

# The Kenora Link Family

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John Jacob Link, son of was born between 1834 and 1838 at Finch, Stormint County, Ontario

His wife, Jane Eliza Quinn, was born c. 1836 in the United States and died in 1923. She was buried in Lake of the Woods Cemetery on 14 April of that year.

John and Jane Link became residence in Norman, Kenora about 1885. In 1891 he was working as a labourer at a mill. Early in 1900 he was appointed caretaker of the new post office in Keewatin and died some two months latter on June 16 1900. His death record lists his occupation as “printer”.

Their children included:

1. Elizabeth Catherine Link born February 2nd 1863 in Ontario; married John Walls; died 17 Aug 1933; interred in Lake of the Woods Cemetery.
2. William J. Link born about 1864 in Ontario; in 1891 living in Kenora, occupation teamster; died 15 October 1904; interred in Lake of the Woods Cemetery.
3. John Link born about 1865 in Ontario; in 1891 living with parents in Norman, occupation teamster.
4. Jessy Ann Link born about 1870
5. James A. Link born 27 Feb 1874 in Stormont, Ontario; married Annie Johnson on 22 Nov 1899 in Rat Portage (Kenora); in 1921 living on 1st. Ave. South, Kenora with wife and mother- occupation livery; 1940 living in Kenora occupation merchant; wife Anna interred in Lake of the Woods Cemetery, Kenora on 14 Sep 1957; 1958 living in Kenora retired.
6. Adam Jacob Link born March 23 1883 in Winnipeg, Manitoba; moved to California in 1912 and lived there until death on 15 May 1950 at Sacramento; buried in Masonic Lawn Cemetery)

James A. Link 1877

James A Link, son of John Jacob Link and Jane Eliza Quinn was born February 27 1874 in Stormont Ontario. He arrived in Rat Portage in June 1887. He married Annie Johnson November 22 1899. They had three children William (Bill), James (Jim) and Abbie.

He was employed by Rat Portage Lumber Company for 21 year. In 1908 he bought half in the Henderson Brothers and Fuel Business. They started out with 13 horses and up to date equipment. As an extra service they offered a delivery and pick-service of baggage to or from the service station. They bought the business of C.C. Delbridge Livery and Sales Stables and moved to Second Street in 1913. The

business was known as Link's and Henderson.

In May of 1925 they provided the town with an ambulance that they made available any time day or night.

Following a fire in the business in 1928 Henderson sold his interest to Link

Link added an Ice Business by 1931. In 1933 he brought in a bus to run a route between Kenora and Keewatin and special trips throughout the District. In 1939 the business was incorporated and known as J.A.Links In 1939 he also added a new addition to accommodate more cars.

James Link served on the town council for nine years.

He was active sports enthusiast. He was an active member of the rowing club, winning many races between from 1894 and 1896 in Lake Minnetonka. He trained the Thistle Hockey team that challenged for the Stanley Cup in 1906 and the team that won it in 1907. In summer he was an avid horse racer.

He moved to British Columbia and was still living in 1953. He died on March 21st 1964.

# Descendants of John Jacob Link

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## Generation 1

1. **JOHN JACOB<sup>1</sup> LINK** was born between 1834-1838 in Finch, Stormont, Ontario, Canada. He died on 16 Jun 1900 in Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. He married **JANE ELIZA QUINN**. She was born between 1840-1841 in United States. She died on 08 Apr 1923 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

Notes for John Jacob Link:

1871 Census of Canada Stormont District Number 72 Division Sub District Finch # b Page 21

Jacob age 37, Jane age 30 Elisabeth age 8 William age 6 Margaret age 3 Jessy Ann 1

1891 Census of Canada Algoma Western Division Western Jacob age 53 Jane age 51 John age 26 James age 17, Adam age 8

Died 16 Jun 1900, buried at Lake of the Woods plot 7w-18-1 Find A Grave memorial #153168375

Notes for Jane Eliza Quinn:

Died 8 Apr 1923, buried in Lake of the Woods, plot 7w-18-3 Find A Grave memorial #153168652

John Jacob Link and Jane Eliza Quinn had the following children:

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  - i. **ELIZABETH CATHARINE<sup>2</sup> LINK** was born on 02 Feb 1863 in Burwick, Ontario Canada (1901 Census 2 Feb 1862, Death certificate 2 Feb 1863). She died on 18 Aug 1933 in Keewatin, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She married (1) **JOHN WALLS**, son of George Walls and Barbara Clarke, on 03 Jan 1888 in Norman, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on 23 Aug 1857 in New Brunswick, Canada. He died in 1934 in Keewatin. She married (2) **WILLIAM THOMPSON**, son of John Thompson and Jane, on 26 Apr 1879 in Newington, Ontario. He was born in 1858. He died before 1888 in Ontario Canada.
  - ii. **JOHN LINK** was born in 1865 in Ontario Canada.
  - iii. **WILLIAM J. LINK** was born in 1865 in Ontario Canada. He died on 15 Oct 1904.
  - iv. **MARGARET LINK** was born in 1868. She married **JOHN CONN**.
  - v. **JESSY ANN LINK** was born in 1870.
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  - vi. **JAMES ARTHUR LINK** was born on 27 Feb 1874 in Stormont, Ontario, Canada. He died on 21 Mar 1964 in North Vancouver, British Columbia (Age: 89). He married Annie Johnson, daughter of Colin Johnson and Matilda Olson, on 22 Nov 1899 in Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. She was born on 15 Mar 1877. She died in Sep 1957 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Date of interment in LOW Cemetery).
  - vii. **ADAM LINK** was born on 23 Mar 1883 in Winnipeg MB. He died on 15 May 1950 in Sacramento.

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## Generation 2

2. **ELIZABETH CATHARINE<sup>2</sup> LINK** (John Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born on 02 Feb 1863 in Burwick, Ontario Canada (1901 Census 2 Feb 1862, Death certificate 2 Feb 1863). She died on 18 Aug 1933 in Keewatin, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She married (1) **JOHN WALLS**, son of George Walls and Barbara Clarke, on 03 Jan 1888 in Norman, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on 23 Aug 1857 in New Brunswick, Canada. He died in 1934 in Keewatin. She married (2) **WILLIAM THOMPSON**, son of John Thompson and Jane, on 26 Apr 1879 in Newington, Ontario. He was born in 1858. He died before 1888 in Ontario Canada.

Notes for John Walls:

1891 Census of Canada Algoma District #46 Sub District Polling no 24 a John Age 33, Elizabeth 28, George Arthur age 2

1901 Census of Canada, Algoma District #44 Keewatin Sub-District x1-2 John 25 Aug 1837, Lizie C 2 Feb 1842, Saddle 31 Jan 1882, George 24 Dec 1888, Jean 14 Dec 1893, Edna 17 Mar 1895, John 10 Jun 1898

1911 Census of Canada Thunder Bay and Rainey River Sub District 82 Keewatin John 1860, Elizabeth C Feb 1863, George Dec 1888, Jean Dec 93, Edna Mar 1896, John 1899

Buried in Lake of the Woods Cemetery Kenora Birth given as Bathurst New Brunswick, 1838,

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## Generation 2 (con't)

death 1934

John Walls and Elizabeth Catharine Link had the following children:

- i. SADDIE<sup>3</sup> WALLS was born on 31 Jan 1882 in New Brunswick Canada.  
Notes for Saddie Walls:  
Saddie may be Sarah Ethel? her natural father may have been WilliamsThompson
- ii. GEORGE ARTHUR WALLS was born on 24 Dec 1889 in Keewatin, Ontario. He married BETTY ROSS.
- iii. JEAN CATHARINE WALLS was born on 14 Dec 1893 in Keewatin, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She died in 1986. She married GORDON ROY.
- iv. MARGARET EDNA WALLS was born on 17 Mar 1895 in Keewatin, Kenora, Ontario, Canada.
- v. JOHN WALLS was born on 10 Jun 1898 in Keewatin, Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He married BETTY ROSS.

3. **JAMES ARTHUR<sup>2</sup> LINK** (John Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born on 27 Feb 1874 in Stormont, Ontario, Canada. He died on 21 Mar 1964 in North Vancouver, British Columbia (Age: 89). He married Annie Johnson, daughter of Colin Johnson and Matilda Olson, on 22 Nov 1899 in Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. She was born on 15 Mar 1877. She died in Sep 1957 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Date of interment in LOW Cemetery ).

Notes for James Arthur Link:

Died in North Vancouver 21 Mar 1964 Registration 1964-09-004703

James Arthur Link and Annie Johnson had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> LINK.
- ii. JAMES LINK.
- iii. ABBIE LINK.