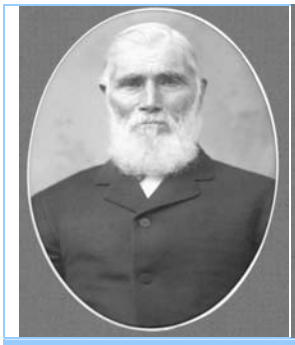

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Linton Reunion Next Summer

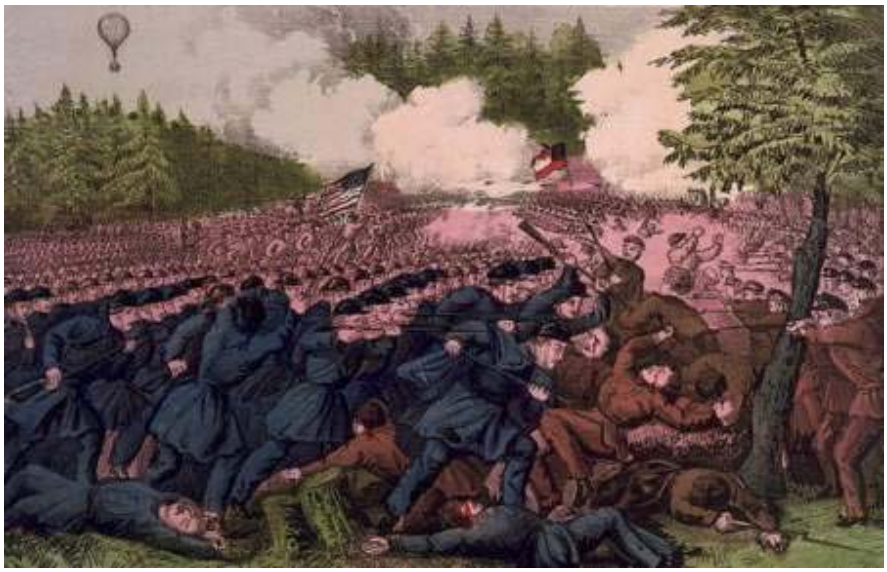
We think it's time to hold a big LINTON REUNION! Next summer we're planning a Samuel Linton/Ellen Sutton reunion in the Provo, Utah area. Can you be there??? More details about the time and place to come. In the meantime, please help us locate as many cousins, aunts & uncles as possible so we can invite them to the reunion. We especially need help in locating the descendents of Mary Ann Linton Morgan and John Linton. Please help!

Three Young Brothers Fight in Civil War

Our great-grandfather Samuel Linton joined the Mormon Church and left Philadelphia for Utah in 1854. But did you know that his three younger brothers who stayed in Philadelphia all joined the Union Army to fight in the Civil War?

Josiah was the first brother to enlist. He was 21 years old, living at home, and working as a shoemaker in 1861 when he responded to the call for troops made by President Lincoln and enlisted in the 18th Pennsylvania Infantry, company A, under Colonel W.T. Lewis. The enrollment lasted just three months: April-Aug 1861.

On the expiration of his service Josiah returned to Philadelphia and was employed for the remainder of the war at the Schuylkill Arsenal in Philadelphia, which made clothing and uniforms for Union troops.



The Battle of Fair Oaks, Va. May 31st, 1862.
Published by Currier & Ives [1862]. Lithograph, hand-colored.

A few weeks after Josiah was mustered out of service,

brothers William (a few weeks shy of his 25th birthday) and John S. (19 years) were recruited in Philadelphia on September 1, 1861. They joined the 23rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company H.

This company was stationed at Fair Oaks, VA on May 31, 1862 when confederate General Gen. Joseph E. Johnston attempted to overwhelm two Federal corps that appeared isolated south of the Chickahominy River. The Rebels took advantage of a terrible storm, which had flooded the Valley of the Chickahominy, and at 10 p.m. attacked on the right bank of the river. Union armies repelled the rebel advance at the point of the bayonet, leaving over 1800 of their dead on the field. The next morning (June 1st) they attempted to renew the conflict but were at every point repulsed with great slaughter.

During the two-day battle, 84,000 soldiers were engaged, and nearly 14,000 died. William Linton, Jr. was among the dead. Penchant records indicate that the 25-year-old private left behind a widow named Eliza. Some believe her to be Eliza Lindsey, but this information has not been confirmed.

John S. survived the battle and was promoted to Corporal on July 1, 1863, then to Sergeant on August 1, 1864. He was mustered out on September 8, 1864. John later became a police officer, and then a mail carrier in Philadelphia.

(Sources: US Military penchant records, histories, rosters, and US Census records).

Mary Ann: 4th Child of Samuel Linton and Ellen Sutton

Each month we continue to highlight the children of Samuel Linton and Ellen Sutton. This month we would like to share information about Mary Ann Linton Morgan (b. 1865) Today, Mary Ann's descendents count in the hundreds. Bio-sketch taken from Mary Ann's own journal.

Mary Ann Linton was born in 1865 in Nephi, Utah and named after her father's younger sister.

She married John Hamilton Morgan on 7 June 1888 (she was 23 years old) in the Logan, UT temple. At that time, John was serving on the Church's Council of Seventy.

Young Widow Mary Ann with Three Sons:
This photograph was taken in about 1897. From left to right, Harold, Mary Ann, Linton and Mathais.

John Morgan founded Morgan Commercial College, which taught many prominent early day Utahans including Heber J. Grant, Orson F. Whitney, Mathias Cowley, and J. Golden Kimball. The college thrived from 1867 until 1874, when it closed due to intense competition from the University of Deseret, soon to become the University of Utah. After the college closed, Morgan served in the territorial Legislature, then as an LDS missionary and later as president of the Southern States Mission.

John died unexpectedly at the premature age of 52 from typhoid-malaria. At that time, Mary Ann and John had been married just six years and had three young boys: Linton, Harold, and Mathais. In fact the youngest child, Mathais, was only six weeks old when his father died.

Nine years later, Mary Ann remarried. She married David King Udall of Nephi, UT in 1903.

Mary Ann's journals record a busy life filled with service and purpose. She writes of attending the temple, cleaning house for a friend who broke her arm, watching a friend's children while she went to the hospital, and visiting sick friends.

Mary Ann spent years conducting genealogical research. She tirelessly wrote to distant relatives in Canada, Ireland, and England asking for help with her research. Mary Ann left behind boxes and boxes of genealogical research and notebooks. NOTE: Mary Ann's great-grandson, James Tanner of Mesa, AZ is talking to the BYU Library Special Collections about preserving the records and keeping them in the library so others can have access to them.

Mary Ann died in Salt Lake City, 16 Mar 1951.

Mary Ann's oldest son, Linton (b. 1890), married Eudora Eggerston of Preston, ID. Linton died in Oakland, CA in August 1951 (just five months after his mother's death).

Second son Harold (b. 1892) married Jessie Christensen of St. Johns, AZ in 1914. They had seven children. Harold died in Pasadena, CA in 1963.

Youngest son, Mathais Cowley Morgan (b. 1894) married Mildred Vilate Pearce in 1915 and had four children. Mathais died in California in 1964.