



2010 International Austin Convention

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Austins are gathering in Washington DC... See you there!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

We invite you to come meet with others researching their Austin or Austen lines. A full program is being planned, with a great mix of lectures, workshops, and tours. The convention is open to anyone interested in their Austin or Austen roots... you do not have to be a member of either of the sponsoring organizations to attend. You will be able to exchange ideas and information with others, learn from the lectures, enjoy the convention tours, or do research at the Library of Congress, the National Archives, or the D.A.R. Library. It is a wonderful opportunity for those researching their Austin or Austen lines—we hope to see you there!

DATES & LOCATION

The convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 5 and 6 June, at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188, which is located at 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, Virginia.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

While attendees are free to stay anywhere, we recommend the nearby Courtyard by Marriott, at 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, Virginia, about 1.7 miles from the Elks Lodge. The hotel is right at the Dunn Loring Metro Station. This is convenient for those flying into Reagan National Airport. Take the Blue Line from the airport to Rosslyn (10 min.) then the Orange Line to the hotel (18 min.), the total one-way cost is \$2.35 or \$1.90 for seniors.



Free transportation between the hotel and the Elks Lodge will be provided for those who need it. We have **not** blocked off any hotel rooms, but reservations are now available at the [hotel's website](#) on a first-come first-served basis.

Their web **weekend room rate** (Friday & Saturday nights) for a King room is \$79, or \$71 for seniors over 62. The same room can be **booked for up to four nights** (check in Thursday 3 June, check out Monday 7 June) for \$79 per night or \$76 for seniors. If you try to book additional week nights **the rate will be higher**, as appears to be the case with most of the larger hotels in the Washington, DC area.

GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

Many attendees will want to arrive a day or two early for research or sightseeing. There will be a "Get Acquainted" party at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 4 June at the Courtyard Marriott. Attendees will pick up their convention nametags and agenda, enjoy a little wine and cheese, and have an opportunity to meet with other Austin researchers – perhaps even meeting a new cousin or two! Around 7 p.m. we will break into smaller groups for dining at local restaurants.

WASHINGTON SIGHTSEEING

Those arriving on Thursday (or early Friday morning), can participate in some optional Friday tours. Some tours on Saturday and Sunday may also be available as alternatives to attending convention workshops. More information on these tours will appear here after a sufficient number of Registration Forms have been received for us to determine which sights are the most popular with the attendees.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PROGRAMS

The Lodge opens at 8 a.m. each day for those who wish to compare notes with others. Some computers and a large collection of Austin-Austen data will also be available for researching. The convention talks will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Afternoons will be filled with some additional talks, business meetings, and workshops where attendees can interact and exchange data, or they may opt for alternative Washington sightseeing tours (see above).

SATURDAY BANQUET

Saturday Evening at 6 p.m. attendees will enjoy a cocktail hour at the Elks Lodge (cash bar), followed at 7 p.m. by our annual banquet. Attendees have a choice of entrees via their Registration Forms. After dinner we will have an entertaining guest speaker, followed by the presentation of the AFGS 2010 Austin Genealogical Research Award.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORMS

A Registration Form comes with the January 2010 newsletter, or may be found at the [AFGS Website](#). Please fill out the Registration Form, indicating the number in your party and selecting the banquet meals each would like. Then check the places you are most interested in visiting in Washington, DC. Please return the form as soon as possible, to enable us to plan the best possible convention experience for everyone!