

LIST OF CHARACTERS

THE EARNSHAW FAMILY

Hindley Catherine Heathcliff

Hareton

THE LINTON FAMILY

Edgar — Isabella

m. m.

Catherine Earnshaw Heathcliff

Young Catherine m. Linton

Young Catherine marries Linton Heathcliff, but after the deaths of Linton and Heathcliff, she marries Hareton.

Ellen (Nelly) Dean—the housekeeper and “stepsister” of the Earnshaw children. Nelly is raised with the children and serves them for over twenty years. She knows intimately the history of the family.

Joseph—servant to Heathcliff

Zillah—servant to Heathcliff

Kenneth—the doctor

Mr. Lockwood—tenant at Thrushcross Grange who becomes intrigued with the Earnshaw family history. Ellen Dean is his housekeeper.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE LINTON AND EARNSHAW FAMILIES

1772: Old Mr. Earnshaw finds a starving, orphaned child in the streets of Liverpool while on a business trip and brings him home to be raised with his children—Hindley, fourteen, and Catherine, six; the child is christened Heathcliff.

June, 1778: Hareton Earnshaw, Hindley's child, is born.

1780: Heathcliff leaves Wuthering heights.

1783: Edgar Linton marries Catherine Earnshaw.

1784: Catherine Linton dies and her baby Catherine is born. Isabella runs away from Wuthering heights after the funeral of Catherine; Linton, son of Isabella and Heathcliff, is born in the south, near London. Hindley Earnshaw dies.

1801: Catherine Linton and Linton Heathcliff are married. Edgar Linton dies. Linton Heathcliff dies within weeks of his uncle's death.

April, 1802: Heathcliff dies.

VI: Five reviews of *Wuthering Heights* from January 1848 were found in Emily's writing desk after her death. Here is a short excerpt from Douglas Jerrold's *Weekly Newspaper*, January 15, 1848: "In *Wuthering Heights* the reader is shocked, disgusted, almost sickened by details of cruelty, inhumanity, and the most diabolical hate and vengeance, and anon comes passages of powerful testimony to the supreme power of love—even over demons in the human form. The women in the book are of a strange fiendish-angelic nature, tantalizing, and terrible, and the men are indescribable out of the book itself." What is the reviewer's analysis of the novel? Do you agree/disagree with the reviewer's comment and why? (The Brontës: *The Critical Heritage*. Ed. Miriam Allott. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1974.)

Byronic hero

The **Byronic hero** is an idealized, but flawed, character exemplified in the life and writings of Lord Byron, characterized by his ex-lover Lady Caroline Lamb as being "mad, bad and dangerous to know".^[1] The Byronic hero first appears in Byron's semi-autobiographical epic narrative poem *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* (1812-18). The Byronic hero has the following characteristics:

- conflicting emotions, bipolar tendencies, or moodiness
- self-critical and introspective
- struggles with integrity
- a distaste for social institutions and social norms
- being an exile, an outcast, or an outlaw
- has "dark" attributes not normally associated with heroes
- a lack of respect for rank and privilege
- a troubled past
- being cynical, demanding, and/or arrogant
- often self-destructive
- loner, often rejected from society

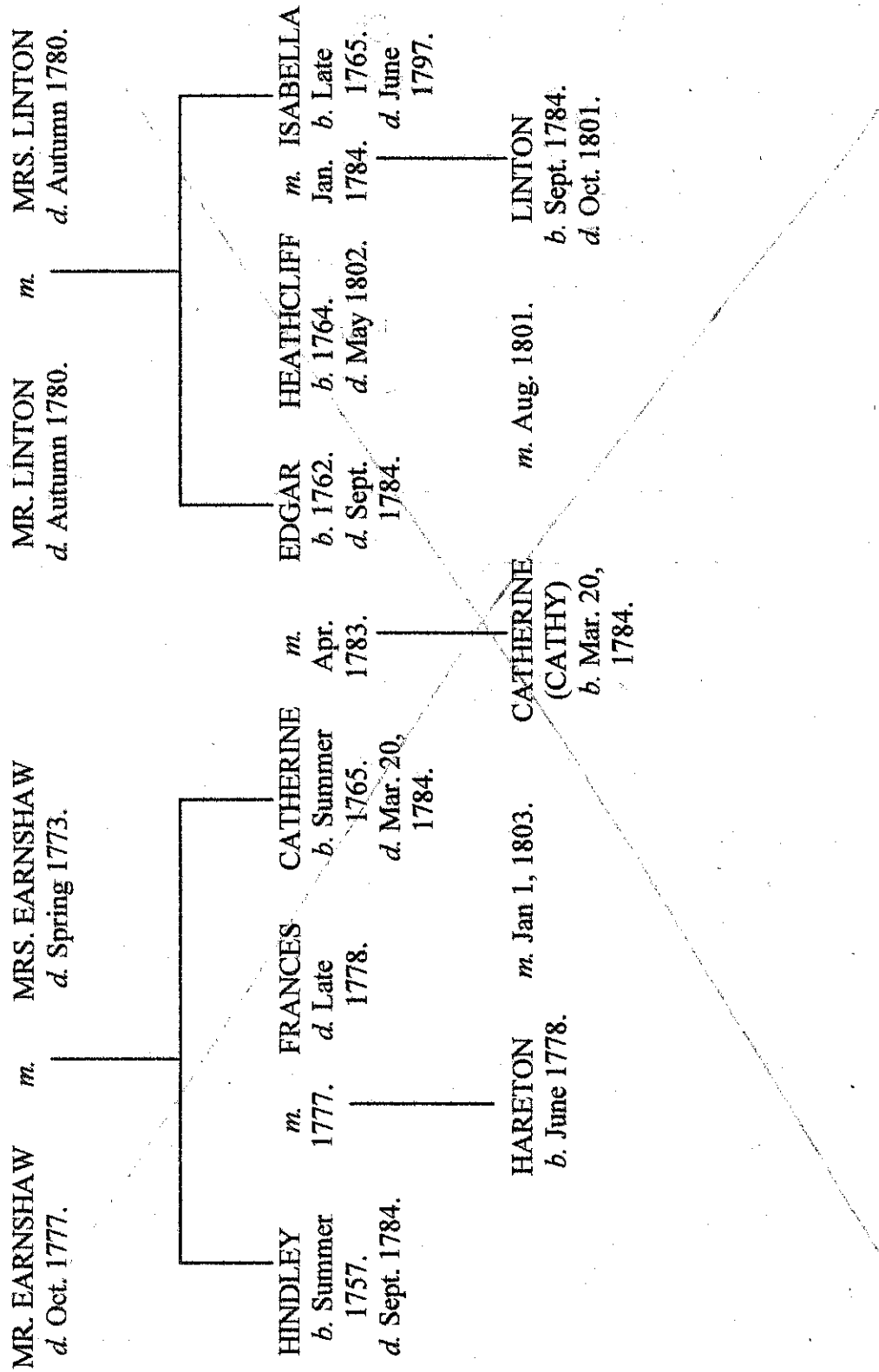
Byron's influence was manifested by many authors and artists of the Romantic movement and by writers of Gothic fiction during the 19th century. The Byronic hero provides the title character of *Glenarvon* (1816), by Byron's erstwhile lover Lady Caroline Lamb, and *The Vampyre* (1819) by Polidori, Heathcliff from Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* (1847) and Rochester from Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* (1847) are other examples.

Year	Date	Characters	Story	External	Ages
1757	June	<u>Hindley Earnshaw</u> born			
	August	<u>Ellen Dean</u> born			
1760				George III becomes king	
1762	January	<u>Edgar Linton</u> born			Hindley 4
1764	July	<u>Heathcliff</u> born			Hindley 7; Ellen 6; Edgar nearly 2
1765	May	<u>Catherine</u> <u>Earnshaw</u> born			Hindley nearly 8; Ellen 7; Heathcliff 11m
	October	<u>Isabella Linton</u> born			Edgar 3
1771	August	Mr Earnshaw brings <u>Heathcliff to Wuthering Heights</u>	Ch4		Hindley 14; Ellen nearly 14; Heathcliff 7; Catherine 6; Joseph 41
1773	May	Mrs Earnshaw dies	Ch4		Hindley 15; Ellen 15; Heathcliff 8; Catherine 7
	16 Dec			Boston Tea Party	
1774	October	Hindley is sent off to college	Ch5		Hindley 17; Heathcliff 10; Catherine 9
1776				American Declaration of Independence	
1777	October	Mr Earnshaw dies	Ch5		Hindley 20; Ellen 20; Heathcliff 13; Catherine 12
	October	Hindley returns to Wuthering Heights with <u>Frances</u>	Ch6		Frances 17
	November	Catherine stays at <u>Thrushcross</u> <u>Grange</u>	Ch7		Hindley 20; Ellen 20; Edgar 15; Heathcliff 13; Catherine 12; Isabella 12
	Christmas Eve	Catherine returns to Wuthering Heights	Ch7		
1778	June	<u>Hareton Earnshaw</u> is born	Ch8		Hindley 20; Frances 18; Heathcliff 13; Catherine 13

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	October	Frances dies	Ch8		Hindley 21; Frances 18;
1780	August	Heathcliff runs away from Wuthering Heights	Ch9		Hindley 23; Ellen 22; Heathcliff 16; Catherine 15
	August	Mr and Mrs Linton die	Ch10		Edgar 18; Isabella 14
1783	March	Catherine marries Edgar	Ch10		Edgar 21; Catherine 17
	August	Cathy is conceived			Edgar 21; Catherine 17
	September	Heathcliff returns	Ch10		Edgar 21; Heathcliff 19; Catherine 18; Isabella almost 18
1784	January	Heathcliff clashes with Edgar	Ch11		Edgar 21; Heathcliff 19; Catherine 18
	February	Heathcliff marries Isabella	Ch12		Heathcliff 19; Isabella 18
	March	Heathcliff and Isabella return			
	20 March	Catherine dies giving birth to Cathy	Ch16		Edgar 22; Heathcliff 19; Catherine 18
	September	<u>Linton Heathcliff</u> is born	Ch17		Isabella 18
	September	Hindley dies	Ch17		Hindley 27; Joseph 54
1789				Start of French Revolution	
1796				First smallpox inoculations	
1797	July	Cathy meets Hareton at Wuthering Heights	Ch18		Hareton 19; Cathy 13
	July	Isabella dies	Ch17		Heathcliff 32; Isabella 31; Linton 12
	July	Linton is taken to Thrushcross Grange and then Wuthering Heights	Ch19		Linton 12
1800	20 March	Cathy meets Heathcliff and	Ch21		Heathcliff 35; Hareton 21; Cathy 16; Linton 15

		Linton		
1801	August	Cathy marries Linton	Ch27	Hareton 23; Cathy 17; Linton 16
	August	Edgar dies	Ch28	Edgar 39
	September	Linton dies		Cathy 17; Linton 17
	November	Mr Lockwood visits Wuthering Heights	Ch1	Heathcliff 37; Hareton 23; Cathy 17; Ellen 44; Joseph 71
1802	January	Mr Lockwood returns to London	Ch31	
	April	Heathcliff dies	Ch34	Heathcliff 37; Hareton 23; Cathy 18
	September	Mr Lockwood returns to Thrushcross Grange	Ch32	Hareton 24; Cathy 18
1803	1 January	Cathy marries Hareton		Hareton 24; Cathy 18
1805				Battle of Trafalgar
1807				Slave trade abolished

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Wuthering Heights Map

