

Civil War Soldier Project:
**Robert Austin's
Story**

Soldier Dog Tag

**Name: Robert
Austin**

**Date Of Birth:
7/22/1848, Ontario
Died: 9/25/1918, MI
Rank: Private
Company D, First
Michigan Cavalry**

Wartime Service

Robert Austin enlisted in Company D of the First Michigan Cavalry (Union Army) on January 26th, 1864. He enlisted at Romeo for a 3 year contract starting at the age of 18. He first gathered to service on February 2nd, 1864 and was discharged on June 23rd, 1865. As he was in the cavalry, he was a horseback fighter used for various battles.



After Service

Not much is known about him, but after the war he died of lung and kidney disease as a result of his service in the Civil War on September 25, 1918. There is some debate on the specific date of his death, but we know that he died at around the age of 70.



Family and relatives

Most of his family lived in Canada or New York. He had one child, James Austin, who was born in 1872 and passed away in 1908. He also had a wife, Addie York Austin. His parents were Mary E. Austin and Robert Austin. Sr. Robert Austin was born in 1808 and passed away 1855, and Mary was born in 1817 and passed away in 1889.

