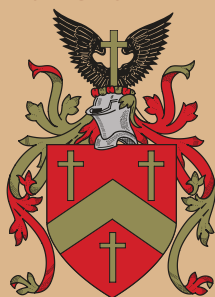


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Nathaniel Austin

Nathaniel Austin⁶ of Sheffield, Berkshire, Mass was a descendant of Richard Austin of Charlestown, Mass., (Gad⁵, Capt. Nathaniel⁴, Dr. Nathaniel³, Anthony², Richard¹). Nathaniel married Humillis Owen 1 Apr 1783 in Sheffield; their children were: Seymour, Sylvanus, Stephen, Orrameal, Arva Owen, Susannah, Harriet, Chauncey and Alvah. In 1792/93 Nathaniel and his brother Stephen moved to the Chenango River valley area of Sherburne, New York, where they were partners over many years, raising sheep. Nathaniel also operated a sawmill. The first settlement of the Village of Sherburne took place near the confluence of the Chenango River and Handsome Brook around 1792 and was incorporated in 1830.

From "The Sherburne News" of April 1, 1893

by M. D. Raymond [with quotes from *Reminiscences, Anecdotes, and Statistics of the Early Settlers and the 'olden Time' in the Town of Sherburne, Chenango County, N.Y.*, by Joel Hatch, Jr., Curtis & White, Utica, NY, 1862]

The schedule of land agreements made by Col. Wm. S. Smith, the original purchaser of township No. 9, the present town of Sherburne, from the State, shows that Stephen Austin had purchased a part of Lot No. 45, being 150 acres, July 8, 1792. Nathaniel Austin, probably his brother, and con-joint owner of the above property, appeared in Sherburne with his family the following year, having had a daughter born there as early as Oct. 8, 1793. A living granddaughter, Mrs. H. J. Calkins of Edinboro, PA (Erie County) says her grandfather "came into the country a few months after old Squire Hatch, and moved on what is now called the old Judge Watts farm, above Kersaw's Mills,

above the Sherburne Quarter. He cleared the farm and built the house that now stands there."

Of the early residence of Nathaniel Austin and his family in Sherburne there is also documentary evidence in the shape of the official School Report for the winter



Nathaniel was a prominent participant in Shays' Rebellion

of 1795/6, which shows that four of his children attended the "East District" then so called, to wit: Seymour, Sylvanus, Orrameal and Arva Austin.

Stephen Austin's sheep mark was recorded Dec. 25, 1795, and Nathaniel's on Dec. 22, 1797. They both lived in Road District No. 1, of which Stephen was overseer the years 1800 and 1804, and Nathaniel in 1802. They were both corporate members of the Sherburne Federal Library in 1800, and appear to have been among the foremost citizens of the new community.

Nathaniel Austin was born Sept. 11, 1766, and that he was a forward youth is evidenced by the fact that while still in his 17th year, on Apr. 2, 1784, he was married, having previously served a term of enlistment in the Revolutionary Army; while at the age of 21 he was the father of three sons, and had been arrested, convicted, and sentenced to be shot to death for high

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treason, having been an active and prominent participant in the notorious Shays' Rebellion, so called, in Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1787. As the family account of his escape from that nearly tragic event does not materially differ from that recorded in Hatch's History of Sherburne, the statement given is here presented:

"Mr. Austin was compromised by Shays' Rebellion in Mass., and he was taken and sentenced to be hung. While confined in prison at Springfield, Mass., his wife came the night before he was to have been executed, to make him a farewell visit. She exchanged her cloak and hood with him, and in the evening twilight, called to the keeper to be released. Her husband walked out unsuspected and made his escape. She remained quiet until he had time to get beyond danger of being recaptured, when she called again to be released. The jailer, finding he had no legal authority to detain her, she was allowed to depart. Mrs. Austin lived in town an honored and respected widow 30 years or more. She always maintained a modest reserve when any illusion made to the above event."

Evidently his untoward experiences in Shays' Rebellion had not dampened his military ardor for we find that on Apr. 11, 1796, he was commissioned Capt. of a Militia Company organized in the 8th and 9th Townships, with Joseph Gutherie as 1st Lieut., and George Anderson as Ensign. And so he stood forth armed and equipped at the head of organized forces on that then frontier (Sherburne and adjoining town Smyrna) settlement. He was no longer a fugitive fleeing from the edict of a vigorous court-martial, but an officer in command. And that was the first Military Company organized in all that region. In defining the boundaries of road district No. 1, in 1802, the paragraph closes with the following reference to him: "East to the center of the bridge over the Saw Mill Dam by Capt. Austin's". That he was a man of consequences in the town is shown by his designation as "Squire" on the removal of his name from the Jury List under date of Apr. 28, 1803, alas, on account of his tragic death, the account of which appears on page 59 of Hatch's History.

At a Town Meeting held Mar. 2, 1802, it was "Agreed that a Petition be sent to the Legislature praying that, the several towns where the Chenango River passed through, that each town be taxed a sufficient sum to clear said river so that Arks may pass." Recorded Mar. 20, 1802.

And there was nothing small about that "so that Arks may pass." That was a bold scheme, but Capt. Nathaniel Austin was equal to it, if not the author of it, as he probably was. He disdained to ask anyone else to lead that he might follow—he would be the Noah of the flood tide which should bear him on to fortune; and so he boldly essayed it on the following spring freshet, with what disastrous results Mr. Hatch shall tell us:

An Ark

"In 1803, there was built and launched into the Chenango River near the first bridge above the village, a boat, called by the inhabitants an Ark, for the purpose of conveying lumber down the river, with the expectations of finding a profitable market at Baltimore, in Maryland. Nathaniel Austin and his brother embarked in this enterprise. The anxiety of the people to make the river available for the purposes of navigation was such, that they voted a tax upon the town, to clear it of obstructions. The launching of the Ark was a gala day. Men, women and children turned out to witness the performance. When the famous Ark was afloat they must have a ride. Like the Ark of old, it was soon filled with living creatures, even to the dog. With towing, setting, and pulling by the willows, they were enabled to ascend the river towards half a mile, when,

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Here we go again: it's AFAOA Conference time! This Newsletter will tell you all about it. So, read on. Please join us in Fort Wayne, Indiana in October. You have much to gain by attending. Thanks to Elizabeth Neithamer for chairing our Conference planning. You may also read about this year's conference on our website "Conference" page.

While I'm thanking people, I would like to include our officers and committee chairs. They are working regularly to support the objectives of AFAOA. A list of these people is on the opening page of this (and every) AFAOA Newsletter. I would also like to thank our database Compilers. If one of these people has helped you in the past, please let him/her know that you appreciate such generous and freely-given support.

As you likely know, the information on our website, and Austin family genealogy research assistance, is provided to AFAOA members and non-members. To access this information, you must register for a free user account. After your registration is received, then have a look at the tab called "About Our Databases". There you will find a list of our 70+ databases (trees), each with a separate Austin male progenitor and a Compiler (Editor) who supports that database. The underlined name of the progenitor is a link to the database. The underlined name of the Editor will give you that person's email address. You can direct any questions you may have about that database to the appropriate Editor.

If you are reading this Newsletter it's likely you are a current member of AFAOA. We, like most organizations, are always looking for new members. We survive through membership. Please recommend an AFAOA membership to your Austin friends and relatives. Guess what? You don't have to be an Austin to join. I'm not an Austin, but my wife is.

And...repeating my request of last quarter, I'd like to invite any of you to volunteer to help with the efforts of AFAOA. Just send me a note, and we can explore opportunities. Help is needed!

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like boys after tugging and hauling their sleds to the top of the hill, they were well paid for their toil, by riding down again. It was freighted chiefly with pine staves and shingles which did not prove as remunerative as they anticipated; and they found more difficulty in keeping the channel of the river than they expected, especially when it was on the rise. There were one or two other Arks built, for similar purposes, near the south line of the town, one of which was freighted with grain, which became damaged during the voyage and was a total loss. Mr. Austin and his son, Seymour, while on this expedition, were both attacked with the yellow fever, with which Mr. Austin died. His son recovered and returned home."

It is said that Capt. Austin died at Chenango Forks and was buried there. And so the unfortunate Ark did indeed prove a tragedy to him and his family. He was still young, only thirty seven, and yet his life had certainly been an eventful one; but who shall take the measure of its possibilities if he had well rounded out his years?

NOTE:

This source, has a different version of the prison escape. [*The Ballad of Daniel Shays*; 1786-1787; by Michael Paulin, the Transcript Press, Athol, Mass., Oct 1986]

Shays' Rebellion was an armed revolt by farmers in Western MA which sought relief from debts due to high taxes, and possible foreclosures of mortgages. After the rebellion was put down, Nathaniel was among the rebels arrested, tried, and convicted of high treason, and was 1 of 4 men (Parmenter, McCulloch, Wilcox & Austin) who were sentenced to be hung or shot to death by firing squad at the prison in Great Barrington, MA. Although sentence was to be rendered on 17 May 1787, it was stayed until the 21st of Jun in response to a petition sent to the governor by the rebel group. On the night of 18 Jun 1787, Austin and Wilcox escaped with the help of two women who offered the guard liquor and stole his keys after he became intoxicated. Eventually, Parmenter, and McCulloch were pardoned by governor John Hancock in Boston, 12 Sep 1787. It is unknown whether Austin and Wilcox were ever officially pardoned. The end result of Shays' rebellion was to force repeal of the Articles of Confederation, and to start the drive to establish a Constitution as the body of law for the newly created nation.

Additional information on Shays' Rebellion can be found at www.history.com/topics/early-us/shays-rebellion

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Autosomal DNA Project

We continue to offer this Project, based on autosomal DNA testing, to men and women who have an Austin ancestor. The Austin ancestor should be known to exist within 5 generations. This is the level of about third-cousins, or that of shared 2nd great-grandparents. Autosomal DNA is quite reliable for spotting one's relatives out to about this level. More distant matching is less reliable. Also, we encourage each participant to provide a full family tree... not just a Y-line tree. Without such additional information it becomes difficult to identify the common ancestor(s) responsible for autosomal DNA matching. Nevertheless, our rules are not hard-and-fast. If you are reasonably sure of your Austin relative for a more-distant generation, we will gladly accept your participation.

In the last quarter, we have directly supported the search efforts of about 10 participants, and we have added a few new participants. Any participant can simply ask for help. If you have provided a full family tree for 4-5 generations, such help is much easier to deliver; if you provide no family tree, help is nearly impossible to give.

So, how does one (man or woman) join the Austin Autosomal DNA Project? First, you must take this type of DNA test. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) calls their version of the

test Family Finder. There are other vendors, such as ancestry.com and 23andme. If you test with a vendor other than FTDNA then it will be necessary to transfer a copy of your autosomal DNA results to FTDNA. All AFAOA-assisted comparisons are made based on FTDNA tests/transfers. We are able to assist you using only the matching tools of FTDNA. You, on your own, are also able to move FTDNA test results to other vendor web sites. One popular third-party web site, offering some advanced autosomal DNA comparison tools, is call GEDMATCH.

It should be noted that if a man belongs to the Austin Y-DNA Project, and then tests his autosomal DNA with FTDNA, he also belongs to the Autosomal DNA Project. There is no need to join the Projects separately. Joining either Project will enlist a man in both.

For women, the autosomal DNA test is the only DNA test that AFAOA currently supports. Once a woman tests her autosomal DNA, and makes a request to FTDNA to join the Austin DNA Project, this will enlist her in the Autosomal DNA Project.

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Y-DNA Project

Last spring I ordered a Big Y-700 test for a relative of Edith Austin Moore. One of the goals of this test was to see if we could identify members of the Robert Austin of Rhode Island family and the Jonah Austin of Massachusetts family that share a direct paternal line, without having a paper trail of documentation. We have about 26 tests that are part of the J2 Haplogroup, and most of these could be in either of these two families.

When Family Tree DNA tried to do the test upgrade with the sample on file it didn't meet their quality standards, so they could not complete the upgrade; instead they gave the project a refund. The person that was tested died shortly after giving his DNA sample back in 2004. I had done successful upgrades of the test from 37 to 67 markers in 2007 and then 67 to 111 in 2013. So the DNA sample

probably degraded or was just not a good enough sample for the Big Y-700 test. I suggest that if you have an ancestor that has passed away after being tested and you were thinking about a possible upgrade for the test, don't wait too long!

One Free upgrade to Big Y-700 is available.

I'm looking for someone who is part of the Robert Austin of Rhode Island family or the Jonah Austin of Massachusetts family, and who has completed a Y-DNA test with results in the J2 Haplogroup. I can offer a free upgrade to a Big Y-700 test for one member of one of these families. Any volunteers?

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Austin Veterans in U.S. National Homes For Disabled Soldiers

A Series by Helen Cook Austin, Ph. D.

There are many Austin veterans listed on the registers of the twelve U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938. Most of them are Civil War Veterans from the Union Army. Veterans from all branches of the Service were admitted after 1900.

I have combined data from other traditional sources, such as the U.S. Census, death and burial records, with the Veterans Home register records.

Henry J. Austin (1844–1924)

Battle Mountain Sanatorium Register # 2885

Military History

Henry J. Austin is found on Register #2885 of the Battle Mountain Sanatorium at Hot Springs, Fall River County, South Dakota. It was a Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. Henry served as a Private in Company C of the First Regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics during the Civil War. He enlisted 21 Dec 1863 at Lowell, Michigan, near Grand Rapids, and was discharged 22 Sep 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee, one year and nine months later, at the end of the War. Henry's disabilities, as noted in 1913, were chronic gastric indigestion and cystitis.

Domestic History

The 1900 Census lists Henry's birth date as December 1844, and his gravestone has 29 December 1844. The personal details listed in the Register's domestic history for Henry J. Austin in 1913, are: age 78 (error, was 68); born in Michigan; five feet and eleven inches tall; of a light complexion; blue eyes; gray hair. He was a Protestant by religion. He could read and write. He was a married man, and a farmer. His residence, after his discharge, was at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. His nearest relative listed was his wife, Lucy O. Austin who was living at Tekamah, Nebraska in 1913. Lucy's death certificate in Orting, Washington shows her birth date as 1849 and her death date as 13 Aug 1929.

The Battle Mountain Sanatorium admitted Henry J. Austin on the sixth of May 1913 and discharged him on the twenty-first of August that same year, on his own recognition. He only stayed in the Home for about four months. His U. S. Army Pension was #442589. The amount was twenty-four dollars per month.

The Michigan Engineers and Mechanics

This regiment was formed for the purpose of constructing bridges, pontoons, boats, forts, blockhouses, and sawmills for the Union Army in what was called the West-

ern Theater. In Tennessee and Georgia many of the Southern railroads and structures were destroyed. The soldiers built new bridges for the Union on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad all the way to Decatur, Alabama. That was before Henry Austin joined Company C. at the end of 1863.

During the early months of 1864, the First Regiment was engaged in the construction of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad from Nashville to Chattanooga, and also built storehouse and ordnance buildings in Tennessee and Alabama. In June 1864, Company C was at Chattanooga, and did not take part in the line of March with General Sherman to Atlanta. Many of the Engineers of the First Regiment continued with their work constructing defenses until 22nd of September, when Henry and the rest of his unit were mustered out. They returned to Michigan, were paid and disbanded. The regiment went to Washington, D. C. and took part in the parade that was called "The Grand Review" on 24 May 1865. It should be noted that Henry's brother George M. Austin (1835–1905) was also in Company C of First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. Another brother, Martin V. Austin (1839–1916) was a Private in Company L of the 6th Michigan Cavalry.

Family History

The AFAOA website database for *Northern Unplaced Austins* (Carol R. Austin, compiler) includes the parents of Henry J. Austin: Jonathan Austin, born 15 Jun 1800 in New York State and died 12 Sep 1873 in Burt County, Nebraska, and Rebecca Hunt Austin, born 5 Mar 1809 in Vermont and died 27 Mar 1883 in Nebraska. Jonathan and Rebecca removed from New York after the birth of Calvin, their first son, but before the birth of George, their second son on 16 Sep 1835 in Michigan. Other children were: Martin V. born 28 Jan 1839; Harrison born 24 Jul 1842; Henry J. born 29 Dec 1844 (the subject of this story); Mathias born 18 Dec 1848; and Mary Jane born 3 Mar 1850. All the children, except Calvin, were born in Michigan, in Calhoun, Kalamazoo and Barry Counties, near the town of Grand Rapids.

After the Civil War

About 1870, the family of Jonathan and Rebecca and most of their children left Michigan and traveled about seven hundred miles to Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, near the Missouri River, where some became farmers, and other found jobs in the vicinity.

Henry had returned to Michigan with the Engineers

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unit and was with his family for their move to Nebraska. When he arrived there, he was married, on 1 May 1870 to Lucy O. Henry (b. 23 Oct 1848 MI). Lucy was a daughter of Kalamazoo farmers, Abraham Henry and Mahala Southward, who were originally from New York. When Lucy was only 15 years old, she had married George H. Taylor, a 19 year old farmhand who was working on her father's farm. George Taylor died on 9 Apr 1863 at Camp Chase Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, during the Civil War. Lucy went with the Austin family to Nebraska.

Only two records were found of children born to Henry and Lucy Austin: Ward Austin (30 Apr 1875–2 Apr 1877) who died young and was buried at Tekamah Cemetery, and Margaret M. Austin, called Maggie, born on 28 Oct 1894 in Tekamah. Maggie had a long life, living until April of 1974.

In 1900 Henry and Lucy were prosperous and owned their own house in Tekamah. Henry had his own income and said he was a "capitalist." Lucy's widowed mother, Mahala Henry, age 83, was living with them.

After his short stay at The Battle Mountain Sanatorium in South Dakota in the summer of 1913, Henry, Lucy and their 19 year old daughter Margaret, moved some 1,700 miles to Orting, Pierce County, Washington—a small town near Spokane. There, Margaret married Joseph Thomas Buell, who was a merchant in a general store. In 1920 Henry and Lucy had a nice frame house on Calistoga Street in the center of town. Their daughter Margaret Buell and husband lived next door with their baby, Margaret Lucy

Buell, born 8 Jun 1919.

Henry received his U.S. Army pension in 1920. He died on 15 May 1924 in Pierce County, a beautiful mountain valley in the shadow of Mt. Rainier.

Lucy O. Austin received a widow's pension. She continued to live in Pierce County and died there on 13 August 1929. Henry and Lucy's remains were taken back to the Tekamah Cemetery in Nebraska where they were laid to rest near other Austin family members.

Descendants of Henry J. Austin

Although Henry did not have any sons to continue his Austin family line, his daughter Margaret Buell, and his granddaughter, Margaret Lucy did continue the family. Margaret Lucy was married about 1938 to Bruce D. Rowell in Puyallup, Pierce County, Washington.

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Allen County Public Library 900 Library Plaza Genealogy Center

www.genealogycenter.org/

Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday–Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne is the second most complete genealogical collection in the United States, with over 350,000 printed volumes and 513,000 microfilm and microfiche items. The library's holdings include family histories, state, city and town records and histories, census records, city directories, passenger lists, military records, U.S. Special Collections, and records for Canada, the British Isles, Germany and other countries.

Be sure to use the library's [online catalog](#) to prepare for your trip. It will help you to plan your research time in the Genealogy Center

Historic Old Fort 1201 Spy Run Ave.

www.fortwayneparks.org/facilities/historic-old-fort.html

The reconstructed Fort Wayne is a faithful copy of the post built by American troops in 1815–1816. The original complex was perhaps the most sophisticated all-wooden fort built in North America. The Old Fort is a public park, so you can always wander and enjoy the Fort's grounds. The buildings are open for special events.

Allen County Courthouse 715 S. Calhoun St.

www.allencountycourthouse.org/history.php

A National Historic Landmark, and one of the finest examples of Beaux Arts architecture, the restored Allen County Courthouse boasts magnificent art glass, exquisite murals and intricately patterned tile floors. Completed in 1902, it was meant to express in art and architecture the dignity of the government and the grandeur of the law.

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2019 Austin Families Association Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana

Wednesday & Thursday, October 2nd & 3rd

Early arrival activities • Thursday evening social hour

Friday & Saturday, October 4th & 5th

Speakers and workshops • Saturday evening dinner

Conference Hotel:

**Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne
Convention Center**

1020 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

The Hilton is a modern downtown hotel, only two blocks from the Allen County Public Library with its well-known Genealogy Center.

Conference Room Rate:

\$119 + tax for standard rooms (1 King or 2 Queen beds) with a microwave, mini-fridge, coffeemaker and free Wi-Fi. There is a complimentary airport shuttle. Attached covered parking is \$8/day.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms is reserved, at the conference rate, for the nights of Wednesday, October 2nd through Saturday, October 5th. The rate will also apply 3 nights before and 3 nights after the conference dates, on a space-available basis. **This room rate will only be available until September 3rd.** Reservations made after that date will be on a space-available basis, at the prevailing room rate.

- Contact Hilton Reservations at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and refer to the Austin Families Association, or the group code—AUS.

Please register as soon as possible and be sure to indicate your interest in “early arrival activities”.

Send your registration form, with check payable to AFAOA, to the Conference

Registrar:

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A registration form was included with your May Newsletter, and is available to download from the Conference page on the AFAOA website.

- Reservations may be made online at www.ftwayne.hilton.com. Enter your arrival and departure dates, click on “Add special rate codes”, then enter AUS in the box labeled Group Code.
- If your reservation will include nights before or after the group block, it is recommended that you call the hotel directly (260-420-1100), speak to the front desk, refer to the Austin Families Association or the group code—AUS.

Conference Registration

The registration fee is \$100 per person, which includes Friday and Saturday speakers and workshops, the Thursday social hour, and the Saturday night dinner. The fee is \$75 per person for those who wish to attend only the social hour and dinner.

**For more information, please contact the
Conference Chairman (conference@afaoa.org).**

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Fort Wayne, the county seat of Allen County, derives its name from a U.S. military fort established in 1794 by Gen. Anthony Wayne. This fort, built where the St. Joseph and St. Mary's rivers come together to form the Maumee, followed Wayne's victory over the Miami Indians. Originally the capital of the Miami nation, the first European settlers were French fur traders who established their trading post during the 1680s. The first French fort, named Fort Miamis, was built in 1697. It was annexed by the British in 1760, after the French and Indian War, and renamed Fort Miami, but it was taken over by the Indians following

Pontiac's Rebellion. Indian rule lasted for about 30 years, following which the United States army attacked the region and established their hold. Settlement took place in 1815.

The local economy was aided by the arrival of the Wabash and Erie Canal in 1843, linking the navigable water of the Maumee River with the Wabash through the seven mile portage at Fort Wayne. This provided easy and rapid travel for incoming settlers and a convenient way for moving their agricultural and other products. The arrival of immigrants from Germany and Ireland during the 19th century increased the population and brought about a mixed culture in the city.

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Objectives

- To gather, preserve and disseminate Austin genealogies and Austin family histories.
- To establish a specialized database of Austin information that can assist genealogists and family members to learn as much as possible about their Austin heritage.
- To foster acquaintances and long-term friendships among the members of all branches of Austin families.

History

The archival holdings of AFAOA began with the research efforts of Edith Austin Moore as she searched for her Austin ancestors. From 1922, until her death in 1979, Edith compiled a collection of Austin genealogies and research data and eventually produced books or manuscripts on eight Austin lines. In 1942, to further her Austin research, Edith and her brother, Henry Warner Austin, founded the Austin Family Association, which later became the Austin Families Association of America. AFAOA researchers have continued her work. The Computer Project was begun in 1991, and the AFAOA website was created in 1995.