

DAVID AUSTIN (1670-1713)
 ABIGAIL PECK (1682-1741)

When David Austin, the second child of John and Mercy (Atwater) Austin (7-64) was about four years of age his older brother, John, died at the age of five or six; so David became the oldest living child of his parents. He was born Feb. 23, 1670/1 and had two younger brothers, Jonathan and Joshua, and two younger sisters. The sisters both died, however, while very young. When his mother died some time after the birth of her youngest child, we realize that the family had had a big share of tragedy and heart-ache. The children received a step-mother when their father married Elizabeth Barnes between 1680 and 1682. David was then 10 or 11 years old and his brothers were 9 and 5. A half brother died in 1683 when only 14 days old. Two half-sisters were later born to his father and step-mother making six living children in the home.

David married Abigail Peck, daughter of John and Mary (Moss) Peck of New Haven (7-72) in 1698, when she was 16 years of age and he, about 27. They made their home in New Haven where both had been born and raised and they became the parents of six children who all grew to maturity and married. The children are listed in the DAR record as follows:

- "1. Abigail Austin, b. 5 Apr. 1699; md. Ebenezer Pringle
2. Lt. David Austin, b. 25 Oct. 1703, died, 28 Aug. 1759; md. (1) 11 Feb. 1730/1, Rebecca Thompson, b. 23 Feb. 1707/8, d. 26 Feb. 1738/9. She was the dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Bishop) Thompson; md. (2) Hannah, dau. of John and Abigail (Alling) Punderson
3. Stephen Austin, b. Jan. 1, 1705/6; died 29 Sept. 1787; md. 19 Apr. 1732, Martha Thompson, b. Feb. 18, 1709/10; died Dec. 1769, dau. of William and Martha Thompson.
4. Jonathan Austin, b. Apr. 27, 1708; died 1740; md. Lydia Bradley, b. Mar. 26, 1715, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Atwater) Bradley (7-78)
5. Mary Austin, b. abt. 1710; md. 13 Oct. 1737, Daniel Holt
6. Lydia Austin, b. abt. 1713; md. 27 Dec. 1753, Eben Burroughs" 1

All of the children were born at New Haven, Conn.

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