

Lingo Family Singers Include Tributes to 19th C. Women's Suffrage

The Hutchinson Family Singers, enacted by the Lingo Family Singers of Peterboro, will present their first performance of their autumn musical series at 7 pm Friday, September 19, 2025, at the Smithfield Community Center, 5255 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro NY 13134. This program will give attention to women's rights, which is one of the reforms that the Hutchinsons addressed in their travels in the early 19th Century and also a reform supported by the Smiths of Peterboro. September 20, 1822, was the birthdate of Elizabeth Smith Miller, daughter of Ann and Gerrit Smith of Peterboro. Among Miller's endeavors for women were the trouser outfit which became known as "Bloomers," a huge cookbook *In the Kitchen*, raising money for the education of young women, developing the largest Political Equality Club in New York State with her daughter Anne, and creating seven large scrapbooks on 19th women's suffrage now held at the Library of Congress. Miller and her cousin Elizabeth Cady Stanton were named after the same grandmother. Elizabeth Cady spent summertime in Peterboro – which is where she met Henry Brewster Stanton.

For the 7 o'clock event on Friday, September 19, the Lingo Family Singers' selections include *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *Good Old Days of Yore*, *Kind Words Can Never Die*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *Tim Grogan's Plan*, *The Old Granite State*, and *Vote it Right Along*. The songs will be sung in four-part harmony in the similar style of the Hutchinsons in the 1800s. A number of these songs were written by the Hutchinson family.

Future Hutchinson presentations by the Lingos include:

- Saturday, October 11, 2025, 8 am at the Fourth Abolition Walk
102 South Peterboro Street, Canastota NY 13032 with attention to abolition
- Saturday, November 15, 2025, 6 pm at the Smithfield Community Center
5255 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro NY 13134
- Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 4 pm at the Peterboro United Methodist Church
5240 Pleasant Valley Road Peterboro NY 13134 with attention to emancipation

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Judson, Abby, Joh, and Asa Hutchinson

The Hutchinson Family began musical performances in the 1840s in their home state of New Hampshire. Their four-part harmony copied the touring Tyrolese Minstrels, but soon they started writing their own songs which addressed the reforms of abolition, emancipation, temperance, and women's rights. The first Hutchinson group was three brothers and one sister, but through the years the group was composed of differing arrangements of the talented siblings.



Sign in Peterboro erected upon Elizabeth Smith Miller chosen as Governor Pataki's Commission for Woman of Distinction in Madison County.