

The story of the birth of Loma Linda is replete with a series of bankruptcies followed by providential beginnings. In an earlier article in this series we mentioned some of these early attempts at trying to make Loma Linda into a lucrative health resort. But with each failed attempt the local area residents began to call the place Lonesome Linda.

During the first five years of the twentieth-century Seventh-day Adventist co-founder Ellen White prophetically described a series of properties in Southern California. During those early years she guided church leaders to properties located both in an idyllic paradise valley hospital and Lendale Lendale Adventist Medical Center that quickly thrived as patients came for treatment. Yet she continued to appeal for yet another property that she said would providentially become available.

As she made her appeals the local Adventist church leadership wondered how they could afford another institu-