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**ROBERT DIXON AUSTIN GRAVESTONE
IN CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

by Barbara McKnight Austin

My grandfather Robert Dixon Austin was born on 2 September 1872 in Belfast, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He died on 21 August 1915, and was buried on 24 August 1915 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Clinton, Massachusetts. The cemetery is very large, but I wrote to the cemetery office and they sent me the location of Robert's grave site. The office is located just inside the cemetery gates at 2 Woodlawn Street. Their office hours are 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Robert Austin is buried in the Cotton family plot with his sister Margaret (Austin) Cotton, her husband Robert J. Cotton and their children Margaret J. Cotton and Benjamin A. Cotton. The Cotton family plot is located in Section 39, Lot 1018 on Weisman Avenue. This large cemetery has paved lanes named as "Avenues."

Robert Austin's name appears on two gravestones. It appears (photo below) on the right side of the large Cotton family monument (photo at right), and on the smaller 12" wide marker (photo at lower right) which is located a few feet to the right of the Cotton monument.

The next page has close-up photographs of the Cotton family monument. The names of Robert J. Cotton (1865-1938), Margaret Austin Cotton (1864-1930) and their daughter Margaret J. Cotton (1890-1918) appear on the front side of the monument, and the name of their son Benjamin A. Cotton (1891-1960) is on the left side.



Cotton family plot, Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton MA
Photographs courtesy of Dr. Michael Edward Austin of Concord MA

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