

## THE LINDSAY CLAN

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**[NOTE FROM MARY HILL:** Our direct line ancestor, William Lindsay, is not included in this history. Robert McQueen's (3) son William (4) had a son, James Lindsay(5), who is our ancestor.)

As a member of the LINDSAY CLAN, I am so proud of my heritage and so thankful to the Lord for the blessing of having been born into such a wonderful family, that I have spent many anxious hours during the past years scanning records to find just who my ancestors were and what they have done to maintain their livelihood, their dreams and aspirations, etc.

All the family are thankful for the untiring efforts of a few of the record keepers in the past and for the dedicated efforts of the few at present that have added so much to our knowledge. William Lindsay, of Heber City, Utah, was one of the first and most diligent in preserving the history for us. He and his brother Robert did much to collect the names of their grandparents and loved ones so that Temple Work could be done for them. This has given us a basis to work from in connecting our lives with those in the past. In recent years Roland and Alta K. Lindsay, Dawson and Helen Lindsay, Ray and Millie Lindsay, Annie Clyde, Ruby Hooper, and others have "kept the ball rolling" until much good information has been collected and thousands of our relatives that lived years ago in Scotland have been identified and have been given the opportunity to progress in the spiritual realm in which they now exist because the bonds of darkness have been released by the temple work done for them and they have been sealed in family groups to go on for the rewards they merited from this earth life.

Going back to the records as far as they have been proven in this family, we find:

**WILLIAM LINDSAY** (1) born about 1742 to be the first. He lived in Sanquhar, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. On May 16, 1767, he and Christian Hyslop of Durrisdier, Dumfrieshire, published the banns at the church for their intentions to be married at Sanquhar. They had three children born there, as follows:

Margaret	christened 10 Apr 1768 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
John	christened 18 Sep 1769 Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
William	born 1777 Wanlockhead, Sanquhar

## **WILLIAM (2) SON OF WILLIAM (1)**

William (2) was born 1775 and married Elizabeth Foster, the daughter of Robert Foster and wife of Wanlockhead. She was born in 1773. We have record of just two children born to this couple.

Robert McQueen  
Jane

born 22 Aug 1799 at Wanlockhead  
born about 1801. She married Mr. Dalziel

Little else is known of this couple, except we believe both he and his father were probably coal miners. In the early days in Scotland the coal miner was virtually a slave, and it was hard to follow any other occupation if your father was a miner before you. They lived in the vicinity of the coal mines, and we know Robert McQueen was a miner. This was one of the most unpleasant occupations that could be imagined. The conditions within the mines were terrible with no conveniences that electricity and power tools bring to mining today. They usually worked as an entire family with the women and children along with the men. Sometimes they had to work in water to their waists as there were no pumps to drain the water off. After the coal was dug free, it was carried in bags on their backs or in baskets on their heads up ladders to the surface of the earth.

## **ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) SON OF WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM (1)**

Robert McQueen was born 22 Aug. 1799 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar, Dumfrieshire. He married Elizabeth Geddes, daughter of Robert Geddes and Marion Gibson. She was born the same day as he was only in Leadhills, Crawford, Lanarkshire.



Robert McQueen Lindsay



Elizabeth Geddes

He was a coal miner. He was a religious man and student of the Bible. Most people were thankful for the Sabbath as a day of rest from their drudgeries and oft times in the winter it was the only day they saw the sun light. They spent the Sabbath in thanks to the Lord. It was under these humble conditions they were living when the Mormon missionaries first went to their village with the Gospel of the Restored Church. All the members of the family later joined the church.

The children of this couple are as follows:

*William	born 16 May 1821 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
Robert Geddes	born 7 July 1823 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
Marion	born 23 June 1825 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
James	born 1827 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
Samuel	born 22 Aug. 1829 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar
John Geddes	born 24 Mar. 1832 at Knockshoggle, Coylton
George Geddes	born 6 Aug. 1834 at Knockshoggle, Coylton
Elizabeth Foster	born 8 Mar. 1838 at Burnbrae, Tarbolton
Margaret	born 30 Dec. 1840 at Burnbrae, Tarbolton

The first ones to be baptized were Samuel, age 18, and John Geddes, age 15. They were baptized 10 February 1848 and later became local missionaries. Their younger brother George Geddes, age 13, was baptized 10 days later. Their mother was baptized in March and the father in April of the same year. Their records are found in the LDS branches of Airdrie, Holytown, and Kilmarnock.

All but three of the family came to Utah with the Saints:

\*William was killed in the coal mine October 1861 at age 41. He was buried at St. Andrews Cemetery, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. His family all came the next spring to Utah. [He was our ancestor.]

James never left Scotland. He married Maria Bennett. One of his daughters came here, though, after William Lindsay (5) visited her while he was on his mission to Scotland. After he came back home the family here all made a contribution to raise enough money to help their family to come. This was Janet who married John Barnes. They settled in Heber City.

Margaret died of a stroke at the age of 21 about six weeks after her only child was born. She was married to John Hughes. She is buried on the same lot as her brother William and they share the same headstone.

Robert McQueen Lindsay and his wife, Elizabeth and their daughter Elizabeth sailed May 30, 1863 on the ship "Cynosure" After the hardship of crossing the plains, they settled in Salt Lake City. He worked part of the time as a gate keeper on Temple Square, but at the time of his death he was working for the railroad where he was hurt and died without recovering. He died 26 February 1869. Elizabeth Lived to be 74 years of age before she

passed away 17 October 1873 at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Thomas, in Salt Lake City.

Mother Lindsay's parents, Robert Geddes and Marion Gibson, also joined the church in about 1845 and were the first of the family to come to Utah. They came in 1850 at the ages of 76 and 77. This must have really been a trial to cross the plains at this age with the heat of the summers, winds, dust, Indians to contend with, and all the other hardships. He was a miller by trade, but while in Utah he made wooden spoons to sell for a living

#### **ROBERT (4) ROBERT MCOUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

Robert, second son of Robert McQueen, was born 7 July 1823, at Wanlockhead. He married Margaret Armour on 3 January 1846 at Kilmaurs, Ayrshire. In the Holytown LDS Branch records, Lanarkshire, we find they were both baptized 11 May 1848. He came to Utah and settled in Center Creek. He had a log house one mile north of the present church house on property now owned by Leslie McPhie. His wife's death date is not known, but he later married Mary Hayes. She died 12 September 1882 and is buried in Salt Lake City. He had a good singing voice and liked to sing, especially after having a few drinks of alcohol. James Lindsay, known as Scotch Jimmy, was probably his son. James moved to Vernal, Utah in later years.

#### **MARION (4) ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

Marion was the third child of Robert McQueen Lindsay and his wife. She was born 23 June 1825 at Wanlockhead, Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. She married John McLean, a coal miner, in Kilmaurs, Ayrshire, Dec. 15, 1846. She and her husband joined the church 12 March 1848 just eleven days after her second son was born. Their first son evidently died as an infant as he is not listed in the 1851 Census and when Joseph Booth McLean was born in 1855 he was listed as the fifth child and two male children had deceased. James had also died. She also had the sadness of losing her husband 30 September 1863 from injuries received in a coal mine explosion.

She came to Utah in 1864 on the ship "Gen. McClellan". She was sealed to John McLean for time and all eternity of the 6 February 1871, and the same day sealed to William Washington Camp for life only. She was his 7th wife. He passed away in 1875 and she married Joseph Ferry. Two more children were born to her from the union with Bro. Camp. She died in Brighton, and was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery on the same lot as her parents and grandparents.

The children were as follows:

son	born about 1847
James K.	born 1 Mar. 1848 died before 1855 Census
Elizabeth Geddes	born 30 Apr. 1849, married ALonzo Atwood

Robert	born 1853
Joseph Booth	born 7 July 1855
Nephi Lindsay	born 3 Sep. 1857 married Catherine Anderson
John Dalziel	born 21 Apr. 1860
William Lindsay	born 24 Dec. 1562, married Florence Hull
William Lindsay	born 8 May 1866 married Elizabeth Jane Bowen
Margaret Lindsay	born 11 Dec. 1868, married James M. Allred

Of interest is the fact that she had two sons with the name of William Lindsay and they both grew to adulthood and married.

Mildred C. Gardiner is a descendant of this family and has added to our information. She lives in Magna, Utah.

### **SAMUEL (4) ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

Samuel, the fifth child of Robert McQueen and his wife was born on his parents 30th birthday at Wanlockhead. He was one of the first of his father's family to join the LDS Church and later served as a local missionary. He came to Utah in 1856 on the ship "Willfleet".

Two of his children were born in Springfield, Ill. so evidently their trip to Utah was delayed. Their last child was born in Park City where he probably went for employment after arriving here. He died in Virginia City, Nevada in 1870, but was brought back to Salt Lake City to be buried.

This couple have the following children:

Janet Pryde	born about.1852 at Wanlockhead, Scotland, married Cyrus Benjamin Hawley
Euphemia	born 24 Jan. 1555, died age 3 days
Elizabeth	born 6 June 1858 at Springfield, Ill., married James D. Murdock
Robert W.	born 4 June 1860 in Springfield, Ill. died the evening he was to be married from an accident. He was thrown from a wagon when his horses ran away.
Maggie C.	born in Apr. 1866 at Park City. She died at age 13

This is the family that Ruby Hooper belongs to. She has been one of the most faithful record keepers in the family. Sorry we don't have more of her history to add to this.

### **JAMES (4) ROBERT MC(QUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

James was the 4th child of Robert McQueen. He was born in Wanlockhead. He stayed in Scotland, and as far as we know all his children did too, except for Janet, who married John Barnes. We never found his exact birth date. He was also a coal miner. He died at age 52 years. He had a large family of 11 children, but they all died at relatively young ages. The children are as follows:

Maria Elizabeth	born 18 June 1860 at Kilmarnock. She married William Stewart and died age 38.
Sarah	born 8 Dec. 1861 at Kilmaurs, died age 14
Robert	born 3 Sep. 1863 at Kilmaurs, married Agnes Carrey and died age 25
David	born 16 June 1865 at Kilmaurs, died age 6 years
Eliza Bennet	born 2 May 1867 at Kilmarnock, died age 18
James	born 7 July 1869, Kilmarnock
Margaret	born 3 Sep. 1871 at Kilmarnock, died age 15
Janet	born 28 Oct. 1873 at Kilmarnock, married John Barnes. She came to Utah and settled in Heber City. She died at age 46.
Marion	born 24 Sep. 1874 at Kilmarnock, married William Steel, died age 39
Sarah	born 10 Oct. 1877 at Kilmarnock, died age 18
daughter	born 31 May 1879 at Kilmarnock, died age 3 hours

#### **JOHN G. (4) ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

John Geddes, the 6th child of Robert McQueen was born 24 May 1832 at Knockshoggle, Coylton, Ayrshire, Scotland. He was one of the first ones of the family to join the church and served as a local missionary. He married Annie Withers on 10 September 1850. She was the daughter of George and Jane Withers. We haven't been able to find any more information of Annie.

A John and Anna Lindsay came to Utah on the ship "John J. Boyd" April 23, 1862 and we believe it to be this couple. This was also the ship that William's widow and family came across the ocean on. John Geddes was in Utah by 1863 because 14 February 1863 he was sealed in the Endowment House to Annie Withers and Esther Pearce, Esther being a plural wife. We can find no record of children of John and Annie.

The following family are of John and Esther Pearce:

Annie	born about 1863, married William Gidley
Margaret	born 16 Sep. 1864, married William Dunbar. She died 24 May 1952 age 87.
Robert Edward	born 2 Oct. 1867, died 26 June 1893.
John Charles	born about 1871, married Euphemia Simpson
William Pearce	born 15 Aug. 1874. He never married. Died 31 Mar 1909.
Esther	born about 1876, married R.I. McClelland

George Arthur            born 10 Nov. 1879. Died Dec. 1923

John Geddes died 26 July 1887 in Salt Lake City and is buried in the City Cemetery. His wife Esther and three of their sons are buried in Park City.

**GEORGE G. (4) ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

George Geddes, the 7th child of Robert McQueen was born 6 August 1834 at Knockshoggle Coynton, Ayrshire, Scotland . He joined the LDS Church at age 13. He didn't come to Utah until 1882. He married Janet Stevenson in Airdrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland. All of their eleven children were born in Scotland. He came to Utah in 1882 on the ship "Wyoming". His wife and six children came two years later, in 1884, on the ship "Arizona" They lived in Center Creek and also in Park City. My father, Bennett Lindsay, said the home in Center Creek that LeRoy Sweat now lives in was built for Janet Lindsay. They have left a large and noble posterity.

The children are as follows:

Elizabeth Thompson	born 30 May 1852, married (1) David Dunn (2) David Pryde
Robert	born 1 July 1856, died as a child
Isabella	born 28 Apr. 1855, married John Burt
Martin Stevenson	born 28 Apr. 1861, married Amanda Elvira Molin. They had no children. He became an attorney in Salt Lake City.
Marion	born 15 Dec. 1863 married William Baxter
Margaret	born 15 Nov. 1866 married William Young
Joan	born 16 Apr. 1869, married William Gray
George Geddes	born 19 June 1870, married (1) Esther Melissa Murdock (2) Rose Mary Thompson
Janet	born 21 July 1873, married Samuel Mitchell
baby girl	born and died 24 Dec. 1875
Thomasina	born 13 Aug. 1878, married Frank Hansen

While in Scotland they were very good to the missionaries there. George died in Park City 6 Feb. 1903 and his wife died in Salt Lake City at the home of her daughter Mrs. William Gray 13 Jan. 1905.

**ELIZABETH (4) ROBERT MCQUEEN (3) WILLIAM (2) WILLIAM**

Elizabeth Foster was the 8th child of Robert McQueen and his wife. She was born at Burnbrae, Tarbolton, Ayrshire, Scotland. She came to Utah with her parents in 1863 on the ship "Cynosure".

She was married to Charles John Thomas, a noted musician on 12 Nov. 1864. She was also noted for her Lovely voice. One day she was singing a song she had learned in Scotland. Her husband became so interested in what she was singing and asked her to sing it to him. As a result he wrote it down and put it to music and we have it in our hymn book today as "Nay Speak No Ill". We understand some of the hymns in the old hymn books were some they had worked on together also.

She had no children of her own but raised two of her husband's girls from a former marriage. Her husband was the director of the Temple Choir for a number of years. A glowing tribute was paid to her in the Desert News 22 Apr. 1880 at the time of her death. "...the loss is not confined to the domestic circle as wife and mother..Society feels the loss. True and faithful in all her relations in life, frank, honest and unassuming , she won the confidence of all who knew her, and those who knew her best appreciated her most. From her early childhood, Sister Thomas cherished in her bosom confiding trust in God, and in her last distressing illness she had no disposition to question His wise, over-ruling hand, hut very often, testified of His goodness and His many special and continuous blessings bestowed on her.... For some minutes before she quietly breathed her last, with her eyes turned upward, all at once her countenance became illuminated with a radiant glow, and a most animated smile played upon her lips, with an expression of heavenly joy. We felt that she was communing with those to us invisible."

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