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2005 Linton Reunion Update

June 17 & 18 --Be there!

We are gearing up for a SUPER reunion this summer, where, for the first time EVER, we will come together as the posterity of Samuel Linton and Ellen Sutton. Please note that the dates have moved up a week to **Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18**. The reunion will be held in the Salt Lake City area. MANY details will be coming your way soon. But for now, **please put those dates on your family's calendar!** See you there!

The **reunion committee needs your help!** Please volunteer to help with one of the following sub-committees:

- Facilities
- Program
- Food
- Photography
- Invitations

Please contact Colette Linton McCullough to help:
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We want your feedback! You'll notice that in addition to this newsletter, you've received a reunion survey. Please type in or print out and mail/e-mail your responses ASAP! THANKS! (See contact information in left column)

Up & Going Again...

We apologize that the LintonFamily.org website has been down for a few months. But we're happy to say that it's up and going again, although we still want to make many improvements. We'll keep you posted. Also, we did not publish a "Share the Linton Family History" newsletter in the Fall. But we're getting those going again, as well. Please feel free to submit photos and family history information that you may have in your possession, and we'll share it with the entire Linton Family.

Happy New Year!



Newsletter editor, Colette Linton McCullough and her family, wish you and your family a Happy New Year. It was wonderful in 2004 to connect with so many cousins. May we have more success in sharing family histories and finding Linton cousins in 2005. See you at the reunion this summer!

Life Story of Samuel Linton & Ellen Sutton's Eldest Son, John

John Sutton Linton, eldest child of Samuel Linton and Ellen Sutton, was born April 6, 1859 at Salt Lake City Utah. He was baptized April 1867 by his father and confirmed by Andrew Love. As a young man he worked with his father extending the railroad. He also helped on the family farm harvesting hay.

John was ordained an Elder in the LDS Church in the St. George Temple by President Wilford Woodruff on 22 Feb 1877, and endowed the same day. He became engaged to Eliza Ann Gadd before leaving on his mission and began service in the Southern States mission on 2 Dec 1882. John served mostly in Chattanooga, TN area. One day he went out in the woods to pray and to



John Sutton Linton & Eliza Ann Gadd Family
Front Row: L to R- Heber John, Mary Ellen, John Sutton Linton, Eliza Ann, Lua, Wilma
Back Row: L to R - Jeanette, Grace, Leora, Genevieve

mend his trousers. While climbing over a fence pole, he accidentally broke the needle he was carrying off into his hand. The broken needle remained in his hand the rest of his life.

Upon returning from his mission the spring of 1885, John resumed courting Eliza Ann Gadd. The couple traveled (accompanied by John's mother, Ellen Sutton) for three weeks by wagon to reach the recently completed Logan temple. They were married 17 Dec 1885.

John Sutton and Eliza Ann Gadd had eight children: Mary Ellen (1886), Leora (1889), Lua Alice (1891), Genevieve (1894), Jeanette (1895), Grace-Idell (1897), Wilma-Belle (1901), and Heber John (1904).

After Leora was born, the couple built an adobe home in the northeast part of Nephi. It was a home filled with love and devotion, with an appreciation of music, and the fine things of the life. The family spent many hours in the evenings gathered in the front room singing and reading the scriptures. John and Eliza Ann loved to sing and formed a fine duet. Favorite songs included,

Special thanks to Robert Stephenson of St. George, UT for providing the photos and life story of John Linton. Robert is the great-grandson of John and Eliza Ann through their daughter, Lua Alice.

"Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words to Each Other", "The Lord is My Light", and "Sweet Genevieve". Eliza Ann would often sit with her mending, while John sat in the high-backed rocking chair with a child on each knee, and the rest of the children gathered around listening to them sing.

John was a lovable man, always kind and gentle, devoted to his wife, family, and the Church. He was a man of great faith and fine language. He loved a good joke, but was never boisterous. He exercised his priesthood in administering to his children in time of sickness. Once, John himself became seriously ill with appendicitis. The doctor told him he couldn't possibly live because of the danger of gangrene. But through faith, prayers, and the power of the priesthood, John was healed.

For a few years, John worked for the Nephi Plaster Company, receiving a dollar a day pay. In the summer of 1900, he worked for the Salt Quarry in Salt Creek Canyon. The family lived in a house across the road from the quarry. On Sundays, the family traveled by way of lumber wagon and team to Nephi so they could attend church and visit family. Then they traveled back to the quarry in the evenings, often after dark. The children, tired out from play, would go to sleep in the bottom of the wagon. On their way home one night, a wagon wheel came off, throwing Eliza Ann from the wagon. The older children helped their mother (who was suffering from a bad back and pregnant with Wilma at the time) walk home. John went looking for the wagon wheel burr, but couldn't find it, so decided to go back down the canyon. Amazingly, he found the burr in the dark and drove the wagon home.

In the fall of 1900, John moved his family to Hydes Ranch, one mile east of Juab and fifteen miles south of Nephi. There, he was engaged in farming and cattle raising. It was a fine ranch, but not a good place to raise girls. So the family moved to Juab where John secured a job with the Railroad Company (in the round house and as a car repairman), working for foreman and bishop, Robert Stephenson. John became Bishop Stephenson's first counselor in the bishopric.

While working on the railroad, John hurt his finger in an accident. He was taken to see a doctor in Nephi who amputated his finger. Complications from this incident nearly killed John. But once again, his life was spared.

The family made many wonderful friends while living in Juab, and enjoyed many social gatherings, church events and dances held in the one-room schoolhouse located on the hill overlooking the town. Their last two children, Wilma and Heber were born in Juab.

The railroad company moved the terminal from Juab to Lyndyl, so John moved his wife and three youngest children to Lyndyl and lived in a railroad car that winter. John was transferred the next summer to Salt Lake City, and later to Provo, UT (about 1907) to work in the railroad yards.

Their first home in Provo was at 556 S. 2nd West in a large rock duplex. Later they bought the old Barrett home on the corner. John beautified the home with trees, flowers, and a fine vegetable garden. He was an early riser and he retired early, sometimes sleeping in his chair until bedtime. John was a good provider and had a capable helpmate. It was said of Eliza Ann that she could make a real home out of a dry-goods box.

In 1907, their eldest daughter Mary Ellen married William Franklin Crow in

**Information
recorded by
Lua Linton
Stephenson
and
Jeanette
Linton
Hatch 9
March 1949.**



Herman P. Hatch of Chesterfield, ID.

In 1918 a terrible epidemic of influenza broke out in Provo and throughout the country causing sickness and death. Eliza Ann contracted it Oct. 1918 and came close to death. But through faith and priesthood blessings from John, she was healed. Many neighbors were also stricken with the same disease. John went out to administer to the sick every night, even though the Elders had been advised not to go for fear of taking the disease. John had faith that he would be alright and he never got sick. Many people were blessed and healed through his administrations.

World War I broke out in 1917 and many young men were called into service. Among them were H.P. Hatch and W.W. Stephenson, leaving their brides at home with their parents, both girls giving birth to baby daughters while their husbands were away.

On 5 December 1921 Wilma married Reno McDonald in Salt Lake. 29 July 1924, Heber married Maidia Fay Badham of Payson.

In August 1926, John and Eliza Ann celebrated their Diamond Jubilee. At that time, Eliza Ann was in poor health, but enjoyed the celebration with many family and friends. She died couple of months later (18 October 1926) at the age of 61. Daughter Leora died in San Pedro, California on 27 Jan. 1928 at the age of 39.

13 August 1928, John re-married, marrying Martha Eldredge Brown. John died four months later on 12 December 1928 at the age of 69. Grace was the last of the children to marry. She married William L. Orton, a widower with two small girls (Roma and Gwen), on 29 September 1932 in the Logan Temple.

the Salt Lake City Temple. A week later, her new husband left for the Southern States where he served a mission for two years. While he was away, Mary Ellen lived with her parents, attended BYU, and worked as a librarian. Four of her younger siblings attended BYU High School at this time.

In 1912, Leora married Ira W. Thompson and moved to Vernon Center, MN. April 1914, John and Eliza Ann's second daughter, Lua, left for a mission to the Northern States where she labored for two years. Another daughter Grace served in the Mexican-Texas mission from 1923-1925.

29 Nov 1916 Genevieve married David Anderson of Salt Lake City. 26 September 1917, the family celebrated a double wedding in the Salt Lake Temple. Lua married William Warner Stephenson of Nephi, UT and Jeanette married