

# THE AUSTIN FAMILIES REGISTER

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## *Austin Families Genealogical Society*

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### NEW SEARCH APPROACH PRESENTED AT WASHINGTON CONVENTION

#### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

The 2010 International Austin Convention was held in the Washington, DC area on 4-6 June, jointly sponsored by the *Austin Families Genealogical Society* and the *Austin Families Association of America*. On Friday Tim Riordan led early arrivals on a downtown Washington tour that included the National World War II Memorial (photograph at right). Saturday & Sunday included talks & workshops for exchanging data with other Austin researchers. Saturday's talks: *Publishing My Alexander Austin of Ireland Line* by William Bennett Austin, Jr., Hingham, Massachusetts, *Making it Easier to Find Things at the AARC* by Dr. Michael Edward Austin of Concord, Massachusetts (see PAGE 330 for more about this proposed new approach to researching your Austin roots), *Five Austin Families Among the Five Civilized Tribes* by Dr. Helen Cook Austin of Decatur, Alabama, *Genealogical Gold Mine: Records of the WPA* by Charles Mason of Springfield, Virginia, and *Library Research Using Your Digital Camera* by Gay Gaston Martin, Jr. of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Saturday evening's annual banquet featured a talk *Some Amusing, Amazing, and Adventurous Austins – Part II* by Guest Speaker Sandra MacLean Clunies, and the annual AFGS *Austin Genealogical Research Award* presentation to Cheryl Austin Riordan of Concord, Massachusetts (see PAGE 338). Sunday's talks: [CONTINUED PAGE 338]

#### AFGS CARD HOLDERS AVAILABLE

New AFGS card holders are now available free to members. These holders handle up to eight credit card sized items, such as a driver's license, ATM card, HMO card, AARP card, Medicare card, etc.

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#### AFGS Photo 321-1

#### AFGS Card

#### AFGS Photo 321-2

**The National World War II Memorial's 4,048 gold stars each honor 100 Americans who died in the war.**

– Courtesy of Rick Latoff / American Battle Monuments Commission.

#### VOLUME 2 INDEXING COMPLETED

A big thanks to Carol Robinson Austin of Garden Grove, California. for her reconciliation of two versions of the index to *Austins of America – Volume 2*, a compilation of Society newsletters published between August 1989 and February 1999. We also want to thank Patricia Biebuyck Austin who indexed the entire volume, along with other volunteers who each indexed 50 pages: Cheryl Austin Riordan, Glenn Matthew Austin, Dr. Margie Ray Crawford Austin, L. Scot Austin, Carol Robinson Austin, Robert Aurand Cody, Lois Whitmeyer Cody & Melissa Elizabeth Austin. Comprehensively-indexed hardcopy books should be available at our next International Austin Convention.

#### AFGS 2010 BALLOT

The annual AFGS ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. The cities nominated for the 2011 International Austin Convention are Dublin, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland. Members are requested to vote for one of these, and also to select a new AFGS Vice President. The AFGS Board wants to thank Dr. Timothy Bowes Austin of Seascale, Cumbria for his service during his three-year term as AFGS Vice President, and also for his acting as the AFGS Agent for the U.K. Members may also vote at our website [www.austins.org](http://www.austins.org) by following the *Research* link to the *Austen-Austen Research Center (AARC)*. A ballot will come up for active members who have not yet voted.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
MOSES AND RACHEL AUSTEN  
OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

by *Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

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After her photography, Alice Austen's second love was gardening. She worked almost daily from spring through autumn to improve the gardens her grandfather had laid out, turning the grounds of 'Clear Comfort' into a horticultural showplace. In 1914 Alice founded the Staten Island Garden Club, and some of its members are still involved in maintaining the beautiful Victorian gardens at the Alice Austen House Museum. Alice won prizes at New York flower shows in the 1940's for her wisteria vines. [8]

Having lived such a privileged life, Alice was not at all prepared for the fate awaiting her in her final years. The once substantial income from the capital left by her grandfather had dwindled to a modest sum by the 1920's. Around 1920 Alice rejected a \$125,000 offer for her home. Then, when the stock market crashed in 1929, Alice, at sixty-three years of age, lost everything. From then on her life became a desperate struggle to survive. [8, 20]

**AFGS Photo 322**

**Alice enjoyed "Alice Austen Day" in Richmondtown, New York on 9 October 1951.** *Courtesy Chatham Press [8]*

She opened a Tea Room on the lawn for a few years but it never yielded enough profit to support the household. In 1944 Alice and Gertrude rented out the Muller's old apartment to a young doctor, Richard and Mary Cannon. The bank sold 'Clear Comfort' to Miss Grace Mandia of Stapleton for a mere \$7500 in 1944. Alice received an eviction notice: she was to be out of the house in 90 days. The owner changed her mind about living on the premises, so the rent control division reassured Alice that she could continue to occupy the building, at least for the duration of the war. [8]

A September 1944 hurricane hit Staten Island and 'Clear Comfort' with fury, and a large tree crashed down onto the stone wing of the house, damaging the kitchen so badly that firemen had to cut the dangerous electrical wiring. For over two months the house had no light, heat or hot water. The radiators froze and burst. Under these dire circumstances, Miss Mandia was reluctant to make extensive repairs, especially with two unwelcome tenants in the house and so she pressed them, instead, to leave. It became harder and harder to meet the expenses of daily living Alice began to sell the silver, art works and furniture

that filled 'Clear Comfort'. In a final desperate act, she sold the remaining contents of her home for \$600 to a dealer from New Jersey. However, before he came Alice called an old friend from the Staten Island Historical Society, Loring McMillen. He came across a stack of dusty cardboard boxes full of her glass plate negatives. With Alice's permission he took as many as he could to the basement of the restored old court house in Richmond town for safekeeping. [8]

For a short time, Alice and Gertrude lived in a small apartment. The city welfare board authorized small payments to Alice Austen, and some of her friends helped out financially. This enabled Alice and Gertrude to pay the rent, etc. Gertrude continued her dancing classes, until she fell on an icy sidewalk, broke her arm, and was hospitalized with severe bronchitis. After that Gertrude was no longer able to take care of Alice. [8]

In 1949 Alice Austen moved into a nursing home, while Gertrude later that year gave up her apartment and went to live with her sister and family. They kept in touch by phone daily and dined together once a week and Gertrude went over to the nursing home at least once a week. After going to several nursing homes, Alice signed her remaining money and possessions over to Gertrude's legal ownership. Then on 24 June 1950 she took an oath declaring herself a pauper and was admitted to the local poor house, the Staten Island Farm Colony. [8]

Unbeknown to Alice, a small publishing company called Picture Press was planning to do a book on the history of American women. One of the two partners, Oliver Jensen, sent out a routine letter of inquiry to various

institutions concerning suitable photographs. C. Copes Brinley of the Staten Island Historical Society responded by inviting him to look at those dusty boxes containing 3,500 of Alice Austen's glass plate negatives. So, on a cold dark night in October 1950, Constance Foulk Robert, a young researcher, met with Brinley and McMillen to go through the old glass negatives. Realizing that she had stumbled on the work of a great woman photographer, she brought Oliver Jensen with her on a return trip. Signing an agreement with the Historical Society, Oliver Jensen then published many of Alice's photographs in the *Revolt of Women*. He also placed an eight-page story (with later sequels) in *Life* magazine, and six pages of Alice's travel photos in *Holiday* magazine, raising more than \$4,000. Miss Austen's third of the proceeds was enough to move her out of the Farm Colony in August 1951 and into a private nursing home in Livingston. [8]

From her comfortable new base, where regulations were relaxed and the proprietor was patience himself, Alice Austen set out to enjoy the pleasures of the present. She derived enormous enjoyment out of watching wrestling matches and the World Series on television, a new toy for her. Alice was interviewed on television by Dorothy Doan on the CBS "Vanity Fair" program on 7 October 1951. She was delighted with all the attention, and at seeing her photographs projected on the screen, and was pleased with earning \$100 for an afternoon's work. [8]

Two days later, on 9 October 1951 Alice was driven to see an exhibition of her pictures in the Richmond town museum and to meet the three hundred guests who had been invited there to celebrate "Alice Austen Day" (see photograph on PAGE 322). Gertrude Tate was there at her side, and so was Trude Eccleston Barton. Seeing her old friends brought tears to Alice's eyes as she impulsively stooped to kiss her old friend's hand. She said "I am happy that what was once so much pleasure for me turns out now to be a pleasure for other people." [8]

Alice lived the next eight months in the nursing home, where she died peacefully in her sleep on 9 June 1952 while sitting in her chair on the porch. A simple funeral service was conducted beside the Austen family plot in the Moravian Cemetery. [8]

### Alice Austin Ferry

A Staten Island Ferry named for Alice Austen appears in the photo above. There are two boats in this 'Austen Class' – the *Alice Austen* and the *John A. Noble*. Both entered service in 1986. One is designated for late night service, while the other is used for trips between Fordham Street in City Island, The Bronx and Hart Island, where Potters Field is

located, a burial place for the city's paupers. Because these ferries are small in size and can only carry up to 1,280 passengers, they are only employed regularly to provide late night service.

### AFGS Photo 323

#### The Staten Island Ferry Named for Alice Austen

M131-51. WILLIAM MUNROE<sup>6</sup> AUSTEN (*Peter Townsend*,<sup>5</sup> *John Haggerty*,<sup>4</sup> *David Embree*,<sup>3</sup> *Moses*,<sup>2</sup> *Moses*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 March 1883. He was married on 30 January 1909 to Ethel B. Bickell at the home of the bride in New York by the Rev. Stuart Crockett. [55] Ethel was born circa 1885 in Pennsylvania. In the 1910 census for New York William was a telephone company inspector. His W.W. I registration card in 1918 states he was then living in Miami, Dade County, Florida. He was an Electrical Contractor, and was described as, tall, medium build, brown hair, brown eyes, left eye good, right eye 'cannot see out of it'. [56] They are still in Miami in the 1920 and 1930 Florida census. William Austen renovated charter boats. They moved to Los Gatos, California before 1948. [35] Ethel died on 9 December 1952. [36] William died in 1958. Both were buried at Moravian Cemetery on Staten Island. [57] They had no children.

M131-52. ELIZABETH PATTY<sup>6</sup> AUSTEN (*Peter Townsend*,<sup>5</sup> *John Haggerty*,<sup>4</sup> *David Embree*,<sup>3</sup> *Moses*,<sup>2</sup> *Moses*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 3 August 1884. In September 1901 seventeen-year-old Patty's diary recorded that she "went sailing every day with Cousin Loll [Alice] Austen and Miss Tate". [8] Elizabeth Patty Austen married on 18 August 1915 at Grace Church in New York to Walter J. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller. Her mother Ellen gave her in marriage. Her cousin, Lewis H. Austen walked her down the aisle. Dr. Frank Miller of Plainfield New Jersey acted as best man for his brother. One of the ushers was another brother, George Everett Miller. [58] According to his W.W. I Registration Card dated 5 June 1817, Walter

J. Miller was born 18 July 1886 in Troy, New York. He was a shipper, and worked for Hall, Hartwell & Company in Troy. Walter was described as tall and slender with blue eyes and black hair. [59] In 1950 Patty (Austen) Miller traveled from upstate New York to visit Alice Austen at the Staten Island Farm Colony, the local poor house. Patty provided much information used in Reference [8] Walter and Elizabeth had four children, three born in Williams-town, New York, the fourth in Pulaski, New York. [36]

M131-521. DAVID AUSTEN MILLER, *b. 9 October 1916, m. Ruth Wilcox 28 June 1941 had children Martha Elizabeth Miller born 15 September 1944, James Andrew Miller born 15 July 1947, and Mary Ellen Miller born 30 December 1952. In 1976 David and Ruth lived in Skaneateles, New York.*

M131-522. WALTER MILLER JR., *b. 9 March 1918 m. Jean Zimmer 10 April 1942 has children Stephen Craig Miller born 7 November 1944, Wayne Austen Miller born 6 May 1947, Sheryl Anne Miller born 5 March 1949, and Earl Clifford Miller born 30 September 1952. In 1976 Walter and Jean lived in Mexico, New York.*

M131-523. WILLIAM MUNROE MILLER, *b. 29 June 1921 m. Marie Newett 30 June 1952 Pulaski, New York.*

M131-524. ELIZABETH AUSTEN MILLER, *b. 17 Aug. 1929.*

M131-53. OSWALD TOWNSEND<sup>6</sup> AUSTEN (*Peter Townsend*,<sup>5</sup> *John Haggerty*,<sup>4</sup> *David Embree*,<sup>3</sup> *Moses*,<sup>2</sup> *Moses*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 6 December 1885. He married first Alma Van Kleck in 1910 [36] The 1910 census for Ward 14 in Seattle, King County, Washington has Oswald and his wife born in New York. He was an electrician for the railroad. On his WWI registration card dated 12 April 1918, Oswald lived at 564 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York and was a salesman working for J. V. Bendue. He was described as tall, with a medium build, blue eyes and brown hair. His wife was Alma. [60] In the 1920 Brooklyn census Oswald and his mother Ellen Munroe Austen were living on Pacific Street. He was 34, and a salesman of cotton goods, but no wife was listed. Oswald married second to Elsie Mae Blackburn on 5 February 1936. [36] He had two children by his first wife Alma and one by his second wife Elsie.

M131-531. ELIZABETH HAWSHURST AUSTEN, *born on 1 January 1911.*

M131-532. JOHN REYNOLDS AUSTEN, *b. 12 Sept. 1915.*

M131-533. PETER TOWNSEND AUSTEN, *b. 29 Aug. 1937 in Miami, Florida.*

M132-11. EDITH B. <sup>6</sup> AUSTEN (*David Elwell*,<sup>5</sup> *David*,<sup>4</sup> *David Embree*,<sup>3</sup> *Moses*,<sup>2</sup> *Moses*<sup>1</sup>) was born in September 1868. She was married at age 21 in 1889 to George Gilfillan Cochran, born in November 1864 in New York [1900 census]. He was a major in the National Guard 13th Regiment in New York. He graduated Columbia University in 1884 in the field of medicine, and became a food inspector with the New York Department of Health. [61] In the Brooklyn, Kings County, New York 1910 census George age 46, was a physician and general

practitioner, Edith B. was 41, they had been married 21 years, had sons George Jr. age 16 and David A. age 14. They had one servant for housework, another for butler and office work. In the 1920 New York census they lived on 80th Street. Both Georges were general practitioner doctors. In the 1930 census for Washington Avenue in Brooklyn, Edith Cochran was a widow age 63 (sic), living with her son George G. Cochran, Jr. a medical doctor age 36. He owned a \$25,000 home and a radio. He had married at age 28, but no wife is mentioned in the census. Edith and George Cochran had two sons born in Brooklyn:

M132-111. GEORGE GILFILLAN COCHRAN, JR., *b. 14 July 1893, was a single Columbia medical student on his 5 June 1917 W.W. I draft registration. He was 48 and married on his 25 April 1942 W.W. II draft registration, a physician living at 368 Washington Avenue, working at 429 Clinton Avenue, 5' 11", 180 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion and with a left knee scar. [62] He d. February 1976 in Carmel, Putnam Co. N.Y. [63]*

M132-112. DAVID AUSTEN COCHRAN, *b. 5 March 1895 per his W.W. I draft registration card. [64]*

M132-12. ADELIN ELWELL<sup>6</sup> AUSTEN (*David Elwell*,<sup>5</sup> *David*,<sup>4</sup> *David Embree*,<sup>3</sup> *Moses*,<sup>2</sup> *Moses*<sup>1</sup>) was born in June 1870 in New York. Adeline married on 12 June 1895 at Grace Church in New York to Willis Lee Sawyer of Montclair, New Jersey. Willis was born in January 1866 in Dayton, Ohio the son of Reverend Dr. Rollin Alger and Martha E. (—) Sawyer, formerly of Irvington-on-the-Hudson. Their marriage notice reads in part: [65]

“The ceremony was performed by Bishop Potter, assisted by the Rev. Rollin Alger Sawyer, Jr., a brother of the bridegroom.

“The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father. She wore a gown of duchesse satin, with deep point lace collar. Her veil was fastened by a diamond sunburst, a gift of the bridegroom. Miss Edith Tiffany, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Isabelle Perry Tiffany, Miss Ella Sawyer, Miss Zella Milhau, Miss Elizabeth Sage, Miss Lysbet Austen, and Miss Esther Bostwick...

“A wedding breakfast at the Hotel Waldorf for the bridal party followed the church ceremony.

“The bride was a protégé and constant companion of Mrs. Vincenzo Botta during the last years of Mrs. Botta's life, and she has considerable literary and artistic talent.”

In the 1910 census of Manhattan Ward 12 in New York City, Adeline age 40, Willis 44, and Ruth 11 were living with Adeline's father, David E. Austen, a receiver of taxes age 67, while Willis was an Insurance Broker. In the 1930 census of Mountain Lakes Borough, Morris County, New Jersey, Willis Lee Sawyer age 64 was a real estate agent. Adeline age 66 was an artist and an interior decorator. She and Willis had one daughter:

M132-121. RUTH A. SAWYER, *age 11 in 1910 N.Y. census.*

## ADDITIONS &amp; CORRECTIONS [from Ref. 46]

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- M1. HANNAH (JAGGAR) AUSTEN, b. 26 February 1761.  
 M12. SARAH AUSTEN, b. 15 April 1783.  
 M14. MARY AUSTEN, b. 4 April 1786, d. at Elizabeth, New Jersey.  
 M16. AARON AUSTEN, b. 27 May 1801.

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- M13. DAVID EMBREE AUSTEN b. 20 Sept 1784 in Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, baptized 2 December 1813 Grace Church, Tenth & Broadway, New York. He m. 16 May 1810 to Mary Haggerty, b. 1 March 1785.

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- M13. DAVID EMBREE AUSTEN and his wife Mary are both interred in the family vault in Trinity Cemetery, between Broadway & Riverside Drive.  
 M131. JOHN HAGGERTY AUSTEN b. 26 March 1811, bp. 1 Nov. 1812 Grace Church, confirmed there in 1826. He m. 18 May 1836 in New York City to Elizabeth Alice Townsend, b. 5 March 1813, bp. 30 January 1828 in Grace Church.  
 M131a. WILLIAM MOSES AUSTEN b. 7 August 1812 New York City, bp. 2 December 1812, d. 13 June 1816 ae 3y 3m 10d, interred in the family vault at Trinity Cemetery. (child was missing on PAGE 231)  
 M133. SARAH ANN AUSTEN b. 3 January 1816, m. 2 December 1835 William Hawkshurst Townsend, b. 3 April 1801 in Chester, Orange County New York. Their daughter Mary Austin Townsend b. 1837.  
 M134. MARY AUSTEN bp. 6 September 1818 and confirmed in 1837, both at Grace Church. Married on 26 May 1836.  
 M134a. AARON AUSTEN b. 8 Feb. 1822, bp. 12 May 1822, d. 16 Sept. 1823 ae 1y 7m 8d, interned family vault. (He is missing on PAGE 231.)  
 M135. GEORGE WASHINGTON AUSTEN b. 30 Nov. 1823, bp. 31 March 1824, confirmed in 1846 both at Grace Church. He m. 14 August 1850 in Hartford, Connecticut to Catharine Lyons, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Lyons of Bride Park, Ardas, Ireland.  
 M136. JAMES AUSTEN b. 4 July 1826 in New York City.  
 M136a. CHARLES AUSTEN b. 15 Sept. 1827 bp. 12 Dec. 1827 Grace Church, d. 29 April 1828 ae 7m 14d. (He is missing on PAGE 231).  
 M137. HANNAH CLARINA AUSTEN b. 4 February 1829, bp. 5 June 1829, confirmed in 1846 both at Grace Church. She m. 22 Nov. 1848 George Henry Fox, b. 10 Oct. 1824, the son of George & Rebecca Fox. Three children: George Henry Fox Jr. b. 22 November 1848, Austin George Fox b. 7 September 1849 and Rebecca Fox b. 15 March 1852. Hannah Clarina Fox d. 28 Sept. 1860, George Henry Fox d. 27 March 1865, both buried in Friends Burying ground in Westchester County, N.Y.

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- M131-3. JOHN DAVID AUSTEN b. 15 Nov. 1843, bp. in Calvary Church.  
 M131-4. JOHN HERBERT AUSTEN b. 20 May 1844 at Grace Church.

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- M132. DAVID AUSTEN, JR. was confirmed in Grace Church in 1832, he m1. 6 April 1840 Mary Adaline Elwell, dau. of Robert & Mary Elwell. David m2. 5 November 1844 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Cordelia Hull Pickett, adopted daughter of John P. Garriss. She d. 18 August 1857 age 33, and was interred in the Austen Family Vault in Trinity Cemetery.  
 M132-2. JOHN GARRISS AUSTEN b. 8 May 1846, bp. 8 November 1846 at Grace Church, d. 8 March 1884 in Paris.

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- M131-1. ALICE CORNELL AUSTEN b. 17 April 1837, bp. 14 March 1838.  
 M131-2. MARY HAGGERTY AUSTEN b. 25 Sept. 1840, bp. 23 May 1841, m1. 10 Oct. 1862 Samuel Hicks, m2. Capt. Otto Oswald Mueller of Copenhagen, Denmark. He d. 12 Nov. 1912. 'Minn' d. in April 1918.

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- M132-1. DAVID ELWELL AUSTEN bp. 8 March 1841 at W. 31 Union Pl., New York on, confirmed at St. John's Church, Clifton, Staten Island.

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- M132-3. GEORGE AUSTEN bp. 21 October 1849 at Grace Church.

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47. 1850 New York City Census on 31 August lists Rachael age 19 b. NJ living with Levi & Rachael Coldon (sic). Note: Ref [46] has Rachel b. 26 June 1832 in N.Y., dau. of Levi and Rachel Colton.
48. *Chicago Daily Tribune* 13 July 1904 published Marriage License Lewis H. Austen of New York age 21 and Helen D. Atkins age 19.
49. *The New York Times* 21 July 1904: Married 20 July Helen Deane Atkins of Chicago to Lewis Henry Austen of New York City.
50. Advertisement for Lewis H. Austen & Company in the 'New Goods and Inventions' section of *Hardware Dealers Magazine Vol. XXIII No. 1* p.107. published by Daniel T. Mallett, 253 Broadway, New York, January 1905.
51. *The New York Times* on 26 August 1926 Death Notice for Helen.
52. *The New York Times* on 23 November 1926 Death Notice for Lewis.
53. *The New York Times* 4 February 1909 Married 30 January at the home of the bride, Ethel B. Bickell and to William Munroe Austen.
54. William Munroe Austen's *W.W. I Selective Service System Draft Registration Card & Registrar's Report*, 12 Sept. 1918 in Florida.
55. Historian Richard L. Simpson on 28 January 2010 provided AFGS Austen burial dates for the Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island.
56. *The New York Times* 19 August 1915 "Married in Grace Church" article: Miss Elizabeth Patty Austen was married to Walter Miller on 18 August, both were of Brooklyn, New York.
57. Walter J. Miller's *W.W. I Selective Service System Draft Registration Card & Registrar's Report*, 5 June 1917, Troy, New York.
58. Oswald Townsend Austen's *W.W. I Selective Service System Draft Registration Card & Registrar's Report*, 15 Sept. 1917 in Brooklyn.
59. *Officers and Graduates of Columbia University (Originally the College of the Province of New York known as King's College) General Catalogue 1754-1900*, p.265, published for the University, New York, 1900.
60. George Gilfillan Cochran Jr.'s *W.W. I Draft Registration Card and Registrar's Report*, 5 June 1917, Brooklyn, and his *W.W. II Draft Registration Card and Registrar's Report*, 25 April 1942, Brooklyn, New York.
61. George Gilfillan Cochran Jr., *Social Security Death Index, Master File* has George died in February 1976 at Carmel, Putnam Co., NY.
62. David Austen Cochran *W.W. I Selective Service System Draft Registration Card and Registrar's Report*, Kings County, New York.
63. *The New York Times* 13 June 1895: On 12 June at Grace Church in New York, Adelina Elwell Austen married Willis Lee Sawyer of Montclair, New Jersey. son of Rev. Dr. Rollin A. Sawyer.

**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AUSTEN  
OF HERONDEN, TENTERDEN, KENT**

*by Glenn Matthew Austin*

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**Correction to PAGE 304:** William and Elizabeth Austen were married 20 January 1577/78 (not on 16 November 1578). They had twelve children, whose baptisms all appear in the Saint Mildred’s Parish Church registers: [4, 15]

- W1. MARGARET AUSTEN, *baptised 16 November 1578. A Margaret Austen m. 1 June 1602 to Peter Holneste, and a Margaret Austin m. 2 February 1603 to Joshua Harman. Both marriages were in Tenterden. [9] She apparently died before her brother John wrote his will in 1654.*
- W2. MARIE AUSTEN, *bp. 20 December 1579, m. 9 July 1604 in Tenterden to Anthony Whetenhall, Esquire of East Peckham. [9,10,13,14] He had been elected mayor in 1600, and attended the Special Guestling held at New Romney 21 July 1601. [7] One known child: Deborah Whetenhall b. 24 March 1610/11. Marie died before her brother John wrote his will in 1654.*
- W3. ELIZABETH AUSTEN, *bp. 17 March 1580/81. +*
- W4. EDWARD AUSTEN, *bp. 3 June 1582. +*
- W5. REBECCA AUSTEN, *bp. on 22 December 1583. Her marriage license was dated 21 September 1612 at Ashford, Kent to Arthur Smarset, gentleman of Tenterden. John Asherst, gentleman of Tenterden, provided bond. [10] Rebecca died before her brother John wrote his will in 1654. She left two daughters.*
- W6. SARA AUSTEN, *bp. 11 July 1585. She died before her father wrote his will in 1596.*
- W7. JOHN AUSTEN, *bp. 21 August 1586. +*
- W8. ROBERT AUSTEN, *bp. 15 October 1587. +*
- W9. ABIGAIL AUSTEN, *bp. 16 February 1588/89, m. 17 February 1614/15 in Tenterden to Edward Jervais. [9] Their son William Jervis/Jarvis b. 3 December 1615. [15]*
- WA. SAMUEL AUSTEN, *bp. 21 February 1590/91 (20 Feb. in [4]). He d. before his father wrote his will in 1596.*
- WB. MARTHA AUSTEN, *bp. 24 August 1594, apparently d. before her brother John wrote his will in 1654.*
- WC. SUSANNA AUSTEN, *bp. 19 October 1595, apparently d. before her brother John wrote his will in 1654.*

SECOND GENERATION

W3. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> AUSTEN (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 17 March 1580/81 at St. Mildred’s Parish Church, Tenterden, Kent. [15] She married Samuel Short of Tenterden. [11] At the Special Brotherhood or Guestling of the Cinque Ports held at New Romney, Kent on 24 July 1627, Sir John Finch and Samuel Short were retained as counsel general at fees of 3£ 6s 8d and 40s per annum respectively. Samuel was a solicitor. He continued to serve as counsel general for the Cinque Ports, and appears in the Guestling records frequently from 1627 to 1657. [7] Elizabeth and Samuel’s children were baptised at Saint Mildred’s: [15]

- W31. SAMUEL SHORT, *bp. 30 November 1612.*
- W32. EDWARD SHORT, *bp. 18 September 1614.*
- W33. ANNE SHORT, *bp. 23 March 1616/17.*
- W34. MARY SHORT, *bp. 29 August 1619.*
- W35. ELIZABETH SHORT, *bp. 21 September 1623.*
- W36. EDWARD SHORT, *bp. 14 November 1624.*
- W37. SAMUEL SHORT, *bp. 13 May 1626.*
- W38. KATHERINE SHORT, *bp. 20 May 1627.*
- W39. THOMAS SHORT, *bp. 8 March 1628/29.*
- W3A. JOHN SHORT, *bp. 11 April 1630.*

W4. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> AUSTEN (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 3 June 1582 at Saint Mildred’s Parish in Tenterden, Kent. [15] On 12 April 1603 Edward Austen was granted a coat of arms [12] which is shown on PAGE 303. Edward was of Heronden when he married Rebecca Easton, daughter of Sir Edward Easton, a knight of Mersham. Edward died in 1610. [11,14] A ledger stone (that is adjacent to William Austen’s stone) that once had two brass shields (now lost) has an inscription on an inlay of white marble that is almost illegible, but “seems to be[long] to Edward, eldest son of William Austen, who died in 1610.” [4]

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Edward and Rebecca had one son:

- W41. EDWARD AUSTEN *bp. 19 March 1609; m. 28 September 1637 in Tenterden to Jane Selhurst, [2] b. 24 September 1615, only dau. of Shemias ‘Shemey’ Selhurst, Esq. of Tenterden. [15,16] Edward died 9 May 1639 [16] and left no heirs. Jane m2. after 1655 Sir John Maynard of west London. She d. 1668, buried at Ealing. [17]*

W7. JOHN<sup>2</sup> AUSTEN (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 21 August 1586 at St. Mildred’s Parish Church in Tenterden, Kent. [4] He was a jurat when fined 5£ for non appearance at a Special Brotherhood or Guestling of the Cinque Ports on 26 July 1631 at New Romney, Kent. Elected mayor of Tenterden in 1631 and 1634 (apparently elections were in August or September), he was still listed as mayor on 24 July 1632, when “The fine set upon Mr. Austen, mayor of Tenterden, for his default of 5£ for non appearance upon reasonable excuse is respited.” John Austine (sic) of Tenterden was listed as a jurat on 23 July 1633, mayor again on 25 July 1635, and a jurat again in 1641. [7] John Austen never married. He purchased the family estate and mansion dated 1585 called *Hernden* (formerly it was named *Heronden* after the family that had once owned it). His 1654 Will (see PAGES 328-329) left the land and the mansion to his nephew Robert Austen. [5,18]

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**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT IN 1654 OF  
JOHN AUSTEN OF BEXLEY, KENT**

*In the name of God Amen* Thirtieth of January One thousand sixe hundred fiftie foure I **John Austen** of Bexley in the Countie of Kent Esquire Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in matter and forme following First I Commend my Soule to the mercies of my God, Trusting in the merrits and bloud of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour through faith to see the goodnes of my God in the Kingdome of heaven, whensoever it shall please my God to take me out of this uncertaine life to praise and glorifie him forevermore in heaven Amen And my body to be committed to the earth, being fully assured that at the day of Resurrection I shall receive it againe free from all corruption united unto my Soule; And in both I shall glorifie my god forever in heaven **Item** I give and bequeath to the poore people of the Towne and parish of Tenterden In the foresaid Countie, The summe of Fourtie pounds of lawfull money of England The nineteene pounds Tenn shillings Sixe pence halfe penny To be part of the Said Fourtie pounds, which is oweinge to me by the Maior, Jurats, and the rest of the Inhabitants of Tenterden aforesaid and being part of a farre greater sume which I laid out at their request, and upon their promise to repay it to me againe. Which money was laid out to buy Corne for the poore of the said Towne and parish of Tenterden, Corne being that yeare, at seaven shillings and eight shillings the bushell. But it was agreed that the poore should have it delivered out to them at six shillings the bushell, and other Corne after that Rate; Now my will and minde is that my Executor hereafter named shall pay the said Fourtie pounds within sixe monthes After he shall have received the said Nineteene pounds Tenn shillings sixe pence halfe penny, and not before; And then to be disposed of to the benefitt of the said poore, as my Executor, the Maior of Tenterden aforesaid for the tyme being, my brother in lawe **Samuell Short**, my two Cosens **Edward Finch** and **John Finch** Esquires, or any three of them where of my said Executor alwaies to be and, shall thinke fitt, and not otherwise **Item** I give to the poore people of the parish of Bexley aforesaid Twentie markes of lawfull money of England; To be distributed on the day of my buriall by my Executor or by his appointment and direction **Item** I give in Bexley aforesaid **Item** I give to my very loveinge Sister **Mrs Elizabeth Shorte**, Tenn pounds to buy what she please with it, as a Token of my love to her; And Twentie shillings I give to my Brother in lawe **Samuell Shorte** Esquire to buy a Ringe or what he please with it. **Item** I give to my very loveinge Neece **Mrs Elizabeth Dakers** [Dacres] Twentie pounds to buy what she please with it as a Token of my love to her; **Item** I give to my Nephew **Thomas Dakers** [Dacres] Esquire Five pounds to buy what he please with it as a Token of my love to him **Item** I give to my loveinge Neece **Mrs Jane Austen** widdowe a gold Ringe of the full value of the Ringe that she gave to me at the death of her father **Item** I give to my Nephew **Lynne** Twentie pounds, And to his eldest sonne **Francis Lynne** Fiftie pounds And to his onely daughter **Elizabeth Lynne** of Fiftie pounds And to all the rest of his Children that he had by my Neece his wife Deceased Tenn pounds apeece; All to be paid to their father my said Nephew **Lynne** within sixe monthes next after my decease; And the benefitt that is made thereof to be towards their Education; And if any of them Dye before they come to the age of one and twentie years or days of marriage Then I will the portion of them soe dyeing shall be equally divided amongst those that are liveinge, to be paid as aforesaid; And my Executor to be discharged of all the said Legacies upon their said Fathers acquittance And he to be accountable to his Children as above said; **Item** I give to the two daughters that I heard that my sister **Rebecca Austen** had at the tyme of her death Fiftie pounds apeece whether they be married or unmarried at the tyme of my decease And if they, or eyther of them

be dead and have left any child or children Then I give the said Legacies to that child or children that are liveinge to be equally divided If more then one. **Item** I give and bequeath to my loveinge Sister my brother **Robert Austens** wife Fiftie pounds as a Token of my love to her, to buy what she please with; **Item** I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Neece **Anne Austen**, my said brothers eldest daughter Two thousand pounds of good and lawfull money of England To be received out of the Rents and profitts of my lands and woods to be paid to her, at the age of one and Twentie yeares or day of her marriage Provided that She doe marrie with the consent of her father and mother. If they or eyther of them be then liveinge, or eyther of them; Or else this gift and Legacie to be voyd and of none effect for I doe not allowe of childrens marrieing without their Parents consent and approbation **Item** I give and bequeath to **Ursula Austen** my said brothers youngest daughter One Thousand pounds, at the age of one and twentie yeares or day of her marriage, but upon the same Conditions that her sister hath here given to her, and not otherwise to have it, but to be void as her sisters is, to be alsoe raised out of the Rente of my lands and profitts of my said woods as her Sisters is; **Item** I give and bequeath to **Edward Austen** my said Brothers third sonne, The sume of Sixe hundred pounds of good and lawfull money of England To be paid to him at his age of one and Twentie yeares; **Item** I give so **Samuell Austen** my said brothers youngest sonne The summe of Five hundred pounds of lawfull money of England at his age of one and Twentie yeares **Item** I give to **Doctor Saterthwait** five pounds, And to his wife Twentie shillings. And to **Mr Wriddington** that lives with my said Brother five pounds; All the last three Legacies to be paid within one moneth after my decease **Item** I give to my man **James Burton** Sixe pounds If that he be liveing with me at the tyme of my death else not. **Item** I give to all my brothers servants that are dwelling with him in his house at the tyme of my death Twentie shillings apeece. **Item** the residue of all my moveable goods money plate; Cattells and Chattells whatsoever I have at the tyme of my death I will and bequeath to my very loveinge~ Brother **Robert Austen** of Bexley in the countie of Kent Esquire This is alsoe the last will of me the said **John Austen** touching and concerneinge the disposition of all and singular Mannors Messuages, Tenements lands, Anuities, Rents serviced Revertions, Remainders and hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever I have in the Counties of Kent and Sussex and in the County and City of Canterburie, or elsewhere within the Realme of England. **Item** I give to **Mr Franckwell**, To **Mr Bull**, and **Mr Depute Ministers** Fourtie shillings apeece **Item** I will and give my Capital Messuage and lands there unto belonging called Hornden [Hernden] Tenterden nowe in Lease to **Richard Kite** with Tapurtennces [the appurtenances] And that peece of land called the new feild nowe in Joynture to my Neece **Mrs Jane Austen** widow, with a way thereunto belonging to that feild and to a field called the Lake feild through a peece of land of the heires of **Thomas Brett** gent Deceased, from the high streete there as formerly of right it hath beene used as by Deed it doth and may appeare And that Tenement and orchard Which I purchased of **Nathanielle Lindley** gen[<sup>t</sup>] Deceased And alsoe in Jointure To my said Neece Austen And all that my Messuage barnes and buildings And garden Orchard and lands, with their appurtenances in Tenterden aforesaid and Rolvenden called the farme at Mensden, nowe in the occupation of [a blank space] Kennard, or his assignes And alsoe one peece of woodland contayneinge by Estimation five acres more or lesse in my owne occupation lyeinge alsoe at Mensden aforesaid And all that my Messuage, barne and Lands called Wholwish with Th[e] appurtenances in Rolvenden aforesaid in the occupation of **John Dearinge** or his Assignes And alsoe those my three smale peeces of land in Rolvenden aforesaid in Lease to **William Love** for diverse yeares yet to come All three peeces doe adioyne [adjoin]

at one side or part to a Common there called Layne Greene; And those two Tenements and Orchards [of the] late **Allen Wardens** in Tenterden; And one Messuage, and two barnes, and tenn peeces of land neere Tenterden church in the occupation of **Thomas Kite** or his assignes In Joynture alsoe to my saide Neece called the Combes land conteyneinge by estimation Three score and fower acres more or lesse And that peece of Woodland lying upon the Den of Nether Parke in the parish of Tenterden aforesaid in Joynture to my said Neece Austen Conteyneinge by estimation Twelve acres more or lesse And those my two messuages, and Cottage, two barnes, and all other buildings, And all the lands thereunto belonging with th[e] appurtenances called Brisbenden farmes in Tenterden aforesaid conteyneinge in the whole by estimation, one hundred and Tenn acres more or less in Joynture to my said Neece Austen; And those my two Tenements, Orchards and lands with th[e] appurtenances at or neere a place called Smalhide in the parish of Tenterden aforesaid in Joynture to my said Neece Austen, and in the occupation of **John Clemente** or his Assignes And the peece of land purchased of **John Wytherden** [Witherden] gent neere to Smalhide aforesaid, and is noe part of my said Neece her Joynture, Although it be nowe laid to one of the peeces that is in Joynture to my said Neece; and is in the occupation of one **John Clemente** or his assignes And alsoe that my Cottage, or sheepe house and Barne Stables, ponde and close and Tenn peeces of land, meadowe pasture and arrable, late in the occupation of **James Baytop** and **Daniell Bowe**, both Deceased; Conteyneinge by estimation Ninety acres more or lesse called Huntborne lands, lyinge altogether in the parish of Woodchurch; And alsoe all those my Tenements, Windmill with there and every of there appurtenances lyinge in Rye Salcote Pen and Nleyden in the Countie of Sussex, and nowe in the occupation of **William Burwash** gent **John Bromfeild** gent **Samuell Bembricke** gent and **William Richardson** yeoman, or there assignes; And all that my Mannor house called Glottingham with all the outhouses barnes and lands thereunto belonginge And all the Rents and services with th[e] appurtenances whatsoever apperteyneinge; or belonginge to the said Mannor lyinge and beinge in the said county of Sussex nowe in Lease to **Nicholas Grove** for diverse years yet to come; And all that my Messuage called the Lodge; and all other buildings and Lands thereon to belonginge nowe in Lease for diverse yeares yet to come, and is nowe in the occupation of **William Turner** or his assignes; And that Tenement, barne and lands called Courttinghopes in Lease to **Anthony Ledger**; and is in the occupation of **John Bine**; And that wood called the Upperdend wood in my owne occupation Conteyneinge Twenty fower acres and Thirty fower pearches, more or lesse And all other my Messuages Tenements and Lands with there and every of there appurtenances, and profits whatsoever lyinge in the said County of Sussex I will and give to the said **Robert Austen** my said Brothers second Sonne to be had to him and and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten And alsoe I give all the said Capitall Messuage called Hornden, and all other my Messuages and lands before mentioned in this my Will with the appurtenances whatsoever in the aforesaid County of Kent and county and City of Canterbury aforesaid To the said **Robert Austen**, the said second sonne of my said brother to be had alsoe to him and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten at his age of Twentie and fower yeares And for lacke of such heires males of his body lawfully begotten I will give the said Capitall Messuage as aforesaid called Hornden And all other the foresaid Messuages, Tenements and lands with the [a]ppurtenances before given to **Robert Austen** I Will and give to **Edward Austen** the Third sonne of my said Brother to had to him, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten at his age of Twentie and fower yeares; And for lacke of such heires males of his body lawfully begotten I Will and give to **Samuell Austen** before mentioned in this my Will, and

the youngest sonne of my said Brother, to be had to him and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten And for want of all such heires males of all the aid Three sonnes of my said Brother Then I Will and give all my said Mannors, Messuages lands Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances I will and give to **John Austen** the eldest sonne of my said brother **Robert Austen** to be had to him and the heries at his age of Twentie and fower yeares **Item** I will and give, all the residue of my Mannors Messuages Tenements lands Revertions, Remaynders, serviced Anuities and hereditaments with the appurtenances wheresover it lyeth and whatsoever I have and not before Willed nor given I Will and give to the said **John Austen**, eldest sonne to my said brother as aforesaid, to be had to him and his heires males of his body lawfully begotten And for want of all such heires males of all my said brothers fower Sonnes Then I will and give all my said Mannors, Messuages Tenements lands Revertions, Remaynders, serviced Anuities Leases and hereditaments with the appurtenances wheresover it lyeth to the right heires of me the said **John Austen** for ever. **Item** I Will and give all the Rents and profitss of all my said Mannors Messuage Lands Tenements with the appurtenances to my said loveing brother **Robert Austen** till his said sonnes shall come to there severall ages aforesaid without any accompt thereof to be given to any of them; onely my said Legacies to be paid out of the said Rents as by this my Will is appointed But my Will is that my said brother shall not doe or suffer to be done any wast upon any part of all the premisses whatsoever **Item** my Will and minde is That if my said brother dye before his said sonnes shall come to there severall ages of Twentie fower yeares That then his Executor or Executors, or Administrator or Administrators shall be accomptable to all his said Sonnes respectively at there severall ages aforesaid for all the Rents and profits of all my lands severally to them given by this my will And thereof shall make and give to eyther of them a true and perfect Accompt and pay all such mon[ey] as shall be due unto them or eyther of them respectively as aforesaid **Item** I doe hereby ordayne, make, constitute, and appoint my said loveing Brother **Robert Austen** of Bexley aforesaid Esquier, sole Executor of this my last will and Testament And I doe hereby make voyd and of none effect all former wills whatsoever, made sealed and delivered by me the said **John Austen** In Witness whereof I have to this seaventh and last sheete of paper set my hand and seale Dated the day and yeare first above written. 1654. **John Austen**; Witnesses present at the publication hereof **Robert Tempest**, **Will Goodwin**, **James Lapley**./

A Codicill to be annexed to my former Will Dated the Thirtieth day of January one Thousand sixe hundred fiftie fower, **Item** I give to my well beloved brother **Samuell Shorte** Esquire Tenne pounds more then the Legacie before given to him **Item** I give to my cozen **Edward Shorte** Esquire and to his wife Tenne Shillings apeece **Item** I give to my servant **James Barton** fower pounds more then what given to him before in my said Will; **Item** I give to my brothers Coachman **Thomas** [a blank space] Twentie shillings more than what is given to him before. **Item** I give to the poore of Tenterden Tenne pounds more then formerly is given to them in my said will Dated the thirtieth of January one Thousand Sixe hundred fifty fower; This Tenne pounds to the poore to be paid And distributed by the Maior of Tenterden, my brother Shorte, and my Executor or any two of them with what assistance they please to be payd about the tyme of my buriall **Item** I give to **Richard Kite**, and to his wife Tenne shillings apeece. This Codicill Dated the Tenth of December one thousand sixe hundred fifty five Read sealed and published by **John Austen** Esquire the said xth day of December 1655. and by him appointed to be annexed to his said former Will. In the presence of **Edw: Shorte**, **William Siesly**, The marke of **Anne Atkins**./

The will was probated on 14 February 1655/56.

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**SOME DESCENDANTS OF  
ISAAC AUSTIN AND LUCY FISH  
OF NEW YORK AND ONTARIO**

*by Michael Edward Austin  
and Patricia Biebuyck Austin*

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R12B-8664. EDITH IRENE<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Gorton Thomas*,<sup>7</sup> *Willett Casey*,<sup>6</sup> *Isaac*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Pasco*,<sup>3</sup> *Jeremiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 January 1893 in Snowdon, Victoria County, Ontario. She was a Captain in Salvation Army, and a graduate in nursing in the Army Social Service. [36]

Edith Austin left Haliburton, Canada at age 24 as an army nurse and arrived at the port of Newport, Vermont on 27 February 1917, and she planned to work in Quincy, Massachusetts. [49] She first married (probably in Massachusetts) to Leonard John Hunt, born on 16 May 1896 in Southampton, England. They were married before 5 June 1917, the date of Leonard's WW I registration card which described him as age 21, married, tall and slender with

**AFGS Photo 332-1**

**Edith Irene Austin (1893-1983) (left) and sister Esther Adelia Austin (1889-1974) were Salvation Army nurses.**

**AFGS Photo 332-2**

**Edith Irene Austin Hunt circa 1918 with her first child, John Austin Hunt.** *Courtesy of Marilyn Hodowanski.*

brown eyes and dark hair. They lived at 85 Walnut Street in Quincy. Leonard worked as a Manager Accountant for the Reliance Family Company in the Norfolk Downs section of Quincy. [54] In the Boston, Massachusetts census taken 16 January 1920, Leonard Hunt was age 23 a clerk for Wood Company, Edith was listed as age 25 (sic), their son John was age 2 years 2 months. On 22 September 1922, at age 29, Edith Irene Hunt made a declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen in the U.S. District Court of Boston. She was admitted into U.S. citizenship on 16 July 1927. [52] While Edith was a receptionist for a doctor in Boston, he had her grind or mix something which smelled just like some-thing she had collected as a child for her mother. It was a moss with little red pollen or spores on a stem. Edith believed it was penicillin. [36]

They divorced before the 1930 census which lists Edith Hunt in Medford, Massachusetts as the head family age

36, a practical nurse with four Hunt children, all born in Massachusetts. She married sometime later to William B. Short, who was born in 1879 and died in 1951. She was the Matron of a Baptist Church Hospital and Elder Citizens Home on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston.

## AFGS photo 333

**Leonard John Hunt (1896- ), Edith Irene Austin with their children Marie, Jeannette and John Hunt.**

Edith Irene died 24 April 1983 at the Waltham Hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts. [36] Her obituary appeared in a newspaper (the name of which we have not found):

MEDFORD – Mrs. Edith I. (Hunt) Short of Medford, a private duty nurse who worked in a number of homes, died Sunday at the Waltham Hospital after a long illness. She was 90 years old. Born in Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Short had lived in Medford for the past 62 years. She was a past superintendent of the Baptist Home in Newton for five years. Mrs. Short was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Medford and was active in the church's Amy Crosby Circle. Wife of the late William B. Short, Mrs. Short was the mother of John Hunt of Medford, Jeannette Kenney of Brockton, Marie Edgerly of Medford and Amy Reagan of Water-town. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and 21 great grand-children. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Beals-Geake Funeral Home, 29 Governors Ave., Medford, with the Rev. Louis Beckwith of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

Edith Irene and her first husband Leonard Hunt had four children, all born in Massachusetts:

R12B-8664-1. JOHN AUSTIN HUNT, *was b. in 1918, he m. circa 1939 to Barbara Kendall b. 1919 of Medford. Four ch: John Hunt Jr. b. 1940, Charles Hunt b. 1942 res. In New Hampshire in 2008, Paul Hunt b. 1942, Sheila b. 1951.*

R12B-8664-2. JEANNETTE HUNT, *b. 1920, she m. circa 1942 to Anthony Kenney of Brockton. Three ch: Robert Kenney b. 1943, Steven Kenney b. 1944 and Betti Jean Kenney b. 1945. Jean d. February 2002.*

R12B-8664-3. MARIE HUNT, *b. 1922, she m. circa 1945 to Charles Edgerly Sr. b. 1922 of Medford. Two children: Charles Edgerly Jr. b. 1946 and James Edgerly b. 1954.*

R12B-8664-4. AMY HUNT, *b. 1925, she m. circa 1945 to John Reagan b. 1922 of Watertown. Four Children: Michael Reagan b. 1946, Ronald Reagan b. 1951, Edith Reagan b. 1956 and John Reagan b. 1960. Amy d. November 2007.*

R12B-8665. LUCY MARGARET<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Gorton Thomas,<sup>7</sup> Willett Casey,<sup>6</sup> Isaac,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> Pasco,<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 3 April 1895 in Lochlin, Snowdon Township, Haliburton County, Ontario. [43] Lucy first married in 1917, but her first husband's name is not known. "Lou" age 22 (sic, she was actually 26) was married second by a Salvation Army clergyman, Francis Hany on 8 August 1921 in Oshawa, York County, Ontario to Silas Cole, age 22 and a paper maker. Both of them resided in Oshawa. Lucy was in the Salvation Army. Silas was a Baptist. Witnesses were Ida and Harry Rees of York. [44] Silas was born 2 May 1899 in Wilberforce, Haliburton County, the son of William H. and Belle Jane (Sinclair) Cole. [36,43]

Dryden Observer Funeral service for Lucy Margaret Cole, 75, who died Tuesday in Dryden District General Hospital following a lengthy illness, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Dryden Baptist Church. Rev. R. Watson will officiate with interment in the family plot, Dryden Cemetery. Born in Haliburton County, she came to Dryden in 1921. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion, and the Senior Citizens. Surviving are her husband Silas, a daughter Mrs. Allan Boyce (Esther), son Gordon, of Dryden; nine grandchildren, a brother Kenneth Austin of Dryden; four sister, Mrs. Edith Short of Boston, Mrs. Esther Bond of Haliburton, Mrs. May Clement of Haliburton, Mrs. Greta Northcott of Dryden. She was predeceased by a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Olson, in 1969. The body is resting at Dryden Funeral Chapel. On the prayer cards we have the complete death date 18 August 1970 in Dryden. Interment in family plot Dryden Cemetery.

Silas Meade Cole died on 3 August 1972 in Thunder Bay following a lengthy illness. Funeral service was held 5 August at Dryden Funeral Chapel, interment in the family plot Dryden Cemetery. Mr. Cole had lived in Dryden since 1921. He had been employed by Dryden Paper Company for over 40 years and was a member of the firm's 25-Year Club. Mr. Cole was charter secretary of Local 105 and was a member of the Dryden Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. Silas was an ardent outdoorsman.

**AFGS Photo 334-1**

**Lucy Margaret Austin (1895-1870) shown at her brother Ezra's piano in 1912.**

**AFGS Photo 334-2**

**Lucy in 1925 at Lakeview Park with husband Silas Cole (1899-1972).**

He fished commercially in Mameigwess Lake near Ignace, Ontario for five years, selling fish to the Canadian Pacific Railway. Lucy had four children, the last three by Silas:

- R12B-8665-1. MARGUERITE LAURA COLE, *b. ca. 1918, she m. Isaac Tanner. Children: Daisy Tanner and Laurretta Tanner.*
- R12B-8665-2. VIRGINIA HELENA COLE, *b. circa 1923 in Dryden. She was educated in Dryden and in Britton, Ontario. She graduated from Dryden High School and from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg in 1945 as a Registered Nurse. Virginia m. Edwin Olsen in 1947. She was a member of the First United Church, the Ontario Registered Nurses Association, and a Past President of the Dryden R.N.A. Virginia died in 1969, leaving her husband and three children: sons Ward Olsen and Graeme Olsen and a daughter Rhonda Olsen.*
- R12B-8665-3. GORDON MACEY COLE, *b. 28 July 1926 in Dryden, he was dubbed "Spike" at age 5 since he was very slim. He married Vivian Hyatt. Ch: Darryl Cole, Sheila Cole, Glenda*

*Cole, Judy Cole and Heather Dawn Cole. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Brach 63 of Dryden, and often involved in the annual Flag Day ceremony. He was a founding member of the Dryden Horseshoe Club, and he was very involved with the North Dryden Community Club. He spent many years playing the base fiddle and the harmonica with the Country Gentlemen band. He loved his Amesdale Lake camp, where he often entertained family and friends. Gordon was an avid dart player and participated in various sports in the Senior Olympics. He had a passion for music, whether he played, listened, or danced. Gordon died 20 October 2008 at Riverside Health Care in Fort Frances, Ontario. He was interred at the Amesdale Cemetery.*

R12B-8665-4. ESTHER COLE, *b. ca. 1933 m. Allan Boyce, children: Cathy Boyce, Michael Boyce and Maureen Boyce.*

R12B-8667. KENNETH GORDON<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN (*Gorton Thomas,*<sup>7</sup> *Willett Casey,*<sup>6</sup> *Isaac,*<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan,*<sup>4</sup> *Pasco,*<sup>3</sup> *Jeremiah,*<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 August 1898 in Lochlin, Minden Township, Haliburton County, Ontario. Kenneth was the seventh of thirteen children [see family photograph on next page, likely taken after their mother's death on 11 April 1913]. Kenneth Austin was educated at Public and Continuation Schools in Haliburton County, and at Central Technical College in Toronto. He worked for sawmills, transported logs on the river, and helped with haying and harvesting on farms in the Haliburton area.

In August 1915 at Lindsay, Ontario, Kenneth enlisted with the 45<sup>th</sup> Victoria Regiment, 498th Highlanders in England and was posted to the 19th Battalion C.E.F. He served with that unit until he was wounded in April 1918 during the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In an interview

**AFGS Photo 335**

**Photograph taken circa 1913 of R12B-866 Gorton Thomas Austin [see PAGE 170] with some of his living children. Back row (left to right): Lucy Margaret Austin, Kenneth Gordon Austin, Gorton Thomas Austin and Edith Irene Austin. Front row: Hebron Norman Austin, Mahalia Amanda ‘Mae’ Austin and Greta Victoria Austin.**

with the *Dryden Observer* he described the battle that left him injured. Around Easter in 1918, as they were opening their Easter care packages from home new orders came in. His patrol of a leader and 12 scouts were to proceed up an old communications trench, over the dead bodies of Germans and Welsh Guardsmen, to attack a German advance post and silence the gun that was playing havoc with their supply runs. The gun at this post was a “nuisance, because every ten minutes, it covered a subway under a railway bridge with fire, that was the route used to bring supplies and relief troops to their position. Alas, Ken was hit by shrapnel, losing one eye and sustaining other injuries. [For more details, see his recollections in “Thirteen Over The Top” on PAGE 336.] After a time in English hospitals, Kenneth was sent home in December 1918 to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, where he upgraded his education while recuperating.

In 1919 Kenneth Austin was in real estate and insurance with Coneybear Brothers in Toronto, Later he got into Stocks and Bonds, selling Canadian Minerals in Toronto. This may have been the beginning of his lifelong interest in minerals. He eventually attained a prospector’s licence and he always carried his miner’s pick in his car on his travels. Many specimens were brought home for perusal.

On 4 March 1922 Kenneth Gordon Austin was married in Toronto to Jean Elizabeth Baker. She was born 26 May 1900 in West Zorra, Oxford County, Ontario, the daughter of John and Jane (Reid) Baker. They first resided at 108 Danforth Avenue in Toronto. Circa July 1923 they moved to 33 Holborne Avenue in Toronto. In June 1924 they moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Kenneth worked in insurance, real estate, and field survey.

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### THIRTEEN OVER THE TOP

by *Kenneth Gordon Austin*  
*19th Canadian Infantry Battalion*  
*4th Brigade, 2nd Canadian Division*

It is Sunday evening, April 14th, 1918. Rations are just brought up and distributed. We are five to a loaf of bread tonight. One of the ration limbers must have caught it with the Huns shelling the crossroads in the rear.

Our mail has come up with the rations and Corporal Mabley is just handing it out - mail from home, Easter cards and parcels, chocolate Easter chicks and bunnies. Our officer gets a parcel with a large chocolate egg.

We are gathered at Battalion Headquarters in a sunken road, and in a sheltered dug out topped with corrugated iron and sand bags, on the crest of a hill overlooking a valley towards Neuville-Vitasse on what was known as the Green Line. This road embankment affords some shelter from shell fire and machine gun strafing from a German gun which trims the grass above our heads and knocks sparks from the rails of the Arras-Bapaume Railroad in our rear. A subway under this railroad is the means by which our relief troops and rations must come and this particular machine gun is a nuisance to us. It is located in a cherry orchard on the edge of Neuville-Vitasse village.

Long range Hun shells pass over with a "hish", detonating in the rear and trying for our crossroads, our incoming troops and hidden batteries. This blasting is often followed by the rattling of ration limbers, or ambulances fighting their way up to sheltered dressing stations and ration dumps. All this mingled with the piercing cries of poor horses or mules wounded by the shell fire, the smell of war dead, war gasses, the cutting sweet smell of cordite, the decaying bodies of lads from the Guards Division, a division who, a week before had stemmed the tide of German Advance on this Fifth Army Front. All this on a nice spring evening when we should have been listening to the lark's evening song and breathing the air of new spring leaves and flowers... such is war!

As I mentioned previously, we were gathered at the Battalion Headquarters. The twelve scouts of Lament Battalion (code name for the 19th) led by our young officer, Barney, a fine Irish Canadian who had come up from the ranks, won a military medal for bravery and been commissioned on the field. He knew what it was all about and instilled confidence in his men. He is about to lead his patrol of scouts up an old communication trench (over dead bodies of a goodly number of Huns and Welsh Guardsmen who had paid the price of war one or two weeks before) to our now Green Line, so called (our then Front Line about one half to three quarters of a mile in advance of our Headquarters) and then over the top and through two belts of barbed wire to our objective.

The Huns had set up an advance post by a block in an old communication trench, where it entered a cherry orchard on the outskirts of Neuville-Vitasse Village, which had been bombed out severely several nights ago. The following night we had done a recognition patrol, found it unoccupied and, from the bodies of the Huns, salvaged what identification we could in order to discover their unit identity from which our brigade intelligence determine the movement of Hun divisions from one front to the other. I cut an epaulet from one of the Germans and found it to be from the 23rd Bavarian Regiment.

There were also some letters and photos of a band and of the victim's family which I turned over to my O.C. on returning to Headquarters. I do not know what information the letters contained as I did not read German.

This enemy gun was a nuisance to us as it covered a subway under the Arras-Bapaume Railroad, where the highway ran through on a curve. I had an example of its efficiency several nights before when I was sent out to guide in our Head Quarters Company. A couple of sentries were posted there to warn ration parties and incoming troops. The gun would play for ten minutes or so along the rails, as noted by the sparks flying up from the rails and then cease, to begin again on the subway, the bullets hitting the walls and going reekie everywhere. The plan was to bring troops hurriedly through the subway in sectional rushes, between bursts of fire, taking shelter in a depression and then along a communication trench to our H.Q. in the sunken road embankment. Therefore, this particular gun had to be silenced. Why it could not have been done by a few direct artillery shells was a puzzle to me.

Now back to Sunday night, the 14th and B.H.Q.

Barney, our young officer had called us together for a briefing. He said "Gang, (his usual word for us), we got a hell of a job ahead of us again tonight. Fritz has replaced that gun at the edge of the orchard, as you can well know by the ratatat over head right now. Our observers spotted it and it has been playing hell with our relief and supplies. Brigade intelligence has ordered us to bomb it out again. Fritz will be wise to us this time and will likely be planning a reception for us. I just want you kids to know this before we go out. Some of us are likely going to be lying between white sheets tomorrow, or out in the mud there. So keep you eyes and ears open and don't take any unnecessary chance... get in the first shots and bombs. Just a minute...."

He brought out a big chocolate egg, saying "I got this in a parcel, we may as well eat it before we leave." The egg is cracked on a rifle butt, someone produces a trench knife and it is cut up into thirteen pieces and divided between us. I about choked on my piece as the thought struck me - the Last Supper, twelve disciples and the Saviour, their leader. We all love our leader and will follow him any time and anywhere he leads!

We move out, up the communication trench, under a light railway track. It is just the first dark of the night and troops are standing to for the last half hour, the western sky has a few streaks of red. The front is quiet but in the distance some heavies are firing at the rear cross roads. Our 5.9s are answering them. We proceed, stepping over the bodies of the Guardsmen lying here and there. A flare goes up from the Hun line and we freeze where we are. I begin to feel queasy with the trench smells and reach into my pocket for a plug of Macdonald's chewing tobacco my dear cousin Ivey Austin had sent me in a parcel from Provost. I bite off a chew and feel better. We move forward and are challenged as we enter the front line. Our leader gives the password "Lament Battalion" to Lieutenant Stewart from Paris. This front line is on a slight ridge running through the centre of the valley, sort of an island at one time. A series of shell holes and old cellars of former buildings extend about half the distance to the Hun line from our H.Q. Stewart greets Barney and he offers us coverage from his Lewis gun section. He will follow our patrol out and cover us from both a rear attack and being cut off. Barney agrees and expresses thanks, then whispers "Davie, you and Austin follow me about ten yards right and left, you fellows trail two company scouts each. Mabley, you take the left with your gang and Blackie take the right. Spread out about one hundred feet and crawl forward until you can distinguish the hedge at the cherry orchard. Hold your fire unless attacked until you hear two shots from my gat, then give that post hell with all you have, then crawl back to the front line fast as you can. Don't forget Lament and night pass "dark" when challenged. Good Luck."

We quietly discard our tin hats and replace them with regular soft caps, badges removed as they reflect flare lights. Each of us carry a pistol and four three second fused Mills grenades 29s. Just pull the pin and throw. Respirators are worn at the alert and entrenching tool handle readily at our side as a billy.

We ease through two belts of wire and get into arrowhead formation. I follow our leader at about ten feet and my Company scouts at my heels, Williams is nearest to me. Barney and I are in an old communication trench, feeling our way cautiously forward and freezing each time a flare goes up. Fritz is on the alert and these flares shoot up within the orchard every few minutes. We had reached a point about 300 yards from our front line where there was an angle in the trench (Barney told me this later from a hospital bed in the Jarvis Street Hospital in Toronto in January 1919) and he was feeling his way around the angle when his arms were grabbed by two Huns, one on each side. He managed to swing his Gat into the one fellow's belly and let him have caliber 38. As the other one released his arm he swung his Gat at his forehead and gave him one between the eyes. I could see the flash of Barney's pistol and immediately tossed in my Mills grenades at the post and machine gun location. I finally realized that bombs were exploding around us and Barney was shouting to get out. There were several blinding flashes and I

felt bomb fragments tearing at me; one piece got me in the right eye, several in my shoulders and a heavy one in my right foot. I turned to go back and staggered a bit. A fellow slid down in the trench beside me – Hefy McLeish from Mabley's section – calling his name, he grabbed me by the arm and hurried me back to our front line. Barney told me later he was hit by dozens of pieces of grenades, German egg bombs and Solindegostiks\*, a German weapon somewhat like a potato masher in a jam tin [\*Editor's Note: likely a Stielhandgranate 24].

I swallowed my chew of tobacco, and finally reefed it up just as I reached our front line trench and Lieutenant "Cheesy" McLaren of Hamilton, who, I believe was a son of our First Commanding Officer, took me into Company H.Q. (a bit of a cellar) where he gave me a shot of rum and placed a dressing on my eye which was bleeding some. One of the NCOs gave me a granite cup of goo Sergeant Major Tea and my good Samaritan McLeish guided me stumbling back to Battalion H.Q. I recovered my hold-all and some letters from the mail, got a shot of tetanus from the regimental first aid post and a couple of lads from the fifth Field Ambulance placed me on a stretcher. I was tagged, loaded into the ambulance and finally on my way to Number 2 C.C.s at Douzens. I recall being carried into a big marquee where I passed out and revived as they dug a piece of grenade out of my foot. I thought it was a tooth being extracted and wondered how come I had a tooth in my foot.

I wrote most of this in my diary in a personal code with an indelible pencil. It has become blurred over the past sixty some years and difficult to decipher. However. I have surely always thanked the good Father for a guiding hand (and that of Hefty McLeish) and a safe return to home and loved ones. Like most of us, I sometimes wonder why we were chosen to return safely and if we have in all justice carried out our life's work as the heavenly Father intended us to do. But as the poet said, "He also serves who only stands and waits."

I have had several conversations with Barney Clendining, M.M., since that memorable night, during meetings since then, and from what he has told me of the reconnaissance and battle patrols we shared during that last week and especially the last one, my account written is very close to a true account of the last engagement of the war in which we both took part. I am sorry to conclude with these words of our comrade, Mr. Fred A. Stitt, Secretary of 1962:

We ponder fond memories of:

Hamilton (Barney) Clendining, M.M. Lieutenant.

Born January 10, 1891

Died September 14, 1962

"God Rest you gallant Gentleman"

By Kenneth G. Austin, Battalion Scouts

