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1999 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION - ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

The second combined Austin Families Association of America and Austins of America Genealogy Society 1999 National Austin Convention was held at the Holiday Inn - Capitol Hotel, Washington, DC, on August 6, 7, and 8.

Forty-seven people registered for the convention, many of them old friends from previous conventions so it seemed to be more of an Austin reunion than a formal convention.

Holding the convention in Washington enabled many of the southern Austin families to attend, and it was indeed a pleasure to meet some new attendees as well as old friends from the Nashville convention in 1994.

On-site registration began on Friday afternoon in the foyer of the hotel and soon there was a large gathering of people signing in, receiving their convention materials and just plain visiting. The visiting continued during a "Let's Get Acquainted" reception where newcomers soon became old-timers. Following the reception, we gathered in available cars to go out for dinner.

Saturday's session started bright and early with a workshop where people could discuss their latest genealogical findings with their fellow researchers, have their photographs scanned for preservation, or work with computer experts to help solve problems that they were having with their friendly computer back home.

Session 1 began at 10:00 AM with introductory remarks by outgoing AFAOA President Hal Steiner and by AOAGS Director Dr. Michael Austin. This was followed by a

presentation entitled "Genealogical Research at the Library of Congress and the National Archives" given by Charles S. Mason, Jr., a professional genealogical researcher, based in Springfield, VA. Mason's talk was very helpful for those of us who

were planning on doing research at these institutions, giving us the various locations and types of data available, the necessary procedures and potential pitfalls that we must be aware of, and helpful hints of how to optimize our limited research time at these institutions.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) member Betty Shelhamer then gave an excellent introduction to the DAR Library, its

holdings, its rather unusual filing system, the locations of the research materials, and the library's rules and procedures.

Continued informal interactions and discussions were possible in the workshop following lunch. Many photographs were scanned by Dr. Michael Austin, and data and techniques were exchanged.

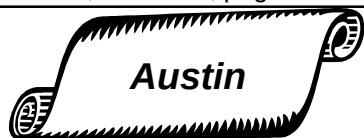
Session 2 began with AFAOA Genealogist Bonnie Bigolin presenting "Researching the Austins of Maine in the 1850 Federal Census." She detailed the process of extracting all of the Austins in the Maine 1850 census. Her effort is but a part of an AOAGS project of extracting all of the Austins from all states in the 1850 census. There are many volunteers, each working on a state or a portion of a state, and Bonnie appealed for more volunteers to help complete the project.

Liz Austin Carlin then gave a presentation on "Documenting Genealogical Sources" where she

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(l-r) Betty Shelhamer, Bonnie Bigolin, Millie Welsh, Robert K. Austin, Liz Austin Carlin and Elizabeth Bode comparing notes during a workshop session.



New Members Welcomed

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Volunteers Needed

Project #1 - Word Processing

We would like to thank members Kathy Koble and Betty Shelhammer in CA for volunteering, while at the Washington Convention, to help in this project. However, we still need several people who can help with retyping the AFAOA research notebooks. We can use files produced by any of the popular word processors. MS Word (versions 2.0 to 7.0) is preferred, but we can use Word Perfect 5.X for DOS or 6.X for Windows.

There are about 15 notebooks ranging from 300 to 500 pages. Some pages consist of hand written records, some are typewritten in varying quality, and many are photocopies. When completed, CD ROM or hard copies will be available.

Project #2 - "Adopt a State"

We would also like to thank Bob Handy of NC and Linda West of CA for volunteering for this project. Is there a state or county you would be willing to work on in the "Adopt a State" project. You would select a State or Province that you would be interested in, and then collect and compile all Austin records and data for that State, i.e., "Austins of Vermont", or "Austins of Missouri", etc.

If you would like to volunteer, please give me a call, or e-mail me at:

Bonnie Austin Bigolin

RESEARCH HINT OF THE MONTH

Did you know that the first three numbers in a Social Security number tell you the state in which the card was originally issued?

001-003	NH	004-007	ME	008-009	VT
010-034	MA	035-039	RI	040-049	CT
054-134	NY	135-158	NJ	159-211	PA
212-220	MD	221-222	DE	223-231	VA
232-236	WV	237-246	NC	247-251	SC
252-260	GA	261-267	FL	268-302	OH
303-317	IN	318-361	IL	362-386	MI
387-399	WI	400-407	KY	409-415	TN
416-424	AL	425-428	MS	429-432	AR
433-439	LA	440-448	OK	449-467	TX
468-477	MN	478-485	IA	486-500	MO
501-502	ND	503-504	SD	505-508	NE
509-515	KS	516-517	MT	518-519	ID
520	WY	521-524	CO	525	NM
526-527	AZ	528-529	UT	530	NV
531-539	WA	540-544	OR	545-573	CA
574	AK	575-576	HI	577-579	DC



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 1999 National Austin Convention, sponsored jointly for the 2nd year, by Austin Families Association of America and Austins of America Genealogical Society, was very successful in quality if not in quantity of attendees. Thanks go to Dr. Michael Austin, AOAGS Director, for organizing this year's excellent convention. I wish all of you could take advantage of these annual get-togethers with their opportunities for sharing of information, getting to know other Austins, doing new research and having a great time!

I have attended the last 10 conventions, beginning in 1990. Each one has been memorable and has provided me with valuable information about my Austin ancestry, about genealogy in general and about the use of computers in genealogy. I have met some great people - real cousins as well as friends from other Austin lines. The conventions have become like "family reunions" for those of us who attend regularly. We are all related by our common interest in advancing and preserving Austin research.

The past nine years have also been an exciting time for AFAOA. Led by Hal Steiner and with the hard work and expertise of Bill Minnick, Liz and Jim Carlin, Bonnie Bigolin and many others, AFAOA succeeded in putting the first large American Descendant Genealogy on the Internet in 1995. Since then the Richard Austin database has been joined by Robert Austin of Rhode Island, Samuel Austin of Massachusetts, Daniel Austin of Maine and Henry Austin of Maryland. These descendant books, and others that have not yet been put on the Internet, are available in printed form and on disk. There are databases for Unlinked Families from the Southern States and Unlinked Maine Austins. Last year saw the publication of Some Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Mass., 1638, a beautiful hard cover book which updates the work of Edith Austin Moore (1968). Currently the field notes of Edith and of her successor, Janet Austin Curtis, are being transcribed into a CD-ROM format that can be easily searched by computer.

As the new President, it will be my responsibility to see that this momentum is continued. There is much more to be done and your participation is needed! Share your Austin research. Submit articles and queries to the newsletter. Volunteer to transcribe and compile the work of others. Be an active member of the Austin Families! Communicate with your officers - let us know what you think AFAOA should be doing. Plan now to attend next summer's "family reunion", to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. Until then I would love to hear from you.

Alice Austin Martin

Genealogy on the Internet

Editor's Note: This is a revised version of material presented at the 1999 Austin National Convention in Washington, DC. Many listeners wanted the addresses of the web sites mentioned, and so they are included here. The Editors would like to make this space available to anyone who has done web-based genealogical research, and who would like to provide a quarterly article for our readers providing online research techniques, new and interesting web sites, etc.

Greg Miller, writing in the Los Angeles Times 12 Jul 1999 claims that the Internet has spoiled us. "If we want a book, we expect to find it online in a few mouse clicks. With equivalent ease, we can find the population of Tobago, the invoice price on a Ford Explorer, or the prize winnings of the world's top bowlers."

He goes on to say that he expected his family tree to unfurl in front of him when he set out to do genealogical research, and discovered that things just don't work that way. After an hour, all he had come up with was the date and place of his grandfather's death from the Social Security Death Index.

"The Internet is a wonderful tool in conjunction with traditional genealogical sources," says Joe Gillard, 63 of Los Angeles, who has spent the last nine months tracing his roots. "But it's not likely that you'll go onto the Net and have all of this information coming back to you neatly arrayed."

Cyndi Howells, on her web site Cyndi's List summarizes where we are today on the web. She claims that you will find:

- 1) Many researchers and family members that are potentially working on various lines in your family, producing family histories that you can peruse.
- 2) Online volunteers that have begun to place birth, marriage, death, obituary and cemetery records online for specific areas in their personal research.
- 3) Helpful details that you will need to deal with in ordering certified copies of vital records from governmental agencies.
- 4) That the major effort of indexing, scanning and storing records has just barely begun. Some of these records are available from commercial sites who may grant access for free, who charge for access or who sell the data on CD-ROMS. Other records are available online at no cost via projects that depend only upon volunteer effort.

So if you've got that modem finally working, the best place to start is with Cyndi's List <http://cyndislist.com/> which is called a "portal" or entry point for genealogy on the Internet. Cyndi has provided a categorized/cross referenced index to 112 subject categories, 41,700 links to genealogical sites, and what amounts to a "card catalog" to the Internet's genealogical collection - and all this changes daily.

Another stop when doing your "web crawling" is the LDS web site <http://familysearch.org/> where you can browse and download material from the Mormon Church's exhaustive records, do ancestral searches, etc.

Rootsweb is a major "server" site which "hosts" most of today's major genealogical online resources. You can find them at <http://www.rootsweb.com/> and discover mail lists, personal web pages, special projects such as Cyndi's List and US/World Genweb, ROOTS-L and State Resource sites, Gen-Connect Boards, and some magnificent search engines. Besides providing an Internet "home" for these various projects (most of which are run independently of Rootsweb), Rootsweb facilitates intercommunication by issuing an online newsletter which is sent free to subscribers via e-mail.

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*AUSTIN QUERIES - Please send all new queries to the following addresses. In responding to any of the following queries, please write directly to the submitter, **also sending copies to:***

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Q9-3,1 - Florence M. Norback, 5501 Dewey Hill Rd., Edina, MN 55439-1906. flobhn@aol.com

Searching for information on Benjamin Austin who married Harriet Hubbell in Utica, NY. Their children were: Mary Louise, b. Jan 9, 1822 in Utica, NY, mar. Charles Henry Olcott Nov 20, 1843 in Utica, NY; Juliet Amelia who mar. Richard Smith Barnum, Sr., and Matthew H. who d. May 6, 1888 in St. Louis, MO, and who probably mar. Cornelia Knowlson.

Q9-3,2 - Pauline Austin, 292 North Point Dr. Apt 318, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Hoping to connect with others who are researching this line so we can complete the line back to Samuel Austin of Boston, MA.

1- When and where did Jonathan Sr. and his wife Hannah Charles of Franchestown, NH move to and die?

2- Need clarification on places where Jonathan Jr & wife Hannah Batten moved to and died. Where did they go after moving to Bradford, NY? Conflicting information indicates that she died either in Lowell, MA in 1849, or somewhere in NY.

3- Need information on Jonathan III and his wife Lydia Moore who went to Freeland, Michigan. Would like to work with the person who reportedly has previously worked this line.

4-Need information on Hannah Austin, wife of Joseph Rigby. They were married in Knox County, OH.

5-Need information on Sarah Austin Hadley wife of Humphery Hadley. The 1800 census shows them at West Fairlee, Orange County, VT.

6-Need confirmation that Samuel Robinson was the husband of Olive Austin, the sister of Hannah Austin (daughters of Jonathan and Hannah Charles Austin of Franchestown), 1st wife of Hezekiah and 2nd wife of Joseph Higgins who went to OH and left Isaiah with the Stephen Smith family at Tunbridge, VT

Q9-3,3 - Paula A. Mackey, 5104 Golden Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76123. gppm@flash.net

Need information related to William Benjamin Austin b. May 22, 1828 in AR, d. April 13, 1887, buried in Chico Cemetery, Chico, Wise County, TX. He was a Presbyterian minister. His wife was Mary A. b. 1829 in Ireland.

Q9-3,4 - Charles E. Austin, 2832 Wilfred Reid Circle, Sarasota, FL 34240-8701.

Seeking information on ancestors of William b 21 Sep 1799 NC, d 13 Sep 1858 White Co. IL, mar. 20 Mar 1823 Catherine Foster b 12 Apr 1806 VA, d 27 Jul 1888 White Co. IL, both buried Heralds Prairie Twp., Moore Cemetery, White Co., IL.

Father of above William Austin believed to be Elisha b 1776 Orange Co., NC, d 13 Sep 1858 White Co. IL, mar abt 1797 Martha Fox, dau. of Hugh Fox, b 1776 Burk Co., NC, d aft 1850 census, White Co. IL. Father of Elisha Austin believed to be William b 9 May 1738, St. Lukes Parish, Queen Annes Co., MD, d 1834, Maury Co., TN. Rev. War Pension 14 Aug 1833, wife's first name Ann b 1742 Maryland, d aft 1804, prob Alexander Co., NC. Father of William Austin b 1738 believed to be William b abt 1710, St. Luck Parish, Queen Anne's Co., MD, d 1791 Queen Anne's Co., MD, mar. 13 Aug 1735 Mary Cleaves, dau. of Nathaniel & Kathleen Cleaves.

Father of William Austin b 1710 believed to be William Austin who d Jul 1735 and was mar. to Elizabeth Tippons.

Father of William Austin who d Jul 1735 believed to be William Austin who d 16 Nov 1706, Kent Co., MD who mar Elizabeth Skenner.

Q9-3,5 - Frankie Austin Rowley, 896 Skov St., Hemet, CA 92543-3719.

Seeking parents of John H. Austin b Apr. 11, 1861 WV, d ca 1911 WV, mar. abt 1888 WV Elender F. (Leuder?). She was b Oct. 22, 1871, d bet 1905 & 1909. Info from relatives says parents of John H. Austin were Dan and Anna Austin, but we have no documentation nor additional info on other children. John & Elender's children were: Roma B., Elmer S., Lloyd, Claudia, Roy,

A Generous Donation of Research

A five-generation descendancy of David Austin, grandson of John Austin Sr. of Southside Virginia was recently added to this line by Pamela Stone of Titusville, FL.

It contains carefully documented land, court, census, tax, wills, cemetery,...records. Each source is meticulously recorded, along with the relevant information contained within the source.

What makes this donation of good research remarkable, is that it was done in a search for Pam's ancestor, David Jones Austin, born Boone Co., MO, who went with his wife, Julia Ann Couch to Hardin Co. TN as a Methodist minister. When she discovered that her David J. was not a descendant of the above David Austin, she did not just move on in her search now concentrating on William W. Austin of Boone and Carroll Counties. She generously sent her research to AFAOA, where it can now be used to expand a major Southern Austin line.

Thanks, Pam.

Convention

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categorized the various source types as to their credibility, and usefulness. She suggested that researchers be very conscientious in logging where they got their information, and in doing so, adopt a discipline and a uniformity in their citations.

Gay Martin and Dr. Mike Austin then gave a presentation on scanning transparencies such as slides and negatives using a digital scanner. They demonstrated two mirror devices used to re-direct the scanning light through the transparency.

The last talk of Session 2 was given by AFAOA President Hal Steiner entitled "The Way we Were - An Anthropological Journey Through Time." Concentrating on England, the mother country of most of our Austins, Hal discussed the origins and the evolution of the ancestors of these people.

Dinner Saturday night was attended by most of the convention participants at a local seafood restaurant located above the Washington Marina in South-East Washington.



Conventioners at dinner at Phillip's Seafood Restaurant, Washington, DC

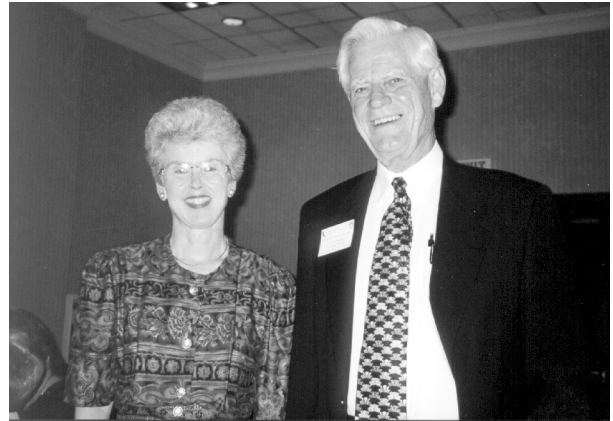
Sunday's opening session was again devoted to informal workshops. Session 3 began with a presentation titled "Genealogy on the Internet" where Jim Carlin reviewed the tools and the capabilities afforded genealogical researchers by e-mail and the World Wide Web. (See accompanying article starting on page 3).

Dr. Michael Austin next discussed Austin oriented mail-lists available through Rootsweb and GenConnect web facilities, where Austin researchers can post queries and can communicate with other researchers interested in Austin research.

Carol Robinson Austin, compiler for the Samuel & Hopestill Austin of Boston database presented the current status of her efforts, and Gay Martin did likewise on the status of his task of transcribing Edith Austin Moore's field notes. Sunday morning's final talk, prepared by Bill Minnick, detailed the status of the Austin Computer Project, and which raised a number of issues regarding the handling of Austin data and its distribution.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to the business meetings of the two sponsoring associations. A slate of nominees for the various AFAOA officer positions was presented by the Nominating Committee, and the following people were duly elected by the attendees:

President: **Alice Austin Martin**
Vice President: **Anna K. Austin**
Vice President: **Carol R. Austin**
Vice President: **Arthur L. Sikes, Jr.**
Secretary-Treasurer: **Lois W. Cody**
Genealogist: **Bonnie Bigolin**



Current and Past Presidents Alice Austin Martin and Hal Austin Steiner

Additional appointments made by President Alice Martin were:

Database Chairman: **L. Scot Austin**
Assistant Genealogist: **Liz Austin Carlin**
Newsletter Editors: **Jim & Liz Carlin**

Dr. Michael Austin chaired the discussion and eventual selection of the site for the 2000 National Austin Convention. Suggested sites were Salt Lake City, UT, Seattle, WA, and Madison, WI. After discussion and two votes, Madison, WI was selected.

The 57th Annual Banquet began with a welcoming address by out-going AFAOA President Hal Steiner. After dinner, the attendees were both fascinated and amused by guest speaker Sandra MacLean Clunies, a Certified Genealogist from Derwood, MD with her talk titled "Some Amusing and Adventurous Austins."

We learned that there were many Austins, who with their kin, were deeply involved in the history of our country including some simple lighthouse keepers in North Carolina, the founders of Texas, Moses and Stephen Fuller, abolitionist Frederick Douglass, and the 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes.

Following Ms. Clunies' speech, Dr. Michael Austin presented the prestigious 1999 AOAGS Austin Genealogical Research Award to Bonnie Bigolin for outstanding contributions to Austin Research. Afterward, the convention proceedings were adjourned.

**The deadline for the Newsletter
Winter Issue is December 17, 1999
Please send all articles to the
Editors.**

BONNIE AUSTIN BIGOLIN RECEIVES EAGLE AWARD AT THE 1999 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

The prestigious Austin Genealogical Research Award is presented annually at the National Austin Convention by the Austins of America Genealogical Society (AOAGS). More commonly referred to as the "Eagle Award," it was established in early 1997 to "recognize those AOAGS members who have made significant contributions to publishing Austin genealogical research."

The 1999 Eagle Award was given to AOAGS member Bonnie Lynn (Austin) Bigolin of Green River, Wyoming, for the publication of her Austin line in a manuscript Some Descendants of Daniel and Mary (Brackett) Austin of Maine, submitted to the AOAGS Library on 12 January 1986. By that time Bonnie had managed to compile 387 descendants.

When Austin Families Association of America (AFAOA) Genealogist Janet Austin Curtis died in June 1991, Bonnie volunteered to serve in that challenging position. She somehow found time to continue researching her own Austin line, and her expanded manuscript with 1255 descendants became the basis for the May 1993 AFAOA Computer Project publication entitled Some Descendants of Daniel Austin and Mary Bracket of Maine (1772-).

When the AOAGS Director, Dr. Michael Edward Austin, announced at the 1999 National Austin Convention in Washington DC that this year's "Eagle" would go to Bonnie Austin Bigolin, the news was greeted with warm and enthusiastic applause from all those attending, for Bonnie has helped many researchers and made many friends through her involvement in genealogy.



Bonnie Bigolin receiving the 1999 Austin Genealogical Research Award from AOAGS Director Dr. Michael E. Austin.

Bonnie's first reaction was one of surprise. In accepting her Eagle award her first comment was "How am I ever going to get this home?" While the Eagle weighs only a little over seven pounds, it apparently seems much heavier when

you are holding it up and trying to address a large audience!

Previous recipients of the Eagle Award were also present at the Convention banquet, and are shown in the photo below. Retired USAF Colonel Harold Austin Steiner was recognized with the first Eagle in 1997 for enabling "significant advances in Austin genealogical research by his "dedicated leadership as President of the Austin Families Association." Hal recently retired after serving 13 years as AFAOA President. He and his wife Doris McGilvary Steiner reside today in Las Vegas, Nevada.



(l-r) Dr. Michael E. Austin & Bonnie Austin Bigolin with past Eagle recipients Harold Austin Steiner, Elizabeth Austin Carlin and James Herbert Carlin

James Herbert Carlin & Elizabeth Austin Carlin of West Hills, California, were recipients of the second Eagle in 1998 in recognition of their years of dedicated effort in publishing the book Some Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts 1638. Richard descendants formed the largest group of attendees at the Convention.

Nominations for the 2000 Austin Genealogical Research Award (perhaps someone whose published research has helped you discover your own Austin roots), should be submitted by e-mail to **EagleAward@AOAGS.org** or by snail mail to the Austins of America Genealogical Society, 23 Allen Farm Lane, Concord, MA 01742-2202. Please include your nominee's name and address, along with a brief description of his or her published research.

TRANSLATION SERVICE FOR GENEALOGISTS.

This free translation service now has a page in English and is available in 23 languages at:

<http://translation.francegenweb.org/>

ROOTSWEB'S GUIDE TO TRACING FAMILY TREES

("RootsWeb Guide") <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/> Lesson 11 is "Taxing Times . . . Unromantic Records, but Reliable, and Sometimes Quite Revealing." As in previous lessons ("Where to Begin?", "What's in a Name?", "Using Technology to Dig for Roots, Death Records, Marriage Records, Birth Records", "What Is the Question?", "Misspelled Knames", "Census Records", and "SSDI"), there are tips and links to resources at RootsWeb and elsewhere on the Internet that will be useful to everyone. Remember, RootsWeb Guide is NOT for beginners only.

Genealogy on the Web

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Other Recommended Web Sites:

National Archives & Records Administration

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html#oldclues>

National Genealogical Society

<http://ngsgenealogy.org/library/content/reception.html>

National Society, Daughters of the American Rev.

<http://www.dar.org/>

New England Historical & Geneal. Society

<http://www.nehgs.org/>

Allen County Public Library

<http://www.acpl.lib.us/>

Everton's Genealogical Helper

<http://www.everton.com/>

Genealogy Library (Broderbund)

<http://www.genealogylibrary.com/>

Austin Sites:

Austin Families Association of America

<http://rahul.net/afaoa/index.html>

Austins of America Genealogical Society

<http://www.aoags.org/>

GenForum

<http://genforum.familytreemaker.com/austin/index.html>

Mail Lists:

A mail list is an arrangement on the Internet whereby people with similar interests get together and communicate via a "List" which enables them to "post" e-mail messages into a central computer which will then collect them, and send them back to each subscribed person via e-mail. In this way, a person subscribed to a genealogically oriented list, will be able to send and receive messages from people researching similar lines. Should there be a message of interest posted on the list, the subscriber has the choice of contacting the posting person "privately", that is by direct e-mail to that person, or if the posting requires a "public" answer, the subscriber can post his/her reply on the list for all to see.

In supporting more than 6500 mail lists, Rootsweb provides the computer facility which does the e-mail secretarial work. Rootsweb has many genealogically oriented mail lists which deal with general (ethnic, special interest), Geographic - non USA, United States (state, county, specific regions), surnames, and software. For an excellent index to these lists, go to the mail list index provided by John Fuller: http://users.aol.com/johnf14246/gen_mail.html (that is a numeric 14246).

For those of us researching the Austin surname, there is an Austin list hosted by Rootsweb, and moderated by Dr. Michael E. Austin. One can subscribe in two ways, to Austin-L, receiving each post as a separate e-mail, or to Austin-D by receiving a digest of postings, a single e-mail with the posted messages attached. To subscribe to the digest version, send an e-mail message to: AUSTIN-D-request@rootsweb.com that contains in the body of the message the command **subscribe** and no other text. No subject line is necessary, but if your software requires one, just use **subscribe** in the subject, too. To subscribe to the list version, send your e-mail message to AUSTIN-L-request@rootsweb.com.

New Low Tech Solution Suggested for Documenting Genealogical Research.

Introducing the new Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device, trade-named BOOK.

BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use, even a child can operate it. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere-even sitting in an armchair by the fire-yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disk.

Here's how it works: BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence.

Opaque Paper Technology (OPT) allows manufacturers to use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs. Experts are divided on the prospects for further increases in information density; for now, BOOKs with more information simply use more pages. Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet.

BOOK never crashes or requires rebooting, though, like other devices, it can become damaged if coffee is spilled on it and it becomes unusable if dropped too many times on a hard surface. The "browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish. Many come with an "index" feature, which pin-points the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional "BOOKMARK" accessory allows you to open BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session - even if BOOK has been closed. Bookmarks fit universal design standards; thus, a single BOOKMARK can be used in BOOKs by various manufacturers. Conversely, numerous BOOKMARKERS can be used in a single BOOK if the user wants to store numerous views at once. The number is limited only by the number of pages in the BOOK.

You can also make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with optional programming tools, Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Styli (PENCILS).

Portable, durable, and affordable, BOOK is being hailed as a precursor of a new entertainment wave. BOOK's appeal seems so certain that thousands of content creators have committed to the platform and investors are reportedly flocking to invest. Look for a flood of new titles soon.

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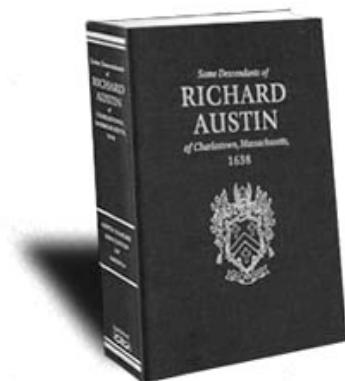
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Status Report of the Richard Austin of Charlestown, MA, 1638 Book Sales

Sales of the book Some Descendants of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Mass., 1638 continue. Orders have come in from people visiting the AFAOA web site, as well as from people who have read the reviews in publications produced by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, by the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and Everton Publishers.

The following libraries have either received the book as donations from one of their patrons, or else have purchased the book directly: The Library of Congress, and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Library, both in Washington, DC; LDS Family History Center, Salt Lake City, UT; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; NEHGS Library, Boston, MA; Everton Publisher's Library, Logan, UT; Kent Memorial Public Library, Suffield, CT; Sutro Branch of the California State Library, San Francisco, CA; Vermont Historical



Society Library, Montpelier, VT; Los Angeles Central Public Library, Los Angeles, CA; Augusta Genealogical Society Library, Augusta, GA; Onandaga County Public Library, Syracuse, NY; Dallas Public Library, Dallas, TX; Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Portland, OR; Connecticut Society of Genealogists, East Hartford, CT; National Genealogical Society, Alexandria, VA; Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN; Connecticut

State Library, Hartford, CT; New York Public Library, New York, NY; and Public Library of Nashville/Davidson County, Nashville, TN.

A total of 175 books have been sold or donated, about 40% of those printed. About 55% of the initial costs of publication have been recovered.

Since many books are still left in inventory, and their rate of sale has slowed somewhat from the initial orders, we could hardly justify urging potential buyers out there to hurry and buy their book before they are all gone. However, it seems that a prudent suggestion of including the purchase of a book or two on the Christmas list would be in order.

The quickest way of doing this is to send your check for \$60 total (book price to AFAOA members is \$55 + \$5 S & H; book price to non-members is \$65 + \$5) to Lois W. Cody, 336 Pleasant Hill Drive Cincinnati, OH 45215-2040.

The compilers continue to maintain the underlying Richard Austin database. Please send corrections and updates to the *Newsletter* Editor, Jim Carlin.