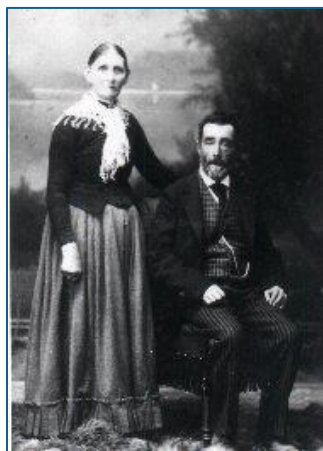


## ELIAS ASTON AND ELIZA FOWLKE



Elias Aston was born October 24, 1830 in the city of Nottingham, England, the son of Elias Aston and Mary Elliott. His father, Elias Sr., was a nail manufacturer in Nottingham. Elias grew up in a family of two brothers and four sisters: Joseph, Alixe, William, Mary Ann, Martha, and Phoebe. His maternal grandmother, Martha Elliott, also lived in the home, and worked as a chevener—someone who embroidered designs on knitted stockings (The hosiery industry employed a great number of "out workers" who were known as cheveners. These women would embroider beautiful designs onto the stockings, and so earn extra money to supplement the family income).

Elias married Eliza Fowlke on January 5, 1851. Eliza was the daughter of John Fowlke and Harriet Raynor, and was born in Nottingham 20 April 1832. John and Harriet were converted and immigrated to Utah in 1861. Both Elias and Eliza embraced the gospel and were baptized in December of 1856. They became the parents of fourteen children: Drucilla, William, Joseph, Orson, Eliza, Edwin, John Frederick, Alfred, Elias, Harriet Ann, Harry, Louisa Martha, Sarah Elizabeth, and Mary Maria. Elias worked as a blacksmith.

William H. Aston, aged 21, Elias's brother sailed to the United States 5 February 1853. Later that same year he married Eliza's sister, Drucilla.

In 1871 the Astons are found living in Gainsborough:

	Elizabeth Middleton	Wife	Mar	50		do	do
	Edgworth Middleton	Son		11		do	do
1	William Hill	Head	Mar	44		do	do
	Sarah Hill	Wife	Mar	33	Marbler 111	Yorkshire Sheffield	
	Anna Hill	Daughter	Mar	25		Nottinghamshire Mansfield	
1	Elias Aston	Head	Mar	53		" Walsby	
	Eliza Aston	Wife	Mar	39	Engine Fitter	Nottingham	
	Joseph Aston	Son	Mar	15		do	
	Orson Aston	Son		13		Lincoln	
	Eliza Aston	Daughter		11	Rope Spinner	do	
	Edwin Aston	Son		9	Scholar	do	
	John Fred Aston	Son		7	do	do	
	Alfred Aston	Son		5	do	do	
	Elias Aston	Son		3	do	do	
	Harriet Aston	Daughter		6 Months		Lincolnshire Gainsburgh	
1	George Rayner	Head	Mar	61	Labourer	do do	
	Mary Rayner	Wife	Mar	43		do Winterton	
	Thomas Green	Son in Law	Mar	23	Iron Turner	do Norton	
	James Green	Son in Law	Mar	16	do	do Rainworth	

1871 census, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

The 1871 English census showed the family living at 67 Ashforth Square:

*Elias Aston, head, married, 40, Engine Fitter, born in Nottingham*  
*Eliza Aston, wife, married, 39, born in Nottingham*

Joseph Aston, son, unmarried, 15, born in Lincoln  
 Orson Aston, son, 13, Rope Spinner, born in Lincoln  
 Eliza Aston, daughter, 11, scholar, born in Lincoln  
 Edwin Aston, son, 9, scholar, born in Lincoln  
 John Frederick, son, 7, scholar, born in Lincoln  
 Alfred, son, 5, scholar, born in Lincoln  
 Elias Aston, son, 3, scholar, born in Lincolnshire, Gainsborough  
 Harriett Ann Aston, daughter, 6 months, born in Lincolnshire, Gainsborough

Elias's oldest daughter, Eliza, was able to sail for the United States 22 October 1873 on the ship *Idaho*. Elias was indebted to the Perpetual Emigration Fund in 1873 and 1874. The rest of the family saved their money, and were finally able to emigrate to the United States 8 July 1874, on the ship *Minnesota*. The ship's list showed Elias Aston, Eliza, Joseph, Orson, Eliza, John Frederick, Alfred, Elias Jr., Harriett and Harry.

1	Elias Aston	44	"	Emigrant	England
2	Eliza	42	"	Wife	
3	John	14	"	Lat	
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4	Orson	13	"		
5	Eliza	11	"	Child	
6	Joseph	10	"		
7	John	9	"		
8	Alfred	8	"		
9	Elias	6	"		
10	Harriett	4	"		
11	Harvey	-	"	Infant	
12	Amelia Diggins	30	"	Wife	
13	David	21	"		

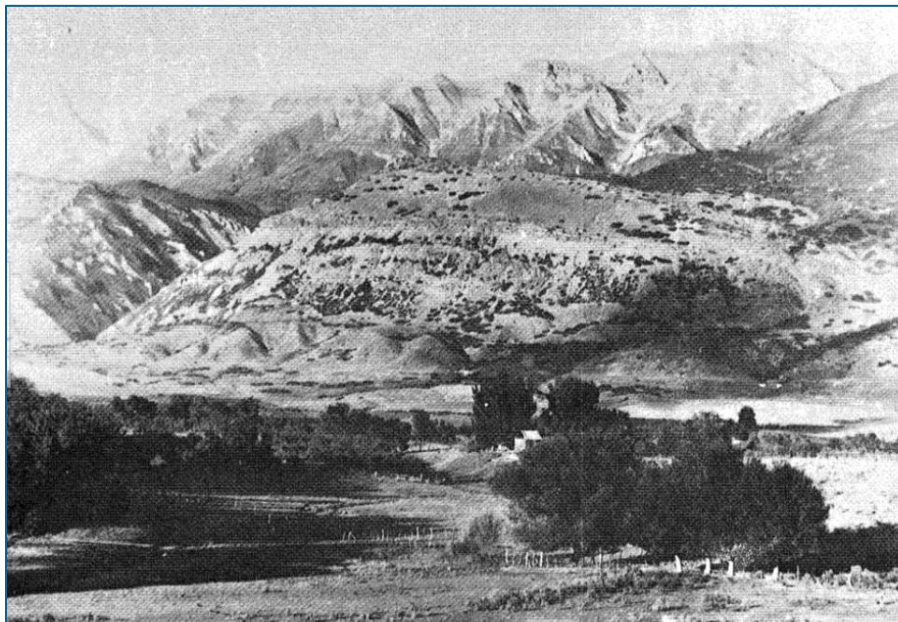
*Ship's passenger list for the Minnesota*

The transcontinental railroad, completed in 1869, carried the immigrants to Utah. They established a home in Pleasant Grove, Utah, where Eliza's parents had settled, and worked at farming the land.

In 1861 a few of the families from Pleasant Grove had moved out onto the land south of town, settling along a wagon route which had once been an Indian trail. At first these settlers lived in dugouts, but later they built homes out of logs hauled from the mountains. Some houses were built from adobe, a few of which are still standing. Although this area still belonged to Pleasant Grove, this string of homes became known as Stringtown. Some of the first settlers of Stringtown, later Lindon, were the Cullimore, Wooley, Brown, Nerdin, Howard and Gillman families, along with Frederick Fowlke. Other early settlers were the White, Davis, Lord, Bezzant, Holland, Harris, Ash, Parks, Fage, Dittmore, Wright, Mayhew, Rogers, and Wadley families, along with the Elias Aston family. The first couple married in the new settlement were

Eliza's sister, Clara Fowlke, and James Cullimore. The first baby girl born in this town was James and Clara's daughter, Elizabeth. She was born in a dugout with a dirt roof and floor. Frederick Fowlke and James Cullimore later started a coffin-making business.

The first homes of the settlers were meagerly furnished. Most of the furniture was handmade from native wood. Their beds and chairs were made of willows tied with buckskin. They slept on ticks stuffed with straw, feathers, or cattail down. Their clothing was homemade. Most families owned a few sheep, and the wool was spun into cloth. The men's trousers were made from buckskin. The children went barefoot until cold weather, and then they wore moccasins of buckskins. There was usually no great shortage of food. A variety of vegetables was raised in their gardens, and there were plenty of fish and wild game. (*Lindon—Our Town, 1983*)



*Lindon*

Elias bought a home, a little old four room adobe house in Lindon, where he settled down and farmed all his life. Elias's granddaughter, Irene Aston Shumway, remembered, "*Elias had quite a hard time raising all those children. I have heard Grandmother (Eliza Fowlke Aston) tell about pinning some of the little ones to her apron when she sat down to sew. I remember Elias as a little man with a long beard, walking with his hands clasped behind his back. Grandfather (Elias Aston) studied the Bible and could recite the scriptures by heart. He was very religious.*" Above the family home was a large ditch, and in the summer all the boys would go to the ditch for their morning washing. The family worked and played hard together. They all enjoyed square dances. The family also had tragedies. Orson was killed at age 20, as they sat on a hillside eating their lunch. A large rock rolled down, striking him in the back, killing him instantly. Mary Maria was sickly all her life and never married. All the boys and Harriet suffered from asthma, and eventually died from its effects.

	Ann	W. H. 9	Daughter	1		
	Jessie	W. H. 7	Son	1		
	William	W. H. 2	Son	1		
20	Elias	W. H. 50		1	Farming	
	Eliza F.	W. H. 48	Wife	1	Keeping House	
	Joseph	W. H. 23	Son	1	Laborer	4
	Edwin	W. H. 17	Son	1	Laborer	
	John	W. H. 14	Son	1	At Home	
	Alfred	W. H. 13	Son	1	At Home	
	Elias	W. H. 11	Son	1		
	Harriet	W. H. 9	Daughter	1		
	Harry	W. H. 8	Son	1		
	Sarah E.	W. H. 4	Daughter	1		
	Mary M.	W. H. 3	Daughter	1		
21	Gilman	W. H. 49		1	House Keeping	
	William	W. H. 20	Son	1	Laborer	
	Alice	W. H. 15	Daughter	1	Servant	
	James	W. H. 16	Son	1	At Home	
	John C.	W. H. 11	Son	1		
	Mary A.	W. H. 8	Daughter	1		
	Lord William	W. H. 23		1	Laborer	4
	Charlotte	W. H. 19	Wife	1	Laborer	

1880 census, Pleasant Grove, Utah County, Utah

The Astons are found in the 1880 census in Pleasant Grove, Utah:

Elias Aston, age 50, born in England, occupation: Farming  
 Eliza F. Aston, age 48, born in England, keeping house  
 Joseph Aston, age 23, born in England, occupation: Laborer  
 Edwin Aston, age 17, born in England, occupation: Laborer  
 John Aston, age 14, born in England, at home  
 Alfred Aston, age 13, born in England, at home  
 Elias Aston, age 11, born in England, at home  
 Harriet Aston, age 9, born in England, at home  
 Harry Aston, age 8, born in England  
 Sarah E. Aston, age 4, born in Utah  
 Mary M. Aston, age 1, born in Utah  
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In the 1900 census of the unincorporated area of Pleasant Grove, Elias and Eliza are shown living with two of their children.

76	402 400	Piggant	Wife	22	7	Mar	1822	22	S	England	England	England
77		Blifford	Ind. Son	22	11	Apr	1827	3	S	Utah	U.S.	Utah
78	402 407	West	Wife	22	11	Mar	1826	24	M	England	England	England
79		David W.	Son	22	11	Jan	1822	22	M	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark
80		Levin L.	Son	22	11	Jan	1824	26	S	Utah	England	Denmark
81		Alroy H.	Son	22	11	Jan	1826	24	S	Utah	England	Denmark
82		Andreas	Son	22	11	July	1821	5	S	Utah	England	Denmark
83	402 408	Swilhamer	Wife	22	11	Dec	1822	27	M	Utah	England	England
84		Levin L.	Son	22	11	Sept	1824	25	M	Utah	England	England
85		Levin L.	Daughter	22	7	Feb	1822	7	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
86		Levin L.	Son	22	11	Jan	1825	2	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
87		Blaylock	Daughter	22	7	July	1829	22	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
88	402 409	Aston	Wife	22	11	Oct	1820	29	M	England	England	England
89		Alfred	Son	22	11	Apr	1822	24	M	England	England	England
90		Mary	Daughter	22	7	Jan	1820	20	S	Utah	England	England
91	402 410	Swilhamer	Wife	22	11	Oct	1822	27	M	Utah	England	England
92		Levin L.	Son	22	7	Mar	1820	20	M	Utah	England	England
93		Levin L.	Daughter	22	7	Dec	1822	10	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
94		Levin L.	Daughter	22	7	Aug	1821	5	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
95		Levin L.	Daughter	22	7	Oct	1824	5	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
96		Alfred	Son	22	11	July	1822	2	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
97		Levin L.	Son	22	11	Mar	1820	20	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
98		Alfred	Son	22	11	Apr	1822	24	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
99		Alfred	Son	22	11	Apr	1822	24	S	Utah	Utah	Utah
100		Alfred	Son	22	11	Apr	1822	24	S	Utah	Utah	Utah

1900 census, Pleasant Grove, Utah



Eliza (third from the left in the front row) and Elias (fifth from the left in the front row) at Old Folks Day in Lindon, 1906

Elias died September 7, 1906, in Lindon, Utah, from "general debility". In the 1910 census of the unincorporated area of Pleasant Grove, Eliza is shown living with her son Alfred and daughter Mary.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	ENUMERATED BY	LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	NATIVITY		
of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910, was in this family.	Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States give the state or territory. If of foreign birth, give the country.	Sex	Age	Race	Color	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person
1			Bellman Ross	Daughter	F W 18 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
2			Alice	Mother	F W 77 Wd	Eng English	Eng English	Eng English
3	420 420		Aston Alfred	Head	M W 45 d	Eng English	Eng English	Eng English
4			Eliza	Mother	F W 78 Wd	Eng English	Eng English	Eng English
5			Mary	Sister	F W 30 d	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
6	420 420		Cullmore William J	Head	M W 43 Wd 21	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
7			Lynna M.	Wife	F W 40 Wd 21	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
8			Edella	Daughter	F W 18 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
9			Loa	Daughter	F W 15 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
10			William	Son	M W 12 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
11			Verna	Son	M W 10 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
12			Leta	Son	M W 7 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
13			Emma	Daughter	F W 5 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
14			Richard	Son	M W 3 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
15	420 420		Magnuson Christian	Head	M W 52 Wd 20	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish
16			Wife	Wife	F W 60 Wd 20	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish
17	420 420		Wright Albert H.	Head	M W 39 Wd 3	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
18			Annice	Wife	F W 30 Wd 3	Utah	Eng English	Utah
19			Lola	Daughter	F W 2 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
20			Leonard	Son	M W 1 d	Utah	Utah	Utah
21			Hesper Ruth	Sister in law	F W 17 d	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
22			Scab	Sister in law	F W 14 d	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
23			Sarah	Sister in law	F W 5 d	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
24	420 420		Perce John	Head	M W 44 Wd 15	Wales English	Eng English	Eng English
25			Annice	Wife	F W 15 Wd 15	Eng English	Eng English	Eng English
26			Violet	Daughter	F W 14 d	Utah	Wales English	Eng English
27			Albert	Son	M W 12 d	Utah	Wales English	Eng English
28	420 420		Harrio Albert E	Head	M W 27 Wd 7	Utah	Eng English	Eng English
29			Marguerite	Wife	F W 28 Wd 7	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish	Swed Swedish
30			Vivian M	Daughter	F W 6 d	Utah	Utah	Swed Swedish

1910 census, Pleasant Grove, Utah

Eliza lived eleven years after Elias passed away, and died January 30, 1917 in Lindon.

The obituary of Elias Aston in the Deseret News, September 10, 1906:

**DEATH OF ELIAS ASTON**

Elias Aston, a highly respected resident of Lindon, died Friday afternoon from general debility. The deceased was a native of England, and came to Utah in 1872. He leaves a wife and several children and other relatives. The funeral was held yesterday from the Lindon meetinghouse.

The obituary of Eliza Fowlke Aston in the Deseret Evening News, February 10, 1917 (FHS# 27004, page 10):

**TWO FUNERALS**

Two funerals of elderly people have been held in the Lindon Ward the past few days. Mrs. Aston, age 85, was buried from the Lindon meetinghouse Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and while this funeral was in session Mrs. Connor, another aged resident and a neighbor of Mrs. Aston passed away. Her funeral was held Tuesday at 11 o'clock a.m.

**FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF  
ELIAS ASTON AND  
ELIZA FOWLKE**

Elias Aston, Jr. was born 24 October 1830 in Nottingham, Nottingham, England to Elias Aston, Sr. and Mary Elliott. He married Eliza Fowlke 5 January 1851 in Nottingham. She was born 20 April 1832 in Nottingham to John Fowlke and Harriet Raynor. Elias died 7 September 1906 in Lindon, Utah, Utah. Eliza died 30 January 1917 in Lindon. Both are buried in Pleasant Grove.

Elias and Eliza had the following children:

1. **Drucilla Phoebe**, born 5 March 1852 in Nottingham; married John Stacey 14 December 1873; died 23 August 1928.
2. **William**, 5 February 1854 in Nottingham; died 8 March 1855.
3. **Joseph**, 22 September 1855 in Nottingham; married Salina Garrett 26 December 1895; died 13 March 1937.
4. **Orson**, born 8 January 1858 in Lincoln, Lincoln, England; died 31 May 1878.
5. **Eliza**, born 11 August 1859 in Lincoln; married John Baptist White; died 27 January 1909.
6. **Edwin**, born 30 June 1861 in Lincoln; married Emily Ann Keetch 2 December 1885; died 12 July 1906.
7. **John Fredrick**, born 30 May 1863 in Lincoln; married Mary Ann Harris 2 December 1885; died 26 January 1934.
8. **Alfred**, born 16 April 1865 in Lincoln; married Emily Ann Keetch 15 September 1910; died 7 January 1933.
9. **Elias**, born 1 May 1868 in Gainsborough, Lincoln, England; married Annie Charity Wyatt 25 December 1894; died 3 September 1937.
10. **Harriet Ann**, born 22 September 1870 in Gainsborough; married Charles Edward Green 11 December 1888 in Manti, San Pete, Utah; died 20 April 1931 in Salt Lake City.
11. **Harry C.**, born 16 November 1872 in Gainsborough; married Matilda Hardman 9 January 1895; died 27 November 1945.
12. **Louisa Martha**, born 28 February 1875 in Pleasant Grove, Utah, Utah; died 12 October 1875.

13. **Sarah Elizabeth**, born 13 April 1877 in Pleasant Grove, married Charles Henry West; died 2 May 1893.

14. **Mary Maria**, born 17 January 1880 in Pleasant Grove; died 23 January 1930.

*SOURCES: Temple Archive Record submitted by Mrs. Irene Shumway, citing Family Bible; IGI; 1871 English census, Gainsborough.*