

This William Austin is the earliest known member of this larger Irish Austin clan to establish a presence in America. There are 2 other groups of Austins, each having very similar DNA signatures to that of this Wm. Austin of Maryland line. And since each of these other groups: (1) William Austin (ca 1705) of Ireland, and (2) William Austin of Philadelphia (ca 1735) dwelled in this area of Maryland for a time, on their way to settling elsewhere, it is reasonable to assume that they were somehow related to this first William Austin of Kent Co., MD. With seasoned family members around to help explain things, one can appreciate that it was far less traumatic for those Austin's that came after 1690, to begin to adapt to the cultural and language differences in this new land.

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First known generation

1. **William #1 Austin** was born in or before 1650. William's Mother was the sister of Andrew Skinner Sr. William Austin #1 married Elizabeth _____ about 1670 in MD. William died before 6 Nov 1706 Kent Co., MD. They had 5 or more children:

- ? f. ?. Unnamed daughter(s)
2. m. i. Samuel Austin(2nd gen.) was born about 1671. He married Alice _____ in about 1690. He died prior to the writing of his father's will (written 22 Jun 1697). Samuel's son John was not included in Wm. #1's will. It could be that Wm. #1 did not know that Alice was pregnant with his grandson. Samuel and Alice Austin had 3 children:

(A) Margaret Austin(3) was born 11 Oct 1691. She married Leon Watson in about 1714. Leon and Margaret Watson had perhaps 3 children:

- a. John Watson(4), born about 1715, was an estate appraiser in the late 1750's and early 1760's. Thomas and Mary Wilkinson witnessed a deed of Samuel Austin [see (C)b. below] and John Watson on 4 May 1751. {QALR RTD:30}
- b. Alice Watson(4)
- c. Margaret Watson(4) (?) A Margaret Watson committed fornication with David Griffith. {10 May 1742, KECR 9JS#24:150}

Margaret(3) later married (2nd husband) William Carter. They had one daughter:

- d. Mary Carter(4), b. 18 Feb 1732 {KESP}
On 4 Nov 1742 Alice (Austin) Collier, widow, gave to her daughter Margaret Carter 100 Acres, part of *Bishops Addition* and *Bishops Outlett* on Corsica Creek. {QALR RTB:506}

(B) Hanna Austin(3) born 11 Apr 1694 married Christopher Phillips in about 1715. They had 3 children:

- a. Hannah Phillips(4)
- b. Philemon Phillips(4)
- c. Mary Phillips(4) who married John Carvill

(C) John Austin(3) born 21 Oct 1697, married Rosanna or Rosamond _____ 8 Feb 1723. {MDAD 5:104 6:408} On 7 Mar 1733 Wm. Bishop conv. to John Austin, gunsmith, 100 acres, part of *Coursey's Point*. {QALR RTA: 277}

John and Rosanna Austin had four children:

- a. William Austin(4) (Austen), born 17 Aug 1723, died by 10 Jan 1752, leaving creditors and a widow, Martha. No known children.

b. Samuel Austin(4), born about 1725, married Mary Green on 2 Jan 1743. On 30 Aug 1751 Samuel Austin and his wife Mary conv. to James Ringgold, 78 acres called *Coursey's Point* alias *Smith's Mistake* that Wm. Bishop sold to John Austin, father of said Samuel Austin. {QALR RTD: 32} On the same day, Jacob Bayley Jr. (see John Austin, son of Wm. #2) conv. 200 acres called *Bishop's Outlett* to James Ringgold. Samuel and Mary seem to have had at least two children:

(b1) The renowned Austin genealogist, Janet Austin Curtis, in a Sept. 1977 document placed Philip Austin(5), born about 1758 in MD, here under Samuel Austin and Mary Green. Philip married Sarah _____ by 1782. Philip and his family are recorded in Orange Co., NC, but then moved to Burke Co., NC by 1793. Philip served as a Justice of the Peace in Burke Co. He died 23 Oct 1843 in Burke Co., NC at the age of 85. Please see the book The Philip Austin Family by Hal Austin Steiner for great detail on Philips descendents, prepared by a consummate professional.

(b2) Charlene Benton of Springfield, Missouri has in her possession five statements of birth for a **Samuel Austin**, his wife and three of their children. The statement of birth for Samuel is written on old foolscap (thick paper) and it reads, "**Samuel Austin[5] Son of Samuel Austin and Mary his wife** was born the 29th day of August Anno Domini 1768" [in NC, 25 years after his parents were married]. The birth record of Samuel's wife states: "Catherine Payne, daughter of Robert and Rachel, born the 16th day of September Anno Domini 1771". Their children were Catherine Austin(6) born Aug 1809, Sarah Austin(6) born March 1811, and Samuel Austin(6) born Feb 1814.

W.E. White in his History of Alexander Co., NC, wrote, "About 1836 he [Samuel, fifth and/or sixth gen.] removed with several of his sons and daughters [from NC] to Greene County, Missouri, near where the city of Springfield now stands."

- Samuel Austin(6) married Elizabeth Calvert who was born in MO in 1826. They had a son named **John C. Austin(7)** (born 1846 in MO, died 8 Mar 1925 in Mecklenburg, NC), a daughter named Sarah(7), born in MO in June 1847, and a daughter named Elizabeth "Jane"(also 7th gen.) born in 1849. Sarah(7) married James "Matthew" Dickens who was born July 1844 in TN. Matthew was the son of William Dickens (born 1820 in TN) and Nancy _____ (born in SC).

- Matthew and Sarah had a daughter Evelena "Ena" Dickens(8th generation) born in 1873 in MO. Ena married George A. Vier(s), in 1890 in MO. He was born in 1866 in KY.

- George and Ena had a son, Herschel Vier(9th gen.) who was born in 1902 in MO. He married Jessie Mullings. Herschel and Jessie had two daughters, Charlene(10) and Twila(10) Vier.

- Charlene Vier married Carroll Ray Benton.

c. Ann Austin(4) born about 1727 married Phillip Davis (son of James Davis) on 23 Sept 1745 {QALU}. They had 5 children:

i. James Davis(5) born 18 Oct 1848 {KESH}

- ii. Samuel Davis
- iii. William Davis
- iv. Rebecca Davis
- v. Martha Davis

d. Martha Austin(4)

After Samuel Austin(2) passed away, his widow Alice Austin then married (2nd) Matthew Collier. {QA land RTA 44, 533, 534 also QA land NB/392 1741}.

- 3. m. ii. John Austin(2), born about 1673 in MD; died about 1734. He is remembered in this historical account: COURT PROCEEDING: John Austin, son of William, at March [Kent Co.] Court, 1726/7, was ordered to stand in the pillory for one hour for using indecent language in court. {KECR JS#22:265}
- 4. f. iii. Alice Austin(2), born about 1675, who married Isaac Hollingsworth.
- 5. m. iv. **William #2 Austin**, born 1689 -1690, died in 1735. (See below)

NOTES for William #1 and his sons, Wm. #2 and John:

WILL-SPOUSE-CHILDREN: William #1 Austin died leaving a will dated 22 Jun 1697, and proved 6 Nov 1706. Bequests were made to: William [#2] at 21 yrs. [so we know William was not yet 21 in 1697] 1/2 "Waterford" plantation and land; wife Elizabeth, executrix, residue of said land; **son John**, [who must have been 21 or older] place called "Smithfield". To wife and daughters, residue of estate equally. Executor: John King [who married Andrew Skinner Sr.'s daughter Elizabeth] of St. Michael's River, Talbot Co., MD. {MWB 12:168}

SPOUSE: "On 23 Aug 1686 Andrew Skinner, Gent., conv. to his dau. Elizabeth, wife of John King, 120 a. *Timbernecke*. {TALR 5:80}

LAND: "Andrew Skinner to nephew William Austin 400 acres Waterford granted to me and Nathaniel Evett who hath assigned over all his right to me." {20 Aug 1672 Talbot Co., MD Deed Book I, pg 219} Waterford was a peninsula of land with the Chester River on its western side, and with Island Creek at its northern tip and along its eastern side.

William Austin #1 purchased Smithfield from James and Margaret Smith. {TA Land 5/213}

NATURALIZATION: Andrew Skinner Sr. was a tanner originally from the city of Yorke in England. He was a wealthy, prosperous landowner and one of the early settlers of Maryland. He was a surveyor (and real estate broker) for the second "Lord Baltimore" (Cecil Calvert). Andrew Skinner Sr. "transported" (or sponsored) William Austin #1 into Talbot Co., MD by 1669. {Land warrant/Patent Book 12, folio 378, 20 Dec 1669} Briefly describing the "Transportation" process, a person or persons were brought in by a sponsor. If the person survived and abided within whatever contract the sponsor had with them, then after about five years the sponsor applied for their official "Transport". The sponsor then received 50 acres of land per person transported.

BIRTH: William Austin #1 was 21 years (or older) by Sept. 15th, 1671 when he and Andrew Skinner witnessed a land record of Talbot County, (to be a witness to any court document a person had to be 21 years of age or older). {MSA CE 90-2 A1, folio 173}

IDENTITY: 1697 Kent County Court, William Austin #1 recorded his mark – "a crop and a slitt on right ear and hole in the left ear." Also, on 9 Dec 1697, William Austin recorded his unique "Cattlemark" (brand).

DEATH date of William #1: Estimated from Kent Co., MD probate court records.

Researcher: Cindy Schmidt, MD land records specialist and historian, 2006-2007.

Other Ref: COLONIAL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND, CD#5184, reprinted in 2006 by Colonial Roots with permission from MyFamily.com.

On Page 30 of the book, The Austin Family © 1975 by the American Genealogical Research Institute, Washington, D. C., citing passenger list records as their resource, it

is recorded that "William Austin immigrated to Virginia around 1637." Could this be the father of William Austin #1?

Second generation

5. William #2 Austin was born 1689 -1690 in MD, 20 years after his parents married. He was the son of William #1 Austin and Elizabeth _____. He married (1) **Elizabeth Tippen**. She was the daughter of William Tippen and Sarah Hall. William died June 1735 in Queen Anne's Co., MD. Wm. #2 and Elizabeth Tippen had 5 children:

- 6. m. i. **William #3 Austin**, born about 1710, died in 1791.
- 7. m. ii. John Austin, born about 1711, died about 1770.

This John Austin and the Bailey Family

- On 2 Nov 1731 Wm. Bishop conveyed to Jacob Bayly Sr. 200 acres called *Bishop's Outlett*. {QALR RTD: 110}
- About mid-year 1735 John Austin inherited *Smithfield* from his father, Wm. Austin #2 who had acquired it from John's uncle (Wm. #2's brother).
- John Austin, son of Wm. #2, married Catherine Bailey 24 Nov 1735, in Queen Anne's Co., MD. {QALU} John was now a member of the Bailey family.
- 17 Aug 1737, John Austin became the legal guardian for Jacob Baley Jr., a minor, who had inherited 100 acres of *Bishop's Outlett* from his father. {QALR RTB: 70} (One could not legally own property until the age of 21, hence the legal establishment of the guardian relationship.)
- On 30 Aug 1751 Jacob Bayley Jr. conv. to James Ringgold 200 acres called *Bishop's Outlett*. {QALR RTD:34} On the same day, **Samuel Austin and his wife Mary** conv. 78 acres called *Coursey's Point* alias *Smith's Mistake* to James Ringgold.

- 8. m. iii. Jacob Austin, born about 1715.
- 9. f. iv. Mary Austin was born about 1716. She married Bingham Halfpenny 18 Feb 1734.
- 10. f. v. Elizabeth Austin was born about 1719. She married John Wiley, 28 Feb 1749 in St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

NOTES for Elizabeth Tippen, Wm. #2, and Wm. #3:

MARRIAGE-PARENTS: "On 24 Feb 1768, William [#3] Austin (of QA Co., blacksmith, eldest son of William [#2] Austin of QA Co., dec., and his wife Elizabeth Tippen, daughter of William Tippen and his wife Sarah Hall, one of the daughters of Richard Hall, TA Co., blacksmith, dec.) [and others] conv. to Abner Turner of TA Co., 260 acres, part of *Smith's Clifts* purchased by Richard Hall..." {TALR 19:488} This document shows that land that was once gifted to William Tippen from Richard Hall, had passed through the possession of Elizabeth Tippen and her husband William Austin #2, and was now owned by (and was being sold by) William Austin #3.

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Other ref.: "Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland" Vol's. 1-4, by Robert W. Barnes and F. Edward Wright

William #2 also married (2) **Martha McCainley** 3 Jul 1732 in St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co., MD. They had no known children.

NOTES for Martha:

MARRIAGE: Records of St. Luke's Parish, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., MD. This data was extracted from "Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records, 1726 - 1750" by F. Edward Wright, available at the Los Angeles Family History Center. See also Salt Lake Film #1,205,003. Martha is most likely the widow of Daniel MacKambly, for whose estate in 1733 she was the administrator.

NOTES for William #2:

BIRTH: Deposition in Queen Anne's Co. "William [#2] Austin age 42 in 1731" {QA 2: 130-131}

BIRTH-DEATH-MARRIAGES-CHILDREN: NC-MD Notebook of AFAOA genealogist Janet Austin Curtis, page 22. It contains her own research, as well as contributions from other researchers including Hal Steiner, Sally Austin Day and many others that are in possession of AFAOA genealogist Liz Austin Carlin.

SPOUSE-CHILD-DEATH: Compiled data of Mary Jane Miller, IL 1995, gives Wm. #2's death as 1735 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Third generation

6. William #3 Austin (Wm.#2, Wm.#1) was born about 1710 in MD. He was the son of William #2 Austin and Elizabeth Tippen. He married **Mary Cleaves** 13 Aug 1735 in St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co., MD. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Cleaves and Katherine _____. William died in 1791 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

They had 5 children:

11. f. i. Mary Austin was born 8 May 1736. Probably died in infancy.
12. m. ii. **William #4 Austin**, born 9 May 1738. It is said that this William participated in the Revolutionary War as a Patriot.
13. f. iii. Mary Austin was born 18 May 1741.
14. m. iv. **Benjamin(4) Austin** was born 28 Aug 1743. The 1790 Burke Co., NC census shows Ben Austin Sr. with 2 other males 16 or over, one male under 16, wife and 4 other free white females. I believe the "Ben Austin Sr." entry is for this Benjamin Austin, brother of Wm. Austin #4.
15. f. v. Elizabeth Austin was born 4 Nov 1755.
BIRTH'S OF THE PRECEDING 5: St. Luke's Parish, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

NOTES for Mary and Wm. #3:

PARENTS-MARRIAGE: Will of Mary Cleaves' father Nathaniel Cleaves, Queen Anne's Co., written 6 Apr 1740, proved 24 Apr 1740. RESEARCHERS: Glenn A. Reiff, 3/93.

BIRTH-MARRIAGE-SPOUSE-DEATH: Compiled data of Mary Jane Miller, IL 1995, gives Wm. #3's birth, marriage, and death dates.

NOTES for William #3:

LAND: 1783 William #3 Austin was assessed on his land known as "Waterford".

OCCUPATION: Blacksmith. This data is from the NC-MD Notebook of AFAOA genealogist Janet Austin Curtis. It is in possession of AFAOA genealogist Liz Austin Carlin.

NOTE: In 1781, Wm. Austin #3 assigned "Power of Attorney" to his son-in-law Adam Strayer {QA land RTL/428}. It was not legal to exclude your married sons that had children, from your will without this special "Power of Attorney" arrangement.

William's wife Mary Cleaves passed away before 1789.

Wm. #3 wrote his will on 11 Mar 1789, in Queen Anne's Co., MD. {TW1/310 QA will book}

In his will Wm. Austin #3 states he is in good "helth" and leaves bequests to: [1] His granddaughter Charlotte Rigby, wife of Benjamin, 382 acres of his dwelling plantation Waterford, all his personal estate and his pew in St. Luke's Parish he purchased of Benjamin Cleaves, [2] His Grandson John Earle son of Benjamin Earle 150 acres of Smyth's Fields where Gafford now lives.

Signed William (X) Austin Executor: Grandson-in-law Benjamin Rigby

So, either Mary or Elizabeth married Adam Strayer and the other daughter married Benjamin Earle. The 382 acres of Waterford is the full 400 original acres less the 18 acres sold to James Hollyday in 1736. The 150 acres of Smith Field is the full 200 acres less the 50 acres sold to Charles Gafford in 1738 by Wm. #3.

DEATH: Wm. #3's will probated 22 Oct 1791 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for William Austin #4:

Remember that Wm. #3 willed "the pew in St. Luke's Parish I purchased of Benjamin Cleaves" to his granddaughter.

BIRTH: Taken from the transcribed records of births and marriages at St. Luke's Parish, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., MD: "William son of William and Mary Austin b May 9 1738; bapt Jun 25 1738"

Fourth Generation

- 12) William #4 Austin, born 9 May 1738 in MD. - W. E. White, NC historian, claimed in his history "...William Austin was an old man when he arrived in Burke County in 1791...." He would have been 53 at that time. And there is a single William Austin in the 1800 Burke Co., NC census, whose age is recorded as "Over 45".
- 13) Mary Austin was born 18 May 1741; married either Adam Strayer or Benjamin Earle.
- 14) Benjamin(4) Austin was born 28 Aug 1743. See my notes below.
- 15) Elizabeth Austin was born 4 Nov 1755; married either Adam Strayer or Benjamin Earle.

Notes for Benjamin Austin(4):

Benjamin's and his sibling's births were recorded in St. Luke's Parish, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., MD. To date (July 2007) we have no other direct records regarding this Benjamin or his family. But the following indirect records provide evidence for a theory of what might have happened:

- Benjamin's father established a legal "Power of Attorney" relationship with Adam Strayer in MD, in 1781. This may indicate that Benjamin and/or William#4 had moved away by then. Without this "Power of Attorney" it was unlawful to exclude your married sons with children from your will.
- **Irene Austin** b. 21 Apr 1912 in NC, the mother of Sadie Starnes Austin (please see my William Austin of Philadelphia document) is the daughter of Jonas "Partee" Austin (b. 14 May 1886, d. 3 Feb 1979) and Oma "Omie" Elizabeth Hall (b. 1888, d. 7 Jan 1914). Partee's parents were Waitzel A. Austin (b. Apr 1859) and Huldah A. Bowman, b. July 1864. Jonas Partee Austin Sr. had many sons including Willard Perry Austin (b. 20 July 1919, d. 30 Nov 1998) who had two sons, Kenneth Ray Austin born 18 Mar 1942 and Dale Allen Austin born 26 Jan 1947. Waitzel's parents were John J. Austin (b. 1834) and Mary _____, b. 1838. John's parents were James Austin, b. 1788 and Jane _____, b. 1799 (all in the Wittenberg Township, Burke Co., NC). These Austin's were previously

unaccounted for in any Austin database. Living male descendents of this line exist. These may be the descendents of Benjamin Austin, and hence the descendents of William Austin #1 of Kent Co., MD.

- The 1790 Burke Co., NC census page 99 (below) shows Ben Austin Sr. Three males over 16 years of age, one male under 16, and 5 free white females. I believe this entry could be for this Benjamin Austin, son of Wm. Austin #3 of Kent Co., MD.

99				9th Comp			
Isaac Grinstaff	2	2	4	Peter Thomson	3	4	8
John Gibson	1	0	2	Jay Sumpter	1	0	3
John Farmer	2	1	2	Jno. Bartley	1	4	4
Wm. Fusterton	1	0	1	Jno. Hay	2	4	6
James Clarke	1	5	2	Josiah Murray	2	1	3
James Thomas	1	1	4	Nicolas Bobb	1	4	4
Isaac Grinstaff	0	2	2	George Tucker	1	0	2
Charles Walker	1	1	5	Joseph Bahr	2	1	3
Simon Walker	1	3	4	Wm. Moore	3	0	2
John Medlock	2	0	3				
Mrs. Austin W ^m	3	1	5				
Major Gibson	2	0	3				
Isaac Spradling	1	1	2	Isaac Grinstaff W ^m	1	5	3
William Gibson	1	1	2	Isaac Grinstaff W ^m	2	0	1
Jno. Scott	1	0	3	Barbara Murry	0	1	4
Jno. D... ..							

To the left is the entry for Ben
 ← Austin Sr. with (3) males above
 16 years of age, (1) male under 16,
 and (5) free white females.

- Page 99 of the 1790 Burke Co., NC census

- Since Page 98 of the same census has the entry for Benjamin (Dillery) Austin (see my William Austin of Philadelphia document) with the proper numbers and ages of dependents, and since there are no other documented Benjamin Austin's (of this Irish clan) of this time period, I feel it is rational to offer this theory.

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