He d. 1935 in Cramahe, Lillie d. there in 1957. Ch: Walter C. Morgan b. 1884, John Wesley Morgan b. 1886, Percival A. Morgan b. 1889, Margaret Adelia Morgan b. 1892, Edith E. Morgan b. 1895, Annie Mae Morgan b. 1897, Kenneth Alexander Morgan b. 1900.*
- R12B-87B. CLARA FRALEIGH, *b. 21 November 1867 in Brighton, d. 21 October 1872 in Brighton.*
- R12B-87C. BERTHA FRALEIGH, *b. May 1870 Brighton, she died 10 November 1878 of diptheria.*
- R12B-87D. JESSIE AMELIA FRALEIGH, *b. 11 July 1872 in Brighton, m. 13 September 1893 to Arthur Fox, b. 4 August 1871. He died 23 May 1924 in Murray Twp., Northumberland Co., Jessie died there on 4 December 1952. Ch: Myrtle Adele Fox b. 1894, Marjorie 'Thelma' Gladys Fox b. 1899, Hazel Valeria Fox b. 1903.*
- R12B-87E. BENJAMIN CARLTON FRALEIGH, *b. 9 December 1875 in Brighton, m. 15 March 1898 in Norham, Ontario to Amelia Anne Buchanan, b. 8 August 1878 in Brighton, daughter of John Buchanan and Elizabeth Stuart. Benjamin d. in 1947. Three ch: William Keith Elwood Fraleigh b. 1898, Stewart Austin Fraleigh b. 1900 and Harold Leroy Fraleigh b. 1906.*

SEVENTH GENERATION

R12B-811. EMILY ELIZA⁷ AUSTIN (*Job*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born circa 1835 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. She was married in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario to Cornelius Holland, born circa 1830 in Ontario, son of Richard Holland and Lady Mary Thompson. Emily was

age 26 and Cornelius age 31 and a farmer in the 1861 Brighton census, both were Episcopal Methodists. In the 1871 census they resided on Concession 8 Lot 26, tenant on 200 acres. They had nine children:

- R12B-8111. SAMUEL HOLLAND, *b. ca. 1856, m. Annie Ruckstool.*
- R12B-8112. SARAH E. HOLLAND, *b. ca. 1858*
- R12B-8113. MARY ELIZABETH HOLLAND, *b. ca. 1859 in Brighton, m. Ebenezer McNally bc. 1855 Brighton, son of Bartholomew McNally and Jane Emily Phillips. Children: Grant Ebenezer McNally b. 1883, Bruce McNally bc. 1885, Clarence McNally bc. 1887.*
- R12B-8114. WILLIAM JOHN HOLLAND, *b. circa 1861 in Murray Township, Wooler, Northumberland County, d. 30 January 1926 Edmonton, Alberta. He m. Robena Shields Pollard b. 7 July 1870 in Bridgeton, Glasgow, Scotland, d. 30 January 1946 Edmonton. Eight ch: Mary Ethel Holland b. 1887, Smith Holland b. 1889, Mable Grace Holland b. 1891, Sadie Holland b. 1896, William Holland b. 1898, Nellie Holland b. 1899, George Holland b. 1900, Cecil Holland b. 1908.*
- R12B-8115. SUSAN JANE HOLLAND, *born circa 1864 Brighton, m. Runciman MacDonald or Ransom MacDonald or Runcy MacDonald b. 4 April 1843 Ontario. His mother was possibly Ann age 65, widow b. Scotland, with him in 1881 census. Three ch: William Ross MacDonald b. 1887, Hazel Grace MacDonald b. 1901, and Clifford MacDonald b. 1906.*
- R12B-8116. MANLEY HOLLAND, *b. ca. 1865 Brighton*
- R12B-8117. IDA HOLLAND, *b. circa 1868 Brighton*
- R12B-8118. ALICE HOLLAND, *b. circa August 1870, was 8 months old in April 1871 census.*
- R12B-8119. EVA EDITH HOLLAND, *b. ca. 1874 Brighton*
- R12B-812. ANDREW CHARLES⁷ AUSTIN (*Job*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born in May 1837 in So. Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. [24] Andrew was married on 1 January 1862 in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario to Charlotte E. Dulmage, both were residents of Brighton. She was born circa 1844 in Brighton, daughter of John Dulmage and Elizabeth McQueen. [25,26] In April 1871 Canadian census they were in Percy Township, Northumberland County, Andrew was a farmer. In the 26 June 1880 U.S. census they were in Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, Andrew was a farmer. He and Charlotte had six children:
- R12B-8121. HERBERT S. AUSTIN, *b. September 1862 +*
- R12B-8122. OSCAR LEAV "LEE" AUSTIN, *b. May 1865 +*
- R12B-8123. ADDIE A. AUSTIN, *bc. 1868*
- R12B-8124. NETTIE A. AUSTIN, *bc. 1870*
- R12B-8125. ANNIE N. AUSTIN, *bc. 1873*
- R12B-8126. EDITH A. AUSTIN, *bc. 1875*

R12B-813. LEWIS THORPE⁷ AUSTIN (*Job*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born on 8 August 1839 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. He went by "Thorpe." He married on 27 December 1863 in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario to Charlotte Plumpton, both were residents of Brighton. She was born 7 March 1842 in Brighton Township, daughter of Horace and Charlotte Plumpton. Thorpe was a farmer, and an Episcopal Methodist.[26] In the 1871 census he was a farmer in Brighton Township, where he owned 100 acres (Concession 8, Lot 27, although the 1878 County Atlas lists this same lot as 200 acres). The land was located east of Mount Olivet and was known as 'The Island' since it contained an island in the middle of swampland. They owned cows, and there is a family story that Thorpe made butter using a dog-powered churn. The dog did not particularly like the job, and was smart enough to know which day was churning time. He supposedly used to disappear and Thorpe finally had to tie him up so he would be there when he was needed. [27] In the 1901 census Lewis and Charlotte resided in Wooler, Murray Township, Northumberland County, their son Lewis Albert Austin lived with them. Lewis died on 30 August 1904 in Ontario. Charlotte died on 12 February 1920 in Codrington, Northumberland County, Ontario. She was buried in McPhail's Cemetery in Brighton Township. Charlotte's passing was noted in an article in the *Brighton Ensign* newspaper [28]:

Codrington: Mr. Ebenezer McNally of Picton came to attend the funeral of Mrs. T. Austin, which was held at the home of her son Mowat Austin of this place. Several friends from a distance were present, including Bert and Gerald Austin of Toronto.

Lewis Thorpe Austin and Charlotte had three children:

R12B-8131. DAVID STANLEY AUSTIN, *b. 15 August 1866 +*
 R12B-8132. MOWAT A. AUSTIN, *b. circa 1875 +*
 R12B-8133. LEWIS ALBERT AUSTIN, *b. 1 May 1875 +*

R12B-814. SUSAN JANE⁷ AUSTIN (*Job*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born 2 December 1840 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. She married on 2 April 1862 in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario to James F. Woof, both were residents of Brighton.[26] He was born on 14 February 1839 in Haldimand, Northumberland, Ontario, son of William Woof and Mary Stripling. Susan died on 9 January 1864 in Brighton age 23y 1m 7d and was buried in the Stone Cemetery in Percy, Northumberland County. James was a farmer. He married second before April 1871 to Margaret Ann Loomis. James died on 17 June 1908 in Brighton, was

buried in Warkworth Cemetery, Warkworth, Ontario. Susan and James had two children:

R12B-8141. STELLA MENA WOOF, *b. January 1862, d. 5 August 1863 age 8 mos., buried with mother.*
 R12B-8142. JANE ALICE WOOF, *b. before January 1864.*

AFGS Photo 68

Lewis Thorpe Austin and Charlotte Plumpton Austin with their sons (left to right) David Stanley Austin, Lewis Albert Austin, and Mowat Austin in late 1880s.

– *photograph courtesy of Dianne Brearley of White Lake, Ontario*

R12B-816. JOB⁷ AUSTIN (*Job*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born on 2 July 1846 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. In the 1871 census Job Austin age 25 was listed as a single Episcopal Methodist farmer. He owned 100 acres in Brighton Twp. (Concession 8, Lot 28), Northumberland County, Ontario, near his brother Lewis. His mother, widow Sarah Austin, lived with Job. After 1878 Job was married in South Marysburgh to Irene Jackson, who was born 17 January 1837 in South Marysburgh, daughter of Rowland Jackson and Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Ferguson. Job and Irene later bought land (Concession 1 Lot 18) in South Marysburgh Township from Irene's brother Robert Jackson and her sister Polly Jackson. Irene Austin died of pulmonary oedema on 9 September 1917 in South Marysburgh. Job Austin died there on 24 September 1923 from an 'enlarged prostate, 15 years.' Both are buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Picton, Prince Edward County. Job and Irene had no children of their own, but adopted a child who was born in Ontario:

R12B-8141. HAROLD AUSTIN, *b. September 1897, he was age 3 in 1901 Ontario census.*

R12B-831. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁷ AUSTIN (*Charles Starbuck*,⁶ *Isaac*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Pasco*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *Robert*¹) was born 13 September 1839 in Prince Edward County, Ontario. He went by 'Franklin.' He married Ellen Jane Ritchie, born on 6 October 1840 in Ontario of Scotch ancestry. In 1868 Franklin's family moved to Haliburton village, Dysart Township, Peterborough County [12]:

Benjamin Franklin Austin, or simply Franklin Austin as he was called, came to Dysart with his family of five, but he was no newcomer to the area, having moved to Ingoldsby as a teenager with his parents. Franklin was a carpenter, and the first thing he did on arrival was to buy two adjacent Lots, 6 and 12 on Block L in Haliburton and build a house. The following year, Austin prepared and served the Orangemen's dinner on July 12 in this house [see below]. In 1870, the enterprising man sold the property to Fred Dover, and moved across the street to the west half of Lot 12, Block G. Austin rented half an acre on Lot 6, Block R from William Gilmour and owned timber limits in the Township. He sold part of his lot to Duncan Bain, and by 1874 is no longer listed as a taxpayer. More than likely, Franklin was already living in the Free Grant of Monmouth, where he had taken up a large acreage. According to the *Monmouth Centennial Book*, in 1881 Franklin Austin, his wife Ellen Ritchie, and their ten children - Ida, Margaret, Harris, Emma, Maude, Walter, Frederick, Eva, Edwin, and Franklin, Jr. - farmed on Lots 29 and 30, Concession XIV, Monmouth. Franklin's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Austin, as well as his youngest brother, Charles, joined the family in 1877. To a man of Benjamin Franklin Austin's business abilities, Haliburton offered greater opportunities. He moved back to Dysart and became so successful in business with the first steam-powered sawmill built on the Drag River that he owned the entire south side of Queen Street at one time.

The *Peterborough Review* newspaper described in some detail the Orangemen celebrations on 12 July 1869:

At an early hour in the morning, punts, skiffs, and canoes commenced to pour in from all quarters of the different lakes, and by nine o'clock, the village was crowded with holiday folk. The weather was everything that could be desired and altogether little Haliburton had put on a most charming appearance, for two arches had been constructed at each end of the village, composed of evergreens, intersected with appropriate mottos and surmounted by the Union Jack. At 10 o'clock, the Haliburton Lodge No. 975 was joined by the Boyne Lodge No. 814 and they paraded the Village and then proceeded to the wharf to await the arrival of the steamer *Haliburton*, which had gone done previously to fetch the Minden Brethren of the Order.

At 11 AM the steamer arrived, bringing the Minden guests, headed by Worshipful Master S.S. Peck. The three lodges headed by their respective bands of music,

proceeded to brother Franklin Austin's new house, who had undertaken to prepare the dinner. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and at one end was a portrait of her most gracious Majesty, the Queen.

After dinner, the usual speeches were said, on a platform decorated with evergreens and a scroll running along the top, bearing the following words: "Fear God, Honour the Queen, Love the Brotherhood, Rule Britannia."

AFGS Photo 69

Austin's Hunting Camp: Benjamin Franklin Austin is second from right, Harris Austin second from left. Their log cabin can be seen at the left in background.

In the 1871 census Franklin was an Episcopal Methodist and labourer living in 'Dysart & others.' In 1881 and 1891 he was a farmer, and in 1901 a lumberman. Ellen died 16 June 1907 of consumption in Dysart, Haliburton County, Ontario. Franklin died 3 April 1917 in Haliburton, Haliburton County. Both were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Dysart Township. They had thirteen children:

R12B-8311. IDA JANE AUSTIN, *b. circa 1864*

R12B-8312. MARGARET AUSTIN, *b. circa 1866*

R12B-8313. HARRIS JOHNSON AUSTIN, *b. circa 1868*

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R12B-8314. EMMA AUSTIN, *b. 28 July 1869, m. merchant Jack Anderson, an avid reader who would not put a book or newspaper down to serve his customers. He told people to "Serve yourself, and leave the money on the counter." Since he did not check that this was done, the business was going downhill when he died at age 29. Emma went into partnership with her younger brother, Franklin Austin, Jr. (see below).*

R12B-8315. AUDREY MAUD AUSTIN, *b. 27 June 1871*

R12B-8316. WALTER E. AUSTIN, *b. 28 May 1873*

R12B-8317. FRANCES EVA AUSTIN, *b. 21 May 1875 twin*

R12B-8318. FREDERICK AUSTIN, *b. 21 May 1875 twin*

R12B-8319. EDWIN W. AUSTIN, *b. 20 November 1877*

R12B-831A. FRANKLIN AUSTIN JR., *b. 8 November 1879, was partner to his widow sister Emma Anderson in a store called "Anderson and Austin." It became one of Haliburton's best-known and most prosperous general stores. He was living in Dummer, Peterborough County in 1907 and was the informant on his mother's death registration dated 17 June 1907 in Dysart.*

R12B-831B. [male twin] AUSTIN, *stillborn 8 Dec. 1880*

R12B-831C. [male twin] AUSTIN, *stillborn 8 Dec. 1880*

R12B-831D. GARNET AUSTIN, *b. 14 August 1882*

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
ROBERT AUSTIN AND MARY ANN PENN
OF LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE**

*by Stephen Bradner Austin
and Ethel May Austin*

R. ROBERT¹ AUSTIN was born circa 1814 in England. He was living in Bolton, Lancashire, when he wrote a letter (see next page) on 29 June 1843 to his fiancée, Mary Ann Penn of London. She was born 12 October 1823 in Dover, Kent, the daughter of mariner-merchant George Gipson Penn and Catherine Clout. Mary had a younger sister Catherine and an older brother George. Robert and Mary Ann married on 2 August 1843 in Bolton, and set up housekeeping in Halliwell village (population 3000), two miles northwest of Bolton. In 1854 they resided at 87 Falkner Street, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, Lancashire, and Robert was a servant and inspector at the Gas Works.

Robert died 22 April 1858 at age 43 from encephalitis at 167 Falkner Street, Liverpool [1]. In the 1861 census Mary Ann Austin was a widow, age 37, a 'Stationer & Haberdasher' and 'Newsvendor.' She and her five youngest children resided at 26 Clarence Street, West Derby, Lancashire (Enumeration District 21E), about five miles east of Liverpool. These children were born in Liverpool, and they all attended school. Mary Ann's marriage certificate lists her father George as a merchant. Perhaps she learned to run a business as a child, and her father may have helped her set up her business.

In the 1871 census, widow Mary Ann Austin age 47, a 'Dress Maker,' her four youngest children, and her son-in-law widower John S. Holt and his children, resided at 31 Camm Street, St. Clement, Lancashire (Enumeration District 57). In the 1881 census widow Mary Ann Austin age 57, a 'Dress maker,' her unmarried son Albert E. Austin age 24, and her grandson Edwin A. Austin age 7, resided at 96 Clevedon Street, Toxteth Park, Lancashire (Enumeration District 65). It is known that her living sons

AFGS Photo 70-1

Robert Austin (ca. 1814-1858)

AFGS Photo 70-2

Mary Ann (Penn) Austin (1823-1907)

The following letter was written by Robert Austin of Bolton to Mary Ann Penn of London. It was dated 29 June 1843. The theme of it appears to be “Don’t ask about the women in my past, and I won’t ask about the men in your past.”:

As the time of your marriage draws near, you will naturally be led with ease and pleasure into that kind of unlimited confidence with the companion of your future lot, which joins in reality the great charm of married life. But even here a caution is required, for though all the future, as connected with your own experience, must belong to him, all the past must belong to others. Never, therefore, make it the subject of your confidential intercourse to relate the history of your former love affairs, if you have had any. It is bad taste to allude to them at all, but especially under such circumstances, and altho such details might serve to amuse for the moment, they would in all probability be remembered against you at some future time when each day will be sufficiently marked by its own passing clouds. With regard to all your other love affairs, then, let “by gone’s be by gone’s.” It could do no good whatever for you to remember them; and the more you are dissociated from every other being of his own sex, the more will the mind of your husband dwell upon you with unallayed affection. On the other hand, let no ill advised curiosity induce you to pry too narrowly into his past life as regards affairs of this nature. However close your inquiries, they may still be baffled by evasion; and if it be an important point with you, as many women profess to make it, to occupy an unsullied page in the affections of your husband, it is wiser and safe to take for granted this following fact, than to ask whether any other name has been written on that page before. In his case as well as your own, both honour and delicacy would suggest the propriety of drawing a veil over the past. It is sufficient for the happiness of married life that you share together (with affection and love) the present and the future.

immigrated to the United States – William Austin in 1866 – and Mary herself followed in 1883. Her daughter Catherine may have remained in England. In the 1900 census widow Mary Ann Austin age 76 appears in the household of her son Stephen F. Austin on Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York (Ward 25, Enumeration District 432). That census states she was born in October 1823, had been living in the United States for 17 years, and that she was the mother of nine children, four of whom were still living in 1900. Her last year or two were spent in today’s equivalent of a nursing home. Five personal letters, written in those last two years to her daughter-in-law Allemina Austin have Brooklyn addresses: 598 Herimer Street and Bethesda Sanitarium, 952 St. Marks Avenue. It appears that she may have been in some pain, but the nature of her affliction has not been learned. Mary Ann died at age 84 of standing pneumonia on 20 December 1907, and was

AFGS Photo 71

Mary Ann (Penn) Austin with five of her sons in the United States. Photograph probably taken circa 1885.

buried in Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, New Jersey. Robert and Mary Ann had nine children, the last five are known to have been born in Liverpool, Lancashire:

- R1. EMILY ANNA AUSTIN, b. circa 1844, m. 9 April 1866 at St. Clement’s Church in the Windsor District, Lancaster, to John Stevenson Holt, a Telegraph Clerk age 23, b. ca. 1843 in Scaldwell, Northampton, son of James Holt, a railway guard [2]. Emily d. of typhoid fever on 2 March 1870 at age 25 in Shoreditch, Middlesex [3]. 1871 census (District 57, Saint Clement, Lancashire) lists her mother, widow Mary Ann Austin. In Mary’s home was her son-in-law, John S. Holt, widower and Postal Clerk, and ch: Mary C. Holt bc. 1868, John A. Holt bc. 1869, Samuel A. Holt bc. 1870.
- R2. [Unknown] AUSTIN, possibly the Teresa Austin b. ca. 1844 in Liverpool, age 17 in 1861 census, a ‘Feather Dresser’, resided 105 Finch Street, Islington, Liverpool.
- R3. WILLIAM J. AUSTIN, b. 3 September 1848 +
- R4. GEORGE AUSTIN, b. circa 1851 +
- R5. SAMUEL J. AUSTIN, b. circa 1852, age 9 in 1861 census, he d. before the 1871 census in a shipwreck. +
- R6 CATHERINE E. AUSTIN, b. circa 1853, she may have remained in England.
- R7. STEPHEN FRANCIS AUSTIN, b. 18 October 1854 +
- R8. ALBERT EDWARD AUSTIN, b. circa 1856 +
- R9. HENRY EDWIN AUSTIN, b. ca. 1858 (age 13 in the 1871 census), he was a Solicitor’s General Clerk.

SECOND GENERATION

R3. WILLIAM J.² AUSTIN (*Robert*¹) was born 3 September 1848 in England, and he said in the 1900 census that he immigrated to the United States in 1866. He was married circa 1873 to Adella C. Covel, born in June 1853. In the 1880 census, they were a childless couple living on West 22nd Street in Manhattan, New York. He was a clerk age 32, he and his parents were born in England. 'Delia' was 25, born in Rhode Island, her parents were born in Prussia. In the 1900 census they were living on Engle Street in Englewood, New Jersey, William was an accountant. That census provides their birth months and years, and shows they had been married for 27 years. Adella had two children, but only one was still living.

William was a renowned Greco-Roman wrestler in his twenties and early thirties, and accounts of many of his matches can be found in New York City newspapers of that era. William, like the other wrestlers of that era, challenged others – and was also challenged – through the newspapers. The following appeared in *The New York Herald* on 15 March 1876:

"I hereby challenge Fernando to a wrestling match, best three falls in five, for \$200 a side, to take place within three weeks from date. Hoping to hear from Mr. Fernando at his earliest convenience, I remain yours, respectfully, William J. Austin, pupil of William Miller."

Fernando soon accepted the challenge:

"I am willing to accommodate Mr. Austin, knowing that he would do anything for a few dollars. I will allow him two falls out of five and make it \$500 if he wishes. Happy to hear from the pupil of Professor Miller... Tishler Fernando."

An account of the match was reported in some detail in *The New York Herald* on 30 March 1876:

"A Greco-Roman wrestling contest took place last evening at Beethoven Hall, between William J. Austin and Fishler Hernando, for \$200 a side, three falls out of five.

"Hernando is a much taller and more powerful man than Austin, who weighs only 135 pounds. Hernando threw his opponent several times by mere strength, but Austin, with cat-like agility, managed to keep his shoulders from the floor, and when Hernando began to show signs of fatigue, by a sudden effort, forced the latter's shoulders to the carpet and won the fall amid the applause of the assemblage.

"When he came to hire for his next round the same performance was repeated, Austin bringing his head and neck into play with great dexterity and kept his shoulders from the floor, although his opponent flung him heavily several times. Austin finally threw his opponent and won the second fall.

"Austin went out of the area smiling, while Hernando seemed very much exhausted, and when time was called, the latter responded with difficulty, and was evidently in the power of his most dexterous antagonist, who won the third fall in a few minutes."

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Two photos of William J. Austin (1848-1930)
Left photo (72-1) taken circa 1876 age 28, right photo (72-2) taken circa 1930 age 82.

Three weeks later Austin was not nearly as successful in a light-weight championship contest. It was reported in *The New York Times* of Sunday, 23 April:

"A Greco-Roman wrestling match between Henry Howard and William J. Austin came off last night at Central Park Gardens, best three falls in five, for the light-weight championship of America and \$250 a side. Professor Miller acted as judge for Austin, and Mr. N. Mallahan served in the same capacity for Howard. Mr. D. H. McIntyre was chosen referee.

"At 8:54 the men made their appearance on the stage. Howard's weight was announced as 137 pounds and Austin's as 134.

"Time was called, and the wrestlers went to work briskly, neither apparently being afraid of the other. After a very exciting struggle, which lasted six minutes, Howard threw Austin over his shoulder, the latter's head striking the floor with considerable force. A fall was claimed by Howard, but it was not allowed. Howard then forced the wrestling, and finally threw his antagonist in eleven minutes from the time they began.

"In the second bout the men were more cautious, but Howard still pursued his policy of attack, and after a very sharp struggle, in which much skill and strength were displayed by both, succeeded in throwing Austin squarely on his back. A fall was declared in favor of Howard - time 2½ minutes.

"After a few minutes intermission the contestants again made their appearance, and after some careful fending, Howard seized Austin around the waist, and attempted to throw him. He failed, however, and Austin fell on his hands and knees. Howard tried to turn him, but Austin caught him about the neck and threw him over his shoulder. The position of the men was then very peculiar. Howard lay on the stage under Austin, whom he held firmly around the waist, his body arched, his head and heels only touching the carpet. They remained in this position for a few

AFGS Photo 72-3

(Uncaptioned photo of William J. Austin in wrestling tights)

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**THE DESCENDANTS OF
BENJAMIN AUSTIN & JERUSHA MATHER
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK**

by Betty Moore Johnson

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**Lakeside Cemetery Monuments for Benjamin Austin
(1770-1854) and Jerusha Mather Austin (1763-1851).**

B. BENJAMIN¹ AUSTIN was born 15 June 1770 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. His son John Mather Austin wrote in his journal that he knew little of his father's family. He said his grandfather Austin was drafted into the militia to assist in achieving the independence of the United States, and died of yellow fever at West Point, New York. John Mather Austin's journal entry of 24 August 1841 tells of his trip from Boston to Watertown, New York, on a visit to his family. He is traveling by rail, then by stage, and says about four miles from Pittsfield village, near the foot of the mountain, he passed the home where his grandmother Austin resided for many years, and where he came to visit her when he was a small boy. [1]

Benjamin Austin was married on 21 December 1797 in Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut to widow Jerusha Mather Stephenson. She was born 25 February 1763 in Lyme, New London County, Connecticut, the daughter of John Mather and Mercy Higgins. Jerusha was first married on 18 July 1790 in Lyme to Daniel Stephenson, by whom she had a son Daniel born 14 April 1791 who died on 4 November 1792, and a second son Daniel, who was born on 12 May 1794.

Benjamin and Jerusha Austin had two children born in Connecticut before moving to New York circa 1800. Benjamin bought land in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York in 1811 and sold it in 1846. Benjamin was a millwright. He and Jerusha are found enumerated in the 1850 federal census of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, in the household of son-in-law Joshua and Anna (Austin) Harlow. Jerusha Austin died on 13 September 1851 in Sacket's Harbor, Jefferson County. Benjamin died on 4 May 1854 in Hounsfield. Both were buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Sacket's Harbor. The *Christian Ambassador* newspaper of Auburn, New York, carried their obituaries on 27 September 1851 and 13 May 1854 respectively:

In Sacket's Harbor, N. Y. on the 13th inst., Mrs. Jerusha Mather Austin, consort of Mr. Benjamin Austin, and mother of Rev. J. M. Austin, aged 88 years. After a sojourn of more than four score years on this earth, this venerable mother in Israel has passed to her home in heaven. During her long career, she bore an irreproachable reputation as a wife, a mother and a neighbor. Her life was distinguished for love of religion, a kind and

charitable spirit, great benevolence of heart, and uncommon cheerfulness of disposition. For more than thirty years she has been an unwavering believer in Jesus as the Saviour of the world; and in her daily walk endeavored to reduce to practice the teachings of this beautiful faith. It was her comfort, her joy, in life and her consolation in the hour of death.

The deceased was a native of Lyme, Conn., from whence, more than fifty years since, she removed with her venerable husband, who still survives her, to northwestern New York, then nearly a wilderness. She has left behind, to mourn her departure, a husband, six children, forty-three grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren... Her funeral took place on the 15th inst., and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Rev. Pitt Morse.

In Sacket's Harbor, N.Y. on the morning of the 4th inst., Mr. Benjamin Austin, father of Rev. J. M. Austin, aged 84 years. The deceased was born in Pittsfield, Mass., on the 15th day of June, 1770. In early life he followed the sea; but some sixty years since, he emigrated into Northwestern New York, and became one of its pioneer settlers. He passed a quiet and humble, but useful and upright life, exemplifying the truthfulness of the maxim "an honest man is the noblest work of God." He was formerly a member of the Baptist church. But about thirty years ago his faith became enlarged to the full scope of the gospel, and embraced the entire world as the final subjects of salvation. When Rev. Pitt Morse first commenced the proclamation of the gospel of impartial grace in Watertown, N. Y., the deceased was among those who rallied around him, and encouraged and aided him in his labors. And when Mr. Morse, in 1822, organized a church in connection with the Universalist Society in Watertown (one of the first churches formed in our denomination in this State), Br. Austin was its first deacon, which capacity he filled while he continued a resident of that place. His religion was to him a great reality, and few probably have ever loved it more ardently. His funeral took place on the 5th inst. An able and appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. Pitt Morse, from Ps. I vii.1. He was assisted in the services by Rev. Seth Jones.

Benjamin and Jerusha had six children:

- B1. ANNA GOODRICH AUSTIN, b. 22 September 1798 +
- B2. FRANCES MARIAN AUSTIN, b. 2 March 1800 +
- B3. MERCY HIGGINS AUSTIN, b. 25 November 1801 +
- B4. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AUSTIN, b. 30 May 1803+
- B5. JOHN MATHER AUSTIN, b. 26 September 1805 +
- B6. SETH AUSTIN, b. 3 November 1808 in New York.

SECOND GENERATION

B1. ANNA GOODRICH² AUSTIN (*Benjamin¹*) was born on 22 September 1798, probably in Lyme, New London County, Connecticut, and was baptized in Wethersfield,

Connecticut on 25 November 1798. She was married 23 March 1823 in Pamelaia, Jefferson County, New York to Joshua C. Harlow, born 17 December 1793 in Woodstock, Windsor County, Vermont. Joshua was the village clock maker at Sackets Harbor. He made clocks which ran a day or a year, and also made microscopes, either plain or compound. He made an apparatus for representing the motion of the planets that was donated to the Watertown Institute by Mrs. Harriet Harlow Cramer of Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1950. Joshua Harlow died of consumption on 7 September 1870 in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Tazewell. He and Anna had six children born in Jefferson County:

- B11. CHARLES E. HARLOW, *b. ca. 1824, he m. Ellen Wright, bc. 1829 in Scotland. He was a cabinetmaker & mechanic. He d. 13 September 1870 in Sackett's Harbor. One child: Anna B. Harlow b. 20 August 1846.*
- B12. JANE S. HARLOW, *b. January 1828 in Watertown, m. 26 February 1856 Tazewell County William T. Stackpole, b. 18 December 1827 in Thomaston, Lincoln Co., Maine. He was in real estate. Ch: William G. Stackpole, Isabella E. Stackpole, Mary Liliastackpole b. ca. 1858, Anna S. Stackpole b. 16 March 1861 Pekin, Tazewell County.*
- B13. MARY HARLOW, *b. circa 1830*
- B14. SYLVESTER HARLOW, *b. ca. 1831, he m. 22 February 1869 in Livingston County, Illinois to Carrie S. Stuart, b. 1850 in New York. She d. 4 March 1919 in Los Angeles, California. Ch: Flora Isabelle Harlow b. 28 Feb. 1873, Ida M. Harlow bc.1875, Ray Harlow bc.1877, Rafael E. Harlow b. October 1881, Pearl I. Harlow b. 11 Nov. 1887.*
- B15. EDWIN J. HARLOW, *b. circa 1835, m. Julia —, bc. 1838 in New York. Ch. Ernest Harlow bc.1862 in New York, Rhoda Harlow bc. 1865 in New York.*
- B16. FRANCES HARLOW, *b. circa 1837*

B2. FRANCES MARIAN² AUSTIN (*Benjamin*¹) was born on 2 March 1800 in Lyme, New London, Connecticut. She was married 15 November 1821 in Pamelaia, Jefferson County, New York to Harvey Norton, born 29 July 1802 in Vermont. On 21 August 1868 the *Eureka Herald* (in Eureka, Kansas) ran a short article about Harvey:

Mr. Harvey Norton has a splendid farm on the Verdigris. He knows how to use it, too, if we judge from the splendid specimens of wheat, oats, corn, etc. that he shows us. He says that he raises every year from 15 to 20 bushels of wheat to the acre. This year we think he will have more. He had one of the finest sweet potato patches we ever saw. We are indebted to him for much valuable information concerning the county generally.

Harvey died of asthma on 5 December 1869 in Lane Township, Greenwood County, Kansas. He was buried in the Eureka Cemetery in Eureka. Frances died 20 January 1895 in Madison, Greenwood County. On February 8th the *Madison Star* published her obituary (which contains an error in her birthplace, according to family records):

Fannie Norton was born at New Haven, Conn., March 2, 1800. During the War of 1812, her father, Benjamin F. Austin, with his family moved to the wilds of New York State where in 1820 she was married to Harvey Norton. They resided at Watertown and Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. until the Spring of 1844 when they, with

their family of ten children, moved to what is now Mahaska County, Iowa, but then a territory in possession of the Indians. Their two month's journey to this new home was made by water. There Mrs. Francis Prichard, their 11th child was born. In 1859 during the Territorial War they moved to Kansas where she resided at the time of her death January 28, 1895. For more than 25 years she lived a widow, her husband having died in December, 1870, and five children preceded her to the spirit land. She leaves six children, 58 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and many other friends who learned to love her in her later years for her patient, cheerful disposition and sweet childlike simplicity. She was raised a Presbyterian but not having the opportunity to unite with the church of her youth, she united with the Christian church at Eureka. She was tenderly cared for by her two daughters, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Pritchard and her grandchildren, who did all for her that could be done in her last sickness. Her suffering, which at times was intense, was borne with remarkable patience. At times she was oblivious of the present and seemed to live only in the past, living over again her childhood, singing old hymns, repeating old poems and verses of scripture which, no doubt, were learned in childhood, making those around feel as if they were being carried back almost a hundred years. At times she seemed better and always expressed her thankfulness, showing in her sickness a sweet resignation to God's will and a firm faith in "Him who doeth all things well." Thus has ended a long, eventful life.

Frances Marian Norton died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Godfrey. A devout Christian, she was almost helpless for years. During her last days she prayed incessantly to die. After Presbyterian Church services, she was interred in the Park Place Cemetery in Madison (now Cemetery #8), in Block 8 Lot 1, just south of the grave of her son John Austin Norton. A monument was placed on her grave by her ggg-granddaughter, Glenda Anderson of Abilene, Kansas in 2005. Frances and Harvey's eleven children (except the last) were born in Sackett's Harbor:

- B21. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NORTON, *b. 8 September 1822, m1. 20 December 1844 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Helen S. Shelton, bc. 1826. She dc. 1866, Benjamin m2. 17 November 1867 in Jackson County, Missouri to Harriet Aughbright, bc. 1852. She d. after June 1890 in Island City, Union County, Oregon. Benjamin d. 27 April 1888, Elgin, Union County. Ch: Eunice August Norton, Charles E. Norton bc.1847, Frances Marion Norton bc.1849, Florence Norton bc.1851, Lewis Harvey Norton b. 12 April 1866 Oklahoma Territory, Anna M. Norton bc. 1871, Arthur P. Norton b. 1873, George W. Norton b. 1876, Benjamin Franklin Norton b. 1879, David D. Norton b. 1882, Daisy Dee Norton b. 1884.*
- B22. PHYLINDA MELINDA NORTON, *b. 14 Dec. 1823, m. in Oskaloosa, Iowa 21 November 1844 John LaRue Rose, b. 1820 New York. He lost his hearing, was killed by a train in Virgil, Greenwood County. Phylinda d. there 16 August 1871. Ch: Nathan A. Rose bc. 1846, Emma A. Rose b. 1849, John A. Rose b. 1850, Eleanor J. Rose b. 1852, Walter Rose b. 1854, Charles Wheeler Rose b. April 1858, Sarah Anna Rose b. 3 October 1859, Hannah Elizabeth Rose b. 1862, John L. Rose bc. 1865.*
- B23. ELEANOR J. NORTON, *b. 29 June 1826, m. 5 July 1843 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Daniel Potter Newell, b. 7 June 1815 in Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York. Daniel d. on 25 February 1895 in Monroe County, Michigan, Eleanor perhaps also died there, sometime after 1870.*

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
THOMAS AUSTIN OF BARBADOS**

by Roger Brian Austin
Timothy John Smellie
and Bruce Merivale-Austin

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(Uncaptioned head shot of Thomas Austin)

conservation practices, for which he won awards. On the outbreak of World War II he enlisted with the 2nd Natal Mounted Rifles, serving as a Captain. When the regiment went north, Emil was demobilised for reasons of his health and age. He served on various farming committees and for many years was a director of a large dairy co-operative. Emil married Florence Rae Holmes, who was born in 1907. When he retired from farming, his eldest son Neville took over. Emilius died in 1974, while Florence died in 1981. They had four children.

T558-51. AEMELIUS NEVILLE AUSTIN, *b. 1927 +*

T558-51. WYNDHAM BRUCE AUSTIN, *b. 1929 +*

T558-51. SHIRLEY FLORENCE AUSTIN, *b. 1932 Highflats, Natal and educated in Pietermaritzburg, becoming a school teacher. She married Derek Ivy, four ch: Bruce Ivy b.1958, Allan Ivy b.1961, Roger Ivy b.1962 and Mark Ivy b.1968. Of these children, Bruce has a child, Wyndham Ivy b.1984; Allan m. 1984 Françoise Chaspierre, they reside in England and have two ch.: Natasha Ivy b.1986 and Andrew Ivy b.1988; Roger m. 1988 Claire Chaspierre, they live in London (having emigrated from Zimbabwe in 2003) and have four ch: Nigel Ivy b. 1991, Nicole Ivy b.1992, Neil Ivy b.1996 and Natalie Ivy b.1998; Mark m. 1994 Lisa Rijkenberg, they have two ch: Carissa Ivy b. 1998 and Daniella Ivy b.2001. Mark and Lisa run a game ranch in South Africa.*

T558-51. HELEN RAE AUSTIN, *b. 1942 in Highflats, Natal and educated in Pietermaritzburg. She trained as a nurse at Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg. She m. Richard Thompson, they had two ch: Stuart James Thompson b. 1974 and Phillipa Thompson b. 1977. Helen was widowed when quite young, her husband having been killed in a car accident. She then became a school nurse at Michaelhouse in Natal, and later at Hilton College.*

T712-1. JAMES PIERCY⁵ AUSTIN (*James Dear,*⁴ *Richard Barker,*³ *Joseph Gibson,*² *Thomas*¹) was born in 1870 in Barbados, where in 1893 he was married to Inez Louise McGuighey Roach, born in 1864. At one time he was involved with the railway in Barbados. James Percy Austin died in 1940 and is buried in Barbados. Louise died in 1953. James and Louise had seven children:

T712-11. GLADYS INEZ AUSTIN, *b. 1893. After her sister Muriel died, she m. 1914 her brother-in-law A. H. Grey Walston Bateman, b. 18 August 1883. They*

emigrated to the U.S.A. where they had four children: Kathleen Frair Walston Bateman b. 1915, Mary Winifred Walston Bateman b. 1916, Leslie William Walston Bateman b.1917 and Elsie Gladys Walston Bateman b. 1923. Walston was then managing a sugar estate in Barbados. The children were brought up in the USA where they married and, except for Kathleen, have children. Leslie became a senior vice president of the pharmaceutical firm Johnson & Johnson. Gladys Inez died in 1937.

T712-12. HELEN MURIEL ALLEYNE AUSTIN, *b. 1894, she went by Muriel. She m. A. H. Grey Walston Bateman, b. 18 August 1883. He was an English accountant who had gone to Barbados to work for one of the businesses there. They had a daughter, Helen Muriel Alison Bateman b.1912. Her mother Muriel d. of typhoid in 1913. Raised in the U.S.A., Alison m. 1936 Reginald Hope Temple Guy b. 1901, a medical doctor from Ireland, they had two ch: Marjorie Hope Guy b. 1938 and Reginald Henry Guy b. 1949. Alison and her family lived in the U.S.A.*

T712-13. JAMES BRUCE GORDON AUSTIN, *b. 1896 +*

T712-14. WILLIAM MERIVALE AUSTIN, *b. 1898 +*

T712-15. ERNEST GILBERT AUSTIN, *b. 1899, d. young.*

T712-16. GWEN COLWYN AUSTIN, *b. 1900, she grew up in Barbados. She m1. Archibald Douglas Gordon, two ch: Woodley Gordon and Dorothy Gordon. They divorced, and Gwen m2. 1964 Col. Albert Dickerson (US Army, retired), and moved to Florida where she was still living in 2000.*

T712-17. HAROLD EVAN AUSTIN, *b. 1903, he went to the U.S.A. in 1920, where he worked for the Department of Transportation. He m1. in 1924 to Elise G. Massiah, they had two ch: Haroldine Evan Austin b.1925 (she m. and had three children) and Gloria Elise Austin, a spinster. Elise d. 9 January 1966. Harold m2. on 3 December 1966 Pauline K. Lancelli, who d. 1968 in Boca Raton, Florida. Harold m3. 1 June 1968 Mrs. Frances L. Kinney, b. Owosso, Michigan. She d. 1973, Harold d. 1984.*

T716-1. RICHARD ARTHUR HUGH⁵ AUSTIN (*Samuel Inniss,*⁴ *Richard Barker,*³ *Joseph Gibson,*² *Thomas*¹) was born 24 November 1881 at Plantation Belle Plaine (later renamed Marionville), Wakenaam Island, Essequibo, British Guiana. He was christened on 27 December 1881 in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Leguan, Essequibo. With his mother and siblings he left the colony for England when he was eight years old and never returned. Richard joined the Prudential Insurance Company in 1898. In 1909, he married Gertrude Emma de Joncourt Pegler, born 21 May 1878. Richard died on 15 May 1931. Little would he have imagined that his son Anthony would one day be Attorney General in British Guiana. Gertrude died on 25 June 1968. Richard and Gertrude had one child:

T716-11. ANTHONY MORDAUNT INNIS AUSTIN, *b. 17 September 1914 +*

T716-2. HERBERT WILLIAM DARE⁵ AUSTIN (*Samuel Inniss*,⁴ *Richard Barker*,³ *Joseph Gibson*,² *Thomas*¹) was born 17 December 1883 in British Guiana. He returned to England with his mother and brothers after his father died in 1888. Herbert spent some years in Alexandria, Egypt with the Eastern Telegraph Company, where on 29 December 1911 he married Marie Messayeh, born in 1880, the daughter of an Ottoman Syrian Pasha who had been educated in Paris. Marie died in September 1917 following the birth of their twin daughters. Some years later, Herbert took his three daughters to Penzance, Cornwall. He continued working in nearby Porthcurno, Cornwall with the Eastern Telegraph Company until his retirement. He died on 20 March 1945. Herbert and Marie had three children.

T716-21. RUBY JOSEPHINE BEHIJAH AUSTIN, *b. 15 April 1912, m. Anthony Lisle Lee b. 1916, one ch: Anthea Lisle Lee b. 1946. Anthony d. 2 July 1957. Anthea m. 1968 Richard Howard Sharp b. 1946, they have two ch.; Leo Anthony Merion Sharp b. 1975 and Oscar Adam William Sharp b. 1979. Ruby d. 16 April 1982.*

T716-22. MARY AUSTIN, *b. 18 March 1917 (twin), she started a hairdressing saloon in Penzance, was an air-raid warden during World War II. She m. 1944 an army captain, Bertram George Dillon b. 1913. They spent some years in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and, after returning to England, became the mayor and mayoress of Bournemouth. Two ch: Jane Dillon b. 1945 and George Austin Dillon b. 1950. Jane m. 1966 Alan John Pearce, their son Simon Glen Pearce b. 1975. George m. 1980 Margaret Mary O'Brien b. 1955. Mary Austin Dillon d. 2000.*

T716-23. LAURA AUSTIN, *b. 18 March 1917 (twin), she first worked as a hairdresser in her sister's saloon, but later was a secretary in London and Hertfordshire. She m. 19 December 1936 Bernard Theodore Hitchins, b. 1912, they had a son Anthony Dare Hitchins b. 1937. Laura and Bernard divorced. He d. 15 May 1987, she d. February 2004 in the U.K. Anthony took a degree in botany in London and later emigrated to the U.S.A. where, after research for his doctorate at Michigan State University and postdoctoral research in Princeton, he became a microbiologist with the U.S. Food and Drugs Administration, near Washington, D.C. In Michigan he met and m. in 1970 Victoria Millicent Koo b.*

1944, daughter of Chinese-American academics. They have two ch: Kathleen Michaela Hitchins b. 1981 and Kristina Megan Hitchins b. 1987.

SIXTH GENERATION

T312-11. WILLIAM PIERCY AUSTIN⁶ (*William Edward Piercy*,⁵ *William George Gardiner*,⁴ *William Piercy*,³ *William*,² *Thomas*¹) was born in 1892 in Geelong, near Melbourne, Australia, and was known as 'Bunt.' He was educated at King's School, Adelaide, the Ararat Church of

AFGS Photo 76-1 & 76-2 (Two head shots. side by side)

William Piercy Austin (1892-1964), known as 'Bunt,' saw service in both World War I and World War II.

England Grammar School and Melbourne Church of England Grammar School. Like his father and his grandfather, he rowed for his school, and in 1927 for Victoria. In 1914, he enlisted in the armed forces and participated in the landing at Gallipoli. He returned to Australia in 1919, with the rank of Second-Lieutenant. With his brother John Piercy, he took up a soldier's settlement property near Sale in Victoria, but the property could not support two families after the brothers had married. William Piercy married Gertrude Elizabeth Hogg on 29 September 1923 in All Saint's Church, St. Kilda, Melbourne. She was born 28 May 1897 in Daylesford, Victoria, in 1923, at Melbourne and they lived first on an orchard property near Melbourne, where their two children were born. The family later moved to Griffith, New South Wales where William Piercy worked as an engineer for the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. William Piercy enlisted in 1940 in the 2nd AIF (Second Australian Imperial Force). He landed in Singapore in 1941 and was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942 and interned in Changi jail. Later, he worked on the infamous Burma railway line. He survived this, returned to Australia in late 1945 and worked for some years before retiring in 1950. William died in 1964 in Melbourne, Gertrude died 14 August 1984 in Croydon, Victoria. They had two children, both born in Oakleigh, Victoria:

T312-111. WILLIAM PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 30 October 1925, he was educated at Yoogalie Public School, Leelou Intermediate High School and Melbourne Church of England Grammar School from 1939 to 1942. He enlisted in the RAAF in 1943 and was in New Guinea. He was demobilised in 1946. In 1947 he enrolled as a medical student in Melbourne University, from where he graduated in 1952. He was resident at the Royal Melbourne Hospital during 1953-54. He left for England in 1954 where he worked as a doctor in the RAF base at Lyneham, Wiltshire. He then served in Germany with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He returned to Australia in 1957 and established a medical practice in Middle Park, Victoria, retiring in 1986. He died two years later on 26 October 1988 in Melbourne, a bachelor.*

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(Uncaptioned head shots of Stella Elizabeth Piercy Austin and John Cecil Austin)

T312-112. STELLA ELIZABETH PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 14 January 1927, she received her early education at Yoogalie Public School, New South Wales. In 1941 she enrolled at St. Michael's College, St. Kilda. In 1948, she began a career in nursing at a children's hospital in Melbourne and graduated as a nurse in 1951. Stella worked in various hospitals in Australia, and spent time at St. George's Hospital in Kew, Melbourne, where she obtained a certificate to practice as a midwife. She retired in 1984 and lived at the former home of her parents in Croydon, Victoria. She remained single. As the surviving descendant of Bishop William Piercy Austin's eldest son, she had possession of the miniature portrait of Thomas Austin (the portrait is reproduced in this book) and the original of the document granting Bishop William Piercy Austin his coat of arms. Unfortunately, after Stella died in February 2002 in Melbourne, these articles were sold at auction and so lost to the family.*

T312-12. JOHN PIERCY⁶AUSTIN (*William Edward Piercy,⁵ William George Gardiner,⁴ William Piercy,³ William,² Thomas¹*) was born on 25 February 1894 in Australia. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant into the Australian Field Artillery and, like his brother, saw service in Gallipoli during World War I, and was gassed. After the war, he went with his brother to a soldier's settlement property near Sale in Victoria. When he married Myrtle Rebecca Chilvers, there was not enough room for them on the property and he moved to Melbourne. He enlisted for military service in World War II, but on account of being gassed in World War I, he served in Army Headquarters in Australia. He lived latterly in Melbourne, where he died in 1960. John and Myrtle had two children born in Melbourne:

T312-121. EDWARD PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. 25 July 1921 +*

T312-122. JOAN PIERCY AUSTIN, *b. on 18 May 1923 in Stockdale, Victoria. She m1. 1946 an American, Clayton Walker, in Melbourne. He was in the U.S. Navy and they went to live in the U.S.A. where he eventually became an admiral. They had no children of their own, but adopted two who both have very good jobs and live in Canada. After gaining a business diploma in New York, Joan worked as a business consultant for Macy's in that city. She divorced her husband and returned to Australia, and m2. a Mr. Howling. Joan was living in Queensland when she died 18 June 1997.*

T314-34. JOHN CECIL⁶ AUSTIN (*Charles James Evelyn Piercy,⁵ Austin (Charles Piercy,⁴ William Piercy,³ William,² Thomas¹)*) was born 15 July 1913 in Brighton, East Sussex. After his mother died, when he was two years old, he was taken to an orphanage in Shoreham. When he was twelve years old, he went to the National Nautical School in Portishead, North Somerset (the H.M.S. Formidable Industrial School Ship), and after training there joined a yacht in Falmouth. He had wanted to join the Royal Navy, but was told that he was too short (5 ft 2 in). He left the yacht at Exmouth, East Devon, and worked on the pier there until joining the crew of a coastal sailing ship (aboard the Crown of Denmark). During the great depression, when many ships were laid up, he joined the Devonshire Regiment of the British Army. He became very ill during his first year in the army and went to recuperate at the home of the captain of his old ship in Braunton, Devon. In the army again, he went to India for nine years until 1942, returning via the Middle East and South Africa. In London he met his future spouse, Winifred Paddon, when she was serving in the A.T.S. (Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army). Her father was a Cockney of Irish descent, her mother was a Lillian Drew from Devonshire. John Cecil and Winifred were married in 1943. After leaving the Army in 1947, John Cecil was a caretaker on Drake's Island, Plymouth. He also worked as a brickmaker and postman, but from 1950 he became a painter and decorator until he retired. He enjoyed water colour painting of sailing ships, never having lost his love for the sea. He died 28 December 2005 in Exeter. John and Winifred had three children:

T314-341. RICHARD JOHN AUSTIN, *b. 18 August 1944 in Exeter, became a plasterer & self-employed builder. In 1977 he m. nurse (SRN) Karen Margaret Stapley, b. 1955, also from Exeter. Two ch: Joanne Louise Austin b. 1978 who became a teacher, and David John Austin b. 1980 who manages a night club bar.*

T314-342. PATRICIA ANN AUSTIN, *b. 23 October 1945, she became a legal secretary and worked in London and Exeter. In 1968 she m. Roger Martin Franklyn Mathewson, b. 1945 in Oxford, though raised in Topsham, near Exeter. He is a grandson of Prof. Harold Laski. Roger became an engineer for the BBC. Two ch: Rachel Diana Jane Mathewson b. 6 March 1970 and Simon Robert John Mathewson b. 4 August 1972. Rachel became a bookseller and m. 2003 Graham Teare b. 1972, they have two sons: Callam Arthur John Teare b. 20 January 2003 and Eshyn Teare b. 2005. Simon is a graphic designer.*

T314-343. CHRISTINA WINIFRED AUSTIN, *b. 1954, she worked for the Sympathetic Hearing Scheme. She is*

single at present. In 1973 she had a daughter, Sara Eliza Jayne Austin-Maiano, by Maurizio Maiano, an international lawyer based in Milan.

**JOHN FRANKLIN AUSTIN AND
NANCY ANN TROBAUGH OF ILLINOIS,
MISSOURI, ARKANSAS & OKLAHOMA**

by Dorothy Jane Austin Vanover

Editor's Note: John Franklin Austin was the son of Elike Austin (1814-1871) and Matilda Nichols. Their family is in the 1850 census for Shelby County, Illinois (see *Austin Families Register* page 90), living very close to Elike Austin's younger brother Samuel Austin.

JOHN FRANKLIN AUSTIN was born on 19 March 1850 in Shelby County, Illinois. He was married there 12 December 1872 to Nancy Ann Trobaugh, born on 15 November 1854 in Richland County, Illinois. They moved to Linn County, Missouri, where their first child was born in 1873. Then they moved back to Illinois where their next two children were born. Next they moved to Christian County, Missouri where they had four more children. Before 1888 John and Nancy moved to Arkansas, where their last four children were born. They then moved to Solo Mountain in Pope County, Arkansas around 1897, living near the old Solo Post Office for thirty years. It is told that they homesteaded land and it would have been at this time, but I have no proof of this. They lived in Arkansas until moving to Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma in 1919. John Franklin Austin died on 17 June 1919 from leakage of the heart and dropsy. He is buried at Sallisaw. Nancy moved to north Missouri to be close to her sister and her daughter Kate. From this time on Nancy lived with her children Claud, Mary and Minnie. Nancy died 13 January 1948 at the age of 94 at the home of her daughter Minnie at Checotah, Oklahoma. John Franklin and Nancy Austin had eleven children:

1. WILLIAM ARTHUR AUSTIN, b. 30 September 1873 in Linn County, Missouri. He d. 26 June 1912 in Linn County, as a result of a train accident.
2. CHARLES FRANKLIN AUSTIN, b. 10 January 1875 in Shelbyville, Shelby County. He m. Saphronia Horn, b. 4 November 1877 in Reed Springs, Missouri. Charles d. 7 March 1928 in Sallisaw, Saphronia d. 30 January 1961 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Eight ch: Estella Mae Austin b. 17 June 1897 in Solo, d. 15 January 1972 in Tulsa, m1. J. B. Potter, m2. Walter M. Bailey, m3. William H. Southwood; Rose Alice Austin b. 25 February 1900 in Oak Grove, Arkansas, d. 21 July 1977 Tulsa, m. Walter Hanna; Mary Magdalene Austin b. 22 May 1902 Solo d. 1 March 1955 Tulsa, m. — Gulley; Golda Hila Austin b. 2 June 1905 Oak Grove, d. Tulsa, m. Jess Bickel; Iva Della Austin b. 22 February 1907 Russellville, Arkansas, d. 1985 in California, m. Grady Pruitt; Ruby Jewel Austin b. 15 May 1910 Sallisaw, d. in California, m. Eugene McGowen; Bonnie Marie Austin b. 19 June 1913 Sallisaw, d. 1985 in Tulsa, m. James Davis; Charles Franklin Austin b. 19 October 1915 Sallisaw, d. 2 February 1965 in Tulsa.
3. KATYE DELL AUSTIN, b. 6 Nov. 1877 in Shelby County, m. Charles Gardner. Kate d. 8 Feb. 1960 Buckley, Mo. Ch: Floyd Gardner, Zephra Gardner, Mildred Gardner.
4. MAUDE BETT AUSTIN, b. 4 Sept. 1879 in Lawrence

Co., Missouri, m. Henry Walker. Maude d. 7 May 1960 in Russellville, Arkansas. Ch: John Walker, Ella Mae Walker, Lee O. Walker, Charlie Walker, Willie Walker.

5. IDA AUSTIN, b. 9 December 1881 in Christian County, Missouri. "Ide" m. Solomon Spencer Kelley. She d. 3 January 1967 in Hector, Arkansas. Ch: Ethel Iola Kelley b.1908, Burl Kelley b.1909, Murl Kelley b.1909, Clarence Kelley b.1911, Doyle Kelley b.1913, Herbert Kelley b.1914, Zola Kelley b.1916, Thurman Woodrow Kelley b.1918, Louie Kelley b.1919, Russell Howard Kelley b.1922, Pearl Hester Ann Kelley b.1924.
6. FREDERICK JACKSON AUSTIN, b. 4 February 1883 Christian County, Missouri, he m. Lenora Clinkenbeard. Frederick d. 4 February 1983 age 100 on Shinn Mountain, Dover, Pope County, Arkansas. Ch: Jess Frederick Austin b. 1 February 1918 Dover, m. Joyce Lorene Niemeyer; John Franklin Austin b. 16 May 1922.
7. MARY ALICE AUSTIN, b. 2 Feb. 1885 in Christian County, Missouri. She m. Gabriel Curtis. Mary d. 5 Jan. 1963 in Hominy, Oklahoma. Ch: Oza Curtis, Zell Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Shirley Curtis, Dollie Curtis, Lila Curtis, Preston Curtis, Eugene Curtis, Arnold Curtis.
8. RICHARD HILARY AUSTIN, b. 9 Nov. 1888 Searcy Co., Arkansas, d. Seminole, Oklahoma, m1. Sarah Summers who d. Oklahoma. Ch: Allen Austin, Charlie Austin. Richard m2. Tennessee Evaloe Bohanan. Ch: Bonnie Evaloe Austin, Nova Ann Austin, Willie George Austin, Nellie Lee Austin.
9. MINNIE MAY AUSTIN, b. on 2 May 1891 in Newton County, Arkansas. She m. Thomas Henry Carr. Minnie d. 24 November 1968 in Checotah, Oklahoma, Thomas d. 3 October 1975. Ch: Thomas Alfred Carr b.1910, Katie Esther Carr b.1911, Tresye Viola Carr b.1913, Lois Gertrude Carr b.1916, Nancy Irene Carr b.1918, Edith Lorene Carr b.1920, Mary Ruth Carr b.1922, Paul Henry Carr b.1924, Evelyn Lucille Carr b.1925, Peggy Joyce Carr b.1927, Wilma Juanita Carr b.1933. Minnie was a 'single Mom' much of the time, trying to feed and raise her large family. Known for her dried apples, she drove her horses and buggy around selling them to neighbors.
- A. SAMUEL EDWARD AUSTIN, b. 26 November 1893 in Madison Co., Arkansas, m. Pauline —. He d. 5 June 1977 in Claremore, Oklahoma. Ch: Diana Austin, Sam Austin.
- B. CLAUD LEROY AUSTIN, b. 2 September 1896 +

NEXT GENERATION

CLAUD LEROY AUSTIN was born on 2 September 1896 in Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas. He grew up in Arkansas where he worked as a farmer until he enlisted in the U. S. Army at Russellville, Arkansas on 6 September 1918 at the age of 22. After training, he was to be shipped overseas to Europe. He was on the ship ready to sail when World War I ended. He was given a choice to go ahead and go to Europe or to stay in the United States. Claud chose to stay and was honorably discharged on 3 January 1919 from Camp Pike, Arkansas. His father died five months later. Claud and his mother went to north Missouri where he worked on the farm of Atle Harrington in the Linn County area. He met and became engaged to Maude Alice Hunter, who was living with her foster family, James Sterling and Media Lane, also

of the Linn County area. Claud went off to Ponca City, Oklahoma in 1925 to work for the Marland Oil Company. He acquired a house, and returned to Missouri a year later, where he and Maude were married on 6 December 1926. They drove their 1925 car over muddy roads, fixing flat tires on the way back to Ponca City. They lived their entire married life in the Ponca City area. Marland Oil Company merged with the Continental Oil Company in 1928. Claud worked for the oil company full time, but also farmed on the side. Three of their children were born during the depression era. Claud worked only two days a week at ten cents an hour. They managed during these hard times and kept their home and their family fed. Claud loved baseball and music. He was self-taught on three instruments, and he encouraged each of his children to learn a musical instrument, which they did. Claud worked for the Continental Oil Company until five days before he was killed in a car wreck on 4 April 1953 at age 56. Maude lived in Ponca City until her death there on 19 January 1983. Claud and Maude had five children born in Ponca City (see photo next page):

1. EDWIN LEROY AUSTIN, *b. 25 October 1927, he m. Grady Lee Duncan. Edwin d. 1 July 1988 in Seagoville, Dallas County, Texas.*
2. DONALD AUSTIN, *b. 21 November 1929, he m. Mary Beth Leathers, b. 8 August 1930 in Ponca City.*
3. DOROTHY JANE AUSTIN, *b. 19 January 1931, she m. Roger James Vanover, b. 22 May 1929 in Ponca City. He d. 29 April 1978 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.*
4. LLOYD RUSSELL AUSTIN, *b. 25 May 1935, m. Carol Ann Davenport. Lloyd d. 27 March 1997 in Plano, Texas.*
5. LOUISE ANN AUSTIN, *b. 1 November 1936, m. William R. Wilson, b. in Ponca City.*

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(Large family group photo)

Photograph of John Franklin Austin family taken circa 1903. Seated: John Franklin Austin, Claud Leroy Austin, Nancy Ann (Trobaugh) Austin, Minnie May Austin, Ida Austin. Standing: Probably John's brother (either Jacob Austin or Charles Austin), Frederick Jackson Austin, Richard Hilary Austin, Samuel Edward Austin, Maude Bett Austin, Mary Alice (Austin) Curtis, her husband Gabriel Curtis is standing in the doorway.