

JONATHAN AUSTIN (1708-1740)
 LYDIA BRADLEY (1715-1782)

Jonathan was born in New Haven, Conn., Apr. 27, 1708 the fourth child of David and Abigail (Peck) Austin (7-65). His grandfather, John, was of the earliest Austin to be mentioned in the records of New Haven. It was probably in 1732 that he married Lydia Bradley who had been born in New Haven, the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Atwater) Bradley (7-78). Her Great grandfather, William Bradley, came to New Haven in 1638 with Gov. Theophilus Eaton and Rev. Davenport from London, England (7-75). He came to New Haven as a young man of 18 years. His ancestry could be traced to the early 16th century in ancient records of England.

The ancestral lines of both Jonathan and Lydia merge for they were second cousins. Jonathan's grandmother, Mercy Atwater, (7-64) and Lydia's grandfather, David Atwater Jr., (7-68), were brother and sister, children of David Sr., and Damaris (Sayre) Atwater, (7-68).

Jonathan and Lydia had firm roots in New Haven. Austin, Bradley, Peck, Atwater and Brockett were familiar New Haven names that could be traced to early immigrant proprietors of the town, and were names of the ancestors of the Austins. When Sarah Austin, the daughter of Jonathan and Lydia, married David Bishop of New Haven another notable name of an early immigrant, that of David's great-grandfather, James Bishop, (7-54), added to the merging of ancestral lines that came out of New Haven.

Though many had pushed into settlements further inland by this time, Jonathan and Lydia preferred to make their home where their roots were.

The children of Jonathan and Lydia (Bradley) Austin are listed in the DAR record as:

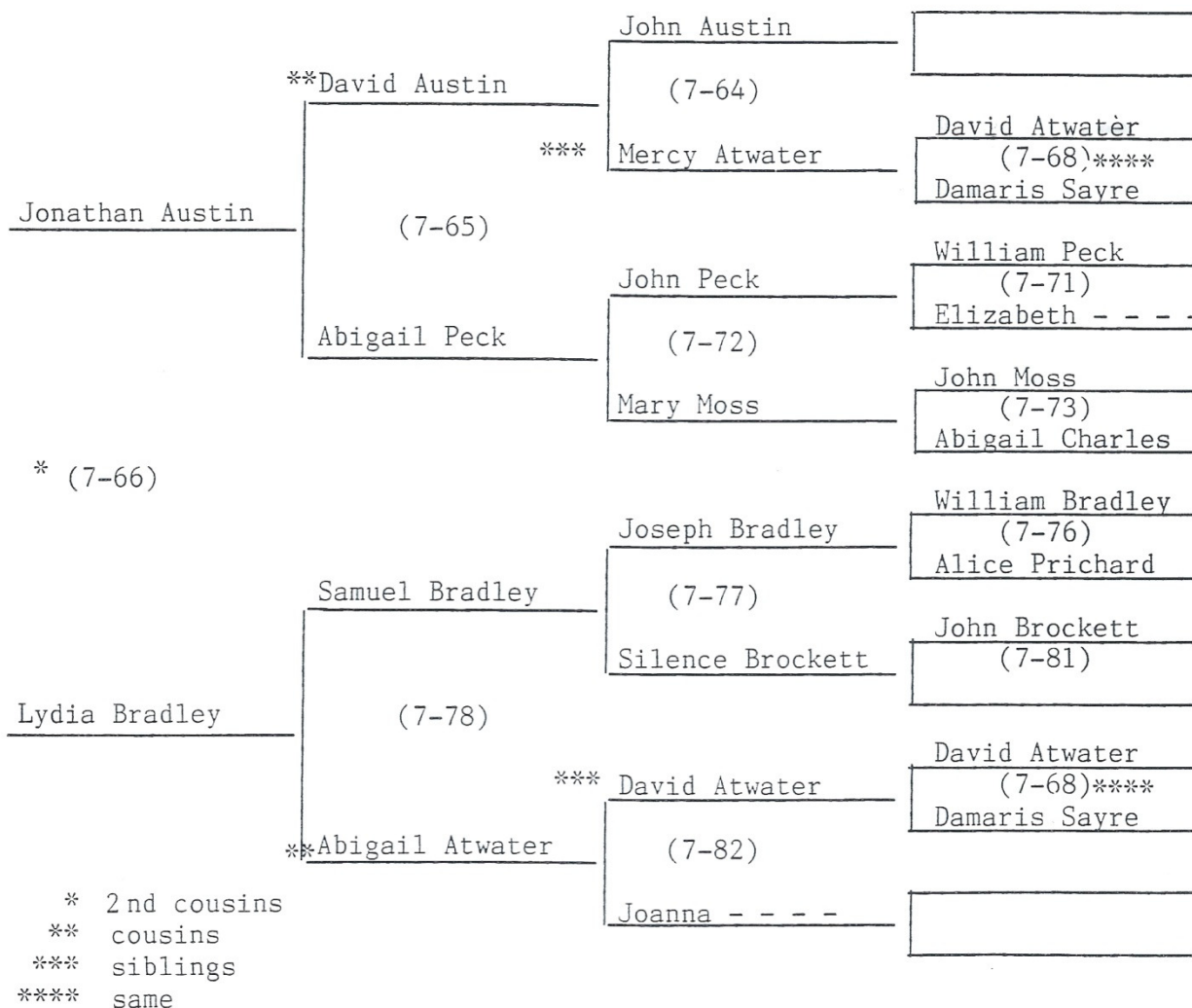
- "1. Sarah Austin, b. abt. 1735; md. David Bishop of New Haven (7-57)
2. Abigail Austin, b. about 1737-8, died, Oct. 6, 1742, ae. abt. 4 years
3. Lydia Austin, b. Sept. 17, 1740; died, 14 Feb. 1765; md. June 29, 1762
John Cornwall."¹

Jonathan died in 1740, the same year that his youngest child, Lydia, was born. He was only 32 years of age at the time. Lydia, his widow, married again in 1742, Ebenezer Darrow, son of Richard Darrow. By Mr. Darrow, Lydia had seven more children, namely:

4. Ebenezer Darrow, b. 23 Mar. 1743; died young
5. Abigail Darrow, b. 29 July, 1745; md. 8 Nov. 1764, Jabez Johnson
6. Jemima Darrow, b. 9 Feb. 1747/8; md. 22 May 1766, Benjamin Barnes
7. Asa Darrow, b. 2 May 1750; died 16 Nov. 1821, ae. 71
8. Titus Darrow, b. 15 Feb. 1753; died, 25 Jan. 1841, ae. 88
9. Eunice Darrow, b. 23 Jan. 1755; died, 1831
10. Ebenezer Darrow, b. 18 Sept. 1757; died, 8 Aug. 1834²

Lydia (Bradley) Austin Darrow died at the age of 67 on Mar. 10, 1782. At that time her children were all grown; the youngest having reached 25 years of age.

The Atwater ancestors of Jonathan and Lydia, who had the same great grandparents, David and Damaris (Sayre) Atwater, is given in 7-67 and 7-68. The following chart explains this relationship.



1. #71 p. 12
2. ibid p. 26