

Austins in the Federal Census of 1850



Arkansas

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Editor's Notes: The numbers preceding each household are the enumeration date, the page number, the dwelling number and the family number. After the listing of household members are shown occupations, the dollar value of the head of household's real estate (R.E.), etc.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, AR

FORT SMITH..... 17 Oct. 290-46-46
Austin, — 35 1815 m KY

First name not listed. He was a mulatto laborer, he could not read or write.

VAN BUREN..... 26 Dec. 354-15-15
Austin, John 35 1815 m IRE
" , Sarah 20 1830 f "
" , John M. 1 1849 m AR
Martin, Hannah 40 1810 f IRE
" , Jacob 13 1837 m "
Foster, Adnum 22 1828 m SC

John a merchant \$3800 R.E., he owned a mulatto slave 20f and two black slaves 20f, 13m.[SS p.285]. Adnum was a clerk.

..... 26 Dec. 354-20-20
Austin, George 68 1782 m IRE
" , Harriet 65 1885 f ENG
" , Andrew 30 1820 m IRE
" , George 30 1820 m "
" , Mary 13 1837 f "
Foster, John R. 16 1834 m SC

George's occupation 'none', he owned a mulatto slave 30f & two black slaves 10m, 6m [SS p.285]. Andrew \$700 R.E. & George \$4000 R.E. were both merchants, John was a clerk. Mary attended school within year.

..... 26 Dec. 355-23-23
Austin, Isaac B. 42 1808 m ME
" , Mary C. 28 1822 f GA
" , George 5 1845 m AR
" , Mary A. 2 1848 f "
Hensley, Samuel 40 1810 m TN
Forester, Elizabeth 20 1830 f AR

Isaac a house carpenter \$800 R.E., owned four black slaves listed on the Van Buren Slave Schedule page 285: 30f, 5f, 3f, 1m. Samuel Hensley was a house carpenter. [Note: Isaac Bradley Austin b. 17 July 1807 in Canton, Oxford County, ME was my ggg-uncle.]

DREW COUNTY, AR

MARION..... 12 Oct. 79-66-66
Austin, David 74 1776 m VA
" , Elizabeth 72 1778 f "

David was a farmer, neither he nor Elizabeth could read or write.

..... 14 Oct. 80-73-73
Austin, Fountain C. 41 1809 m KY
" , Polly 52 1798 f VA
" , Woodbine W. 17 1833 m TN
" , Millbury 16 1834 f* "
" , Fountain A. 14 1836 m "

Fountain C. was a farmer \$100 R.E., he could not read or write, owned a mulatto slave 27f and a black slave 14f. Woodbine a student, attended school within the year. *sic, this name may have been "Millbury."

GREENE COUNTY, AR

ST. FRANCIS..... 19 Nov. 201-379-410
Austin, Stephen 53 1797 m SC
" , Martha 40 1810 f TN
" , Joseph 20 1830 m "
" , Sarah 18 1832 f AR
" , Ransom 17 1833 m "
" , Robert 16 1834 m "
" , Margaret 15 1835 f "
" , Joseph Clark 12 1838 m "
" , Stephen 7 1843 m "
" , Lucinda 5 1845 f "
" , George W. 1 1849 m "

Stephen & sons over 15 were farmers. He & Martha could not read or write.

..... 23 Nov. 203-410-441
Beshears, Elizabeth 50 1800 f NC
" , John 21 1829 m TN
" , Nelson 19 1831 m "
" , Margaret 10 1840 f "
" , Hiram 6 1844 m AR
Austin, Margaret 22 1828 f TN

John and Nelson were farmers.

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, AR

BLACK RIVER..... 16 Oct. 330-254-254
Auston, Thomas 45 1805 m NY
" , Mary 40 1810 f MA
" , Susan 22 1828 f NY
" , William 19 1831 m OH
" , Winfield 15 1835 m "
" , Westley 10 1840 m AR
" , John N. 9 1841 m "
" , Sarah J. 7 1843 f "
" , Mary A. 3 1847 f "

Thomas a 'taylor' \$360 R.E. William a farmer. Those 9 to 19 attended school.

WHITE RIVER..... 17 Oct. 330-259-259
Auston, William 32 1818 m OH
" , Emily 29 1821 f AR
" , Richard J. 5 1845 m "
" , Calvin 4 1846 m "
" , Sarah E. 1 1849 f "

William was a farmer \$2250 R.E., he and Emily could not read or write.

MADISON COUNTY, AR

RICHLAND..... 18 Oct. 265-262-262
Austin, Cynthia 46 1804 f NC
" , William 22 1828 m AR
" , Mary 20 1830 f "
" , Benjamin 18 1832 m "
" , James 16 1834 m "
" , Nancy 14 1836 f "
" , Thomas 10 1840 m "
" , John 7 1843 m "

Cynthia was a farmer \$1500 R.E., William a school teacher. Benjamin and James were farmers, they and Mary attended school within year.

MARION COUNTY, AR

(no town listed)..... 9 Oct. 309-11-11
Austin, Thomas F. 31 1819 m TN
" , Margaret 29 1821 f NC
" , Wesley 9 1841 m TN
" , Thomas L. 4 1846 m AR
" , Cornelia J. 2 1848 f "

Thomas was a tanner and farmer with \$500 R.E.. Wesley Austin attended school within the year.

..... 10 Oct. 310-16-16
Austin, William 73 1777 m VA
" , Mahala 45 1805 f KY
William was a farmer \$250 R.E., Mahala could not read or write.

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

L'ANGUILLE..... 12 Oct. 165-57-57
Austin, Joel 52 1798 m NC
" , Sally 30 1820 f MO
" , John 15 1835 m "
" , Pink 6 1844 f AR

Joel and John were farmers.

POPE COUNTY, AR

(no town listed)..... 18 Nov. 279-539-539
Austin, William 32 1818 m TN
" , Frances 32 1818 f "
" , James A. 10 1840 m "
" , Elizabeth 9 1841 f "
" , Mary J. 8 1842 f "
" , Phillip W. 7 1843 m "
" , Margaret 6 1844 f "
" , Susan 5 1845 f "
" , Charles 4 1846 m "
" , Sarah F. 1/12 1849 f "
Pollack, George P. 19 1831 m "

William & George were farmers. Frances could not read or write. George and the five oldest children attended school.

PULASKI COUNTY, AR

LITTLE ROCK CITY 21 Dec. 361-661-670

Austin, Henry 23 1827 m *

**Henry was a fireman on a steamboat. The Captain, James Withers, probably gave the census taker a list of his crew, but did not know all their birthplaces.*

SEVIER COUNTY, AR

JEFFERSON..... 4 Nov. 205-252-252

Austin, William 53 1797 m SC
 " , Sarah 30 1820 f GA
 " , Hiram 15 1835 m MS
 " , William 10 1840 m "
 " , Sarah 8 1842 f AR
 " , Tempa 7 1843 f "
 " , America 4 1846 f "
 " , Didamus 2 1848 m "
 " , Elijah 7/12 1850 m "

William had \$180 R.E., he and Hiram Austin were farmers.

MONROE..... 26 Oct. 202-220-220

Wyatt, John 22 1828 m AR
 Burke, Elizabeth 60 1790 f SC
 Austin, James 26 1824 m MS
 " , Elizabeth 21 1829 f LA
 Burke, James 17 1833 m AR
 Redford, Sarilda 20 1830 f "
 " , William 1 1849 m "

James Austin, James Burke & John were all farmers. Elizabeth Austin, Elizabeth Burke & John could not read or write.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, AR

PRAIRIE..... 6 Dec. 385-39-39

Ware, John 60 1790 m IRE
 " , Nancy 58 1792 f "
 " , Mary 19 1831 f "
 " , Sarah 16 1834 f SC
 " , Andrew 14 1836 m LA
 Austin, Mary 18 1832 f TN
 Sloan, Alfred 13 1837 m AR
 " , Jane 10 1840 f "

John was a farmer \$1000 R.E. Mary Ware, Mary Austin, Sarah, Alfred & Jane attended school within the year.

..... 20 Dec. 400-239-239

Austin, William B. 22 1828 m AR
He was one of twelve students of William A. McCandless. All resided with farmer William D. Cunningham & his family



Austins in the Federal Census of 1860

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THE THIRTY-ONE-YEAR QUEST FOR THE PARENTS OF MOSES G. AUSTIN

There are many success stories concerning researchers discovering their Austin roots, but due to limited space in our newsletters we are seldom able to report on most of these. In February 1986 a Minnesota researcher published a query seeking the parents of her earliest known Austin ancestor (*Austins of America* Query 175-14). She finally learned their identity in February 2000, fourteen years after her query was published! Now we are pleased to report on another Austin family researcher whose perseverance led to success after a thirty-one year quest for the parents of his earliest known Austin ancestor.

Our persistent researcher is Mr. Russell Ambrose Williams, a resident of Sparta, Wisconsin. Russ became interested in his roots at an early age, being curious about his name. His middle name came from his grandfather Hiram William Ambrose, who was married to Caroline Amelia Austin, born on 14 December 1837 in Bolivar, Allegany County, New York, the daughter of Moses G. Austin and his first wife Sophronia Bradley. Russ' first name provided a second "Austin connection," for he shared it with a cousin Russell Austin, who was a great-grandson of this Moses G. Austin. According to both family tradition and the 1880 Federal Census for Greenfield, Missouri, Moses was born circa 1811 in Delaware County, New York.

Russ started keeping a family file in 1938, about the time his first daughter was born, but he could find little concerning Moses G. Austin except for his immediate family. Russ did not really become a genealogist until 1973, after being transferred to work in Madison, Wisconsin, where he discovered the Wisconsin Historical Society and its fine collection of genealogical records.

Russ joined AOAGS in 1979 and has been a member for over 25 years. He received his first *Austins of America* newsletter in August 1979, and felt he was doing rather well in his research. In September 1980 Russ responded to the *Austins of America* Query 10-2 on Moses G. Austin, in August 1982 he authored an *Austins of America* article "Moses G. Austin & Family" (page 43), and he published additional *Austins of America* queries. Moses had a second wife named Elizabeth. Russ' article speculated she was a neighbor, Elizabeth Gordon. Russ now believes that Moses' second wife was young Elizabeth Ewing, born circa 1833, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (McWilliams) Ewing. The U.S. Government was offering land for \$1.25 an acre, so Elizabeth's parents went west, and so did Moses and Elizabeth Austin. They appear in Beetown, Grant County, in the 1855 Wisconsin Census. Shortly thereafter they moved on to Forest, Richland County, Wisconsin.

Years of research ended in August 2004 when Russ received a telephone call from Ronald Edwin Austin of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ronald had joined AOAGS in March 2004, visited the AOAGS Austin-Austen Research Center, and had come across Russ' queries. Ronald Austin provided Russ with notes from a *Wadhams Genealogy* book which stated that Elizabeth Wadhams had married a Nathan Austin and "removed into New York state." The will of Caleb Wadhams lists Elizabeth Austin's eleven children: the fourth was Franklin Austin, the fifth was Moses Austin. Census records show Franklin W. Austin was born circa 1808 in Massachusetts, Moses was born circa 1811 in Delaware County, New York. The long-sought-after Moses G. Austin even named his first son after his brother Franklin William Austin! Russ is grateful to Ronald Edwin Austin for finally solving his Moses mystery, and at age 86 he offers the rest of us some sound advice: "Never give up in researching!"