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June 20, 2015

Linda Frazier, Secretary
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Dear Linda Frazier,

On June 18, I sent my dues plus a donation to total \$50.00.
I am now aware of your January to December dues calendar, and will
be prompt this coming year. Remember me to President Eddie Killian.

1) Today, I am attaching my Six Generation Chart showing how I
descend from

Bartholomew and Elizabeth P. Austin

From Virginia, who lived and died in Fairfield Co SC

2) Also enclosed is a copy of an article I wrote about Elizabeth Austin of
Fairfield Co. SC: American Patriot, 1718-1803, published in the
Austin Families Association of America Newsletter, February 2011.

A year or so ago, you were kind to re-published it in your FCGS Newsletter.

Will appreciate your placing this Six Generation Chart and my Article in
the Bartholomew and Elizabeth P. Austin File in the Library.

Thank you for your leadership in preserving the history and families of
Craven/Fairfield Co SC.



Jane Austin Bruckner
Fort Worth Texas

SIX GENERATION CHART

Compiled by Jane Austin Bruckner

Date 18 June 2015

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MID-CONTINENT
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Isham Austin

Father
B 28 Oct 1887
W Coke Co TX
D 29 Sept 1959
W Coke Co TX
M
W married Lila Byrd
26 July 1926 TX

Ancestors of:

1 Jane Austin

B Living
W Coke Co. TX
D
W married 15 Aug 1959
M to Howard C Bruckner
W

Spouse of Number 1

Howard C Bruckner MD
(1934-1995)

Lila Byrd

Mother
B 28 April 1908
W Coke Co Texas
D 24 Nov 2001
W Coke Co. Texas
Daughter of Wiley + Eva Nunn Byrd

B - When Born
W - Where Born
D - When Died
W - Where Died
M - When Married
W - Where Married

Jordan Austin

Grandfather
B 25 Feb 1806 6 July 1845
W Ashe Co. N.C.
D 21 Jan 1931
W Sainco. Coke Co. TX
M
W
Married 19 Sept 1872
Floyd Co. KY.

Arminta DeLong

Grandmother
B 12 June 1850
W Floyd Co KY
D 5 June 1891
W Coke Co. TX
Daughter of
James + Elizabeth Ward DeLong

6-

Grandmother
B
W
D
W

John Austin

B 25 Feb 1806
W Ashe Co N.C.
D 1865 Greenup Co KY
W Tygarts Creek Cemetery

Margaret Baldwin

B 16 Dec 1816
W Ashe Co. N.C.
D Daughter of Jacob
W and Mary Hayes Baldwin

10

B
W
D
W

11

B
W
D
W

14

B
W
D
W

15

B
W
D
W

Bartholomew Austin

B @ 1760 VA
D 1841 Cumberland Gap KY

Anne Reeves

B 12 Jan 1775 dau of
D George + Jane Burton Reeves
of Grayson Co VA.

18

B
D

19

B
D

20

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D

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D

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B
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B
D

Bartholomew Austin

B. 1715 New Kent Co VA
D. 27 Mar 1771 Fairfield SC
M. 1736 Amelia Co VA

to Elizabeth Pigg
B. 1718 Amelia Co VA.

D. August 1802 Fairfield SC
Daughter of

Paul + Elizabeth Osborne Pigg
of Virginia

Jane Austin Bruckner of Texas is Descendent of
Bartholomew and Elizabeth P. Austin
from Virginia who lived and died in Fairfield County SC

William Austin of Craven Co., South Carolina

Compiler: Jim Carlin

Bartholomew Austin, Sr.

Sex: M

Born: ABT 1715 at New Kent Co., VA

Died: AFT 27 Mar 1771 at St. Mark's Parish, Fairfield, SC

Marriage

Wife: Pigg, Elizabeth (ABT 1718 - BEF Aug 1802)

Married: ABT 1736 at Amelia Co., VA.

Children

Austin, Davis (ABT 1736 - 1788)

Austin, James (ABT 1738 - 10 May 1801)

Austin, Bartholomew, Jr. (1740 - BEF Aug 1802)

Austin, William (ABT 1742 - BEF Aug 1802)

Austin, John (ABT 1743 - 1805)

Austin, Drury (ABT 1745 - ABT 1783)

Austin, Joseph (ABT 1750 - Bet Jul and Nov 1829)

Austin, Rebekah (ABT 1755 -)

Austin, Edith (ABT 1759 - AFT 1820)

Austin, Mary (7 Jul 1761 - 1845)

Austin, Paul (-)

Parents

Father: Austin, William (ABT 1690 - BEF 18 Jun 1777) *Born @ 1690 New Kent Co Va. Died 1777 Craven Co SC*

Mother: Elizabeth, _____ (ABT 1690 - AFT Jun 1777)

Siblings

Austin, Samuel (BEF 1714 - AFT 1777)

Austin, Bartholomew, Sr. (ABT 1715 - AFT 27 Mar 1771)

Austin, Elender "Nellie" (AFT 1719 - AFT 1771)
 Austin, Thomas (AFT 1719 - AFT 1771)
 Austin, Elizabeth (13 Jan 1729/1730 - AFT 1772)

Notes

RESIDENCE-POSSIBLE FAMILY: Amelia County, VA, Virginia Land Office, Patent Book 17, p 68: William Austin of Hanover Co., VA..... for 40 shillings, a tract of 98 acres in Amelia County VA, on upper side of Flatt Creek on both sides of Furguson's horse-pen branch, 5 Jun 1736.

1737 Amelia County Tithes, above Flatt Creek, Bartholomew Austin - 3 tithes.

1738 Amelia County Tithes, above Flatt Creek, Bartholomew Austin - 1tithe, Richard Austin 1 tithe.

PARENTS: Will of father William Austin, undated, proved about 1777, Craven Co. (now Fairfield Co.) Will Book TT, 1774-1779, p 509.

BIRTH-MARRIAGE-PARENTS-SPOUSE-CHILDREN-MILITARY-DEATH: "Bartholomew and Elizabeth Austin of Craven County, SC", Helen Sanders Blair of Columbus, GA, AFAOA Newsletter, Vol. 4-4, Winter 1994.

DEATH: in the will he is sick & weak so he could have died between 10-6-1768 and the proof of Will date in 1771. More research is needed. Joy Anita Shaw Compiler, 9/2011.

DEATH: Death place is uncertain primarily because of death date uncertainty. At issue is the name of the county. Craven County was established in 1664, and abolished in 1768. The area involved ultimately became Fairfield County, established in 1785.

BIRTH-PARENTS-SPOUSE-CHILD: Records of Emmie B. Gorrell SC 1998; Maurine Whitworth MO 1998.

DNA: Tests show descendants of VA Bartholomew, VA John and White Co., TN Austins are related. Joy Anita Shaw, Compiler, 9/10/2011.

LAND TRANSACTIONS: 1764 200 acres Craven Co.; 1766 150 acres Craven Co.; 1768 sold 100 acres on the North side of the Broad River; Thomas Gladney's 100 acres on the Reedy Branch of Jackson's Creek, bounded in part by Bartholomew Austin; Elizabeth's will mentions 200 acres on a branch of Little River on Austin Mill Creek.

LAND RECORD. Bedford Co VA Court Order Book 1-A, 1-B, March 1757. On the petition of Bartholomew Austin and others, it is ordered that a Road be cleared the nearest and best way from Colonel Bollings quarter at the Buffalo Lick into Beard Road and Henry Bell is appointed surveyor thereof, and it is ordered that he, together with Bartholomew Austin, William Austin, Charles Belew, Joseph Belew, William Scruggs, David Matlock, William McBride, Stephen Chenalt, John Hardwick, Ezekiel Turner, Phillip Butler, John Bolling Jr., William Barnard, John Childress, Thomas Dixon, Hugh Boyle, James Talbot, Thomas Edmeston, John McLennon, Hugh Boyle Jr. and their male laboring tithables, clear and keep the same in repair

Note: Bedford Co VA was formed 10 May 1754 from Lunenburg Co VA.

LAND RECORD: VA Patent Book 33, p. 655. Benjamin Sims, 233 acres. Cumberland Co crossing Tear Wallet Run, in a Valley; adjoining Thomas Davenport, Thomas Anderson, the Orphans of Thomas Hodges, Slaughter and Lowrey and William Arnold, 20 Sept 1759. 1 pound 5 shillings. Whereas by Patent 20 Mar 1736 (PB 17, p 275) granted Paul Pigg

containing 400 acres and whereas Bartholomew Austin (in whom the Right of part of the said Land supposed to contain 285 acres is since become Vested, but upon a Survey thereof lately made is found to contain only 233 acres) hath failed to pay Quit Rents and to make Cultiv. and Improv. And Gideon Marr hath made Humble Suit and hath obtained a grant for the same which he hath assigned unto Benjamin Sims.â€ Excerpt from Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents. Vol. VI: 1749-1762, Edited by Dennis Hudgins, VA Genealogical Society, Richmond VA (1998).

Note: Here is Paul Pigg, in land deal with his son-in-law Bartholomew Austin, married to Paulâ€™s daughter Elizabeth..

MILITARY. Served in Cherokee Indian War in James Leslie's Company under command of Col. Richard Richardson from 8 Oct 1759 to 8 Jan 1760. Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1774, page 904, by Murtie J. Clark.

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WITNESSED: The Will of Thomas Gibson of Parish of St Marks, Craven Co., Planter, names daughters Elizabeth McGraw, Mary Curry, Sarah Gibson and Abigail Gibson; son Joseph Gibson and wife Julia. Dated 14 March 1766. Witnesses: Bartholomew Austin, Drury Austin, John Austin. Proved 25 Jan 1770 by the oath of Bartholomew Austin before Thomas Fletchall and John Winn, J.P. in Craven Co, SC. From South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol 26, p. 166, Abstracts of Misc Records.

WILL-SPOUSE-CHILDREN-PROPERTY : FAIRFIELD COUNTY , SOUTH CAROLINA - WILLOF BARTHOLOMEW AUSTIN

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**WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW AUSTIN, St. Marks Parish, Craven County, South Carolina
October 6, 1768:**

Transcribed by Carolyn J. Cooper [This will is transcribed with its original spelling and punctuation except for replacing the "f" used at the time for "s". Items in brackets are my comments.]

In the Name of God, Amen. I Bartholomew Austin of the Parish of St. Marks in the County of Craven, South Carolina, Miller, being sick in Body and weak also, but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men Once to die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul unto the Hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God, and touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.
Imprimis I Give and Bequeath this Hundred Acres that I live upon Mill and all

Appurtenances belonging thereunto to my Son Joseph Austin and his Heirs of his Body, but if he should die Childless, then to the next youngest that is Edeth [Edith];

Item. I give and Bequeath one hundred acres to the Discretion of the three Executors to be sold or kept to pay Debts of Credit that shall come in against the Estate. It is to be understood of my Old Plantation between Broad River and Little River;

Item. I give and Bequeath to my most Dear beloved wife Elizabeth Austin a tract of One hundred fifty acres on the Mill Creek that Runs to my Mill for and to her own disposal and furthermore I leave everything totally and wholly to her reserving things above mentioned in the first and second Articles.

Item. I also leave my most loving wife Elizabeth Austin, my beloved son Drury Austin and my son John Austin whom I Constitute my only Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed; Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of October in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty eighth. Bartholomew Austin
(seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced And declared by the said Bartholomew Austin as his last Will and Testament in The presence of us who in his Presence And in the Presence of each other have Hereunto Subscribed our Names

James Beatty James O. Porter Goodman Griffiths

Proved by Virtue of Dedimus directed by the Honorable William Bull Esqr. To Samuel Cannon Esqr. 27th March 1771 at the same time qualified Elizabeth Austin Executrix and Drury Austin and John Austin executors to the said will.

Original recorded in Will Book 1771-1774 Recorded on Page 15.

[Bartholomew does not mention some of his adult children in his will, although he had others who were of age at this time. He also had several minor children who are not mentioned.]

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William Austin of Craven Co., South Carolina

Compiler: Jim Carlin

Elizabeth Pigg Austin

Sex: F

Born: ABT 1718 at Amelia Co., VA

Died: BEF Aug 1802 at Fairfield Co., SC

Marriage

Husband: Austin, Bartholomew, Sr. (ABT 1715 - AFT 27 Mar 1771)

Married: ABT 1736 at Amelia Co., VA.

Children

Austin, Davis (ABT 1736 - 1788)

Austin, James (ABT 1738 - 10 May 1801)

Austin, Bartholomew, Jr. (1740 - BEF Aug 1802)

Austin, William (ABT 1742 - BEF Aug 1802)

Austin, John (ABT 1743 - 1805)

Austin, Drury (ABT 1745 - ABT 1783)

Austin, Joseph (ABT 1750 - Bet Jul and Nov 1829)

Austin, Rebekah (ABT 1755 -)

Austin, Edith (ABT 1759 - AFT 1820)

Austin, Mary (7 Jul 1761 - 1845)

Austin, Paul (-)

Parents

Father: Pigg, Paul (-)

Mother: Osborne, Elizabeth (-)

Notes

BIRTH-SPOUSE-CHILDREN-DEATH: "Bartholomew and Elizabeth Austin of Craven

County, SC", Helen Sanders Blair of Columbus, GA, AFAOA Newsletter, Vol. 4-4, Winter 1994 & records of Carolyn Cooper KS 1997.

REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE-SPOUSE: DAR Patriot Index-Centennial Edition, page 95 for public service (supplied provisions for the Independence fighters).

CHILDREN: There is a possibility that they had a child named Paul, but he is not mentioned in his parents' wills, at least as an older child. Referenced as a companion to Austin's and Busby's in the Cherokee War of 1759-60. Further verification is needed. Joy Anita Shaw, Compiler, 8/2011

WILL-CHILDREN-GRANDCHILD-PROPERTY : FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA- WILL OF Elizabeth AUSTIN

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[Elizabeth was the widow of Bartholomew Austin who had died in 1771.]

WILL OF ELIZABETH AUSTIN Fairfield County, South Carolina August 4, 1802.

Transcribed by Carolyn J. Cooper. [This will is transcribed with its original spelling and punctuation except for replacing the "f" used at the time for "s". Items in brackets are my comments.]

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Austin of the State of South Carolina and Fairfield District, being weak of body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be to God; Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do Make and Ordain this My last will and Testament; that is to say, Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul in to the hands of Almighty God that Gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God; and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

First I give and Bequeath unto my son John Austin one half of a plantation or tract of land originally Granted to William Newman containing two hundred acres situated on a branch of Little River on Austin Mill Creek; or should the Heirs of the said William Newman, Deceased, refuse to take titles to said plantation or tract of land then and in that case I give and bequeah one half of whatever may be recovered of the Heirs of Wm Newman - Bond Given by the said William Newman making titles to me of the said land. I also Give and Bequeath to Robert Ferrel and my Granddaughter Elizabeth Ferrel [Ferrell] the other half of said plantation or tract of land or one half of whatsoever may be received of said Bond during the term of her Natural life and at her decease to be Equally divided amongst the children of the said Elizabeth Ferrel should she have any living at that time. Should she have no Children living at that time then and in that case I Give and Bequeath the same to be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter Edy. [Edith Austin Hatcher, wife of William Hatcher. Elizabeth Ferrel was their daughter.] I also give and

Bequeath to my daughter Edy and William Hatcher one plantation or tract of land containing one hundred fifty acres situated on Mill Branch otherwise called Mill Creek being the plantation I now live on during their Natural lives and at their decease to be Equally divided amongst the children that my daughter Edy should have, except Elizabeth Ferrel which is to have no part of said land. I also Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Edy and William Hatcher one horse I now have, also all my stock of Cattle and hoggs, also all my plantation tools household kitchen furniture Except Seventy one dollars and fifty cents and one shilling Which I leave and Bequeath in the following manner VIZ, I leave and bequeath to my Grandson Bartholomew Austin Busby one Riffle gun also as much of my personal estate as will buy him a horse and saddle valued at seventy dollars - I also give and Bequeath to the Heirs of son William Austin one shilling; also to the Heirs of my son Drury Austin one shilling; also to the Heirs of my son Davis Austin one shilling; also to the Heirs of son Bartholomew Austin one shilling. I also Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Newman [wife of William Newman mentioned above] one shilling. I also give and Bequeath to my two sons James and Joseph Austin one shilling each. Also I do hereby constitute make and ordain my son John Austin Executor and my daughter Edy Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and former testaments Wills legacies or Bequests by Me in any wise made Willed or Bequeathed; Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in Witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred & two.

Elizabeth Austin (seal)

Signed & Sealed In presence of Alexander Hervey William McMorris Elizabeth McMorris Proved 5th Feb 1803 Jno. Buchanan J.C.P.

Recorded June 7th 1803 In Will Book #4 Page 170-173 Apt 8 File 2

WILL: Based on his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Austin's Will, it was believed that William Newman died prior to her writing it in 1802, however, further research has shown the William Newman she mentioned was William's father, William Newman.

ENTRY: An article about "Elizabeth Austin of Fairfield Co., SC, American Patriot, 1718-1803" was published in the AFAOA Newsletter February 2011, written by Jane Austin Bruckner.

CHILDREN: Proof of 21 children born to Elizabeth and Bartholomew from a biography of David Ramsey, an eminent physician, public official, and historian from Charleston, SC who died in 1815. On page 422 of his book entitled: "The History of South Carolina: From Its First Settlement in 1670 to Year 1808, Vol. 2" (written in 1809), he states, "Mrs. Austin, born in Virginia, was the mother of 21 children - nearly all of whom lived to maturity, were healthy and strong throughlife - after residence of 45 years in Fairfield, died in 1802..." Apparently, the names of only 11 children are known.
Source: Sally Walther, descendant of Henry Washington Austin, Email of Apr 7, 2014 to Joy A. Shaw, Compiler.

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Elizabeth Austin of Fairfield County, South Carolina American Patriot, 1718 -1803

By Jane Austin Bruckner

Elizabeth Austin is a daughter of South Carolina, strong as the palmetto tree on the State Seal and as visionary as the figure of Hope carrying a laurel branch for an independent America.

During her life Elizabeth Austin was the proverbial woman of noble character: strong, wise, getting up early to read and pray before baking bread and making breakfast. She knew the value of bread and of sharing it with others. Her husband Bartholomew Austin, son of William and Elizabeth Austin, had full confidence in her, she bought property and oversaw their home and grist mill. She could spin wool and weave cloth. She opened her arms to the poor and extended her hands to the needy.

She kept the books for the family grist mill on Austin Mill Creek in Craven Co. (now Fairfield Co.), South Carolina and at home; she was known for her gardening, good food and hospitality. Grist mills were the center of community activity; some even had post offices. People liked doing business while catching up on the latest news and visiting with neighbors. Her sons and daughters worked at the grist mill before the American Revolution.

During the Revolution, October 1780 to January 1781, Lord Cornwallis and his British troops occupied the area, with headquarters in Winnsboro, later the county seat of Fairfield Co. However, Elizabeth Austin, then a widow, gave food and provisions to the Revolutionary soldiers. Her patriotic service, recorded in SC Stubs, Indents, N. 69, Book W, was honored by the U.S. Government and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As she went about her work, helping the Revolu-

tionary cause in her home area, four of her sons were off fighting on the Loyalist side of the conflict. Bartholomew, Drury, Joseph, and John Austen were on Colonel Richard Winn's list of soldiers who had joined the British (Tory/Loyalist) forces. [Whig Militia Commanders' Enemies Lists of 1783]

Born in 1718 in King and Queen Co., Virginia, Elizabeth Pigg was the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Osborne Pigg. She had two brothers, Paul Pigg Jr. and John Ghent Pigg, born between 1714 and 1718. After Elizabeth's mother died, her father married Sarah Osborne, had more children and moved to Amelia Co., Va., where William Austin and his son Bartholomew Austin lived.

The Pigg families of Virginia were known as large landowners and for their successful grist mills. The Pigg River in Virginia was named for them. Elizabeth's father, Paul Pigg, was born 1698 in King and Queen Co., Va. to John and Elizabeth Mott Pigg. In his will, recorded in Antrim Parish, Halifax Co., Va. 1 Sept 1766, Paul Pigg named his wife and children, one of whom is his daughter, Elizabeth Osten.

Bartholomew Austin and Elizabeth Pigg met and married about 1736 in Amelia Co., Va., where they lived before moving to Craven Co., SC in 1764. Bartholomew served in the Cherokee War, in Captain James Leslie's Company, under the command of Col. Richard Richardson, from 8 Oct 1759 to 8 Jan 1760.

Land records show where the Austins lived in Virginia: On 5 June 1736 in Amelia Co., Va. William Austin of Hanover Co., Va. paid 40 shillings for a tract of 98 acres in Amelia Co., on upper side of Flatt Creek, on both sides of Fergusons Horse-pen branch. The 1737 Amelia Co. Tithable List records

Please see "Elizabeth Austin" on page 5



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Bartholomew Austin, 1 tithable. The 1738 Amelia Co. Tithable List "above Flatt Creek" includes Bartholomew Austin 1 tithable and Richard Austin 1 tithable.

Two documents show when Bartholomew and Elizabeth Austin settled in South Carolina. On 27 Aug 1764, Bartholomew received a Colonial Plat for 200 acres in Craven Co. SC. on Jackson's Creek, branch of Little River. On 14 June 1766, Bartholomew received another Colonial Plat for 200 acres in Craven Co. (which became Fairfield Co. in 1785). Bartholomew died on 27 Mar 1771, in St Marks Parish, Craven Co., SC. The will of Bartholomew Austin, a miller, of St Marks Parish, Craven Co., SC, dated 6 Oct 1768, states: "I give my Old Plantation between Broad River and Little River, a tract of one hundred fifty acres on the Austin Mill Creek and Runs to my Mill for my son Joseph Austin and his heirs, if he dies, then to the next youngest, that is Edith. I give and bequeath the hundred acres on Mill Creek to the three executors to be sold to pay debts. I also give and bequeath to my most Dearly Beloved wife Elizabeth Austin, a tract of one hundred fifty acres on the Mill Creek that runs to my Mill for and to her own disposal. I also leave my most loving wife Elizabeth Austin, my son Drury Austin and my son John Austin whom I constitute my only executors of my last will and testament."

[Bartholomew does not mention some of his adult children in his Will, although he had others who were of age at this time. He also had several minor children who are not mentioned.] On 2 May 1803, Elizabeth, age 85, died in Fairfield Co., SC, beloved by family. The will of Elizabeth Austin of Fairfield Co., SC, dated 4 Aug 1802 and recorded in Will Book #4, page 170-173, names her children: John, Edith Hatcher, William, Drury, Davis, Bartholomew, Mary Newman, James and Joseph; and grandchildren Elizabeth Ferrel and Bartholomew Austin Busby. [Researchers think there may have been another son Paul.]

Read about Elizabeth in *History of Fairfield County, South Carolina*, by F.H. McMasters, page 194. Bartholomew and Elizabeth Austin can be found on the Austin Families Association of American website. Follow the links for Research: Southern Databases: William Austin of Craven Co., South Carolina.

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Jane Austin Bruckner is indebted to Austin family researchers who collect and share information through the Austin Families Genealogical Society and the Austin Families Association of America. She is interested in learning where Bartholomew and Elizabeth are buried, and invites additions and corrections.

Jane also appeals to a male Austin in this Craven/Fairfield Co. line to participate in the Austin DNA Project, to discover possible connections with other Southern Austin lines. To participate go to the Family Tree DNA website (familytreedna.com) and search for the Austin-Austen project.

Also look for Austin DNA Project at afaoa.org and click on Projects.

Historical Note: In 1664, when the new colony of Carolina was established and divided into three counties by the Lord

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Proprietors, Craven County was considered to be the southern part of the colony, extending below the Cape Fear River to include present-day Georgia and northern Florida and extending to the west as far as the Pacific Ocean!!! It can be argued that all of the existing counties within the state of South Carolina were derived from Craven County. In 1706 the "Parish System" was established, under jurisdiction of the Church of England (Anglican), not only to administer the church's day-to-day activities but also the governmental activities within South Carolina. All courts and records were held in Charles Town (Charleston) until 1768, when seven "Districts", with governmental seats in each district, were established and all counties were eliminated. After the American Revolution, in 1785, South Carolina re-established the concept of counties and 34 "new" counties were established. The area where the Austins lived became Fairfield County.



An old water powered grist mill typical of the type owned by Bartholomew

Robert Wilson Austin (continued from previous page).

Mississippi City, Harrison County, Mississippi U. S. Census of 1920 lists the inmates of Beauvoir Soldiers Home. Included are Robert W. Austin, 74, married, born in Tennessee, parents both born in Alabama, and his wife, Mary M. Austin, age 81, born in Alabama. Her parents were both born in North Carolina.

The Beauvoir Cemetery records on Findagrave.com show photos of the memorial markers for the graves of Robert W. and Mary Austin. Robert W. died on January 19, 1925 and his wife died almost three years later on December 3, 1927.

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