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Your AFAOA – Working Hard!

As we look forward to gathering again in Ft. Wayne, Indiana to celebrate our Austin heritage, we want to thank all of you who are members of the Austin Families Association of America for making possible a very successful year in expanding our Austin knowledge, and in being able to present that knowledge in a very user-friendly way.

According to our AFAOA bylaws, our objectives are:

- *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 help foster wider acquaintances and long-term friendships among the members of all branches of the Austin families.*

By your membership, you have joined a wonderful group of people who have worked hard to achieve AFAOA's goal of gathering, preserving and disseminating Austin genealogy and history.

In AFAOA's 64 years, people have researched Austins, copied records, corresponded with the genealogists, and indexed research notebooks. More than 102 notebooks of these Austin records have been digitized and are now available for public access at the AFAOA Website:

<http://www.afaoa.org>

Many family researchers have shared their data with the AFAOA genealogists, and worked with them to establish their Austin line. In 2005, five Austin databases were established: Abraham of New York; Edward of Rhode Island; Nathan of Massachusetts; Nathan W. of New York; and Rodman of New York. These were either new databases or were brought out of the "unlinked" files.

Many people have written to correct and update our existing data, and there were 19 major updates to Austin databases including: Jonah of Massachusetts; Joseph of New Hampshire; Samuel of Massachusetts; Henry of Mary-

land; Miles of Virginia; William of Kent Co., Maryland; William and Ruth of North Carolina; Larkin of Illinois; Richard of Massachusetts; Robert of Rhode Island; Thomas of Rhode Island; Bartholomew of Virginia; The Hatteras Austins of North Carolina; John of Monongalia, West Virginia; John of North Carolina; John and Charity of Maryland; Nathaniel of South Carolina; William of Virginia; and William Wilson of Virginia.

Quite a number of researchers have assumed "parent-hood" over certain Austin lines, accepting the responsibility of "compiler," one who gathers, corrects, corresponds with researchers, and performs the updating of the information currently in that database.

Current compilers are: Dorothy Vanover, Richard Charles Austin; Ruth Marshall Austin; Anna K. Austin; Dan Whitley; Susan Joy Lewis; Dr. Helen Cook Austin; Brian Austen; Scott Lynch; Eual Austin; Phillip Austin; Donald G. Austin; Art Sikes, Jr.; Carol R. Austin; and Bonnie Bigolin.

Bonnie Bigolin, AFAOA archivist, has in storage many of the original documents that contain Edith Austin Moore's and Janet Austin Curtis' research. She has just received and has archived the fragile 33 letters written by the Dall-Tardy family in the mid to late 1800's, and donated to the AFAOA for safe keeping. These letters have been transcribed into digital documents, have been indexed and are now available for textual search on the AFAOA website.

It was very fortunate that Edith Austin Moore's Field Notebooks had completed this transcription process since they were destroyed in the Katrina Hurricane surge that hit the Gulf Coast this past year.

We have just received a wonderfully researched Family History booklet on the "Descendants of John Huelet Austin" which includes many period photos. This book will also be archived, and digitized for public access on the Website.

Your AFAOA is working hard to fulfill all of the bylaw objectives. To fulfill the third, *to foster acquaintances and friendships among the members*, the organization holds a combined annual convention

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Membership



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New Members Welcomed

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26 Mar 1802 of Macon Co., IL; William
W. Austin b. 22 Dec 1824 Macon Co.,
IL; Frances E. Austin b. 11 Jan 1859
Macon Co., IL; Earl B. Austin b. Oct
1892 Kinsley, KS.*

Renewals

When you renew your AFAOA membership, please send your dues (\$15 for one year or \$25 for two years) to:

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**Two sisters whose father was William
Edward Austin, whose grand father was
Morris Dunlap Austin and whose Austin
lineage can be traced back to Richard
Austin of Charlestown via Aaron Austin
of Sandusky, Erie Co., OH who died in
1878.*

Address Changes

If your address has changed, or is about to change, please notify the membership chairman. Send changes to: Alice Austin Martin, 1703 Kensington Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

Thanks to all members for supporting
the work of the
**AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA!**

Alice Austin Martin
Membership Chairman

WHO IN THE WORLD IS PERSI?

Please allow me to introduce you to Persi. Persi is not really a who, but a what. The name stands for **PER**iodical **S**ource **I**ndex. It is the largest index to genealogical and historical periodical articles in the world and is a vital resource for researchers. Guess where PERSI is? It is housed in the Allen County Public Library at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

PERSI is organized into four main sections. The *surname* section has articles about specific people or families. The *locality* section indexes articles in specific regions of the U.S., Canada, and the world. The *research methodologies* section indexes "how-to" articles on various subjects. Some of the subjects are cemeteries, deeds, institutions, military, obituaries, and passenger lists.

The *bibliography* section is a list of the various publications referenced in the other three sections. There is a much more complete description of PERSI at Ancestry.com, and on-line at any public library with Heritage Quest. You cannot view the index on the Allen County Library website.

Once you have looked through the PERSI index, and have identified articles that you would like to see, there are several options. All of the periodicals are stored in the library in Ft. Wayne. You can go to the library and request the article, or you can fill out a form (found at Ancestry.com, and on the Allen County Public Library website) requesting copies of articles. There is a fee for this service, and it may take several weeks for you to receive your order.

There are also selected articles in other libraries around the country indexed in PERSI. When you find an article you would like to see, the PERSI listing will tell you the article title, the surname (if applicable) and the name and issue number of the periodical (or book volume number). PERSI even tells you what libraries have a copy of the article.

This is a fabulous resource. I have found dozens of articles I would like to see while at the convention. Happy hunting!!!

Kathi Kobel

Recent Additions to the AFAOA Archive Series

The Dall-Tardy Letters - "Read All About It"

The Dall-Tardy Letters are now the center feature on the AFAOA website home page: www.afaao.org. You'll find the letters transcribed, some scans of the actual letters, a relationship chart so you can figure out who is who, and many pictures of the letter writers, the recipients, and the contributors of the letters.

All of the letters are now indexed and available for research using our website's text search feature. The actual letters have been preserved and added to the AFAOA Archive. Again, the AFAOA is very grateful to the contributors: Dr. Harry Porter, Clara Porter Cavett, Ann Porter Davis and Nathalie Matthews Averette.

<http://www.afaao.org>



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's Spring and time to get outdoors and enjoy the good weather. I have two hobbies that I can do at the same time in the spring - bird watching and cemetery exploring. Birding is great in a cemetery because of the open areas mixed with trees and not a lot of other (live) people around to disturb the birds or myself. Cemetery exploring is great in the spring because the grass has just started to grow and is not high enough to hide the stones. It's great getting outdoors after being cooped up most of the winter here in New England.

There is a lot to be learned by visiting a cemetery - reading the inscriptions (epitaphs) that very often don't get recorded in books or on web sites and seeing the family plots. It is difficult to understand the relationship of the gravestones to each other and how they are laid out from any type of printed material. In the older cemeteries you sometimes find broken stones and/or stones with no information or just initials on them - even this can be useful information.

I have just come across a web site on cemeteries that I think is great. It is an international collection of gravestone information with a search engine that will search them all and give you a link to those that have names/surnames that you are interested in. The data is all formatted about the same, which makes for easy use. Besides giving you the names and other vital information from the gravestones, you get directions on how to find the cemetery and a location that can be used with a GPS system. The "Cemetery Transcription Library" is located at www.interment.net. Check it out and tell me what you think. They claim to have 4 million records on 8,000 cemeteries.

We are doing the final planning for the Austin Convention in Fort Wayne. If you are thinking of attending you should get your convention reservation in as soon as possible so that we know how many people will be attending. The conventions are a great place to meet with other Austin researchers and see what they have been up to and to meet old friends and make some new ones. I always learn something new and valuable at the conventions.

I usually get so busy during the convention that I don't have a lot of time to do my own research so I arrive early or stay after, or both, to get in some extra research time. I also suggest that you visit the Allen County Library web site and see some of the collections they have there.

The last time I was at the library in Fort Wayne I spent most of my time looking up information on my grandmother, who was born and raised in Ohio. Their collection of mid-western information is outstanding, but other areas are

You Still Have Time to Register for the 2006 Convention/Reunion!!

Please join us for a weekend of learning, exploring, fellowship, and information. This is truly a fun-filled weekend. If you have been before, you will have a chance to catch up with old friends, if this will be your first time, you'll have a chance to make many new friends and meet a few distant relatives. Don't be shy, come and join us. Below is a list of a few attractions there are in and around the Ft. Wayne area. I hope something strikes your fancy, and you feel you must come!!!

Foellinger-Freiman Botanical Conservatory - Downtown Ft. Wayne, Wander through tropical or desert gardens, a discovery gallery, the marketplace and the underground.

Children's Zoo - 42 acres, visit the Indonesian Rainforest, Orangutan Valley, the Tiger Forest, or travel to Africa in a motorized jeep, ride the Endangered Species Carousel, and visit a mob of kangaroos. Maybe even meet some of your Austin relatives there.

Swinney Homestead - Home of the Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Museum. The architecture is a combination of Federalist and Victorian-Italianate styles.

Lincoln Museum - The award winning permanent exhibit, Abe Lincoln and the American Experiment, has 11 exhibits galleries with hundreds of artifacts from the Lincoln's era. There are 4 theatres; they have 1 of only 8 editions of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Lincoln in 1864. There are many other things on permanent display in this wonderful museum.

Cathedral Museum - Gothic architecture, Bavarian stained glass, beautiful wood carvings, and religious artifacts dating to the mid-13th century. Tours available upon request.

Veterans Memorial National Shrine - Dedicated to all U.S. war veterans. Museum includes more than 5,000 military artifacts from the Civil War to the present.

DeBrand Fine Chocolate Tour - Making gourmet chocolates for more than 16 years. Enjoy samples while on the tour.

You can also visit the African/African American Historical Museum, the Allen County Courthouse, Chief Richardville's House, the Firefighters' Museum, the History Center, the Jack D. Diehm Wildlife Museum of Natural History, Science Central, in nearby Auburn the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

There are also **Amish communities** about one hour south of Ft. Wayne. You can visit the area, and see the farms, and the horse drawn buggies. There are campgrounds and bed & breakfast inns scattered around the area. Besides making beautiful quilts, the Amish are very good cooks, and there are restaurants that serve typical Amish meals.

Kathi Kobel
Newsletter Editor

definitely not neglected. Remember this is considered one of the best genealogy libraries in the country, second only to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Check it out at www.acpl.lib.us

See you all in Fort Wayne!

Arthur Sikes, Jr.
AFAOA President

AUSTIN FIRE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

Editor's Note: This is an edited version of a newspaper article in the Effingham Daily Record, Thursday, January 26, 1933. Edward Austin was a descendant of Richard Austin of Charlestown. The three sons of Julia Ann Austin Williford (Edward's daughter) and Claude Williford were born in this house. Effingham, Illinois is about 200 miles south of Chicago.

The burning of the Edward Austin homestead place at the southwest limits of the city last week brings memories to all of the old residents of Effingham of the prosperity and great activity which existed in and about this city when the Austin family inherited its fortune from a relative out in New York state.

The building of an elegant and beautiful home was one of the first things started by Edward Austin after he received his legacy, and he did an extra good job of it too. Edbrook and Burnham, architects of Chicago, were engaged to draw up the plans, which they did on a wonderful and beautifully magnificent scale, with lovely landscaping and everything else necessary to give it the setting such a really fine place deserved. Edbrook and Burnham were later the master architects for the World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago 1892-93, and Burnham also became noted for his work in designing the Chicago parkway system, the San Francisco parkway system other public works and buildings.

The Edward Austin home was started in the fall of 1889 and although there was a small army of workman engaged in the construction, it took a full year to complete. Mr. Austin and his family moved into the new home shortly before Christmas in 1890.

As material began to pile up for the Austin homestead and it was put on the site of the old fair grounds everyone began to wonder how they were going to use so many bricks, so much stone and such great piles of lumber. However, as the work progressed everything was used and the building began to take on beautiful proportions, and it was not long until everybody could see that the place was going to be such a mansion as all south central Illinois and the entire southern part of the state of Illinois had never seen before. The material and the construction of the building cost over \$60,000.00 and the furnishings were as beautiful and appropriate in accordance with a cost of \$18,000.00.

The Austin home was built before contracting came into general practice. The day labor plan of so much a day for every workman was the practice then, many of the highly skilled mechanics drawing wages that compare very favorably with the wages of today. The stone was all shipped here in the rough and was cut to blueprint measurements furnished with the plans, on the grounds. The great blocks of limestone

required big derricks and other heavy machinery for handling, all of which was new to Effinghamers, and the source of no little wonderment. The home contained eighteen large rooms and a mammoth attic, and a high basement under the entire place.

Edward Austin, the man who did so much for Effingham along with the other Austins, died in the spring of 1910. His devoted wife (Susie L. Winter) followed him to the grave in the

spring of 1917. His sons, Charles E., William W., Frank G., Calvin P., and his daughters Cornelia, and Mrs. Julia Hooker (Julia Ann Austin), reside in this city. Another daughter Gertrude A. Harris, resides in Los Angeles, California. There were also two other sons, W. G. Austin of Tampa,

Florida and Harry B. Austin who lives down in Florence, Alabama.

Many were the enjoyable social functions held at the Austin home which will live forever in the memories of many of the older residents who will cherish these events as beautiful pictures that hang on memories walls, wonderful times in a grand place with a gracious host and a charming hostess who always made you feel the charm that accompanies one of the best times in your life.

Since the destruction of the house Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin who lived there from 1917 until the fire have been making their home with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Austin of this city, but they will soon move into the greenhouse building which is being remodeled and rebuilt as a temporary dwelling. The greenhouse is about 20' x 30', two story of frame construction, which in the old days served as an engine house, store room and office for the large glass enclosed conservatory, one of Effingham's show places. The long glass enclosure where flowers were grown for the home as well as for commercial purposes was torn down several years ago.

The fire that swept away the Austin homestead occurred more than a week ago, and the night of the big fire there was such a large crowd present at the scene that it seemed the entire city had turned out to watch the spectacle - every day since the fire scores of automobiles, loaded to capacity with men and their families, young people, traveling men, farmers, everybody continue to visit the ruins and marvel at the completeness of the destruction. Not a splinter shingle or board is left from the once beautiful place. Everything went up in smoke except the foundation and the great chimneys with their many fireplaces and even they show signs of the terrible heat in the cracks and crevices here and there in the forest of brick work and the cracked and blasted parts of the limestone and other stone work.





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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Minnetonka, MN 55345

Liz Austin Carlin (Southern Austins)
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Q16, 2-1 - I am searching for the name and ancestry of the wife or wives of Jotham Austin, b. ca. 1761 in RI or NY, d. Jul 1816 in Franklin, Franklin Co., VT. He was the son of Isaac Austin (1737-1824 - [Pasko, Jeremiah, Robert]) and Rhodina Vaughn (1743-ca. 1809). Jotham lived in Hancock, Washington Co., NY; St. Armand, Missisquoi, Quebec Canada; Frelighsburch, Quebec Canada; and Franklin, Franklin Co., VT. His children were Jotham, Jr.; Perry; Amanad; David Brown; Polly and possibly Drusilla.

Karen Close Goodman, goodman@bendbroadband.com

Q16, 2-2 - I've been researching my Scots ancestry and traced one line to the USA. My Scots line are the Hoatson's from Galloway. The Hoatson's emigrated to Pennsylvania. Mary D Hoatson married John Mortimer Austin 6 May 1905 New York. I've had a look on www.familysearch.org and there is a lot of information about the AUSTIN line.

Bill Covington - covo18@hotmail.com

Q16, 2-3 - I have been doing research on my Austin Family Tree. Esther Williams born 1853 in Donnybrook, married two Austin brothers. Charles first, who had children named Moya, Annie, William, and Charles. When Esther married Edward, he had children from a previous marriage: Edward, Floe, Tillie, and Harry. Edward and Esther then had Robert (my grandfather 1884), James, Alice, and Esther (known as Ettie). Austin descendants from Charles & Esther: William, Eileen and Don live in Long Island, New York. Joyce lives in Chicago.

Marjorie Esther Austin - nejma@rogers.com

Q16, 2-4 - I am researching my husband's family. His mother is Isabella Roberta "Bobbie" Austin, daughter of Cassius Henry Austin of Aroostook, Maine. My husband has been in California for over 30 years and has had little contact with any cousins from his childhood. We are searching for relatives of Cassius and Helen Austin.

Arenda White - ArendaWhite@msn.com

A Letter from Ed Austin:

My wife and I had been to Furman University in Greenville South Carolina for the week end. It was my 55th Class Reunion at Furman. We had a wonderful time and after having lunch with our son and his family, we left their home to get back to ours which is about two hours away. I always try to get a little Family History in on each trip as so many of Dot's family, which includes the Austins, lived in and still are there now...in this area.

I heard that William Austin, son of Nathaniel Austin, Sr. is buried at Stepping Spring Baptist Church Cemetery. After nearly an hour I found it and YES I saw his grave marker. It is so old and very hard to read...but I did make it out. I took some pictures and started home...but we had no idea which way to go.

We took off hoping to hit some area that looked familiar. Finally I saw a Rescue and Fire Station. Three autos were in the parking lot. I went inside and told the guys that I had no idea where I was and could they show me the road to take me toward Augusta, Georgia. They told me how to go, and on the spur of the moment, I asked if he knew where the Austin family Cemetery is located. YES he says. "I'm an Austin. I have been to it many times."

So to make the story short (as it could go on and on), his name is Steve Austin and his great grandmother insisted that he learn all he could about the Austin family as a young lad.

He drew me a map, and after some talking I decided it was getting too late to look for it, so he told me if I would let him know a day in advance he would take me around and show me lots of the Austin history. I hope to do this soon.

So the best thing to do is always be prepared to ask question about your family if you care to learn anything you don't know.

Ed Austin
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ONE OF OUR OWN

Many of you that have been to conventions in the past, or have at least read your *Newsletters* carefully, know the name Bill Minnick. He has been a pioneer in his dedication to getting the Austins computerized, and last year in Seattle was finally recognized for those efforts.

He has also fought a heroic battle with his health for the past several years. He has devised a new way of caring for himself, primarily through proper diet, and he has written about his battle on his web site. Please take a look at <http://www.curemycancer.org> and read about his amazing journey back to health.

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and reunion. This July we'll all be meeting in Ft. Wayne (see details elsewhere in this Newsletter) where old friends will be there to meet once again, and to welcome newcomers to the group. We're looking forward to meeting you there.

Liz Austin Carlin
AFAOA Genealogist

SKELETONS IN YOUR CLOSET?

I have recently been working on getting copies of pertinent records of my parents and grandparents to apply for Irish citizenship. In getting copies of these documents, I have learned that my parents kept a few secrets from me. Discovering these discrepancies in our family history, I must admit, made me quite unhappy. I do not understand why they would have not been open and honest, and after grappling with these facts for several weeks, I have come to the conclusion that my parents loved each other very much, and these new chapters in their lives did not change that.

Then I got to thinking about this subject, and started looking for articles on the internet. I found several, and this is the one I liked the best. I am reprinting this with the permission of the Daily Telegraph, in the U.K.

Kathi Kobel

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SECRETS

The Society of Genealogists is one of several organizations concerned that amateur historians are not sufficiently prepared for the secrets they might uncover in their family records, and could need counseling to help them through the emotional process.

Else Churchill, a genealogy officer at the society, said: "People can be dealing with many serious things - from discovering your ancestor was a rapist who was deported to Australia to finding out you are adopted. Burying secrets causes problems and you have to be incredibly sensitive when dealing with such issues."

"Having trained counselors on hand could help. My job as a genealogist ends when I have put the what's and the who's together, but there needs to be a continued support."

Many of Britain's four million amateur genealogists will end up discovering illegitimacy, bigamy, adoption and previously unknown relatives in the course of their research. Diane Mattinson, 48, an office manager from Bicester, Oxfordshire, discovered that her great-grandfather, James Phillips, had never married her great-grandmother, Elizabeth.

"It was a bombshell," said Mrs Mattinson. "I had my family to support me and to talk things over with, but some people don't have that. For people who find out they have half-brothers or sisters or things like that, counseling would be a good idea."

Another amateur genealogist, who did not wish to be named, found that when she inspected a copy of her birth certificate at the Public Records Office, the man she believed to be her uncle was, in fact, her father. He was now dead, she said, but "my cousins are actually my half-brothers and sisters. It was a huge shock. I would have welcomed counseling."

Sally Angel, the media and strategy director of Firebird, an archive research agency, said that she was now training as a psychotherapist in order to help clients to deal with such discoveries. "Family history is not just about gathering information. Underneath the research, there's a bunch of moral, ethical, social and psychological issues related to how you see yourself."

Family history has become an increasingly popular pursuit in recent years, aided by the publication of census returns on the internet and the proliferation of television genealogy pro-

Places with our Austin Name

After our last newsletter with two articles about cities named Austin, I wondered how many others there might be, so I started on a Google quest for "all things named Austin". Here is a list of cities, townships, and neighborhoods with our name. If you know of any others, please let me know!!!!

Each of these states has a city or town named Austin: Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan (2), Minnesota (2), Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah. In Canada we have: Austin Flat, B.C., Austin Heights, B.C., Austin Subdivision #1, B.C., Austin Subdivision #2, B.C., Austin, Manitoba, Austin, Ontario, and Austin, Quebec. There is also an Austin, Australia!!

While I was on this quest I found a neighborhood in Kentucky named Austinburg. After reading about the area, I discovered that its name came from the man who originally purchased the land. His name was Seneca Austin, who happens to be my Great-Great Grandfather.

Continuing my research, I learned that one of the streets was named Edward (my Great Grandfather's name). What a small world it is.

If anyone knows the history of any other "Austin" cities, please share with us.

Kathi Kobel

On-Line Tidbits - Check Them Out!

1. The LDS Family History Library is continuing to convert their books to digital format and placing them on the BYU library website where they can be accessed remotely.

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhcl/>

2. Hamburg Emigrant Index now covers years 1890 to 1910.

<http://www.linktoyourroots.hamburg.de/>

3. An obituary search portal takes you to obituary search engines maintained by libraries, universities, and other sources.

http://www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary_search.htm

4. A free, searchable death certificate database for the years 1910-1920 is available for the State of Missouri. Eventually, the database will cover years 1910-1955.

<http://sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>

5. Website has records of passengers to the ports of New York, Baltimore, Boston, Maine, New England, New Orleans, Pennsylvania, San Francisco, Hawaii, the Carolinas, Texas, Virginia, and many European and North American countries.

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/onlinelists.html>

6. Images of each page of the 1911 Canadian census are now at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html>. They are not indexed, find by Province and District.

grams. BBC2's Who Do You Think You Are? traced the family trees of famous people including the actress Amanda Redman and the naturalist Bill Oddie.

Miss Redman was shown in tears after discovering that her uncle was illegitimate, while Mr Oddie's research revealed a sister who died soon after birth.

There are those, however, who might be disappointed if they fail to find some dark secret. Last year, a survey conducted by 1837online.com, a genealogical website, found that 10 per cent of amateur historians hope to unearth a family skeleton.

<http://www.afaofa.org>

2006 INTERNATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION

Registration Form

Fort Wayne, Indiana - July 21 through July 23

NAME: _____ Date: _____

[Please write names as you wish them to appear on name tags.]

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) WITH SAME ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS: (Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EARLIEST KNOWN AUSTIN ANCESTORS (WITH PLACE AND DATE):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The Convention Registration Fee is \$50 per person. This fee covers convention meetings and materials and the Sunday banquet. Family or friends who wish to only attend the banquet may pay a Banquet Fee of \$30.

(# of people) _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

(# of people) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Enclosed is my check, payable to "Austin Convention" for \$ _____

I expect to arrive in Ft. Wayne on (date) _____ about (time) _____ by Car _____ Plane _____ Other _____

I am planning to stay at the Holiday Inn Yes _____ No _____

[Please Note: This registration form is just for the convention proceedings.

Don't forget to also make your hotel reservations **before June 19, 2006.**

Call 1-260-422-5511, and be sure to mention "Austin Convention"]

I expect to be staying before or after the convention for research: Yes _____ No _____

When using computers I consider my level to be: Novice _____ Intermediate _____ Experienced _____

Additional comments: _____

Please send this form and your check to the Convention Registrar:

**Cheryl Austin Akusis
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<http://www.afaoa.org>

PLEASE NOTICE THE RENEWAL DATE ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. YOUR CHECK FOR DUES - \$15 PER YEAR. OR \$25 FOR 2 YEARS - MADE PAYABLE TO "AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA" SHOULD BE SENT TO BONNIE BIGOLIN, P.O. BOX 1094, GREEN RIVER, WY 82935-1094

AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA
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Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER

2006

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