



So, knowing of (a) William's association with Andrew Skinner Sr., and (b) the demonstrated mobility of these two men (activity in Kent, Ann Arundell and Talbot counties), it is plausible that Samuel Austin (supposedly born in Ann Arundell Co., MD) could be William Austin's son!

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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