

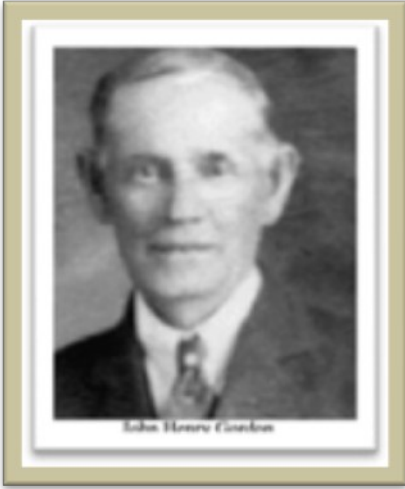
John Henry GORDON
PIONEER HISTORY OF
John Henry Gordon

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John Henry Gordon

Born: 23 Sep 1855, Castle Eden, Durham, England

Died: 13 Oct 1938 at Provo, Utah, Utah



Castle Eden

Castle Eden is a village in County Durham, in England. It is situated a short distance to the south of Peterlee, Wingate, the A19 and Castle Eden Dene.

Castle Eden Dene is a dene in County Durham, south of Peterlee and north of Castle Eden. It is a National Nature Reserve which cuts through the magnesian limestone of east Durham from Wingate down to the coast between Horden and Blackhall. It is rich in flora and fauna including the rare Durham Argus butterfly and stands of ancient Yew trees. Castle Eden Dene is the largest area of semi-natural woodland in north-east England, renowned for yew trees. The tangled landscape is a survivor of the wildwood that once covered most of Britain.

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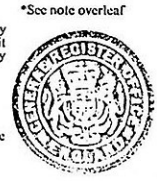
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<i>1855</i> . Birth in the Sub-district of <i>Baslington</i> in the <i>County of Durham</i>										
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No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>110</i>	<i>Twenty-third September 1855 Castle Eden Co. Durm.</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>John Gordon</i>	<i>Harriet Gordon formerly Mudron</i>	<i>Coal miner</i>	<i>Harriet Gordon formerly mother Castle Eden Colliery</i>	<i>Twenty-third September 1855</i>	<i>Robert Richardson Registrar</i>	

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 Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *18th* day of *September* 19 *75*

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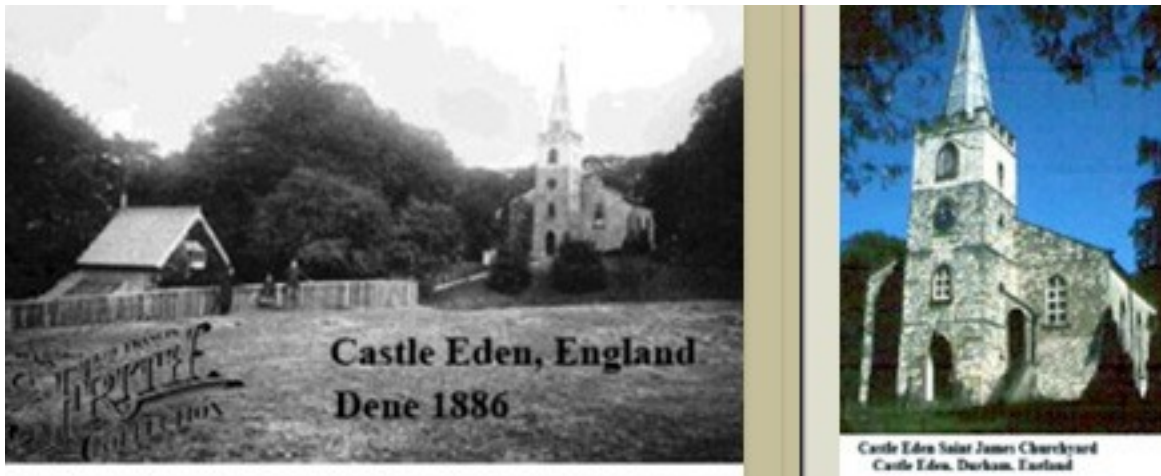
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Castle Eden

Castle Eden was a coal mining town and his father worked as a pitman in the coal mines.

John Henry GORDON

Castle Eden, England 1886



Church of England Parishes, Castle Eden St. James, Location: Durham County

Father, John Henry, his wife Hannah and 4 children {Frances Jane (b: 1848), Foster (b:1850) Robert (b: 1853) and John Henry (b:1855)} left England, crossed the Atlantic in a sailboat. It took them six weeks to cross. They settled on a farm in Ohio, near where Columbus is now. They lived there awhile then joined Captain Murdock's ox train at Florence, Nebraska and traveled to Utah.

NOTE: Emigration – (With his parents & brothers, Foster, Robert and sister, Frances)

John Henry was born 23 Sept. **1855** at Castle Eden, Durham, **England**
and brother Samuel was born **1857** at Salt Lake City, **Utah**.

Between late 1855 and early 1857 the family emigrated from England to Utah. I have been unable to find them aboard any ship or listed as being with any particular wagon train.

Family records say they were with the “Captain Murdock’s company”. Captain John Murdock was captain of five wagon trains between 1861 and 1868. However, the family was in Salt Lake City at the birth of son/brother, Samuel, during 1857.

1990 US Census

Foster Gordon: Immigration year: 1859 - Robert Gordon: Immigration year: 1863

Their brothers born in SLC, Utah: Samuel (born 1857) and George (born 1863)

IMMIGRATION- RECORDS ARE CONTRIDICTORY OR NOT AVAILABLE

John Henry GORDON

The family first settled in the [Salt Lake] 10th Ward. John Henry's Grandparents, Foster & Sarah Frances Gordon, came to Utah during 1863. Then they lived in Hoytsville. John Henry's father and grandfather were stone masons by trade and built a flour mill in Coalville.

His Grandparents moved to Skull Valley, Utah as caretakers at the Park Ranch. However, on 22 Oct 1865 they were both murdered at their home at the Park Ranch.

John Henry's father hauled freight and after settling his family and establishing himself in Salt Lake he secured a good team and wagon and started back across the plains by way of the Oregon Trail. He was last heard from [in 1868] at Blackfoot, Idaho. It is thought he was killed by Indians.

John Henry married Mary Rebecca Bolton on November 19, 1876, in Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of Curtis E. Bolton and Mary Bunker of Long Island, Queens County, New York, and Nauvoo, Illinois.

They moved from Salt Lake City to Provo Bench in 1886, and was among the first to plant orchards at that place; raised the first lucerne (alfalfa) seed in Utah County. He assisted in making the canals and wagon roads and worked ten years on the Blue Cliff canal. He also assisted in planting the orchard on the farm known as the Carry Farm. He took part in protecting the settlers against the Indians.



Their children:

- 1 Frances Maud born December 12, 1877, married Otto Olsen;
- 2 Lewis Waterman born December 18, 1879, married Jennie Carter;
- 3 John born January 19, 1882, married Nellie Scott, married Eliza Boberg;
- 4 Minnie born April 16, 1884, married Oliver Knowles;
- 5 Hannah born April 4, 1886, married Wallace Baum;
- 6 Guy born February 26, 1888;
- 7 Robert born January 26, 1890, married Lydia Whitely;
- 8 Leon born July 7, 1892, married Ethel Ashton;
- 9 Curtis born December 29, 1894;
- 10 Vera born February 29, 1896;
- 11 Alphretta born May 23, 1899.

Mary Rebecca died 14 March 1905 at Provo, Utah

John Henry died 13 Oct 1938 at Provo, Utah
