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PREFACE

This book is an indexed compilation of the newsletters published by the *Austins of America* Genealogical Society during its first ten years, during which time its membership expanded to make it the largest group of Austin family researchers in the United States. This is the first in a series of such volumes preserving Austin lines and heritage for posterity. It is gratefully dedicated to the authors appearing herein, and to all those members who by contributing their own research to the *Austins of America* library have made the articles herein more complete and accurate.

We are indebted to Pauline Lucille Austin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Sally Austin Day of Livonia, Michigan, and to the other Associate Editors listed herein for sharing their decades of basic Austin research with others. Special thanks to my beloved wife Patricia Biebuyck Austin, who has been instrumental in organizing raw research notes and correspondence into coherent articles, for without her years of devotion and companionship this volume would not have been possible.

— *Michael Edward Austin*

INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is intended to serve present and future genealogists in researching Austin family lineages. Over the years many persons have devoted a great deal of time and effort in researching their Austin lines. Unfortunately, the greater fraction of this valuable research has gone unpublished, hence others pursuing the same or parallel lines often conduct their research without benefiting from the labors of their predecessors. Thus, one purpose of *Austins of America* is to provide a place for such previously unpublished research.

Since local histories and newspaper articles often have limited regional circulation, *Austins of America* will also reprint articles previously published, whenever the original publication is of genealogical or historical interest to Austin lineages and the original is not generally accessible throughout the United States. An example is the article on Captain Artell Austin in this issue.

For those actively pursuing Austin lines, the best guidance often results from making contact with others who have searched or are searching similar lines, and we hope to publish lists of those doing research on lines in various states, so that resources may be pooled and problems shared with others looking in the same places or searching for the same ancestors.

If you are active in researching Austin lines, please let us know what lines and in what geographic areas you are searching. We also plan to publish queries, which may be sent to either Editor:

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Please ask for information regarding only one family group in each query and make it as specific as possible. The queries in this issue may be used as examples when writing your queries. Also, if your own research might prove of interest to others, you are invited to submit your work for publication. Finally, if you know of published magazine or newspaper articles which would be suitable for *Austins of America* please send them along to one of the Editors.

The following article on Captain Artell Austin originally appeared in *THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS* in Damariscotta, Maine. It is reprinted with the permission of its author, Dr. George F. Dow of Nobleboro, Maine.

CAPTAIN ARTELL AUSTIN

by George F. Dow

A most exquisite statue, hand carved from the finest Italian marble, reposes in the Lincoln Cemetery in Newcastle, Maine. The statue is in memory of Georgia H. Austin and was made in her likeness from a daguerreotype picture provided by her father. The life-like appearance of the statue, kneeling in prayer, shows her beautiful features and well-sculpted dress and curls. Her death in 1861 at six years of age was a tragic loss to her parents, but the marble statue is a fitting tribute to a father's devoted love for his daughter.

Georgia's father was Capt. Artell Austin, who was an excellent sea captain. Artell had learned the art of sailing from his father, Capt. Samuel Austin, who "could bring his ship through any storm." However, Capt. Artell Austin's life was interspersed with much sorrow. In 1847, he married Hannah Leighton, who accompanied him to sea. Their first daughter, Mary Weild, was born in 1851 while in Bermuda. But little Mary died off Cape Horn, at the tip of South America, and the captain was inconsolate. Arrangements were made to have her remains brought back, preserved in salt or rum, for burial in the family lot in Lincoln Cemetery. Her headstone has the following sentimental verse inscribed thereon:

*"Little Mary thou wast lovely
In thy sweet and spotless bloom,
E'er the hand of death removed thee,
From our presence to the tomb.
Little darling we would never
Call thee from thy new home down.
T'were unrighteous thus to sever,
Glory from the Saviour's Crown.
Nor will we sweet child deplore thee,
Now that all thy troubles o'er,
But the hearts from whome death tore thee,
Weep that thou art here no more."*

To the captain's eventual joy, a second daughter was born in August 1853, also named Mary Weild. Then, while the family continued at sea, a third daughter, Georgia Homans, was born in May 1855. But again the father became greatly shocked in August 1855, by the death of his second daughter. She also was buried in the Lincoln Cemetery, beside her sister. The headstone has a beautiful carving of three angels surrounding little Mary, with this inscribed verse:

*"Angels watched thy spirit's flight
From sorrow's world unto the light."*

Little Georgia, however, seemed especially robust and was her father's pride and joy, upon whom he bestowed even more affection than before. Then tragedy struck again. Georgia became ill, grew worse, and died in September 1861. She was buried beside her sisters, while her father was reportedly absent at sea. The captain was heartbroken. Upon his return he grieved prostrate at her grave all one night until Mrs. Austin induced him to come back into the house. There they had a daguerreotype of little Georgia, taken in France showing her standing, holding her doll. With this cherished picture, the captain made arrangements for an expert sculptor to use the daguerreotype as a guide in his carving. On the side of Georgia's monument is found this verse:

*"Gentle Jesus meek and mild
Look upon a little child
Pity my simplicity
Suffer me to come to thee
Fain I would to thee be brought
Gracious Lord forbid me not
In the kingdom of thy grace
Suffer me to have a place."*

In the meantime, Capt. Artell Austin continued his sea-going voyages, and two additional children were born, George Herbert in 1861 and Florence Leighton in 1864. Then Civil War erupted, and Capt. Austin found it desirable to sail under a French flag. While entering the English Channel in 1865, he collided with an English ship, was accused of negligence, and sued for damages. Lacking adequate funds, he was committed to an English prison. While awaiting the slow process of international law to obtain his release, he became greatly depressed. In the meantime, his wife died in 1869, and he had no interest in living longer. He requested his shipmate, Frank Smithwick of Newcastle, Maine, to do him the final favor of arranging to bring back his remains (he died in 1870) to be buried beside his beloved daughter, Georgia. This commitment was completed, and the statue stands now adjoining his grave.

This Austin burial lot is surrounded by an attractive iron fence, at the top of the rise, in this beautiful cemetery overlooking Damariscotta River. This well-cared-for cemetery is located on a knoll at the rear of the old Benjamin Lincoln homestead, a short distance from Damariscotta Mills when proceeding northwesterly on Route 215.

The Austin and Lincoln families are closely related and shared in various business ventures involving their sailing vessels. Martha Austin, sister to Capt. Artell, married Colonel Joshua Lincoln. This Joshua, with his brother Edward, operated father Benjamin Lincoln's shipyard in Nobleboro, Maine, on Great Salt Bay, just east of the alewife stream, adjoining the town landing.

Capt. Artell's brother, John Austin, was lost at sea in one of Capt. Edward Lincoln's vessels. Subsequently, Capt. Edward Lincoln also was lost at sea, with his wife and young daughter, during a severe storm off the coast of Maryland. Such were the all too frequent tragedies among these early sea-faring men who sought their fortunes in sailing ships built on Great Salt Bay, carrying cargoes of lumber sawed at Damariscotta Mills to be exchanged for goods in distant markets. The Lincoln Cemetery bears testimony to their leadership and courage, and also to their love of family and home. There could be no more lovely or fitting memorial than that for Georgia Austin to tell of a father's affection for his daughter.

QUERIES

2-1. **Oliver Austin** born 1760 died Berkshire, Vermont 10 March 1813, married before 1788 Sarah Powell born 1764 died Berkshire, Vermont 12 March 1818. Need ancestry, birth and marriage dates of Sarah and Oliver.

2-2. **Benjamin Austin** born Rhode Island circa 1794 died Berkshire, Vermont 20 February 1869, married Ruth (—) born Conn. 5 November 1784 died 29 August 1867. Need marriage date and ancestry of Benjamin and Ruth.

2-3. Milla Larabee born Springfield, Vermont circa 1794 died in Berkshire, Vermont on 14 December 1860 daughter of William and Amy (Ria) married **Oliver Austin** born Berkshire, Vermont May 1788 died there 21 May 1864. Need marriage date and ancestry of Milla.

2-4. **Jonah Austin** born 12 September 1782 or 1784 died Parkman, Maine 28 January 1859, married before 1813 Hannah Lombard of the greater Skowhegan, Maine area. Need ancestry of Jonah and Hannah.

2-5. **Daniel Austin** born 16 May 1788 married Nancy Reed 10 March 1811 in Greene, Maine. Nancy born 23 June 1787. Children recorded in Parkman, Maine. Need ancestry of Daniel and Nancy.

2-6. **Charles Henry Austin** resided in Farmington, Maine in 1798, thought perhaps to be part Abnaki Indian. One son Charles A. Austin resided in Phillips and later in Peru, Maine. Another son, Henry, 'half-brother' to Charles A., resided in Dixfield, Maine. Need the ancestry and wives of Charles Henry.

2-7. **Capt. William Austin** born probably circa 1757-62, fisherman sailed from ports in New London, Connecticut district. Resided Point Judith, Rhode Island area 1785-1788, resided New London 1790, owned land in Stonington, Connecticut 1796-1804. Arrived in Vermilion, Ohio in 1809, built ship *The Friendship* in 1816, was Captain on Lake Erie until his death in 1833 in Vermilion. Need William's ancestry and wife.

EDITH AUSTIN MOORE

1882-1979

Edith Austin Moore, who devoted much of her long life to researching Austin Family lines, passed away quietly on the evening of November 21, 1979 at the age of 97 years, 7 months and 2 days. She had been living in Rockville, Maryland, having moved there last year from St. Petersburg, Florida. Born on April 19, 1882 to Daniel Henry and Minnie Amelia (Chesebro) Austin, Edith May Austin graduated in 1901 from the Mexico Academy and High School in Mexico, New York. Four years later she married Wesley H. Moore on June 28, 1905. Edith was a member of O.E.S., D.A.R., and N.S. of New England Women. Her husband Wesley died in 1949 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

After her father's death in 1912, Edith became interested in searching for her ancestors who had served their country during the Revolutionary War. She later extended her research back to her first ancestor in this country. Finding little published on the Austin Family, and not being able to trace her own line, Edith began gathering Austin Family records in 1922, hoping in that way to find her line, either through her own research or through correspondence with others. In order to help further her family research, in 1942 together with her brother Henry Warner Austin, Edith founded the *Austin Family Association*, later renamed the *Austin Families Association of America, Inc.* This organization has grown through the years, currently having about 450 family memberships from all sections of the country.

Edith traveled extensively, visiting libraries in Westerly and Providence, R.I.; Boston; Hartford, Conn.; Montpelier, Vt.; New York, Brooklyn, Albany, Syracuse, Utica, and Buffalo, N.Y.; Chicago; Los Angeles; and Washinton, D.C. She wrote many letters and sent out several thousand blank forms.

The 1850 U.S. Census indicated that Edith's great grandfather, Edward Austin, was born in Rhode Island. Thus it was that she concentrated in gathering data on the Austin families of Rhode Island. Her first book, *A Genealogy of The Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island*, was published in 1951. While gathering data for this impressive 738-page book, Edith copied down every Austin record she could find. This gave her data on eight different Austin Families who settled in the New England states during the 17th century. As correspondents kept writing to her for help in solving their own genealogical problems, she gradually accumulated and assembled all her records into two books and seven manuscripts:

*ROBERT AUSTIN of Kingstown, R.I.**RICHARD AUSTIN of Charlestown, Mass.**THOMAS AUSTIN of Andover, Mass.**JOSEPH AUSTIN of Dover, N.H.**MATTHEW AUSTIN of York, Maine**JOHN AUSTIN of East Haven, Conn.**JOHN AUSTIN of Stamford, Conn.**JONAH AUSTIN of Taunton, Mass.**UNPLACED AUSTIN RECORDS*

In addition to her *Robert* and *Richard* books, Edith donated a copy of each of her manuscripts to the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. Copies of her *Thomas*, *Joseph*, and *Matthew* manuscripts were donated to the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library in Boston, while the *John of East Haven* manuscript was given to the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, Connecticut. A copy of the *John of Stamford* manuscript was given to the New York City Public Library. The *Unplaced Austins* manuscript was donated to the Fort Wayne, Indiana, City library. Two additional manuscripts of her unplaced records were typed up and also placed in Fort Wayne by Lorena Austin, Secretary of the *Austin Families Association*.

Those interested in pursuing Austin family lines owe a great debt to Edith Austin Moore for her lifetime of labors and fruitful research, for gathering and organizing volumes of records, many of which might otherwise have been lost forever. Edith will never be forgotten, for she left us all with a monumental legacy of genealogical research for which she will be remembered with admiration and gratitude, not only by the present generation, but by many generations yet unborn.

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THE AUSTINS OF NOBLEBORO

by George F. Dow

An earlier article told of the beautiful statue in Newcastle, Maine, of Georgia Austin, daughter of sea captain Artell Austin [see page 1]. His home as a boy was in Nobleboro, Maine, where his great-grandfather, Ichabod Austin, Sr. had settled near the center of the town. Ichabod Sr. was born about 1712, came to Nobleboro from York, Maine, about 1760, and lived to about 100 years of age. He was an expert blacksmith and iron worker. He had a son, Ichabod Jr., who was born in York in 1750 before his father moved to Nobleboro. He served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War and in 1779 participated in the expedition against the peninsula of Major-Bagaduce [named after a Frenchman, Major Biguyduce, now the town of Castine, Maine]. In the 1790 U. S. Census for Bristol, Maine, the Austin family was listed under the name of 'Ichabod Awstin,' with a large family of ten that probably included both father and son. The census count included four males 16 years or more of age, four males under 16 years of age, and two females. Obviously the Austin family had a good supply of manpower for shoeing oxen and horses and doing other blacksmithing. These men, however, may not all have been Austins because of the common practice in those days for a skilled craftsman to have an extra boy or two as apprentices from another family to learn the trade.

In later years, the Austin homestead was occupied by Samuel and John, two sons of Ichabod Jr. Samuel Austin was not a farmer or blacksmith but was a sea captain, and his 26 acres of land in Nobleboro (as shown on the 1813 town map) was adequate for his home. This Capt. Samuel was the father of Capt. Artell Austin who memorialized his deceased daughter with the marble statue [page 1].

John Austin was not a seafaring man but lived at home on his 103-acre farm, adjoining Samuel's land. John's land extended westward from Pemaquid Pond to a point on the southern tip of the "Great Heath," not far from the present railroad tracks crossing on East Neck Road. John lived from 1769 to 1854, and his home location is shown on the 1857 county map as that of "heirs of J. Austin." The house is no longer standing, but the old cellar is reported to be not far from the present residence of Barbara and Roland Bragg. An excellent spring, found by the Braggs nearby, presumably provided drinking water for the Austin family or their livestock.

John Austin's first wife was Hannah, a daughter of early settler James Hall, but she died at age 33. John next married Hannah's sister, Deborah, who cared for Han-

nah's four children and also raised six of her own. Deborah died in 1849 aged 62, and John married a third time, to [—] Genthner.

The burial plot for John Austin and his two wives is located at a distance in back of the Bragg home and can be seen from new Route 1 on the north side of the highway. The plot is surrounded by well-placed tall granite posts, with connecting iron rods worthy of a blacksmith-iron worker family. We like to think of John in peaceful rest in this family cemetery, with his headstone displaying this verse:

*"Go home my friends, dry up your tears,
I must lie here till Christ appears,
Then burst Death's bonds with saved surprise,
And in my Savior's image rise."*

One of John's sons, Algernon Austin, was born in Nobleboro in 1811 and became a famous shipbuilder. He first learned the blacksmith trade at home; then in 1840 built a house in Newcastle, Maine; had a store across the road; and began shipbuilding in 1846. His shipyard was where the Congregational Church now stands. Within eight years, by 1854, he had built and sold ships worth \$590,500, including the brig "Victory." He served Newcastle as a selectman, was a representative to the State Legislative, a director of The Maine Bank of Damariscotta, and became the first president of the Newcastle National Bank. One of his descendants, Dr. Charles B. Cheney of New Haven, Conn., has recently corresponded with the us concerning the Austin genealogy, for which we have twelve pages of notes.

Alden Austin, another son of John, took to the sea, but lived only to age 28. He was an officer of the brig "Neptune" and died in port Aux Cayes in 1828, very likely having succumbed to yellow fever. However, Alden had a son, Addison Austin, born in Nobleboro, who became a sea captain at the age of 24 and made many long foreign voyages. Addison had a daughter, Minnie, who married Johnathan H. Chase, who was born at sea on the brig "Onward." Their grandson, also named Jonathan H. Chase, now lives in Damariscotta on the Bristol Road but is a "land-lubber." His talents include being an expert pianist and organ player whose services are much appreciated at the regular meetings of the Nobleboro Grange.

Capt. Addison's family also accompanied him on various voyages, and how the women folk must have yearned at times for the quiet peace of home, on shore! One of his daughters, Clara, died in Calcutta at the age of two years.

Another son of John Austin was Nathaniel, but he was a ship carpenter, stayed on dry land, and had a family of

13 children. One of his daughters married Capt. Frank Smithwick, who was a mate with Capt. Artell Austin and arranged to bring Austin's body back from England to be buried beside his beloved daughter, Georgia.

John Austin also had a daughter, Hannah, who married Deacon Zenas Hall of Nobleboro. Their son, Austin Hall, became a prominent citizen of Newcastle and the deacon in the Damariscotta Baptist Church. In 1889 he donated the bell that rings forth on Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Nobleboro, where he attended as a boy. The bell is inscribed with his name and the appropriate biblical verse: "Let all the people praise thee, oh God. Let all the people praise thee."

Mary Austin, an older daughter of John, married Josiah Winslow, a drummer in the War of 1812. A great-grandson of theirs is Hudson Vannah, one of the few remaining farmers in Nobleboro who operates an excellent livestock farm on Butter & Egg (Vannah) Road.

Willard 'Bill' Pinkham, former mail carrier of Nobleboro, who resides at the former Hussey Tavern, also is a John Austin descendant. Bill's grandfather was George Nelson Bartow, a Nobleboro blacksmith, who lived near the Tavern. He was a grandson of John Austin, following in the footsteps of his blacksmithing ancestors. Nelson Hancock also has George N. Barstow as an ancestor, and thus carries good rich Austin blood in his veins! Mr. Hancock is respected as an 'elder statesman' of Nobleboro, having served for many years as first selectman, lumberman, and supervisor of alewives.

We could cite numerous other Austin descendants (most all Nobleboro natives are related!), but we will close with Luella Genthner. She married William F. Morang, Nobleboro millionaire. She was a great granddaughter of John Austin. They lived in the home now owned by Albert and Gentelisca Bouffard. Mr. Morang constructed the ornate white picket fences across the road; beautified with hydrangeas and other flowering shrubs. This home was where our millionaire 'hung his hat' whenever he was not away in his Florida involved in major real estate developments in Fort Lauderdale and nearby areas.

Nobleboro folks can take justifiable pride in the accomplishments of her early settlers and their descendants! They built the ships, they sailed the seven seas, they were good farmers and blacksmiths, bankers, real estate promoters, lumbermen, mailcarriers, catchers of alewives, and devoted family people.

The preceding article originally appeared in *THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS* in Damariscotta, Maine. It is reprinted here with the permission of its author, Dr. George F. Dow of Nobleboro, Maine.

JOHN & JERUSHA AUSTIN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

by Francis Gould Butler

John Austin was a native of England, and came from Brunswick to the township of Farmington, Maine. He was a soldier under General Wolfe, and shared the fortunes of that victorious general in the battle fought on the plains of Abraham, near Quebec, September 13, 1759. He was also in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Austin was the first sexton in town, and served in that capacity many years. His settlement was on river-lot No. 46, west side, opposite the Center Village. Mrs. Austin, familiarly known among the early settlers as "Granny Asten," was a native of Cape Ann, and one of those rare women full of energy and capable of great endurance. As a doctress she rendered efficient service to the inhabitants for many years, and was largely employed in midwifery, a branch of medical practice in which she excelled. Few children were born in the township for the first fifteen years after its settlement, at whose birth she did not preside. Her field of visitation was mostly confined to the settlements on the river, occasionally, however, extending to what are now the towns of Stark and New Sharon, and also to Strong and Avon. When visiting her patients at a distance, she frequently went and came by boat; while at other times she would travel miles on foot, braving the merciless storms of midnight, and allowing no obstacles to prevent the accomplishment of her purpose. The town records state that "Jerusha Asten died in Jesse Gould's house, October 6, A.D. 1804."

The above article is drawn from Mr. Butler's book, *THE HISTORY OF FARMINGTON*, published by Knowlton, McCleary & Company, Farmington, 1885. The Gould house in which Jerusha Austin died is now occupied by Nelson and Betty Austin, who brought this article to our attention.

AUSTIN GOT THE GALLOWS

In February 1974 John Austin purchased the old steel Hangman's Gallows from the recently demolished Citrus County Jail, Florida, along with four large volumes of sheriff's records. You can imagine his surprise when his wife discovered his name in one of the volumes, dated April 1888! This led John to an interest in his family name, and after about a year of research, he traced his line through Edith Austin Moore's *JONAH AUSTIN* manuscript, and he contributed several colorful pages to that manuscript. Persons interested in the gallows or in John's unusual writeup of his branch of the Austins may send a SASE along with their questions to John Northam Austin, 6356 Sundown Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

QUERIES

6-1. **Amos Austin** born 22 February 1758 Whitehall, New York, married Sally Skinner on 29 June 1793 in Westchester County, N.Y. (she was born 15 January 1751). Their daughter Maria was born 5 January 1795, married Jacob Nelson who died 3 March 1834. Maria died 6 January 1864. Need ancestry of Amos.

6-2. **Thomas Austin** born 1655 married Hannah Foster 15 September 1690, died Andover, Massachusetts on 23 March 1711-2. Seek ancestry of Thomas.

6-3. **Nathan Austin** married Hannah Farnum 25 January 1725 in Methuen, Mass. Hannah was born 19 January 1722 and died 5 May 1804 Andover, Mass. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Preston) Farnum. Seek both sets of Hannah (Farnum) Austin's grandparents.

6-4. **Deborah Austin** born St. Albans, Vermont circa 1780, resided Westford, Vermont, married Sylvester Crandell of Milton, Vermont, in 1806 (he was born in 1775 in Newfane, Vermont, the son of Mary Reeves, and he died in 1876 in Dunham, Quebec). Need Deborah's ancestry and Mary Reeves parents.

6-5. **Elijah Austin** born circa 1774 in North Carolina, died after 1840 in Burke County, N.C. census. Married first Mary Teague and second Temperance Payne. Absalom Chrisfield Austin was a son from the second marriage. Need dates and ancestry of Elijah and Temperance.

6-6. **Henry M.? Austin** born 1809 possibly Jefferson County, N.Y., married 2 January 1835 in Saratoga County, N.Y. to Lucy G. Hall. Their children: Helen S., Leonard Demick, Edwin Zenas, Rachel C., Martha C., Monroe. Need parents of Henry Austin, his mother was Susan M. (—).

6-7. Do the names Monroe, Munroe, and Demick enter into any of your Austin family records? Desire correspondence with Cattaraugus County, N.Y. Austin descendants and anyone with Austin ancestors in Fowler, Michigan, between 1855 and 1860.

6-8. **Moses G. Austin** born Delaware County, N.Y. around 18 June 1811. First wife was Sofhronce Bradly, second wife Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of John Gordon. Need ancestry of Moses, also his firm birthdate, marriage dates, date and place of his death.

6-9. **Elias Austin** born Rhode Island 28 February 1780, died 16 December 1867 in Milford, Michigan. He married in 1798 to Temperance Handy. She was born 1 September 1779 died Milford, Michigan, 3 September 1841. Need birthplaces of Elias and Temperance, their marriage place, and ancestry of Temperance.

6-10. **Joseph Austin** married Jenny Alford 3 June 1800 in Amherst County, Virginia. Need birth data and ancestry of Joseph.

6-11. **Jonathan Austin** born 29 June 1747 died 1800, son of Pasco and Margaret (Sunderland) Austin. Need data on Jonathan, his wife and parents.

6-12. **Merwin Austin** born 1 August 1814 son of Daniel, married 27 October 1851 Almira Haywood. Need parents of Daniel and of Almira.

6-13. **John Austin** born 29 February 1648, died New Haven, Connecticut, September 1690. Married there 5 November 1667 Mercy Atwater. Need ancestry of John.

6-14. **Lottie I. Austin** born Norton, Mass. 25 May 1888, daughter of Edward H. and Cora B. (Leonard) Austin. Need all data on parents of Lottie.

LITERATURE

ROCHESTER, VERMONT - Its History 1780-1975, by the Rochester Town History Committee. Published by Queen City Printers, Burlington, Vt. 1975, 219 pages.

In 1793 John Austin of Methuen, Mass. bought a farm in Rochester, Vt. This early settler and his wife Martha had eight children. He died in 1838 aged 83 years, while Martha died in 1829 aged 71. Other Austins - possibly related - came to the town shortly thereafter from New Hampshire. Phineas Austin's was one of many Rochester families who made an exodus to Potsdam, N.Y. in 1816. This excellent, well-indexed town history includes a reprint of an earlier work, *History of Rochester, Vt.* originally published by Wendell W. Williams in 1869. The book has 33 references to 20 different Austins. It is available from the Town Clerk of Rochester for \$13.

THE AUSTINS OF SYRACUSE, by Maynard H. Mires, M.D. Published by The Village Press, Concord, N.H. 1979, 24 pages.

This well researched and written booklet traces Ezekiel Austin, born 18 November 1774 in Vermont, who migrated with his brothers to Onondaga Valley, N.Y. about 1810 and to Syracuse, N.Y. in 1819. Ezekiel and his wife Ann had ten children who are mentioned. One of these children was David Austin, born in 1811, and the remainder of the booklet traces some of his descendants. The booklet may be purchased from the author for \$2.50. His address is R#1 Hopkinton Village, Concord, NH 03301.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AUSTIN OF WORTHINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

by Charles Maxwell Austin

J. JOHN¹ AUSTIN was born in England in 1740, and died 25 May 1820 at Worthington, Massachusetts, in his 81st year. He came to this country as a young man, and assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of private in Capt. Ebenezer Webster's Company of Worthington. John marched on 20 April 1775 to Cambridge, Massachusetts in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775. He served one month and five days.

John Austin married Rachel (Smith) Lawrence, born 4 March 1744 at Easton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (—) Smith. Rachel had married first at Brockton, Mass. to Jonathan Lawrence on 22 May 1765. She died on 30 August 1827 at Worthington, Mass. John and Rachel had two children:

J1. TIMOTHY, *b. 17 April 1780 +*

J2. JOHN, *b. 17 October 1783 +*

References: *Massachusetts Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War, Vol. I*; Becket, Mass. Vital Records; National No. 31185; Mr. Franklin Austin, Franklin, Nebraska (1929); Mrs. Charles Channing Allen of 419 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

SECOND GENERATION

J1. TIMOTHY² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born on 17 April 1780. He married Rebecca Harris at Becket, Mass. on 22 October 1801. Rebecca was born on 2 December 1785, the daughter of James and Martha (Parke) Harris. They removed to Ripley Twp., Huron County, Ohio, where Rebecca died on 30 August 1855 and Timothy died on 15 December 1859. They had fifteen children:

J11. TIMOTHY JAMES, *b. 1802, d. 6 November 1806 age 4 at Worthington*

J12. HORACE S., *b. —*

J13. DEXTER, *b. —*

J14. ALFRED B., *b. in 1809, d. 12 May 1816 at Worthington*

J15. LYDIA MINERVA, *b. —, m. 10 January 1827 at Worthington to Samuel Cowing of Chesterfield, Massachusetts.*

J16. HOMER JOHN, *b. 1813, d. 1889 in Kansas, m. 22 June 1843 at Fairfield, Ohio to Adaline Cherry, b. 1822, d. 1909 in Kansas.*

J17. ADDISON A., *b. —, went to Wisconsin.*

J18. EDWARD [EDWIN?] L., *b. —*

J19. SIDNEY P., *b. 1818, d. on 25 October 1820 at Worthington in his 3rd year.*

J1A. MARTHA PARKE, *b. 5 November 1821, d. 30 August 1908, m. 4 May 1843 to William Hoy, m. 2nd 19 October 1852 Norman Stanley, b. 1819 d. 1889.*

J1B. MARY E. (or C.), *b. —, m. 26 October 1842 Phile R. Hoy at Ripley Twp., Ohio.*

J1C. SARAH A., *b. —*

J1D. ELIZA B., *age 22 in 1850 Ohio Census, m. — Eaton.*

J1E. FRANCES A., *age 16 in 1850 Ohio Census*

J1F. BENJAMIN DWIGHT, *Minor at the time his father made his Will on 17 June 1848.*

J2. JOHN² AUSTIN (*John*¹) was born 17 October 1783 at Worthington, Massachusetts. Baptized on admission to church on 5 May 1822. He died 25 August 1827 at Becket, Massachusetts, and is buried in the Church Yard in Becket Center. John married on 4 September 1806 at Worthington to Lodemia Herrick Daniels. She was the daughter of Dan and Zeruah (Herrick) Daniels, born 6 February 1785 at Worthington, admitted to the church 3 November 1816, and died 1 April 1869 at Oberlin, Ohio. She is buried in the Rugby Cemetery, Vermillion Township, Ohio. John and Lodemia had ten children, the first five were born at Chester, Massachusetts, the others at Becket:

J21. EMELINE, *b. 29 April 1807, m. 15 January 1828 to Jesse Johnson at Becket.*

J22. MARIAH, *b. 4 February 1809, m. 12 December 1827 Dr. Chester Freeland at Becket.*

J23. CHARLES EDWARD, *b. 5 October 1810, m. 24 May 1842 Amanda Harris at Becket.*

J24. MARY ANN, *b. 2 July 1813, m. — May 1840 to Edward Morse.*

J25. WILLIAM ELBRIDGE, *b. 23 June 1815, m. 2 December 1845 Emeline Clark at Becket, m. 2nd 6 November 1867 Fannie Elvira Lester at Gilman, Iowa.*

J26. CAROLINE, *b. 21 August 1817, m. 31 December 1846 Frederick Clarke at Becket.*

J27. FRANKLIN DEXTER, *b. 3 October 1819, m. on 13 January 1853 to Caroline Florella Sprague at Worcester, Mass., m. 2nd 1 May 1865 Julia Maria Goddard at Worcester.*

J28. HENRY ALLEN, *b. 23 November 1821, m. on 28 September 1851 to Mary Wright Johnson at Becket, m. 2nd on 30 November 1871 to Caroline Maxim at Pleasanton, Michigan.*

J29. ELIZA JANE, *b. 5 April 1824, d. 12 August 1827 at Becket, buried Becket Center.*

J2A. SAMUEL JOHN, *b. 22 November 1826, m. 31 March 1858 Jennie S. Clarke at Lancaster, Mass., m. 2nd 8 December 1863 Susan Maria Miller at Royalston, Massachusetts.*