

JOHN LINDEMAN 1748-1819

Most people who have any genealogical information about John Lindeman have spelled his name Linderman, which is not correct. We have several documents, some even written by John himself, that spell it Lindeman.

John Lindeman, the father of Lucy Lindeman who married Timothy Kelly was born in London, England. His father, William Lindeman, was an oilman of the Strand in London. Not quite sure what that is but we think he was probably an executive with a company that supplied oil to the population as well as businesses and the city for the oil street lights, etc. The Strand is an important street in the heart of London close to Trafalgar Square. William must have been a man of means because his son, John, was able to attend Oxford University to study for the ministry.

John's mother was Susannah Leigh and both of John's parents were born and married in London. John was born in 1748 in London. He was their oldest child. Then there were four daughters. Two of these girls died as infants and then the mother, Susannah, died when the youngest child was 1 year old. John was just 6 years old when his mother died. His father didn't marry again for ten years.

John was 19 years old when he entered Oxford University in 1767. He received his degree in 1771 and then was ordained a Priest on 21 Sep 1772. He was now 25 years old. He married Harriot Lyde of London on 5 Nov 1771 at the St Clement Danes Chapel in London. He served as the Rector at St Mary Monthaw in London, from 1773 to 1776. I think a Rector is like a minister of a smaller congregation because later he was given the title of Vicar when he went to a larger community.



St Clement Danes in London

The preface to the registry of St Mary Mounthaw says the church burned to the ground in the great fire in London in 1666. The building was not rebuilt but the parish was annexed to St Mary Somerset in 1695 when that building was rebuilt. According to this

preface, John Lindeman was the Rector of St Mary Somerset but the title on the front of the registry and the headings on each page still read St Mary Mounthaw.



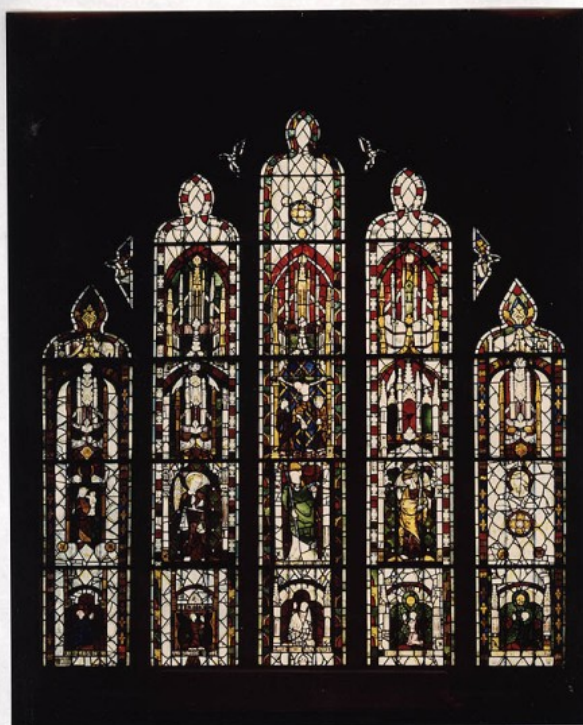
St Mary Mounthaw or Somerset

John and Harriot had no children while he was serving at St Mary Mounthaw. At least there were none christened there. The first child we discovered was William, born in 1776.

It was about this time that John was transferred to Eaton Bishop, a town in Herefordshire. Eaton Bishop was not a very large village. It was mostly agricultural, the crops being wheat, beans, barley and roots. Eaton Bishop was about 6 miles from Hereford, a large city.



The exterior and interior of the Eaton Bishop Church. It is amazing that even in a small village like Eaton Bishop they have these magnificent and massive church buildings.



The main glory of the church, however, is the East Window, installed about 1320. It is one of the oldest complete examples of a medieval stained glass window in the country.

This is where John Lindeman served in the Church of England for the next 23 years.

This is where John William Henry was born in 1778. Then Mary Anne in 1779, followed by William in 1780 and Harriot in 1782.

Mother, Harriot, was a very busy woman. After a 3 year “rest” our Lucy was born on 16 Sep 1785. She was followed by Susanna in 1789 and James Edward in 1793. All these children were christened in this beautiful church building.

This fast-paced motherhood was too much for Harriot and she died in June 1795 at the age of 45. She was buried on the church grounds. She left children from the age of 17 to 2 years of age. Our Lucy was not quite 10 years old when she lost her mother.

John continued at the Eaton Bishop Church for another four years. He never re-married.

In 1799 he was appointed Vicar of the church in Sithney in the Shire or County of Cornwall. I feel he was quite sad leaving Eaton Bishop with its beautiful chapel, and yet, maybe he wanted to leave because it held too many sad memories, having lost his wife there.

Sithney was a much larger place. It was also mostly agricultural, although there were several tin mines in the area. The chapel there was also quite lovely.



Mary Ann is the only child of John and Harriot to be married in Sithney. She married Richard Wise there in 1812 with her father officiating. Two other children, John William Henry and our Lucy were married in London. We have not been able to locate the marriages or deaths of the other four children of John and Harriot.

John Lindeman served in Sithney until his death on 24 Sep 1819. He is buried in the Sithney church yard. He was 71 years old.

John had beautiful handwriting as he recorded the baptisms, marriages and burials in the Parish Records where he was serving. I am including some of these entries at the end of this history for you to see.

Source for information on John Lindeman attending Oxford University:

Alumni Oxonienses; the members of the university of Oxford, 1715-1886, their parentage, birthplace and year of birth with a record of their degrees; being a matriculation register of the University.
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LINDEMAN, JOHN. Adm. pens. at CORPUS CHRISTI, Oct. 4, 1766. Of London. [S. of William, oilman, of the Strand, London. School, St Paul's.] Matric. Easter, 1767; Scholar, 1767; B.A. 1771; M.A. 1775. Of Brinsop, Heref. Ord. deacon (London) May 26, 1771; priest, Sept. 21, 1772. V. of St Sithney, Cornwall, 1799-1819. Married and had issue, two daughters. Died Sept. 24, 1819, aged 71. Monument in Sithney Church. (*St Paul's Sch. Reg.*; Boase, *Coll. Cornish* 502; *G. Mag.*, 1819, n. 380.)

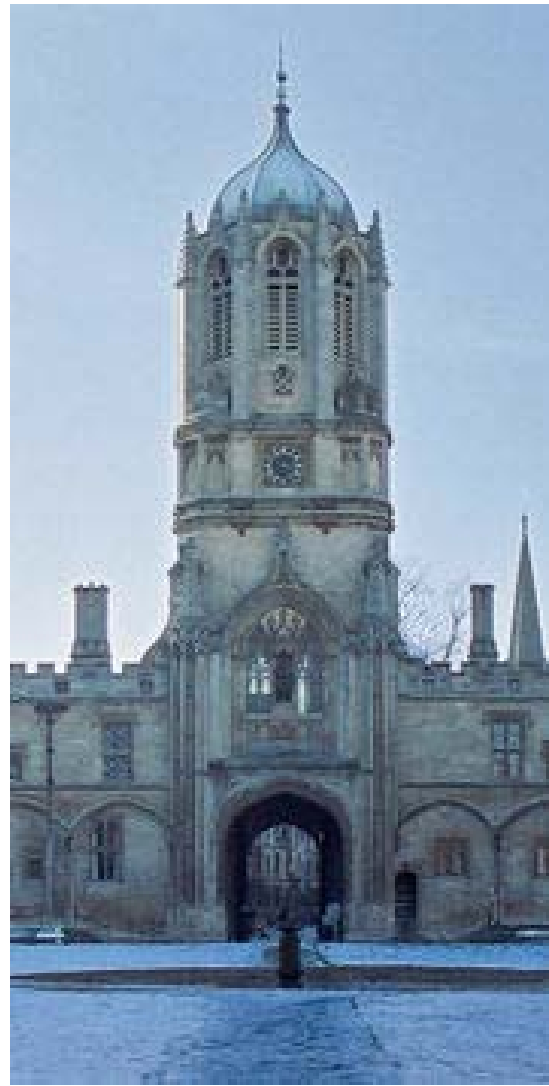
An interesting bit of information I learned about Oxford University:

This is Tom Tower that stands over the main gate into the University. Inside this tower is a huge bell that weighs around seven tons. It measures seven feet one inch in diameter and five feet nine inches in height. It is called Great Tom. There are other towers with bells at Oxford but Great Tom is by far the loudest.

Traditionally, the bell in Tom Tower is sounded 101 times at 9:05 pm each evening—to recall the original 101 scholars of the college— before the gates are locked for the night.

How would you like to listen to that every night?

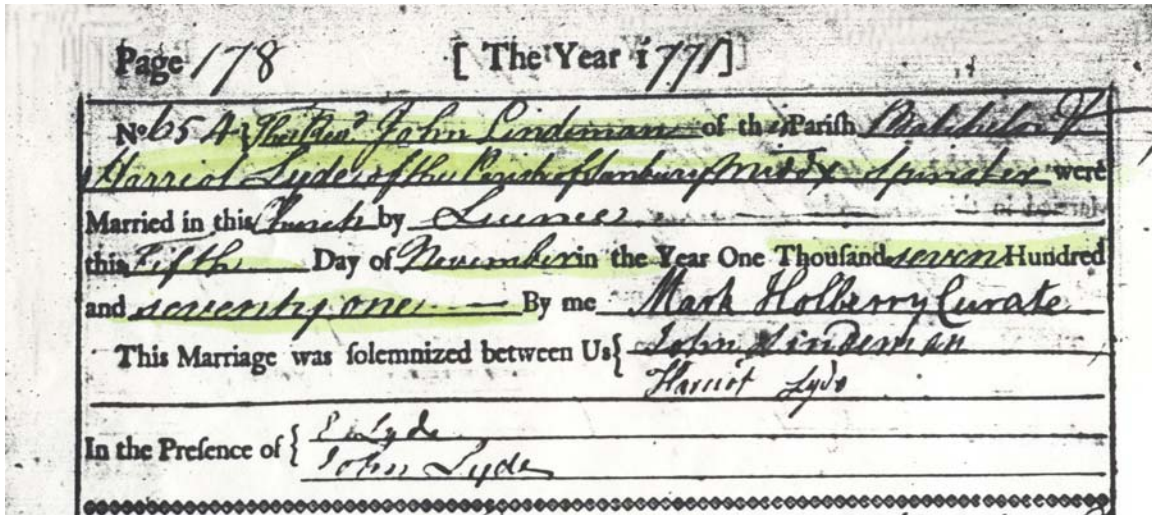
This is a close up of the main gate of Tom Tower



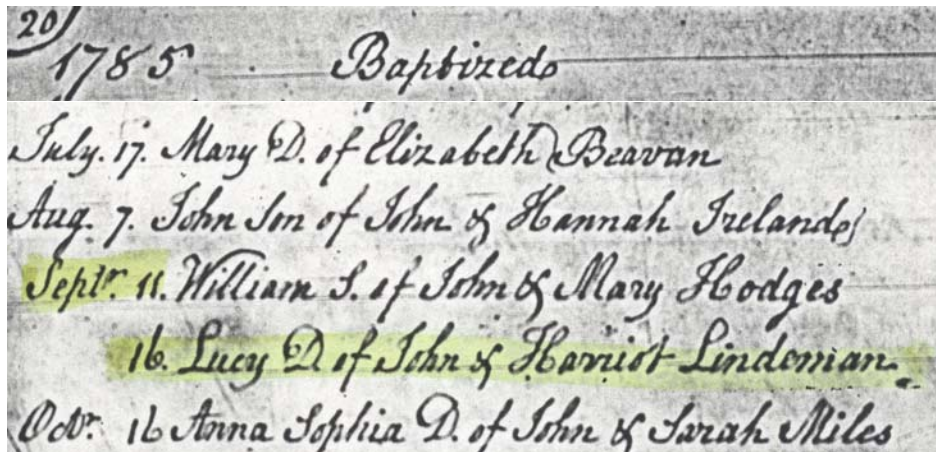
I also learned that C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien both attended school at Oxford and both later were professors there. They belonged to an informal literary discussion group known as the “Inklings”.

(Source of all pictures in this history: Google. I love to surf the internet to find interesting things like this.)

The marriage certificate of John Lindeman and Harriot Lyde
 5 November 1771
 St. Clement Danes, Westminster, London, England



The Baptism (Christening) of Lucy, daughter of John & Harriot Lindeman
 16 September 1785
 These entries were probably written by John Lindeman who was the Rector
 of the church in Eaton Bishop, Herefordshire, England



The Burial of Rev. John Lindeman, Vicar, in Sithney, Cornwall, England
 29 September 1819 age 71

BURIALS in the Parish of <i>Sithney</i> in the County of <i>Cornwall</i> in the Year 1819				
Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed
<i>Rev John Lindeman</i>	<i>Vicarage Sithney</i>	<i>Sept 29 1819</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>Thomas Smith</i>

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1. John Lindeman was born in London, England in 1748.
2. In 1767, at the age of 19, he went to Oxford University.
3. Back to London as a Priest 1773-1776
4. Eaton Bishop in Hereford as Rector 1776-1799
5. St. Sithney in Cornwall as Vicar 1799-1819

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