

Dawes Card #701 Seminole Full Blood The Story of Mrs. Minerva Austin

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Minerva, a full blood Seminole was born 1835 in the Seminole Nation, Indian Territory. Her father was a Seminole and her mother was half-blood Cherokee. In 1900 Minerva was age 65, a widow. She said she bore ten children but only seven were living at that time. Her daughter Alice Maupin was age 34 and still single and living with her mother. Minerva died after 1900 in Seminole Nation. She married before 1856 to a Mr. Austin, whose first name was unknown.

The Children of Minerva Austin (only two of the ten children's details are known):

1. Alice Maupin was born 1856 in Texas. She died after 1900 in Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. Her father was born in Missouri and was probably a Mr. Maupin and not Austin.
2. Lane Austin was born 1874 in Seminole Nation, Indian Territory (OK). His father was born in a place unknown to him. He married Cindy. Cindy was listed as black, born in 1880 and married Lane Austin in 1895. Her mother was born in Mexico and her father was born in an unknown location. On the Indian Population Census at the bottom of the page Cindy has her tribal blood as full blood Creek. Her parents are also listed as full blood Creek.

Lane and Cindy Austin had a daughter named Creesy Austin who was born in 1894 in the Seminole Nation. They also had a son named Samuel Austin, born June 1899 born in the Seminole nation.

This researcher wonders if Samuel could have been the name of the Minerva's Mr. Austin? Earlier children could have been living nearby to Minerva and listed on the U. S. and Indian Population Census of 1900 of Seminole Territory. Surnames could include Maupin or Austin.