



LINTO FAMILY

Family History

William Linto was born in England in 1804. A ploughman, he was a widower with two young children by the time he was found guilty of stealing a hive of bees in 1849. Tried at Bridgwater, in Somerset, William received a sentence of ten years, probably due to previous convictions.

William arrived in the Swan River Colony aboard the *Mermaid* in May 1851 and received his Ticket of Leave in February 1852. He was one of the first batch of country-based convicts to arrive in York after the establishment of the York Convict Depot around 1852/1853. By the time of his marriage to Mary Reading at York, in 1853, William was probably working as a shepherd in the district.

In the 1859 Census, William was listed as a small farmer with three children: John (1854), William (1856-78) and Walter (1857). The Census recorded William as owning forty-one acres of cleared land ready for cultivation, fifteen acres of wheat, fifteen acres of hay and one acre of kitchen garden. It also noted he had two cattle, fifteen pigs and two goats.

William received a Conditional Pardon on the 26th January 1856 and, in 1869, bought a town lot. Three more children were born to the couple: Stephen (1858) George (1860) Mary (1862) and Bridget (1864).

William is buried in the York Cemetery. He died in 1879.

John Linto, the eldest son of William and Mary, married Jane Gault at York in 1875. The couple had eleven children. John worked as a labourer and fencer around York before taking up farming.

Stephen Linto, the fourth son of William and Mary married Winifred Toomey in York in 1883, and the couple had eight children. Stephen owned a block in the town and worked as a fencer and a ganger. He was also employed on the railways. Winifred died on the 13th November 1908. Stephen died on the 26th January 1925.

RESIDENCY MUSEUM



William, the second son of William Linto and Mary Reading, was born in York in 1865. He married Catherine/Katherine Grady at York in 1883, and they went on to have twelve children. Catherine was the proprietress of a coffee palace in Avon Terrace York between 1908 and 1912.

LINTO

John Henry

Service No: 78



TROOPER J. H. LINTO,
10th Light Horse.
(Recovering from wounds.)

John Henry Linto
Courtesy National Archives of Australia

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: John Henry Linto

Service number: 78

Date of enlistment: 5/10/1914

Age at Enlistment: 26 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star

Height: 5 feet 6 ½ inches

Weight: 139 ½ pounds

Chest measurement: 33 ½ inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: John Linto

Mother: Jane Gault

Siblings: Robert (1877) William (1879-1906) Margaret Mary (1881) Matilda Mary (1883), John Joseph (1885) Flora (1886) George Stephen (1890) Martha Gertrude (1893) Dolly, Victor H. (1897)

Life Story

John Henry, the son of John Linto, was born in York in 1888 and was working as a labourer at the time of his enlistment on the 5th October 1914.

He was sent to Egypt for training then, on the 16th May 1915, embarked for the Gallipoli Peninsula with the 10th Light Horse Battalion.

On the 20th July, John was evacuated from the Peninsula suffering from diarrhoea and, four days' later, was admitted to hospital in Mudros, on the island of Lemnos.

On the 7th August, he received a severe gunshot wound to the back and was taken to the 17th General Hospital in Alexandria before being invalided back to the United Kingdom.

John's service record states that, while taking part in a charge on Walkers Ridge, a shell burst just over him when he was lying down. The report states John was unconscious for about a week and that the wounds became septic. It also reported that his left leg was paralysed.

John was admitted to the 3rd Western General Hospital in Cardiff, Wales for treatment. In February 1916, a medical report recommended he be discharged from general service, and John was returned to Australia on the *Suevic* on the 11th March 1916.

On arrival, he was admitted to Fremantle Hospital where his wound was drained and dead bone removed. It was recommended that he receive three quarters of the pension for six months.

John was to suffer from his wounds for some years.

On his return to Australia, John returned to York, where, in March 1917, he received approval from Council to show silent movies in the Town Hall on a weekly basis. John ran this enterprise successfully for some years.

He was also active in the York Branch of the Returned Servicemen's Association in York and, in 1918, became the Chair of the Entertainment Committee.

On the 14th January 1920, John married Agnes Conroy in Mount Lawley. Their first child, Marcia Genevieve, was born in 1921, but Agnes died prematurely on the 29th June 1930.

By 1931, John was living in Maylands and working for Goode, Durrant and Co. He had to apply to the Repatriation Department for assistance when he needed dental treatment and, by 1937, was seeking help for ongoing pain and medical issues.

At some point, John returned to live in York. His daughter married in Perth in 1943, so perhaps she moved to York after the marriage.

On the 8th August 1953, John died suddenly at the home of his brother, Stephen, in York. He was buried in York Cemetery.

OBITUARY

The sudden death of Mr. John Henry Linto occurred on Saturday last at his residence in Tenth-rd.

The deceased, who was 65 years of age, was born in York. He was a returned man from World War I, having served with the 10th Light Horse. Following that service he conducted the silent pictures locally for some time. He was away from the town for a considerable period but the past few years were spent locally. Of a very quiet disposition, he was very rarely seen in the town. His wife predeceased him many years ago and he is survived by one daughter.

His remains were interred in the Roman Catholic portion of the York Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of relatives and friends. Rev. Father H. Brennan officiated at the graveside and also at a Requiem Mass celebrated earlier in the day.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. P. Harvey, funeral director.



LINTO

Michael Stephen

Service No: 237

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Michael Stephen Linto

Service number: 237

Date of enlistment: 30/10/1916

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals: None

Height: 5 feet 8 inches

Weight: 140 pounds

Chest measurement: 35 inches

Complexion: Fresh

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: Stephen Linto

Mother: Winifred Toomey 1883

Siblings: Johanna Julia (1883) Mary Josephine (1885) Patrick Joseph (1887)
Monica (1888) Patrick (1890) Winifred (1894-1895) Frances Cecilia (1897)
Michael Stephen (1898),

Life Story

Michael Stephen Linto, born at York in 1898, was the youngest child of Stephen and Winifred Linto.

Michael was given permission by his father to enlist at the age of eighteen. He joined on the 30th October 1916 and spent two weeks training at the Unit 91 Depot.

On the 28th November 1916, Michael was discharged from the A.I.F at Blackboy Hill. Ten days' previously, he had suffered a "typical" epileptic seizure and was admitted to hospital unconscious, with bloodstained foam at the mouth. A medical investigation found Michael had lived with epilepsy for three years, but he could give no history of his first attack.

Michael returned to York. He died at Claremont on the 10th October 1921 and was buried in the Roman Catholic section of the York Cemetery. The newspaper report of his death stated that Michael was well-known in the York area. He was twenty-three years of age.



LINTO

Thomas

Service No: 94

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Thomas Linto

Service number: 94

Date of enlistment: 6/10/1914

Age at Enlistment: 20 years 1 month

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star

Height: 5 feet 11 inches

Weight: 151 pounds

Chest measurement: 35 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: William Linto

Mother: Catherine/Katherine Grady

Siblings: John (1883) Catherine (1884) Ellen (1886-1914) Thomas (1887-1887) William Patrick (1888-1888) Amy Susannah (1890) Lily (1892) Ethel Mary (1896) Jessie (1898) Lesley Frederick (1900-1962) Arthur William (1902-1960)

Marriage: Margaret McClelland McFall

Life Story

Thomas William, the son of William junior and Catherine, was born in York in 1894. At the age of fifteen, he was working as a telegram messenger, when he was involved in the dramatic rescue of Bert Raywood, an employee of the Avon Butchering Company.

Thomas came to the rescue when Bert found himself out of his depth while swimming in the Avon River.

When Thomas enlisted in the 10th Light Horse Regiment on the 6th October 1914, he stated that he had already served eighteen months with the 88th Infantry.

Thomas embarked from Fremantle aboard HMAT A47 *Mashobra* on the 8th February 1915.

After a period of training in Egypt, he sailed for Gallipoli on the 16th May 1915 where, apart from ten days on the hospital ship *Neuralia* suffering from diarrhoea, he remained with his unit until the Peninsula was evacuated on the 24th December 1915.

Back in Egypt, Thomas caught influenza and was admitted to hospital in Serapeum on the 1st March 1916 before being transferred to Ismailia, where he was diagnosed with pneumonia.

A LIFE SAVED BY A PLUCKY LAD.

Bert Raywood, who is in the employ of the Avon Butchering Company, had a very narrow escape from drowning on Sunday morning. He was in company with a lad named Thomas Linto (15), a local telegraph messenger, and they together visited a spot in the Avon between Parker's and the Central bridges for the purpose of having a "dip." Raywood, who could not swim, got beyond his depth, and some little time elapsed before his companion noticed his perilous position. Realising the apparently exhausted condition of Raywood, Linto swam to the spot where the body was last seen rise to the surface, and diving he rescued Raywood from a watery grave. He managed to pull the almost lifeless body to the bank, and placing it across a log at once set to work to restore animation. This he successfully accomplished after several minutes had elapsed, and assisting Raywood to his residence the latter was obliged to remain in bed suffering from the ill effects of his immersion for the rest of the day. The lad Linto is to be commended for his plucky rescue, and for the prompt measures adopted after extricating Raywood from the water. The incident should not be lost sight of by the authorities.

Thomas was transferred to Cairo, dangerously ill, on the 9th March. It was not until the 22nd March that he was pronounced out of danger, and it was the end of April before he returned to duty.

In June 1916, Thomas was transferred to the Anzac Mounted Division, but on the 20th of August, he was admitted to the 31st General Hospital at Port Said with inflammation of the connective tissues (I.C.T.) of the hand.

Thomas was transferred to the 3rd Australian General Hospital in Abbassia, where the hand was diagnosed as septic. His left ring finger had to amputated.

On the 23rd September, Thomas embarked aboard the HT *Kanowna* and returned to Australia for a four-month "change." However, he was discharged from the Army on the 5th May 1917 and granted a pension of twenty shillings per fortnight.

On his return to Australia, Thomas was assisted to find work with the P.M.G (Postmaster General's Department) at the G.P.O in Perth. He remained there until March 1919, when he was laid off due to married men returning from the War being given employment priority.

Thomas then found work with T.B. Jeffrey and Co., automotive manufacturers. He remained there until 1923, when he re-joined the P.M.G.

In 1925, Thomas married Margaret McClelland McFall at Gosnells. The couple remained childless, and Thomas continued to suffer from ill-health related to his War service.

Thomas died at South Perth in 1965. Margaret lived on until 1991.

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