



Share the Linton Family History

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Dedicated to Bringing Together the Posterity of Samuel Linton

Linton Family Temple Session

All family members wishing to attend a family temple session, please arrive at the Mount Timpanogos Temple by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th. The Linton family session will begin at 8 a.m.

Group Photo

Due to expense, we've decided not to have a professional photographer at the



reunion. But we still want to take lots of PHOTOS including a BIG group shot of everyone in attendance (for history's sake!) We'd like to take this photo around 1 p.m. on Sat., June 18 @ the BBQ.

Hope to See You at the Reunion

The Samuel Linton Reunion is just a few weeks away—June 17 & 18, 2005 in Provo/Orem, Utah. This reunion is really unique, as it will be the first time (since 1908--nearly 100 years ago) that the posterity of Samuel Linton has come together.

We're not sure when we'll pull off a reunion like this again, so we're very glad that so many family members are coming!! We've received 85 RSVPs to the Friday night dinner thus far, and 135 family members plan to attend Saturday's picnic.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so ASAP as we need to finalize food, games, nametags, etc. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! **You Can print out the RSVP form at:**
www.lintonfamily.org.

"Coming Together"

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Did You Know....

- According to the US Census, most "Lintons" lived in Ohio and Pennsylvania in 1840. (Samuel Linton moved to Philadelphia, PA in 1848.)
- Civil War Records indicate that 259 soldiers with the last name "Linton" fought for Union forces, and 127 fought for the Confederate. (Two of Samuel Linton's brothers fought for the Union).
- According to the US Census, 39% of all "Lintons" were farmers by profession in 1880.
- Although our ancestors came from Ireland, the majority of "Lintons" emigrated from England.

Meet Lua Alice Linton Stephenson

2005 Samuel Linton Reunion Committee:

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We've shared information about each child of Samuel Linton in past newsletters. Now we'd like to start "coming forward" and introduce you to some of Samuel's grandchildren. This month, we'd like to introduce you to granddaughter Lua Alice Linton, daughter of John Sutton Linton and Eliza Ann Gadd.

Lua Alice was born in Nephi, Utah on May 17, 1891. She enjoyed a wonderful, carefree childhood in Nephi and surrounding towns where her father took work.

In her autobiography, Lua Alice wrote, "My sister Leora, who was only 18 months older than I, was my playmate and was very dear to me. In the summer, Leora's and my chore was to herd the cow in the streets around our block; and while we watched to see that she didn't trespass on our neighbor's property, we played with our dolls.

In the Fall of 1900, the family moved to Hyde Ranch outside of Juab. Her father (John) became a counselor to Bishop R.C. Stephenson. That is when Lua Alice first met Warner Stephenson. She wrote, "Being only nine, boys didn't interest me much, but I always looked at Warner through the corner of my eye and admired him for his kindness and helpfulness to his mother and sisters."

Lua Alice often traveled back to Nephi with her family to visit the grandparents. "It was always good to arrive at Grandma Linton's on Sunday [Ellen Sutton Linton], to smell the chicken in the pot and the pies in the pantry with maybe some dried beans simmering on the back of the stove. No one could make green creamed peas taste like Grandma. She was always so neat and tidy and kept her home the same. A sweet, gentle, patient, and dear person."

In 1905 when her father took a job in Lynndyl, Lua Alice and her four sisters moved to Nephi to attend school. The five sisters lived with their Aunt Mary Ann Linton Morgan, next door to Grandpa and Grandma Linton. Mary Ann's house "was a two-room house, and we were quite comfortable through the winter. Grandmother watched over us and often brought us a dish of hot food or plate of hot potato cakes. My they were good and made by loving hands."

"Grandfather was crippled with rheumatism and walked with a cane. His hair was real white, as was his long, well-kept beard. A fine gentleman, one who loved the Lord and tried to serve Him. He wanted his people to hear the gospel and made one or more trips back to Philadelphia to convert them, but none would listen and so, as far as we know, none has joined the Church."

Photo at right:
Lua Alice and William Warner Stephenson (front row) at their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1967. Back row L-R: Kenneth, Carol, Robert, Maurine, & Norma.

Have a Question About the Upcoming Reunion?

Write to:
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Lua Alice left to serve a mission for the LDS Church (Northern States Mission) on April 14, 1914.



Watching her father as the train pulled out of the

station, Lua Alice wrote, "I often wondered what his thoughts were, although I know his prayers were for my safety and success in my missionary labors and that I would return with a firm testimony of the truthfulness of the restored gospel; for it was the desire of our parents for us to love the Lord and His work. The gospel was very dear to our parents and grandparents. They were always mindful of their responsibilities as parents to teach us and to be good examples for us to follow."

After returning from her mission, Lua Alice met up again with Warner Stephenson who had returned from a four-year mission to Hawaii. The two became engaged and were married on September 26, 1917 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

Warner was called into the service during WWI, so Lua Alice moved to Provo, UT to live with her parents and await the arrival of their first child, Maurine. Warner returned home on February 19, 1919 and the family moved back to Nephi.

Lua Alice and Warner went on to have four more children: Norma, Robert, Kenneth, and Carol. The couple was called to work in the Manti Temple in 1938, and served for over four years. They served a six-month mission to the Northern States mission in 1953, and then returned home to work in the Manti Temple again.

In 1969, they moved to New York for eight months, to join their son Robert and wife Ethel, who had recently been called as president of the Cumorah Mission in Rochester, New York. They enjoyed visiting Church historical sites and attending the Hill Cumorah Pageant while living in New York.

William Warner Stephenson died on July 28, 1985 at the age of 97. Lua Alice died on November 23, 1990; six months shy of her 100th birthday. Their posterity numbers five children, 28 grandchildren, and we're still counting the great grandchildren!! (LOTS!!)

Samuel Linton Family Reunion

"Coming Together"

June 17-18, 2005, Provo/Orem, Utah

Friday, June 17

6 p.m. Dinner at the BYU Skyroom, Provo, Utah

Directions: The "Skyroom" is located on the 6th floor of the Wilkinson Student Center (WSC) on the Brigham Young University Provo Campus. Your best bet for parking would be the visitor lot south of the law school. There is a crosswalk from the lot that will take you directly into the Wilkinson Center. Once inside, you go right and take the first left to get to the elevators to the 6th floor. There is also a visitor parking lot next to the Museum of Art. More information at www.byu.edu.



Here's what's planned:

- Enjoy a delicious dinner together (please contact reunion@lintonfamily.org if you have special dietary restrictions).
- *"From Ardstraw to Nephi"* Historical Slide Presentation
- *"Our Family Tree"*: Presented by Robert Stephenson, James Tanner, Ray Linton, Richard Holden, and Larry Linton.
- Family business meeting (we'll make it quick!)
- Lots of visiting & lots of dessert!

Saturday, June 18

7:30 a.m. Arrive at the Mt. Timpanogos Temple. Located at 742 N. 900 East in American Fork. For detailed directions, call: 801-763-4540.

8 a.m. Linton Family Temple Session begins. We will be doing Linton family names. Coordinator: Betty Headman

8 a.m. Linton Family Golf Tournament (course TBA). Coordinator: Ron Linton

11 a.m. Meet & Greet: Begin to gather at Eagle Park: 50 South 800 East in Orem. Check-in, pick up your name tags, etc.

12-1 p.m. Potluck Lunch served

Potluck food assignments will be e-mailed two weeks prior to reunion.

1 p.m. Family Photo Time! (Large group photo, plus family group shots!)

1:30-3 p.m. Family Fun in the Sun!

- Crafts & games for the kids
- Family trivia game and fun prizes for the grown-ups
- Baseball, horseshoes, and volleyball for everyone!