

AUSTIN, LAURA F.

Laura F. Austin - Credentials were approved by the General Executive Committee of the fall of 1904, and appointment was designated for India. The Board of Foreign Missions withheld approval at first on the score of possible ill health in a tropic clime, but withdrew objection later on learning that the physician's statement was probably overcautious and that Mrs. (Bishop) Warne had approved the appointment.

Miss Austin sailed for India in the Autumn of 1905, under appointment to Bombay Conference, for work in Gujarat. She was the first Standard Bearer missionary of the Columbia River Branch.



Dec. 22, 1959.

Memo for Miss Colony's office,

Laura Faye Austin will soon be having a birthday. Please see birthday memo attached. Miss Austin retired April 1, 1951. No "Life Sketch" in file & no recent picture. The latest correspondence in file from this retired missionary is a letter dated June 22, 1958.. Miss Austin is listed in the 19th Annual Report and her address is shown as;

Austin, Laura
Wesley Gardens
Des Moines,
Washington.

Laura Faye Austin - born Jan. 3, ¹⁹⁶⁰1880 - Cedar Mills, Minnesota.
(India) 80 years old.

Dorothy Ernst.

died July 2 '62

Deaths

Laura Austin, '14, July 2, 1962, in "Wesley Gardens," a retirement home near Tacoma, Wash. She attended high school in Portland and prepared for mission service in New York. She earned her AB degree in Willamette University after her first term of service in India. She spent a total of 45 years in Mission service in Bombay State, Western India. Her most notable work was in helping Dr. Frank Laubach prepare charts for teaching adults to read Gujarati, the local language. She then used these charts for training many illiterate adults, in translating hymns and stories from English into their language and in starting and editing for many years a magazine for Gujarati children, the Balvadi or "Children's Garden."

Pat Gentile Granberg, 2701 Hillegass, Berkeley, Calif., is now attending medical school—working towards a Ph.D. in psychiatry. Her husband is with the city attorney's office in San Francisco.

Ruben Menashe now lives in Portland at 4231 N.E. Siskiyou.

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Donald G. and Donna (Knox, '56) Hobson, are now in Glendora, Calif., at 1864 E. Manor Ln. Mr. Hobson has completed a year's residence work at Claremont Graduate School toward his Ph.D. Their son, Kevin, is 2½.

Earle Didzun is now employed by Dawson & Turner Advertising Agency. Mr. Didzun and his wife, Vivian (Chance, '55), have two sons, Bruce, 8 months, and Andrew, 2 years of age. Address: 454 N.E. Laurelhurst Pl., Portland 13, Ore.

Charles P. Anderson has accepted an ap-

IN MEMORIAM

Laura Faye Austin

Miss Laura Faye Austin, age 82, retired missionary, passed away at Wesley Gardens, Des Moines, Washington, July 2, 1962.

Born in Cedar Mills, Minnesota, January 3, 1880, she attended Folts Mission Institute, University of Oregon, received her B.A. degree from Willamette University. Prior to her serving as a missionary in India she taught for four and a half years in public schools in Portland, Oregon.

Miss Austin sailed for India in 1905. Her first appointment was in Baroda for language study and village work. During subsequent years she served in Godhra, Bombay and Nadiad, in the field of education and evangelism. She retired in 1951, and in 1957 she became a resident of Wesley Gardens, Des Moines, Washington.

Miss Austin will long be remembered for her dedicated spirit and radiant faith.

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1814 S.E. Twentys~~ev~~enth Ave.,
Portland 14, Oregon
September 27, 1962.

Dear Mrs. Kenney:

I was sorry not to find a write up of the passing of my India colleague, Laura Faye Austin, in the last number of The Methodist Woman. Probably you had not received the news in time for the issue.

The enclosed, from the Willamette University Alumnus, may not be entirely accurate - as to length of service, for instance - but it will be a reminder for next issue. Very likely Miss Palmer's office has a more complete and an accurate list of details in regard to her service.

The Methodist Woman grows better and better. More power to you '.

Sincerely

Laura Best

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BIRTH: Date: Jan. 3, 1880 NAME: Justin, Laurence

Place: Cedar Mills, Minn. FIELD: India

CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A. NATURALIZED: Date: Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
2-9-43	Mr. J. W. Justin	Edburn, Oregon	brother
	Mr. J. W. Justin		"
	Mrs. J. W. Justin		step-mother
	Mr. J. W. Justin	Job Line St., Independence, Calif.	brother
	Mrs. W. M. Cornutt	549 S. Main St., Portland 10, Oregon	sister

HOME CHURCH: Left First Congregational Church, Portland, Oregon

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
	Oregon	Oregon

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
Folte Mission Institute	1903-1904		Missionary training
Willamette University	June 17, 1910	B.A.	Major in education of one term of service in India 1908-10

DATE OF COMMISSION: DATE OF FIRST SAILING Oct. 1908

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:
DEATH:
WITHDRAWAL:
RESIGNATION:

NAME: Martin, Laura Arge

FIELD: India

APPOINTMENTS:

Conference	Date	Place	Work
Bombay	Arrived Dec. 17, 1905	Bombay	Language study & village work
	Jan. 1906-09	Godhra	Educational - Godhra Girls' Orphanage
	Dec. or Jan. 09 - Apr. 1911	Baroda	High school & Baroda Girls' boarding school
Gujarat	Jan. 1, 1912-Dec. 1917	Godhra	Girls' school & teacher
	Dec. 1917-Sept. 1919		Teachers' training college and City Evangelistic work.
	Dec. 1919-March 1917	Bombay	Gujarati school and village work
	Dec. 1, 1919-1924	Baroda	City Evangelistic & literature editor Baroda
	July 1925-Nov. 1937	Godhra	Village work; Educational
	Nov. 1937-Nov. 1939		Village work; Adm.; dist. adm. and Baroda
	Nov. 1939-Nov. 1941	Baroda	Adult Education in Baroda
	Nov. 1941-etc. 1941		
	July 1941, 1942		

FURLOUGHS:

Left Field	Arrived U. S. A.	Left U. S. A.	Arrived Field	Comments
March 1911	July 1910	Sept. 11, 1911	Nov. 1911	took college work and rec'd degree, B. A. in Arts, 1910-11
Sept. 1910	Nov. 1910	Dec. 16, 1910	Jan. 10, 1911	1st part of the year
March 1917	July 30, 1917	Oct. 19, 1917	Dec. 1, 1917	1st part of the year
Apr. 19, 1919	Apr. 19, 1919	Apr. 19, 1919	June 19, 1919	spent in Bombay & Baroda
Oct. 1921	Furlough in India - 1921-22		July 19, 1921	spent in Baroda

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Birth Date : Jan. 3, 1880

Name : Bruno Roye Austin

Place : Cedar Hills, Minn.

Field : India

Citizen - U.S.A.

Religion : ?

Date

Place

Ship

Relatives:

Date

Name

Address

Relationship

2-9-'43

Mr. A.E. Austin

Woodburn, Oregon

brother

Mr. H.E. Austin

Woodburn, Oregon

brother

Mrs. J.A. Austin

Woodburn, Oregon

step-mother

Mr. L.S. Austin

1333 Pine Street,
South Pasadena, Cal.

brother

Mrs. W.S. Cornett

5329 S.E. Salmon St.,
Portland 15, Oregon.

sister

Home Church: Left for India from "Centenary Wilbur", Portland, Oregon.

Supporting Organization:

Group

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Conference: Oregon

Jurisdiction: Western

Education:

Date

Degree

Comments

Wells Mission Institute

1903-'05, June

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Missionary Training

Willamette University

June 17, 1914

B.A.

Major in Education
after one year of service
in India.

Date of Commission: Nil

Date of first sailing: Oct. 1, 05

Further Biographical Data:

References:

Notes:

Other Data:

Resignation:

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Name: Laura Faye Austin

Field: India, Gujarat Conference

APPOINTMENTS :

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Work</u>
Bombay	Arrived Dec.17,1905	Baroda	Language study and village evangelistic and Ed. work.
Bombay	Jan.1908-1909	Godhra	Godhra girls' orphanage and School
Bombay	Jan.1909 - March 1911	Baroda	High School (co-educational)
Bombay	Jan.12,1915-Dec.1917	Godhra	Girls' School Hostel
Bombay	Dec.1917- Sept.1920	Godhra	Teachers' Training College, and in 1919-'20 city evangelistic work
Bombay	Dec.21-March 1927	Bombay	Gujarati Schools, Evangelistic and General work.
Gujarat	Dec.2, '29- March '35	Baroda	City Evangelistic, literature, and Editor Guj. Treasure Chest
Gujarat	July 1936- Nov. '37	Godhra	village evangelistic and Educational work, &
Gujarat	Nov.1937- Nov.1939	Godhra	Vil. Evang. & Ed., adult Education & Editor Guj. Treasure Chest
Gujarat	Feb.1940 - Nov. 1941	Adia	" " " "
Gujarat	Nov. 1941- Oct.1942	Adia	Adult Education and literature
Gujarat	July 12,1943-Nov.1943	Adia	" " " "

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<u>Left Field</u>	<u>Arrived U.S.A.</u>	<u>Left U.S.A.</u>	<u>Arrived Field</u>	<u>Comments</u>
March 23, 1916	July 1916	Sept. 19, 1916	Nov. 1916	took off for 3 months interval 1916-1917
Sept. 1920	Nov. 1920	Dec. 1921	Jan. 26, 1922	
March 1927	May 30, 1927	Oct. 23, 1927	Feb. 12, 1928	1st part of the furlough
March 13, 1935	April 23, 1935	May 6, 1935	June 29, 1935	2nd part of furlough
Oct. 8, 1942	April 23, 1935	May 6, 1935	June 29, 1935	9 months furlough in India
			July 12, 1943	Side Trip Japan May 1935, took course in U.S.A. Extension



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

(To be filled out by accepted candidates and sent to the General Office, Room 710, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.)

1. Full name. *Laura Faye Austin*
2. Home address. *Woodburn, Oregon (1531 East Salmon, Portland, Oregon) while on present furlough*
3. Place and date of birth. *Cedar Mills, Meeker County, Minnesota*
4. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United States, for convenience, in case of emergency.
 - Mr. *A. E. Austin, 215 Third Street, Woodburn Oregon, OR 9/11/14*
 - H. M. Austin*
 - Mrs. W. B. Cornitt, 1531 East Salmon St., Portland, Ore.*
5. Education: *L. B. Austin, Box 174 Pasadena, Cal.*

Names of Schools.	Periods of Study.	Dates of Graduation.	Degrees.	Honors.
<i>Portland Oregon</i>	<i>3 1/2 yrs.</i>	<i>Feb 1899</i>		
<i>Fells Mission Institute</i>	<i>2 yrs.</i>	<i>June 1906</i>		
<i>Willamette University</i>	<i>3 yrs.</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>B. A.</i>	

6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.

Teacher in Public Schools of Portland Oregon

7. Church relationships:

- a. Date of joining church, denomination, location. *Methodist Episcopal, Woodburn, Ore., 1891 or 1892.*
- b. Record of Christian work engaged in before leaving U. S. A. *Teacher & assist. supt. Sunday school, Centenary Ch. Portland Epworth League work in local chapter.*

8. Date of appointment. *1920*

9. Branch. *Columbia River*

10. Appointments on the foreign field.

Large assignments on K. and in various parts of the world 1908-4, 1904-1910, 1910-1914, 1914-1920

11. Daughter of missionary?

12. Student volunteer?

13. Remarks.

NOTE. — It is important that the General Office be notified of changes in addresses of missionaries and their relatives. Each missionary is requested to send two photographs of herself to the General Office.

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BIRTH: Date: Jan. 3, 1880

NAME: Austin, Laura Faye

Place: Cedar Mills, Minn.

FIELD: India

CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. X NATURALIZED:

Date:

Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
2-9-43	A. E. Austin	Woodburn, Oregon	Brother
	H. M. Austin	" "	"
	Mrs. J. A. Austin	" "	Step-mother
	L. B. Austin	1133 Pine St., S. Pasadena, Calif.	Brother
	Mrs. W. B. Cornutt,	5829 S. E. Salmon St., Portland 15, Oregon	Sister

HOME CHURCH: left from Centenary Wilbur, Portland, Oregon

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: W.D.C.S.

Group

Conference
Oregon

Jurisdiction
Western

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
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DATE OF COMMISSION:

DATE OF FIRST SAILING October 1905

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DEATH:
WITHDRAWAL:
RESIGNATION:

NAME: Austin, Laura Faye

FIELD: India

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	Dec. or Jan. 1909 - Mar. 1911	Baroda	High School & Baroda Girls' Boarding School
Gujarat	Jan. 12, 1915-Dec. 1917	Godhra	Girls' School Hostel
	Dec. 1917-Sept. 1920	"	Teachers' Training College and City Evangelistic work.
	Dec. 1921-March 1927	Bombay	Gujarati School and Evang. work
	Dec. 2, '29-1934	Baroda	City Evangelistic & Literature Editor "Balvodi"
	July 1936-Nov. 1937	Godhra	Village Evang. & Educational
	Nov. 1937-Nov. 1939	"	Vil. Evang. & Edu.; Adult Edu. and "Balvadi"
	Nov. 1939-Nov. 1941	Nadiad	" " " " "
Nov. 1941-Oct. 1942	"	Adult Education & Literature	
July 12, 1943	"	" " " "	

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March 1910	May 1910	Sept. 19, 1914	Nov. 1914	Took college work and rec'd degree, B.A. in interval 1910-1914
Sept. 1920	Nov. 1920	Dec. 16, 1921	Jan. 26, 1922	Ill part of the furlough side trip in Korea & China on way out. Took classes in U. of O. ext in Portland.
March 1927	May 30, 1927	Oct. 29, 1928	Dec. 19, 1928	
Mar. 13, 1936	Apr. 23, 1935	May 6, 1936	June 29, 1936	
Oct. 1942	Furlough in India - 9 months		July 12, 1943	

NAME (IN FULL) AUSTIN, LAURA FAYE		BIRTH DAY 1/3/1880	APPOINTMENT	FIRST SAILING 10/1905	ARRIVAL FIELD	FIELD INDIA W.F.M.S.
BIRTH PLACE Cedar Mills, MINN.						
CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZATION: DATE _____		RETIREMENT 4/1/51	RESIGNATION	WITHDRAWAL 4/1/51 7/2/65	DEATH	MARRIAGE NAME
PLACE _____						
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: JURISDICTION <u>Western</u>		EDUCATION:				
CONFERENCE <u>* Oregon</u>		DATE	INSTITUTION		DEGREE	
LOCAL SOCIETY _____		1899	Portland High School			
HOME CHURCH <u>Centenary Wilbur, Portland, Oregon</u>		6/ 1905	Folts Mission Institute, Calif.			
NEXT OF KIN _____		1935-1936	Ext. Dept, U. of Oregon			
		1914	Willamette University		A. B.	
DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP			
	A. E. Austin	Woodburn, Oregon	Brother			
	H. M. Austin	Woodburn, Oregon	Brother			
	Mrs. J. A. Austin	Woodburn, Oregon	Step-mother			
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OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

EX COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Checked - JUL 1 1955

see W. F. M. S. retirement

C. E. B.

FURLOUGHS

APPOINTMENTS

LEFT FIELD	ARRIVED U S	LEFT U. S.	ARRIVED FIELD	COMMENTS	DATE	PLACE	WORK
2, 10	5/10	9/19/14	11/14	B.A. degree in interval	12/17/05	Baroda, Bombay	Lang. school and village wk.
9/20	11/20	10/16/21	1/26/22	Ill pt. of furl Side trip in Korea and China on way out.	1/08-09	Godhra	High school & Bd.ing school
3/27	5/30/27	10/29/28	12/19/28		1909-3/11	Baroda	
3/13/35	4/23/35	5/6/36	6/29/36		1915-1917	Godhra	Girls school hostel
10/42	(furlough in India - 9 months)		7/12/43		1917-1920	Godhra	Teachers Tr.Sch. City evang. wk.
					1922-1927	Bombay	Gujarati School, Evang. work
					12/1928-1934	Baroda	City evang. and lit. editor Valvodi
10/05 - 5/10		4 yrs 5 mo	4 yrs 4 mo		7/36-10/37	Godhra	Vil. evang. & Educational
9/14 - 11/20		6 yrs 2 mo	11 mo		11/37-11/39	Godhra	" & adult ed. and "Balvadi"
10/24 - 5/27		5 yrs 8 mo	1 yr 5 mo		11/39 - 11/41	Nadiad	" " "
10/28 - 11/05		6 yrs 6 mo	1 yr 1 mo		11/41-10/42	"	Adult ed. and lit.
5/36 - 10/42		6 yrs 5 mo	9 mo		7/43 -	"	" " " "
7/43 - 4/49		5 yrs 3 mo	6 yrs 30 mo				
		32 yrs 29 mo					
		6 yrs 3 mo					
		2 yrs					
		40 yrs 32 mo					
		42 yrs - 8 mo					

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT SALARY

FROM	TO	FROM	TO

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file have not been
included but are
available upon request.
For more information
please contact
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