

AUGUSTINE/AUSTIN McKENZIE was born to HENRY and ELIZABETH (PORTER) McKENZIE on a farm near Westminster (Frederick county) Maryland on 9 February 1785. (Date calculated from his gravestone and his death notice in a Tiffin OH newspaper.)

He was married to MARY FORD (aged 23 on the Frederick county license record) on 31 Jan 1821 in Westminster MD. Austin (his name on the record is AUGUSTINE) would have been 35; this might have been his second marriage. The parents of Mary have not been verified, although family legend names her father SOLOMON. She was born on 27 Feb 1798 (calculated from her gravestone). She died on 25 August 1866 and was buried in the West Union Cemetery in Spencer township, Allen county Ohio.

Austin (name spelled OSTEN McKINZIE) is listed on page 187 of the 1820 Federal Census compiled 26 Jan 1821 for Westminster District #7, Frederick county MD. The household included:

- 1 male 26-45. Austin was 34.
- 1 female 26-45. Mary was 21. Is this a first wife?
- 1 male 16-26 and 2 males under 10.
- 1 female 10-16 and 3 females under 10.

The ages of Austin's known children do not agree with this census record. Carolyn was born 20 October 1820. Mary was born 1 February 1822. (one record says 1821). A son. (Jasper?) who died young from choking on a cobbler's tack (family legend) might have come next; his dates are not known. Louisa was born in 1825. John Thomas was born 4 January 1828. Hannah was born 27 October 1829; she was christened in St. Benjamin's or Krider's German Reformed Church at Westminster on 8 February 1830. This church still functions. Ann Maria was born 24 May 1832. It seems certain that all of these children were born in Westminster MD. Sarah Jane was born 8 January 1836, probably in McCutchenville, Tymochee township of Crawford (now Wyandot) county, Ohio.

Austin was a saddler and cobbler who owned a house on Main street, Westminster MD, apparently with a Nellie Weaver (possibly his sister, named after his maternal grandmother Elenor PORTER?) The house, a three-family brick structure still standing is mentioned in the Westminster history "Two Hundred Years Ago" page 40. (Published in 1964 by the Westminster Bicentennial Commission.)

On April 1 1834 Austin and Nellie (Elenor) Weaver leased lots 17 and 18 on the southwest side of the main street to David Weaver (Nellie's husband?) for an annual rent of \$2 to be paid to Elizabeth Sherman, who might have been Austin's widowed and remarried mother. (MD Land Record JS 45) A Jacob Sherman, "farmer," also lived on Main street.

On 10 May 1834 Augustine McKinzie, of Crawford county Ohio, bought lots 35 and 36 in McCutchenville Ohio for \$90 from William Arnold. On 24 October 1834 he bought 80 acres in Tymochee township of Crawford county for \$210 from Elijah Durbin, of Allegany county Maryland. On 16 February 1837 he bought lot #9 in the "west addition of McCutchenville for \$250 from Martin and Ann Felipa Smith of Crawford county. On 2 October 1838 Austin bought 111 acres in Jackson township, Seneca county (section 36-3-13 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) from Samuel and Barbara Rinebolt and on 8 October 1838 he sold lot #35 in McCutchenville to the Rinebolts. Then on 10 January 1839 he sold his 80 acres in Crawford county to Martin Smith and lot #9 in the west addition to McCutchenville to

Lyman Munger of Crawford county.

Austin, Mary and their children lived in a log cabin on their farm in Jackson township, Seneca county, until Austin died of typhus fever on 9 August 1849. He is buried in the Null family cemetery in Liberty township, Section 29, north of county road #592, east of state road #635. His daughter Ann Maria, who married Joseph Sheets, is buried beside Austin's grave. Both grave markers are broken. Austin's stone is inscribed:

AUSTIN MCKINSEE

DIED

Aug. 9, 1849

Following Austin's death, the farm passed into the hands of his sons in law and others. Mary, his widow, moved with her only son, John Thomas, his wife and children west into Allen county, Ohio, where she died.