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KATHLEEN D. LINTON, who resides at 1107 Elm street, The Dalles, was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, on November 28, 1844. Her father, Stephen Shuart, was a native of New York and his ancestors were prominent and among the early colonial families. The descendants have a reunion every year in August, and at the last time one hundred and thirty-seven sat down at the table. He married Mary M. Beckwith, a native of Vermont. The Beckwith family is one of the old colonial families that dates their ancestry far back before the settlement of the colonies. The Beckwiths were very prominent in the early history in the new world and purnished many representatives to the colonial struggles and the wars since. Of Mrs. Linton's family it is stated that every male representative who was eligible was in the Civil war and fought for the stars and stripes. From these families came many prominent educators both in the classics and mathematics and many professional men. Mrs. Linton was well educated and followed school teaching, as did her mother. September 28, 1861, at Girard, Pennsylvania, she was married to George S. Roberts. He had served three months in the Civil war and in 1864, enlisted again and died of a fever in New Orleans. Mrs. Roberts had two small children, one six weeks old and the other less than two years of age, when he enlisted the second time. Robert Calder was with Mr. Roberts at the time of his death and later became acquainted with Mrs. Roberts, the widow, and on May 22, 1866, they were married. They remained in Pennsylvania seven years, when he was called away by death, leaving one son. He was a tanner by occupation and had served through the entire Civil war in the Independent Battery B, of the Ohio Volunteers, being in active service at Vicksburg, Shiloh, Pea Ridge, and in other large battles. He was clerk for his company during the war and was promoted to first lieutenant just before the war closed. After his death Mrs. Calder taught school in Girard until 1875. On May 10, of that year, she arrived in Nevada, in response to a telegram from her sister, who was sick. Her two oldest children were left in the soldiers' orphan school in Pennsylvania, and the youngest she brought with her. She attended her sister and taught school and was there married to Joseph Kerr, a mining man and a native of St. Johns, New Brunswick. To this union two children were born. On November 11, 1878, he was shot by an intoxicated man shooting into a crowd, and this resulted in his death. After that, Mrs. Kerr taught school for five years and then married Andrew J. Linton, on September 11, 1883, the nuptials occurring at Salt Lake City. Andrew J. Linton was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on December 19, 1838. His parents were natives of Glasgow, Scotland, where they were married. Their death occurred at Fort Wayne. Andrew J. was educated in the public schools and then started to learn the machinists' trade, but owing to the death of his father, which brought responsibility to him, he was obliged to take more remunerative employment. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war, he promptly enlisted and served three years then was honorably discharged and returned home. A relative offered him fifteen hundred dollars to enlist as a substitute and he took the money and again faced the enemy. This nice sum of money was sufficient to meet all the needs of his mother and the children, but while Mr. Linton was serving this last time, his mother died. He was in Company A, under Captain Kellogg, Sixteenth Army Corps, and was in the heat of the fiercest battles throughout the entire war. After the surrender of Lee, he was honorably discharged and came direct to Utah where he did mining. He later operated in various places in the west and discovered the placer camp at Osceola, White Pine county, Nevada. Owing to ill health, he sold his property and came to Wasco county, purchasing a farm on Ten Mile creek. He made a specialty of raising prunes and built the first dryer in the county. For twenty years the farm was his home, and on November 27, 1903, he was called hence by death. Mrs. Linton's children are named as follows: Ida M. Roberts, the wife of Frank Jeanney, who is a blacksmith at Wells, Nevada; Wesley S. Roberts, a stockman, whose death occurred at Baker City, Oregon, on November 5, 1902; Gerald M. Calder, a popular mining man of Baker City; Florence J. Kerr, now the wife of D.F. Cruise, in Seattle; Joseph Kerr, Jr., who lives at home with his mother.

Mrs. Linton has just rented her farm for five years and is living a retired life in The Dalles. She has a goodly competence that is sufficient for all the needs of life and is entitled to the enjoyment of the same owing to her faithful labors in the years gone by. She is a highly esteemed and popular lady and active in all labors of charity.

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