

As part of the quest to learn more about Austin Groves, local Civil War historian Brian Hogan of the Sons of Union Veterans organization was contacted for help with learning about his military marker:

(Communication to John P. Rankin by Brian Hogan, March 5, 2003)

John,

I cannot verify that Austin Groves was in the 42nd USCT!

The only Austin Groves I can find was in the 66th Ohio Infantry, Co.A I've looked at every source I could think of, including Freedman's Bank lists and the Slave Genealogy book, without success.

Perhaps this is a case where one needs to request a service record from the National Archives.

I just don't know where else to go!

Brian

On March 9, 2003, John P. Rankin wrote back to Brian Hogan:

Brian --

Have you considered trying to locate this guy under the name of Groves Austin or G. Austin? There were some Austin families on living on the arsenal lands before the Civil War (plantation owner and slaveholder Pleasant Austin was the first of the name there), but I never noticed any Groves families there. Maybe the name was incorrectly put on the stone, from a military form that required last name first.

Thanks for checking.....

John