

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
THOMAS AUSTIN AND SARAH PARROTT  
OF BATH, SOMERSET, ENGLAND**

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T. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> AUSTIN was married by banns on 22 September 1806 to Sarah Parrott. 'Thomas Aust' and 'Sarah Parrot' were married just across the Bristol Channel at Chepstow, Llandaff, Monmouthshire, Wales. There is a place called Aust which is the other side of the ferry (now the Severn Bridge) from Chepstow. Sarah was baptised on 26 October 1788 in Chepstow, the daughter of Thomas Parrott and Elizabeth Morgan, who had been married by banns in Chepstow on 26 December 1786. Sarah's sister Charlotte was baptised 10 January 1790 in Chepstow.

At the time of his daughter Selina's baptism in 1829 in Bath, Somerset, England, Thomas was listed as a labourer living at No. 1 Snow Hill. On 9 October 1833 the ship *Edward Colston* from Liverpool arrived in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The ship's records list 74 passengers: there were no Austins, but Thomas Aust and his six children. Two of the children were listed as Sarah and Charlotte. In Selina's death listing, her father is listed as a butcher. On James' marriage certificate and on Amelia's death certificate, Thomas was listed as a gardener. Thomas and Sarah had eleven children, all of them were born in England:

- T1. SUSANNAH AUSTIN, *bp. 6 March 1808 +*
- T2. WILLIAM AUSTIN, *bp. 12 October 1809+*
- T3. JAMES AUSTIN, *bp. 10 November 1811 +*
- T4. THOMAS AUSTIN, *bp. 26 March 1815 at St. Swithen's in Bath.*
- T5. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA AUSTIN, *bp. 2 August 1818 at St. Swithens in Bath, m. 1 July 1834 in Hobart to Emanuel Brown. He d. 17 June 1883 in Hobart at age 83.*
- T6. FREDERICK EDWIN AUSTIN, *bp. 2 August 1818 at St. Swithins Church in Bath, d. 2 January 1821, bur. Bath.*
- T7. FREDERICK EDWIN AUSTIN, *bp. 4 February 1821 at St. Swithins in Bath. He was buried 1 August 1821.*
- T8. URIAH THOMAS AUSTIN, *bp. 18 May 1823 +*
- T9. SARAH AUSTIN, *bp. 8 April 1827 at St. Swithins in Bath, she m. at age 21 on 3 February 1845 in Hobart Town, Tasmania to Joseph Fletcher age 35.*
- TA. SELINA AUSTIN, *bp. 7 August 1829 +*
- TB. AMELIA AUSTIN, *bp. in April 1832 in St. Swithins Church in Bath, d. November 1833.*

SECOND GENERATION

T1. SUSANNAH<sup>2</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 6 March 1808 in Chepstow, Llandaff, Monmouthshire, Wales. She was married on 24 December 1833 in the Parish of Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania to widower Daniel Williams. He was born in Liverpool, England and baptised on 3 April 1807 in Whissendine, Rutland, England, the son of Daniel Williams (1768- ) and Sarah Tuckwood. On 9 October 1833 Daniel had arrived in Australia with his wife Charlotte Augusta (Barwise) Williams and their sons John Thomas Williams and three year old Joseph Barwise Williams on the ship *Edward Colston*, along with Thomas Austin and his children. Charlotte died at age 30 on 18 November 1833, only five weeks after her arrival in Australia. A month later Daniel married Susannah, who he likely met during the long ship's passage from England. Daniel died in 1873, Susannah died 18 September 1887 at age 79 in Sale, Victoria, Australia. Susannah raised Daniel's sons from his first marriage, and she had nine other children by him:

- T11. JOSEPH BARWISE WILLIAMS, *bp. 8 February 1830 at St. Peters in Liverpool, m. 1854 Sarah Jane Bowden. Two children: Charlotte August Williams b. 1888 in Geelong and Josephine Williams b. 1863 Ballarat d. 1882 age 17 (sic).*
- T12. JOHN THOMAS WILLIAMS, *b. circa 1832*
- T13. MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS, *b. 1834, d. 1877*
- T14. FREDERICK EDWIN WILLIAMS, *b. 1836, d. 1882.*
- T15. SUSANNA WILLIAMS, *b. 1838, d.1839 (twin)*
- T16. AMELIA WILLIAMS, *b. 1838, d.1839 (twin)*
- T17. EMMA AUGUSTA WILLIAMS, *b. 1840, d.1924.*
- T18. SUSANNAH WILLIAMS, *b. 1842, d.1923.*
- T19. DANIEL AUSTIN WILLIAMS, *b. 1844, d.1911.*
- T1A. THOMAS ALBERT WILLIAMS, *b. 1847, d.1934.*
- T1B. CHARLOTTE BARWISE WILLIAMS, *b. 1850, d. 1837*

T2. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 12 October 1809 in Saint Swithen's Church in Bath, Somerset, England. On 29 March 1831 William (age 21 and a kitchen gardener) and his brother James were put on trial in Somerset for highway robbery. They were both convicted and sentenced at Bridgewater, Somerset Quarter Sessions on 13 April 1831 to life (originally they were both sentenced to death, according to the *Bridgewater Advertiser*). At the time both men were from Bathampton, Somerset. On 2 August 1831 they were deported as prisoners from London aboard the ship *Strathfieldsay*, arriving in Australia on 15 November 1831. William Aust was married on 27 December 1841 to Helen McIntosh, who was born circa 1803. They may have had children, but none were found in the *Victoria Pioneer Index* or the *Tasmania Pioneer Index*.

T3. JAMES<sup>2</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 10 November 1811 in St. Swithen's Church in Bath, Somerset, England. On 29 March 1831 James and his older brother William (see above) were convicted in Somerset, England for highway robbery, and arrived in Australia 15 November 1831 aboard the *Strathfieldsay*. He married first circa 1843 (approved 28 September 1843, but no marriage record has been found) in Tasmania, Australia to Ann Leach, born circa 1804 in Rockford, Essex, England, the daughter of Sarah. Ann married — Berry/Bessy?, but by 1842 she was a widow with two children, working as a house and laundry maid. She was convicted of larceny in Lancashire, Salford Quarter session 4 July 1842, and sentenced to seven years. Her children were left with her brother Francis, a druggist at Rochford or Rochdale. Ann arrived in Australia on 2 January 1843 on the *Garland Grove*. Her Ticket of Leave was dated 7 October 1845 and her Free Certificate dated 4 October 1851. Ann died on 11 March 1853. James Austin was married second on 5 February 1854 in the Church of Scotland in Colac, Geelong Land District, Polwarth County, Victoria, to widow Sarah Ann Leach of Colac, born circa 1830 in Peterborough, Cambridge, England. The Victorian Marriage Index 538 lists James as age 38, a gardener living in Colac. He signed with an X since he could not write.

Sarah was age 23 and a housekeeper in Colac when she first married. She could not sign her name at that time, but listed her parents as iron monger William Bray and Elizabeth Andrews. Sarah's first husband had died on 14 June 1853, leaving her with a daughter Henrietta Sarah.

James Austin purchased land from Richard Coney. He was a gardener and freehold on the Colac voter's roll in 1857. He suffered for six weeks before dying of cardiac dropsy on 31 December 1873 in Colac. Again a widow, and with 12 children, Sarah Ann Austin married J. Soley. By then she had learned to write, and signed her name. At that time she listed her parents as William Leach and Elizabeth Andrews. Her oldest daughter Henrietta Crotaz witnessed this third marriage.

Sarah actively managed property and advertised a house and land for rent in the local paper on 4 April 1879. In 1890 she rented a house to A. Short for 2 months for £3, and leasing it for £35 per year during 1891. In 1895 she sold three bullocks for £11/14/0. In 1901-2 she leased Thomas Maloney of Elliminyt 40 acres of pasture land.

Sarah Soley attended the Church of England. She was admitted to the Colac Hospital on 21 September 1916 at age 86, her father was listed as William Leach. She died as a result of endocarditis exhaustion on 28 June 1917 in Colac. She was buried with her second husband James Austin in Colac Cemetery. Sarah and James Austin raised her twelve children, all were born in Colac:

T31. HENRIETTA SARAH CROTAZ, *b. 1853, d. at age 31 on 22 April 1884.*

T32. AMELIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN, *b. 1854 +*

T33. MATILDA EMMA AUSTIN, *b. 1856, d. 15 April 1859 in Colac.*

T34. GEORGINA MAY "GINA" AUSTIN, *b. 1858 +*

T35. EMMA MATILDA AUSTIN, *b. 1860 +.*

T36. SELINA SUSAN AUSTIN, *b. 1862 +*

T37. ALBERT WILLIAM JAMES AUSTIN, *b. 1864, d. 7 September 1899 in Geelong, Victoria, bur. in Colac Cemetery with his parents.*

T38. ADA MALVINA AUSTIN, *b. 1866 +*

T39. ANN SELINA AUSTIN, *b. 1869, d. 30 May 1869 in Colac.*

T3A. ARTHUR REUBEN AUSTIN, *b. 1870*

T3B. ALFRED FREEMAN AUSTIN, *b. 1870 +*

T3C. EVA FLORENCE AUSTIN, *b. 1872 +*

T8. URIAH THOMAS<sup>2</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was christened on 18 May 1823 in Bath, Somerset, England, his father Thomas was listed as a labourer at the time. Uriah was a bachelor living in Geelong, Victoria, Australia and working as a sawyer when he married on 18 September 1854 at Christ Church in Geelong to Ann Blair. She was born on 31 July 1832 in Kilfinan, Argyll, Scotland, daughter of Neil Blair and Mary MacLachlan. Neil was a mason. At the time of her marriage Ann was a spinster age 22 and was working as a servant and residing in Geelong. She had older siblings: Janet b. 1821, Donald b. 1823, Peter b.1826, John b.1828 and Margaret b.1830. Uriah and Ann had three children:

T81. SARAH ANN AUSTIN, *b. 1855*

T82. [UNNAMED] AUSTIN, *b. 1857*

T83. NEIL BLAIR AUSTIN, *b. 1860*

TA. SELINA<sup>2</sup> AUSTIN (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was christened on 7 August 1829 at St. Swithens Church in Bath, Somerset, England. She arrived in Australia with her father and siblings in October 1833. She was married on 12 September 1854 at St. Peter's Church in Melbourne, Victoria to blacksmith John Robinson of Geelong, Victoria. She could not write at the time and signed the marriage certificate with an X. Witnesses were Thomas Austin (who also signed with an X) and George Thomas Lupson.

John Robinson was born circa 1817 in Willenhall, Staffordshire, England, the son of John Robinson and Ann Burgess. He had arrived in Australia on the *Waterloo* in December 1848, the ship's list has him as age 30-31 years. In 1853 he had been living at Batesford and worked as a farmer. John had blonde curly hair and blue eyes. He must have been muscular to have been a blacksmith, but was not quite five feet tall. Selina must have been petite as well, for on his deathbed John said "I'm

coming little woman, I'm coming." He was reputed to have put some shoes on 'back to front' on certain horses for bushrangers (outlaws living in the Australian bush).

Like many of that era, Selina loved to bake rhubarb pies. After they were baked the pies were placed on the windowsill to cool. What an aroma they must have had, for sometimes the aborigines would sneak up to the window and steal them! On 9 June 1868 at age 38 Selina was admitted to the Ballarat Hospital, recommended by J. J. Gollin. She was suffering from cancer of the uterus, and living at Saw Pit Gully at the time. She was discharged as being no better on 18 October 1868. Selina died six months later on 6 April 1869 in Jacksons Gully, Victoria. Her death certificate states that she was buried at the Rokewood Cemetery by the Church of England Minister John Caton. John Robinson died at age 82 on 19 July 1899 in Mount Doran, Victoria. John and Selina raised eight children, the first two were likely John's by an earlier marriage:

- TA1. SUSANNAH ROBINSON, *b. circa 1848 in Geelong, Victoria, she m. 11 June 1866 in the British Hotel, Rokewood, Victoria, to Anton Meehl bc.1837 Bavaria, Germany, the son of John Meehl b. 1811 and Catherine Schreiber b.1815. Susannah's father was so annoyed with his daughter's running off at age 17 to be married that he disowned her. Anton d. 14 June 1902 in Dereel, Victoria, Susannah d. there 4 December 1909. This couple had fourteen children: Anna b. 1867, John b.1868, Anton b.1870, Selina b.1871, Albert and Emma b.1873 (twins), Henry b.1875, Philip Anton b.1878, Florence Louisa b.1880, Susannah b.1882, Kasper Albert b.1885, Frederick Albert b.1888, James Stanley b.1891, Christian Meehl b.1893*
- TA2. SARAH ROBINSON, *b. 7 March 1853, Batesford, Victoria, m.1877 in Victoria to James Plotzza, bc.1845 Switzerland. James d. on 28 May 1910 in Ballarat, Victoria. This couple had nine children: Stephen b.1877, Catherine b.1880, James b.1882, Mary b.1884, Alice, Theresa b.1887, Hilda, Annie and Albert.*
- TA3. FREDERICK ALBERT DANIEL ROBINSON, *b. 11 April 1855, Chilwell, Victoria, m. 31 May 1876 Ballarat, Victoria to Josephine Almans b.1855 in Ballarat, daughter of Joseph Daniel Almans and Ellen Gillespie. Frederick d. 5 March 1934 in Geelong, Victoria, while Josephine d. 20 September 1936 in Ballarat. This couple had nine children: Frederick Albert John b.1876, Mary Elizabeth b.1878, William Joseph b.1880, Josephine "Elizabeth" b.1883, Samuel Henry b.1884, Thomas Arthur b.1886, Cecile Bernice b.1887, John Edward b.1889 and George Ernest b.1891.*
- TA4. SAMUEL ROBINSON, *b. 7 October 1859, Little Hard Hill, Victoria, m. 17 December 1890 in Ballarat, Victoria to Wilhelmenia Almans b. 15 September 1873 in Whim Holes, Enfield, Victoria. Samuel d. 8 May 1943 in Ballarat, Wilhelmenia d. 13 December 1954 in Lal Lal, Victoria. This couple had*
- eleven children, all born in Lal Lal: Samuel b.1891, Selina Josephine b.1892, Wilamena Rose b.1894, Samuel John b.1897, Arthur Gilbert b.1900, Ernest Edward b.1903, Herbert Joseph b.1905, Priscilla Grace b.1908, Hedley John b.1910, Allan Austin b.1912, Ivy Jean b.1915.*
- TA5. THOMAS ROBINSON, *b. ca. 1861, Australia, d. 12 December 1930 in Meredith, Victoria.*
- TA6. WILLIAM JOHN ROBINSON, *b. ca. 1863, Dereel, Rokewood, Victoria, he m. in 1887 to Sarah Ann Johnson b. 1868 in Mount Doran, Victoria, daughter of William Henry Johnson and Caroline Pearson. William d. 17 June 1930 in Meredith, Victoria, while Sarah d. 19 February 1931 in Mount Doran. This couple had nine children, the first three born in Lal Lal, Victoria, the next five in Elaine, Victoria, and the last in Staffordshire, Reef, Victoria: William Henry b.1888, Helena May b.1890, Lillian Hester b.1892, Ruby Ethel b.1894, Leslie John b.1897, Florence Hannah b.1900, Albert George b.1902, Percival Rupert b.1904, Eric Llewellyn b.1909.*
- TA7. HELEN "NELLIE" ROBINSON, *b. 4 March 1865 in Saw Pit Gully, Victoria. She m(1) to Richard Charles Wier, they had four children: James b.1883, Robert b.1885, Rose May b.1886, Elizabeth "Lizzie" b.1888. Helen m(2) in Dunedin, New Zealand to John Frederick William Fisher, b. 4 March 1863 in Tokomairiro, "Milton", New Zealand, the son of John Frederick Fisher (1820-1888) and Annie McDonald (1837-1881). John d. 5 May 1911 in Prahran, Melbourne, Victoria, while Helen d. on 21 September 1942 on Mulgrave Street, Elsternwick, Victoria. This couple had seven children: Lena b.1892, Linda b.1894, William b.1896, Laura b.1897, Leonard Fisher b. 6 January 1901 (in St. Kilda, Victoria, d. 30 September 1961 in Brighton, Victoria, he is the author's grandfather), Nellie b.1904, Albert 1906.*
- TA8. HANNAH "ANNIE" ROBINSON, *b. 4 February 1867, Springcreek, Victoria; m. 10 July 1883 to Steffano Zappelli; b. ca. 1854 in Lombardy, Italy, son of Joseppi Zappelli and Caterina Marchezi. Steffano d. 16 February 1931, Caulfield, Victoria. This couple had ten children: Josipp b.1885, Katherine b.1886, Stephen John b.1888, Rose b.1891, Charles, Peter, Lina b.1895, Olive b.1897, Dorothy and Effie.*

### THIRD GENERATION

T32. AMELIA ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1854 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married in 1873 in Victoria to Francis Bowen, who was born in January 1849 in Middlesex, London, England. He was the son of Francis Bowen ( -1868) and Elizabeth Shipton (1819-1891). Francis died on 11 January 1885 in Victoria, while Amelia died on 11 July 1911 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This couple had seven children, all of them were born in Colac:

- T111. AMELIA ELIZABETH BOWEN, *b. 1874, d. in March 1899 in Colac, bur. Colac Cemetery.*

- T112. FRANCIS BOWEN, *b. 2 May 1876* *March 1957 in Ballarat, while Clarence d. 20 May 1974 in Ballarat.*
- T113. ALFRED JAMES AUSTIN BOWEN, *b. 1877, d. 12 November 1903, Armadale, Victoria, bur. Brighton Cemetery, Victoria.*
- T114. SELINA SARAH BOWEN, *b. 1879, m. 24 March 1903 in Christian Chapel, Prahran, Victoria to Thomas James Emerson, b. 1868 Ballarat, Victoria, son of William Emerson and Mary Hannah Searle. Selina d. 12 October 1915, Surrey Hills, Victoria. She and Thomas had three children b. in Elsternwick, Victoria: Frances Rose b.1906, Thomas George b.1908, Elinor Milvie b.1910.*
- T115. GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, *b. 1880*
- T116. BERTHA ANN BOWEN, *b. 1882, d. 20 June 1887 in Colac, bur. Geelong Cemetery, Victoria*
- T117. ROSINA FRANCES BOWEN, *b. 1885*
- T33. GEORGINA MAY<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1858 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. Known as "Gina," she married James Bruce in 1877 in Victoria. James was born circa 1852 in Scotland, the son of James Bruce (1823-1889) and Ann Mabon (1820-1876). James died in September 1913 in Geelong, Victoria, while Georgina died 21 May 1940 in Geelong. This couple had three children:
- T331. JAMES ARTHUR AUSTIN BRUCE, *b. 1878 in Colac, Victoria, m.1904 in Victoria to Eva Beatrice Boyd, who was born in Geelong. James d. 1936 in Seddon, Victoria. This couple had three ch. b. in Footscray, Victoria: Claudia Annie Marion b.1905, Georgina May Beatrice b.1907, Arthur Leslie Austin b.1909.*
- T332. ALBERT ERNEST BRUCE, *b. 1879 in Colac, Victoria, d. 24 July 1940 in Geelong, bur. in Western Cemetery in Geelong.*
- T333. CLAUD ALEXANDER BRUCE, *b. 1884 Geelong, Victoria, d. February 1901 Geelong, buried in the Western Cemetery in Geelong.*
- T34. EMMA MATILDA<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1860 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married Joseph Kellett in 1881 in Victoria. He was born circa 1853 in Yorkshire, England. Emma died in July 1934 in Ballarat, Victoria, while Joseph died there in August 1935. This couple had five children, all were born in Ballarat:
- T341. JOSEPH JAMES KELLETT, *b. 1882, m. 1904 to Ruby Ada Vera Ramage b.1884 in Thoona, Victoria, daughter of John Alexander Ramage b.1860 and Jane Margaret Cameron b.1858 d.1892. Ruby d. 21 September 1953 in Ballarat, while Joseph d. 17 December 1955 in Ballarat. This Couple had four children b. in Ballarat: Clarence James b.1905, Alexander Joseph b.1906, Thelma Ruby May b.1908, and Charles Horace b.1910.*
- T342. HORACE ALFRED KELLETT, *b. 1883*
- T343. EMMA SARAH KELLETT, *b. 1885*
- T344. CLARENCE AUSTIN KELLETT, *b. 1887, m. Margaret Bravinia Waugh b. ca. 1890. She d. in*
- T345. FLORA MAY HOPE KELLETT, *b. 1890, she d. 1891 in Ballarat.*
- T35. SELINA SUSAN<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1862 in Colac, Victoria, Australia, and died on 3 September 1937 in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. She married Walter Wright Tweedale in 1886 in Victoria. He was born in Ballarat, Victoria. Selina and Walter had one son:
- T351. ALBERT WALTER AUSTIN TWEEDALE, *b. 1887 in Ballarat.*
- T38. ADA MALVINA<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1866 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. She married in 1893 in Victoria to Thomas Edward Lewis, who was born in Geelong, Victoria. Ada died at age 38 on 2 April 1905 in Prahran, Victoria. Ada and Thomas had seven children:
- T381. MALVINA EVA LEWIS, *b. 1894 in Geelong.*
- T382. GLADYS LEWIS, *b. 1896 in Prahran, d. 1896 in Prahran.*
- T383. LOIS ADA LEWIS, *b. 1898 in South Yarra, Victoria, d. 1899 in South Yarra.*
- T384. LYLIA IRENE LEWIS, *b. 1900 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T385. MAY FEDERAL LEWIS, *b. 1902 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T386. VIDA ALEXANDRA "VENI" LEWIS, *b. 1903 in South Yarra, Victoria.*
- T387. IVY LEWIS
- T3A. ALFRED FREEMAN<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1870 in Colac, Victoria, Australia. He married Amelia Elizabeth Basnett in 1890 in Victoria. She was born in Geelong, Victoria. Alfred and Amelia had five children, all were born in Geelong:
- T3A1. EMMA FLORENCE AUSTIN, *b. 1890*
- T3A2. RUBY MARY AUSTIN, *b. 1892*
- T3A3. OLIVE MALVINA AUSTIN, *b. 1893*
- T3A4. MYRTLE ALFREDA AUSTIN, *b. 1896*
- T3A5. OLIVE THELMA AUSTIN, *b. 1907*
- T3B. EVA FLORENCE<sup>3</sup> AUSTIN (*James<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1872 in Colac, Victoria, Australia, and died in 1940 in East Malvern, Victoria. She married Richard Wilson in 1897 in Victoria. Richard was born in Victoria. Eva and Richard had five children, their first four were born in Elsternwick, Victoria:
- T3B1. FLORENCE MARGARET WILSON, *b. 1898*
- T3B2. ROBERT RICHARD WILSON, *b. 1902*
- T3B3. KENNETH ALBERT WILSON, *b. 1905*
- T3B4. JAMES BRUCE WILSON, *b. 1906*
- T3B5. DOROTHY SARAH WILSON, *b. 1910 in Caulfield, Victoria, Australia.*