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Austins - At War Once Again

We have just observed the 60th anniversary of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor, a date characterized by President Roosevelt, as a day that will live in infamy. On September 11, 2001, America was again savagely attacked, a date perhaps also destined to live in infamy.

As family historians, we spend hours looking through military records from countless battles and wars that have occurred during our nation's history. Since September 11, we have a new massacre and a new war that we have to address, except this time we can glean new meaning from our research because we have recently experienced the horror, the fear, the feeling of vulnerability.

Austins have served and have suffered in all of the military exploits of our nation over its history, from the alarms of Lexington to the dusty fields of Afghanistan. Many have done this heroically, some have not. Here are some of their stories:

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Seth Austin had to hire Deacon Hesekiah Camp's mare so that he could respond to Col. Bumell's call. During the skirmish that followed, the horse was shot right out from under him, and he had to bring his saddle home on his back. He had to pay Hesekiah I8 £ for the horse.

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Captain Paul Austin of Fort Worth, Texas, was one of those Americans to hit the beaches of Leyte Gulf as part of Macarthur's drive to recapture the Japanese-occupied Philippines and split Tokyo's World War II empire in half. The operation, the General wrote later in his memoirs, would become a springboard "for the final assault on Japan itself."

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They made up a company at Boscobel, Wisconsin, and started on foot the next morning to go to the front. With no chance to drill in camp, they drilled on the road. I never heard Robert Austin say how far South he got, but he contracted pneumonia and was sent back to Chicago to the hospital. He never was well afterwards as one lung was destroyed.

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Union soldiers came riding into the neighborhood and found only the Austin family - the others had fled. Tom Austin was in bed and had rubbed molasses on his face so that flies were attracted to him. His wife told an officer that her husband was sick with a fever, so the officer left with his men to get a doctor, saying they'd be back in the afternoon. When they returned, Tom had sneaked out to Big Pond to hide. He lay on the bottom of the pond and breathed through a reed stuck out of the water. Angry when they realized that they had been tricked, the Union soldiers burned down Davis' house and stable and took his wife to Virginia with them.

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During this time the tragic fall of the Alamo occurred where every Texas defender died fighting rather than surrender. There was also the terrible massacre at Goliad and the retreat of Sam Houston's army before the soldiers of Santa Anna. Sometimes bankers doubted the future of Texas in the face of such tragic losses, but Stephen Austin was so confident of victory that he pledged all his own land as security for the money he borrowed.

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The hearts of all were torn and bleeding; every day brought messages of more battles, deaths and wounded. Dr. Austin and John Walden started to Mississippi, where a company of our men were. When within a few miles of Vicksburg, they were turned back. The Yankees had surrounded the city and declared a siege with a cordon around the city; no one was allowed to go in or out of the city for forty days.

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Booby traps had not been cleared yet, so the sailors were not allowed in the nearby woods, and everyone avoided souvenir hunting. Not all Japanese soldiers had gotten the word of the surrender, 300 of them were still loose on the island. Raymond Austin wrote home that three Marines were killed and one wounded by the Japanese snipers. Raymond saw captured Japanese tanks, and the ruins of a brick church which had been demolished by the bombing.

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Please see "War", page 3

New Members Welcomed

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John Austin, b. ca. 1765 PA or NJ?

What – No Documentation?

But maybe that's Good ….

I recently learned of a book containing the history of my Father's family. When it arrived, I was ecstatic to find that the author had researched our family back to its' English roots. But it lacked any form of documentation. I was appalled to think that all those years of research led to a worthless book.

And then, I began to realize that he had left his family the best of all genealogical tools: names, dates and places relating to all the family records.

Consider the value of a gift such as this: Information regarding countless records known to exist. Stored in libraries, court houses, churches and other depositories of family documents. Available for examination by anyone with a passion for research. Signatures. Notations. Possibly a clue to other data overlooked by the original compiler.

If you truly enjoy research, use the available records for data leading to original documents. Find the documents and see the signatures of your ancestors. Look for other information about their lives. Enjoy your research.

Organizing your Genealogical Documents

Genealogical research is an addictive endeavor. Whether you have handwritten notes or printed pages the quantity of paperwork grows – and grows. If you are like most of us, there are times you know you have certain facts documented, but just can't find the copy. And the facts require sufficient documentation. One solution: Indexed 3 ring binders.

Your local office supply store should stock all your supplies:

- Binders (Hint: Be sure they have label holders on the spine and are wide enough to hold sheet protectors.)
- Top opening sheet protectors (Economy weight is sufficient. Clear is easier to read through than non-glare.)
- Photo pages divided into sections.
- Extra wide indexes for use with sheet protectors.

Insert each legal document, printed page of research, picture, etc. in a sheet protector or photo page. (Hint: Tape small items on a sheet of paper using removable, double coated tape on the back only. Do not use tape on original documents or pictures.)

Enter each person's name on an index sheet in front of their personal information.

How should the book be indexed? By family group? In alphabetical order? This is your book. Index it as you think appropriate. Then add:

- Pictures of your ancestors' homes.
- Pictures of items you have inherited: Grandma's dishes, Great-grandfather's gun, your favorite aunt's diary.
- Write some information about the people in your book. Make a notation if the story is "family tradition" instead of verified data.

Your family tree book will grow as you remember more about people you have known. It will become a valuable family legacy that only you can compile.

When you have your documents organized, consider adding your family to the internet. If you have your family tree entered in PAF (Personal Ancestry File) or a similar program, you have all the necessary information.

When you add your family, you help others with their research. And, if you should lose information stored in your computer, it will remain on the web site.

Marilyn Osterhout

Editor's Note: Caution should be exercised when contributing genealogical data to the Internet. Personal data, particularly of living persons will become available world wide for any possible use. Contributed data has also been extracted from such sites and placed on commercial CD-ROMS for sale, with your data now placed under the vendor's copyright.

For the Record:

The Austin Families Association of America has been informed that the poem "**The Dash,**" that appeared in the Winter 2001 *Newsletter,* attributed as "author unknown" is the copyrighted work of Linda Ellis.

Now Playing on Your Screen

Joy Davis, AFAOA Web Master invites you to visit the AFAOA web site at **http://www.afaoa.org/** Take advantage of the Query page or browse about for a while and feedback your comments to Joy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to all who sent comments to the *Newsletter* Editors, which will help them in planning future articles. Your contributions, your opinions and your comments, whether critical or encouraging, are needed and welcomed as we try to maintain a strong and effective Austin Families Association. Our *Newsletter* and Website are important communication tools and we would like to make them even better and more useful to you.

The annual conventions are not as well attended as we continue to hope they will be. Is there a way to change that, and to make these meetings more interesting, more useful for those who do attend? Plans are being made for July 2002 in Denver and your input is needed. Please send at least a yes/no response to the following:

1. I am interested in attending the 2002 convention in Denver. (This is not a commitment, just an indication of possible interest.)
2. I would be interested in attending future conventions if one was closer to where I live. (Suggestions would be appreciated.)
3. I will probably not attend any of the conventions because of the time and expense involved. (Are there other reasons?)
4. Program topics would influence my attendance. (In general, what are you interested in learning?)
5. If you have attended previous conventions, please comment on what you liked or didn't like about the program. Would you like more social activities, Friday events (library tour, etc.), more workshop time, more speakers on research topics?

Thanks again for taking the time to be an active member of AFAOA. Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year of successful research!

Alice

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"If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." (George Bernard Shaw, 1856-1950)

Good advice from RootsWeb (**http://www.rwguide.rootsweb.com/**) which gets you to the RootsWeb guide page. Check out any one of 31 different guides, all of them, great stuff. **Remember, RootsWeb Guide is NOT for beginners only.**

"War"

Continued from page 1

James Austin enlisted at Ruraldale, Ohio as a private for a 3 year period, and assigned to Company D. by Capt. John T. Rainey on 30 Aug 1862. His pay was $14.50 per month. His military training was very limited, mostly that picked up from fellow soldiers on their 19 day march with Logan's Division to Iuka, Mississippi in the north-eastern corner of the State. After the Battle of Iuka, they returned to Bolivar, Tennessee.

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Political feeling was running high, and one Aaron Austin, a Federalist who kept an opposition tavern in the village, headed a company of his partisans in a call of no friendly intent upon the soldiers at Emery's hostelry. An altercation soon ensued and words led to blows – with Austin busy in the scrimmage. Soon, however, the Captain appeared upon the scene – "a powerful man, 6 ft. 6 in. in his stockings, well proportioned, and weighing 250 lbs." – who snatched up the belligerent inn-keeper, and "threw him out of an open window upon the green."

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Chris Austin joined the Army in July 1986 and after completing his training, was assigned to the 82d Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC. On December 16, 1989, General Noriega of Panama declared war on the United States, and by 10 pm that evening, Chris was flying over Panama City as part of two six man Special Operations Teams from Fort Bragg. Under the cover of darkness, they parachuted from 23,000 feet undetected to the airfield below, to gather intelligence and keep the Command at Fort Bragg informed of enemy activity.

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Joseph Austin was a man of means, was a Tory, and an English sympathizer. His seven sons did not share their father's sympathies. When their father ordered the boys to see that a five year old cow be given to the British soldiers, the sons made no reply, but they managed to have the cow reach the starving colonists instead.

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William Austin was a Baptist, a farmer, a cobbler and a veteran of the Confederate Army where he had served as a bugler. Once during a winter battle, a cannon ball hit close and buried him under the deep snow. His fellow soldiers thought he was killed and said, "Goodbye, Bill." But in a little while, Bill came digging up from under the snow. On another occasion, he was captured by Yankee troops. Some wanted to kill him, but others wanted to spare his life. So they decided his fate by a card game. The "good" Yankees won and saved Bill's life. He was interred in a Union POW camp at Camp Morton, Indiana.

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Pvt. Harvey Owen Austin, Co. G, 6th Regt., Wisconsin 4th Infantry attached to the Army of the Potomac under General McClellen, apparently had witnessed enough of the savage slaughter of young men on both sides of the lines, as they maneuvered near Sharpsburg, Maryland leading up to the 3 day Battle of Antietam which began on 17 Sep 1862. As a result, Harvey deserted his post on 13 Sep 1862, signed on as a merchant seaman, eventually married a Welsh lady in Swansea, and started a family. He returned with them to the United States after the war. Had he been killed at Antietam, the editorial staff of your *Newsletter* would undoubtedly be different, and the AFAOA would be lacking a genealogist.

The Buffalo Hunt

Rev. E. F. Austin

As told to Nellie Austin Showmaker*

(Excerpted from an article in THE WATCHWORD, 30 Jul 1907)

The last of May 1871, I started from Jessup, Bucannon County, Iowa to see western Iowa and Nebraska. I had taken a homestead, located in York County, Nebraska, about 50 miles south of Lincoln. I returned to Iowa, and after harvesting my crop, I started for the homestead with my wife and four children in a wagon drawn by two mules, and with two cows in the rear. Two other families were with us.

On reaching the new home, we found no house, no barn, and we had but a few dollars. There was plenty of sod, and we could get poles on the West Blue River, and this was the way we built our first house.

Our next thought was something to eat during the long, cold winter. Immediately, a party of 12 started farther west to the herd of buffalos to get meat.

We started about the first of November, reaching Grand Island Bridge, the first bridge built across the Platte River. We stopped at the ranch of one of the frontier pioneers, Campbell by name, who had lived there during the troubled times of the Indians, and during the days when gold-seekers were en-route to California and Pike's Peak. He was there when the Mormons were freighting their goods to Salt Lake, having fed Brigham Young's train many times.

The next morning we started for the buffalo grounds. The sun shone brightly, but the air was cold. After a couple of days drive, we began to see buffalos, called by the hunters stragglers, more properly rear-guards. We killed one large one and divided up the meat among the twelve men.

We had now reached the Medicine River known as the "dead line." The Government had made a treaty with the Sioux - if they made a raid below the Medicine, the Government was responsible so that the settlers on the homestead lands were protected in a way. If the Whites crossed the river, they did it at their own peril.

A rumor reached us that Spotted Tail, the greatest war chief of the Sioux was camped at the headwaters of the Medicine with 2,000 warriors. On hearing this, our party was divided, some wanting to go back, and some ready to risk their scalps rather than coming home without meat. Finally, Sydney Kilmer said, "Austin, you lead out. If you go home, I will follow you, if you cross the deadline, I will follow to the main herds." So with two teams and five of the party, we started out, leaving the others standing on the banks of the river.

A prairie fire had burned from Fort Kearney west 40 or 50 miles, so the buffalos had moved to get food. The native

grass was short and curly, called buffalo grass. We were compelled to follow down the Republican River to reach the ford. Having crossed the river, we were able to drive faster.

On rising the next morning at 4 o'clock, we observed that clouds were gathering for a storm and sleet was falling. We were now about 20 miles from Red Willow Creek where the herds were. We continued to travel, counting the streams as we crossed them. The storm meanwhile increased in force, so that we reached Red Willow in a blinding blizzard.

The storm raged for three days. We did the best we could to provide shelter for man and beast. We had corn for the horses, and for ourselves there was buffalo meat, parched corn, corn coffee, but no tobacco. We had a log heap fire, and our talk was of home and the difficulty of getting back with no broken roads. Another fear was that the herds would go before the storm, taking them farther from us.

Because we had built our shelter in a grove of trees located down an embankment some 20 feet deep, we were now buried by an equal amount of snow and timber above us. There was no way out except to dig through, and we had no shovel. The afternoon of the third day I proposed that we cut down an ash tree and make shovels, our only tools being an ax and a pocket knife. While making my shovel, I said in a joking way that it would be handed down to my children's children with the story telling how their grandfather was snowed in while hunting buffalo in the Red Man's territory.

With great difficulty, we got out from the bottom of the creek and onto the table-land. We raised our field glass and scanned the snow-covered plains, and oh, what a sight! There were buffalos by the thousands, huddled together because of the storm, the sturdy males on the outskirts, the cows and calves in the center. They looked like hills covered with snow. As the sun shone warmer, they shook themselves free of it and the sight was beautiful.

Hunting was comparatively easy. The water was all frozen in the river. About daylight, the buffalos would come down from the table-land seeking water. We would secrete ourselves in the brush and select the young and fat ones. The younger buffalos were dark in color, and from these the fine robes were made.

With our wagons loaded with meat, we started on our journey home. We learned about our friends whom we had left on the banks of the Medicine. They had started to follow us but turned back because of the storm. Unable to find adequate shelter, they had suffered terribly. Some gave up to die, the others, determined not to die, kicked and pounded on one another to keep from freezing to death. After the storm, they started for home.

Finally, one morning we started on the home stretch, which was to end the perilous effort that had been put forth to get food. Arriving at the front of my sod house, I saw my wife as pale as the day we laid her away, and when she saw me, for whom she had prayed for 26 days, she broke down completely. We were home finally, all set for the winter.

***Nellie May (Austin) Shoemaker was Rev. Elvin's daughter.**

Q & A

Editor's Note: The *Newsletter* staff has been tasked with reviewing ROOTSWEB REVIEW, RootsWeb's Genealogy News Magazine for research aids, hints, and suggestions. This informative "e-zine" is ably edited by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, and can be subscribed to at **http://rootsweb.com** (Look in "Getting Started").

-- DEATH ON ELLIS ISLAND --

(RootsWeb Review, Vol 4, #34, 8 Aug 2001)

QUESTION: I have learned that my grandmother had a younger half sister who died at the hospital where they were detained when entering the United States. Was there a hospital on Ellis Island? Do you know where I might begin to look for this child?
ANSWER:. When Ellis Island opened 1 January 1892, the $500,000 immigration station consisted of about a dozen buildings, including a large two-story main processing building, a separate group of four hospital buildings, surgeon's quarters, record storage office, restaurant and kitchen building, detention building, disinfection house, a boiler house, laundry and utility plant — all constructed of wood. In addition, the old brick and stone Fort Gibson and Navy magazines were converted for detainees' dormitories and other purposes. A fire on June 14, 1897 destroyed Ellis Island's wooden buildings.

A new immigration station opened 17 December 1900 at a cost of some $1.2 million. In 1902 its hospital building, auxiliary laundry and other facilities opened. Most of the 3,500 or so who died at Ellis Island were buried in the Calvary and Evergreen cemeteries in Brooklyn (New York).

Presumably these death records were filed with the New York City office of vital records, so you should be able to obtain a copy of the death certificate. Information about and links to various online sources pertaining to death records can be found in RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees – Vital Records: Death, Tombstones and Cemeteries.
http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson4.htm
There is a link to all of the U.S. states' vital records office at:
http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson1.htm
and the one for New York is: **http://www.vitalrec.com/ny.html**
See also: **http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson15.htm**
Additional information about Ellis Island is available in the Shaking Your Family Tree archives:
http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/syft/immigration/

-- WPA CEMETERY LISTINGS AND INDEXES --

(RootsWeb Review, Vol 4, #31, 1 Aug 2001)

QUESTION: I believe I heard sometime back that a federal agency (WPA) did a census of cemeteries during the 1930s but I have had no luck finding where these records may be filed or if they can be accessed on line. Do you have any information?
ANSWER: During the Depression, the U.S. government funded the creation of cemetery listings and indexes by the Historical Records Survey division of the Work Projects Administration (WPA). Many of these were later published by others, including local genealogical and historical societies, while other results of this effort remain as card indexes, which are deposited at state and local archives and libraries.

Probably the best and most comprehensive nationwide index that identifies published cemetery inscriptions is INDEX TO UNITED STATES CEMETERIES (Salt Lake City: Family History Library, 1988). While it is called an index, it does not index names of persons; rather it indexes cemeteries and identifies published transcripts that exist for them. Work on it was closed in 1985, so more recent acquisitions are not included. It is on 25 rolls of microfilm.

CEMETERIES OF THE U.S.: A GUIDE TO CONTACT INFORMATION FOR U.S. CEMETERIES AND THEIR RECORDS, edited by Deborah M. Burek (Detroit: Gale Research, 1994), is arranged by state and subdivided by county, and cemeteries are listed alphabetically within each county with addresses and telephone numbers in many cases. Public libraries usually have this reference.

"Research in Birth, Death, and Cemetery Records," is an excellent chapter by Johni Cerny in THE SOURCE: A GUIDEBOOK OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, (Revised Edition), edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc., 1997).
http://shops.ancestry.com/product.asp?productid=1026&shopid=126.

-- ORPHAN TRAIN CHILDREN --

(RootsWeb Review, Vol 4, #34, 22 Aug 2001)

QUESTION: Is there any place on the Net that one can find the names of Orphan Train children? While doing research for a friend (his maternal grandmother finally told him that his mother was not their child, she only took their name, but refused to discuss his mother's past, as did his mother). She was born in New York, reared in a Catholic orphanage, and evidently went to them in Illinois about 1910-1920, then they all moved to Minnesota.
ANSWER: Read "Orphan Train Genealogy," by Marilyn Irvin Holt, which appears in Ancestry magazine (January/February 1995, Vol. 13, No. 1) and is online at:
http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/ancmag/701.asp
and see "Tracing Roots of Foundlings," by the editor, which is online at:
http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/syft/landcensus/syftrm0160.htm
While few names of these orphans may be available online there is a great deal of information about the Orphan Train Riders, as they were called, that will enable you to find information about them. Starting at Cyndi's List:
http://www.cyndislist.com/orphans.htm follow the links there to data, articles, and books on a fascinating subject about this part of American history.
You may be interested in the New York Foundling Hospital Web site at: **http://www.nyfoundling.org/** and its "Adoption & Foster Care Records" article.

-- SHIP STOWAWAYS --

(RootsWeb Review, Vol 4, #34, 22 Aug 2001)

QUESTION: Where would information about stowaways aboard ships coming to America in the 1830s and 1840s be kept?
ANSWER: Many Customs Passenger Lists, which date from

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Q11-4,1 - Janice Lyon Borden, P.O. Box 553, Grayland, WA 98547-0553 beachbumz@olynet.com Searching for the parents of HIRAM AUSTIN, baptized June 13, 1819, Brimfield, MA, MARY AUSTIN, baptized June 13, 1819, Brimfield, MA who married ORLANDO SMITH, May 1, 1833, Monson, MA, SARAH DOW AUSTIN, born July 17, 1819 and baptized, September 5, 1819, Brimfield, MA who Married ORSON HENRY, August 5, 1839 in Palmer, MA, and HANNAH AUSTIN, wife of LYMON HOWARD, intentions September 14, 1839, Palmer, MA.

Q11-4,2 - Gordon Cannon - 6623 51st Ave. So., SeaTac, WA 98188 gordoncannonaw@mytechcs.com Any information on James Austin b-1831 in Georgia d-2 May 1862 Fort Smith, AR Married to Elizabeth Burk (or White?) b- 1834 LA. Married abt 1848/1849 from birth of first child. James was in the Arkansas 19th CSA and per their records was killed 2 May 1862, but where buried is unknown. Elizabeth, on hearing he was wounded at Fort Smith, got on a horse to join him, crossing a river the horse fell, she was taken back to Lockesburg, Servier, AR and died. They had the following children: William (Bill) b-1849 in Arkansas; Martha b-1852 in AR; Sarah b-1854 in AR; James (Jim) b-1856 in AR; Mary Francis b-1859 in AR; Mollie b-1862 in Lockesburg, Sevier, AR. Last child, Mollie was reported to be a babe in arms at mother's death. She married our ancestor George Washington Gray in 1880. Mollie died 1938 in El Dorado, Union, AR. Records of Sevier County state that family was declared destitute. Have not found Guardianship records, although family history says they were taken in by neighbors. The Arkansas 19th says a William Austin joined the 19th the same date James did, he was b-1799, we are guessing this was his father? Any help on confirmation of William as father, or whereabouts of any of the other children would be appreci-

Q11-4,3 - Bonnie Arnold, PO Box 232, Braymer, MO 64624 bonniea@centurytel.net Searching for any information on the line of 1) John Austin Sr. b. 6 Jan 1779 NC; d. 27 Feb 1858 MO; m. 30 Jun 1802 Wayne Co., KY to Rachel Denny b. ?; d. MO. 2) Rev. James L. Austin (John Sr.'s son) m. Rosa Maupin. 3) Amanda Lou Jane Austin b. 5 Aug 1846 Livingston Co., MO; d. 27 Dec 1926 Carroll Co., MO; m. 13 Oct 1866 Carroll Co., MO to Benjamin Johnson Hart. 4) Lenora (Lelia) Hart b. 1 Jun 1871 Carroll Co., MO; d. 6 Jan 1931 Carroll Co., MO. m. Feb 1898 to John William Dodson. 5) Opal Irene Dodson b. 6 Feb 1904 Carroll Co., MO; d. 9 Dec 1981 Carroll Co., MO; m. 22 Dec 1923 Carroll Co., MO to Alex Granderson Johnson (My grandparents).

Q11-4,4 - Jean Shroyer - TXJean@aol.com
Wish to seek families related to John AUSTIN, Sr. b. ca. 1690/1700 ENG/NC? in Brunswick Co., VA in 1744...sons, Valentine, John, Jr., Richard, Joseph (my line), Stephen. Later in Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Lunenburg Co., VA. Some in NC and TN to KY and later to TX. Who are the parents of Milly Dalton who married Wm. Austin of Pittsylvania Co., VA who died in Anderson Co., TN in 1802... (orphan /guardian accounts)...lists Hannah, Nathaniel, John...etc...William was in Knox Co., TN and moved to Anderson Co.,TN; died by 1802... Archibald Pruit/Prewitt Austin b. 1767 VA s/o Jos. Austin and Wealthy Pruit/ Prewett/Prewitt of Pittsylvania Co.,VA married Rebecca Blankenship (not Thompson as some state)...He married in Pittsylvania Co., VA then moved into NC and Grainger, Jefferson Co.,TN...died in Tunnel Hill, Whitfield Co.,GA in 1866...Cox, Haynes, Andrus, Courtney, Dyer and others connect from Greene Co., TN ...some of this line went to MO..to TX also.

Q11-4,5 - Rodney Austin - rodneya@aug.com
Searching for a John B. Austin. His son John Austin of Dutchess County NY was born in Fishkill, NY 1775 and later married a Dutch woman Margaret Morse, known as Peggy. John & Margaret lived in Fredericks township, Dutchess County NY in 1800 per NY census M23-21 page 49. I am looking for John Austin's mother, father, and siblings. Where did John B. Austin come from?

Q11-4,6 - Marilyn Meisenheimer - meisen@midwest.net
I am seeking information about Peggy Austin, b. December 25, 1784, possibly in Virginia, who married Barnabas Wing in 1804 in Logan County, Kentucky. She appears next in the records of the Shaker Village in South Union, Kentucky with four children, one of whom is my gr-gr-granfather. Peggy died May 13, 1823 at the Shaker village.

Q11-4,7 - Bob & Judy Wolff - bwolff@ic.net
Searching for, and descendants of Rebecca Ann Austin, b. Oct. 3, 1814, Clinton Cty., OH, daughter of Thomas Austin and Eleanor Ann McDaniel. Rebecca Ann Austin was married on Nov. 8, 1832 in Clinton Cty., OH to Joseph Hiram Miller, b. Jun. 3, 1809 in Frederick Cty., VA. 6 children: Mary Ellen Miller, Martha Jane Miller, Ann Elizabeth Miller, Sarah Catherine Miller, David Alpheus Miller and Maria Louise Miller who d.at 6 months.

NEEDED: ASSISTANT GENEALOGIST - NORTHERN STATES AUSTIN LINES

Do you have experience in genealogy? Do you use a computer, the Internet and e-mail? Do you enjoy helping others with their research? Do you have some spare time?

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- House copies of the AFAOA notebooks and correspondence files for the Northern States Austin lines. All Northern States notebooks are now indexed. An Austin research CR-ROM will also be provided for your use. You should become familiar with these resources.
- Answer queries on Northern lines (expect 3 - 10 e-mail inquiries a week) and provide research assistance using AFAOA resources.
- Contact new members and encourage them to send their Austin lines to be included in the AFAOA database; search AFAOA resources for a connection to an existing line.
- Share the information you receive with the Genealogist - Southern States Austin Lines, the Database Chairman, and the existing database "parents", as appropriate.

Parent the "Unlinked Austins" database as new information comes in.

Attend AFAOA annual conventions whenever possible to assist attendees with their research.

Bonnie Bigolin, who has contributed countless hours as AFAOA Genealogist for eleven years, assisted by Liz Austin Carlin for several years and then becoming Liz's assistant this year, has asked that someone else be found to take over this responsibility so that she can concentrate on her Maine research
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER BONNIE OR LIZ:

Bonnie Bigolin (Nothern Austins)

Liz Austin Carlin

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1829 to circa 1891(later ones are called Immigration Passenger Lists and encompass the time period of 1891-1954) included a separate column for recording births and deaths that occurred while a vessel was traveling to North America. On lists that did not have such a column, the information was added at the end of the lists as the events occurred. The names of stowaways discovered at sea or when the vessel docked were also added to the end of the list, according to THEY CAME IN SHIPS, by John P. Colletta, which is available at: **http://shops.ancestry.com/**. Many Custom Passengers Lists are available on microfilm at the National Archives, its regional branches and through the Family History Library.

We Have Received Your Feedback!

In the last issue, we asked you readers to comment on what you would like to see published in the *Newsletter*. We made it easy for you by giving you a list of features and asking you to judge them against your preferences. We had numerous responses for which we thank you. Most of you were very generous in your remarks, and we appreciate that as well. The results, ranked in order of your response, follow:

World Wide Web links. = 8.8
Book Reviews. = 8.2
Queries. = 8
Photos. = 8
Research trip reports = 7.8
President™s Message. = 7.8
New members lists. = 7.8
Austin-Austen biographies/articles = 7.6
How to articles (methods, hints...) = 7.4
Convention details/news. = 7.2
Promotional (Richard book, CD-ROM). = 7
AFAOA Organization news (bylaws, officer's and/or committee reports). = 6.2

It is encouraging to see that many of you are right at home with doing research on the Internet, asking for more links to sites with genealogical content. You also expressed a greater interest in the methodology of genealogical research, as well as biographic material of Austins.

It seems that Association business holds the least amount of interest, business reports, promotional material, and news about the convention planning and results. Perhaps a sufficiency of news of the Association is provided by the President's message, since it ranked well up in the ratings.

We do devote a lot of *Newsletter* space to the conventions in the hopes that more people will attend them. They really are wonderful experiences, re-unions really, where we meet with old friends as well as new people who attend. Unfortunately, a certain amount of travel and expense is required, and many people are unable to attend for this and for other reasons. The Association attempts to hold the conventions in various parts of the country just so local Austins can more easily attend.

Now here's what you can do:

Support your *Newsletter* by submitting articles and notices, queries, photographs, and reports of your personal experiences in your Austin research. Much of what you wish to see in the *Newsletter* comes from your contributions. Some suggestions for these follow:

Research Reports: What did you know to begin with, what did you do, what have you learned, what is next?

Personal Interest Stories: Write up a story about your most interesting or elusive or your immigrant ancestor.

Photos: Please provide scanned photos of your people to add interest to your stories. If you cannot scan your photos, provide color Xerox copies (for better resolution) even if they are black and white. Please contact the editors for scanning requirements.

Thank you, The Editors

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Would you like to have help in your Austin research? Do you want to know more about the Austin databases? Meet your Austin "cousins" in Denver, Colorado this summer! The convention will be held at the **Holiday Inn Denver Downtown,** 1450 Glenarm Place. This hotel is within walking distance of the Denver Public Library, State Capitol, U. S. Mint, Denver Art Museum, Colorado History Museum and 16th Street Pedestrian Mall. A block of rooms has been reserved for the week from July 10 - 18 at the special rate of $92 per night. The two days prior to and two days following the convention weekend allow time for personal genealogical research and sightseeing. While there, explore the Denver branch of the National Archives and the Genealogy Collection of the Denver Public Library, the largest collection in the Rocky Mountain area and the second largest between the Mississippi River and the West Coast.

Put these dates on your calendar now, and tell your friends and family. More information and a registration form will be in the next edition of this *Newsletter*.