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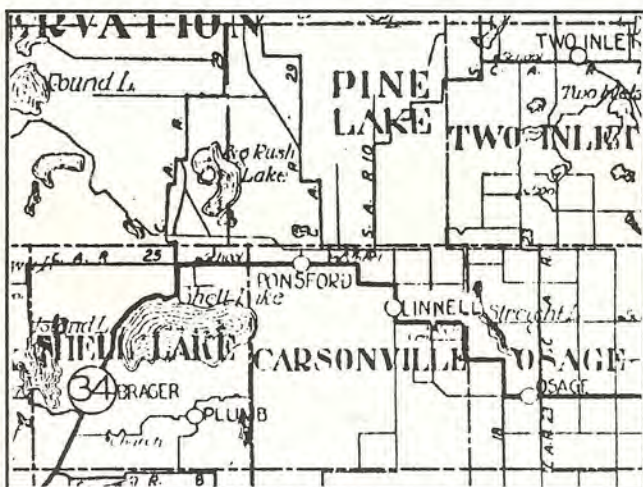
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Minnesota to Host 1991 Reunion

Linnell, Minnesota

Linnell, MN is the only postoffice in the United States that carries our name. While there have been streets, developments, locations named for the Linnells it is only in Minnesota that a post office carried our name. It was located in Becker County, about a mile east of Ponsford in the home of I.E. (Charlie) Linnell who had started a small store in his home in the fall of 1882. In those early pioneer days a number of small trading posts were set up to provide supplies for the settlers and Indians of this locality and to gather their fur pelts for sale. Many failed because of the goods given out on poor credit. In order to make ends meet most settlers found that they had to work in some other means of gathering money or the means of barter besides their own farming. Many worked at logging, trapping, carpenter work. But the Linnell Post Office remained in service from 1883-1912. When the Linnell family moved, the postoffice was moved to Jim Dizell's farm house two miles east of Ponsford. Later it was moved to D.E. Moore's place three miles southeast of Ponsford. (*The Ponsfordian*, 1880-1930, the Park Rapid Enterprise Press, 1930, research of Roger and Bonnie Hansen)

Though the name of the Post Office no longer remains



Linnell, MN Becker County, Carsonville Twp. 1883-1912

ANNOUNCING Second North American Linnell Family Reunion

June 21,22,23, 1991
Northwestern College Campus
St. Paul, Minnesota

This lovely facility located on a lake in St. Paul, MN will provide an outstanding location for our next family gathering. Other information about program, registration etc. will be available in the fall of 1990. Be sure to mark your calendars now to join your cousins in 1991.

on the maps and the name of the cemetery has changed to Carsonville Cemetery, announcements of burials there are still announced to be at the Linnell Cemetery. There are several Linnells known to be buried there though we understand that there are no known markers on Linnell graves.

Mart Stevens told the story of the first white settlers in this area in the above mentioned *Ponsfordian*. Mart Stephens, Zack Lemon, and John Snyder and their families came from Deerfield, Iowa by wagon, twelve persons in all, to homestead in this area. In the first spring (1881) Charlie Linnell (Charles A. Linnell, p 219 *Descendants of Robert Linnell*) moved in just across the road from Mart's place.

That first winter the snow was four feet deep and travel to the nearest town was impossible. They existed on venison, small game, and 'bran dodgers' made out of horse feed (ground oats and corn), that they had brought along from Iowa.

There will be more stories of our Minnesota Linnell pioneers before the 1991 Reunion.

President Bush is Kith Not Kin

If you have been in a rush to establish kinship with the new First Family in the White House, you'll need to review this:

William Addams Reitwiesner interviewed for the "Capital Comment" column p 21 in *The Washingtonian*, January 1989 lists among the "Kissin' Cousins" of President George Bush those descended from Thomas Lothrop and his wife Sarah Linnell. While many of us show Bush ancestors on our fan charts, we would question the particular marriage listed above (see p 2 *The Descendants of Robert Linnell*).

Additional records reinforce that Sarah was the daughter of William Learned, not Robert Linnell.

"Learned, William inh 1630; Woburn; adm ch with wife 6 (10) 1631; m. Goodith __. Issue 1. Isaac 2. Sarah ae. 28, 1635; m. (1) Thomas Ewer; m. (2) 11 Dec. 1639 at Boston Thomas Lathrop." ref. *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass.* T.B. Wyman, p. 611.

"Thomas Ewer came in the 'James' in 1635 w. Sarah ae. 28 dau. William Learned. Sarah rem. to Barnstable and m. (2) Thomas Lathrop 1639." Ibid pp 338,339.

'William Learned was of Bermondsey, Surrey, England born about 1590; came in 1632; d. 1 Mar. 1646. Children born in England; Sarah, bp. 1608; m. Jan 1623/4, Bermondsey, Thomas Ewer..." ref. *Cole Ancestry*, Cole p 37.

Pope names only 3 children of Robert Linnell, probably by his first wife and born in England; Hannah, Abigail, David. *Pioneers of Massachusetts*.

If any in the family wish to claim relationship to the President another line might be more productive.

Rock and Roll With John Linnell

John Linnell and John Flansburgh, a Rock music duo called "They Might Be Giants", were pictured in Newsweek, January 2, 1989. Their romantic song, "Ana Ng" on their new compact disc, "Lincoln", had just hit the No. 1 spot on college radio. Newsweek called them "very funny, but also serious". Attendees of the Cape Cod Reunion will remember that John's father Zenos Linnell displayed a couple of platters of "They Might Be Giants" in the Family Room.

Consumer Protection Facts

A new book, *Linnells Across America* is being offered for sale by one Mary Whitey of Ottesville, Pa. Before ordering a copy of this \$33.85 volume, you'll want to know something of its contents.

It includes chapters on the "History of American Origins", a description of Columbus and other early explorers, "The Development of Family Crests," and a general article on "The Origin of Family Names." The book offers a "recording and documenting of family heritage" with family sheets and charts of the type that can be ordered from any reliable genealogical supply house.

We have now seen three such publications in recent years. Another entitled *The Linnell Family Heritage Book* by Beatrice Bayley offers these very same chapters plus a list of 50 Linnell names and addresses that could have been culled from telephone directories. The address file of families to whom our *Linnell Family Newsletter* is mailed total 560.

Gift of Lothrop Diary

Helen and William Taber of Cape Cod have graciously given a copy of the Rev. John Lothrop's *Diary* to the Linnell Archives. Helen and William visited our Linnell Reunion in 1988 to gather ideas for the Lothrop Reunion to be held in Barnstable this summer celebrating the 1639 arrival of Rev. John Lothrop.

A Linnell Family Gathering

Sept. 2nd and 3rd 1989

Saturday at Locke Park in Fridley, MN from 11am to 9:30pm
\$10.00 per person children under six free

At The Seasons Restaurant in Coon Rapids on Sunday for an 11am brunch.
\$10.00 per person children under ten \$5.00

Contact the Hansens prior to July 15 at 548 Manor Dr. NE Spring-Lake Park, MN 55432 612-786-3606
Advance payment is necessary.

Steering Committee Progress

Steering committee efforts since June, 1988 have made headway on many issues:

- Althea Tremewan's report on the 1988 Reunion and its evaluation went out to 560 Linnells in August, 1988
- The above-mentioned 560 Linnells have been computerized by Eric and Joan Linnell after much sleuthing for up dated addresses. Joan also organized these addresses into states to yield information about where our present Linnells live.
- The steering Committee (SC) organized themselves into five ongoing responsibilities. (see below)
- The SC established the pattern of reunions every three years, that the next two reunions should be held in the Mid-west and that the third reunion should again be on Cape Cod to affirm our early roots in that location.
- The SC enthusiastically selected the Hansen's suggestion of the Northwestern College Campus in St. Paul for the 1991 Reunion.
- Questions of Incorporation as a non-profit organization have taken some time. Our present directions is to pursue this question now in the Maryland area to establish as the address for mail and information the Columbia, MD address of Rachel L. and J.C. Wynn. It is also expected that this status will give a lower postage rate for mailings.
- Membership dues decisions await the question of incorporation. The SC has declared that those who attended the Cape Cod Reunion are the Founding Members of the Linnell Association.
- The SC plans to bring out two issues of the *Linnell Family Newsletter* each year, one in February and one in October. Information for the Newsletter, changes of address, or genealogical data should all be sent to: Rachel and J.C. Wynn 5663 Columbia Rd., Apt. 102, Columbia, MD 21044. (Note that this is a new address). The editors seek articles about the family from the membership. Contributions will be edited to meet our space limitations.

Linnell Family Association Steering Committee 1988-1991

Chair	Dr. Larry and Pam Linnell RFD 1, Box 160, Dexter, ME 04930 207-924-3323	to coordinate decision making in the Steering Committee and progress in The Association
Comptroller-Treasurer	Althea Tremewan 9048 Taylor St. NE Blaine, MN 55434-3368 612-784-4181	to coordinate budgeting to receive money and pay bills with the approval of the SC
Reunion 1991	Bonnie and Roger Hansen 548 Manor Dr. NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 612-786-3606	to chair the on-site committee for the 1991 Reunion also with Linnell and Jim Esler to complete publishing of The Newsletter
Computerization of Data	Eric and Joan Linnell 359 Lofts Dr. Melbourne, FL 32940 305-259-8003	to maintain up-to-date address list of Linnell Association, explore computer links to other data bases and genealogical programs
Historian & Newsletter Editor	Rachel L. and J.C. Wynn 5563 Columbia Rd. Apt 102, Columbia, MD 21044 301-730-0995	to receive family information and edit Newsletter, maintain Linnell family genealogical information and provide periodic updated material

Add These to Your Family Records

Deaths

Simeon Linnell (p 317), d.16 Oct. 1988 Nampa, Idaho

Births

Rachel Elizabeth Widen Boyd b. 20 Oct. 1987 dau. Michael & Barbara Boyd (p 376)

Claire Elizabeth Dermond b. 17 Oct. 1985 dau. Sandra & Jean Max Dermond (p 237) and
Christine Thea Dermond b. 17 May 1988 g'dau. Carole & Dwayne Peterson

Kori Linnell Gross b. 28 July 1988 dau. Timothy & Tasia Gross (p 299)

Amber Wahlstrom b. 25 Nov. 1988 dau. Galen & Lila Wahlstrom (p 261)

Linnet Marie Westerwick b. 17 Dec. 1988 dau. Barbara & Eric Westerwick (p 379)

Marriages

Madeline Keller, dau. Barbara F. & Charles E. Keller (p 367), to James Cook 29 Oct. 1988 Hunterville, N.C.

Page references to the above persons are for *The Descendants of Robert Linnell*. Additional genealogical information will be in the Additions and Corrections Packet #3, available June, 1989 from Mrs. Rachel L. Wynn. Included will be data gathered at the Cape Cod Reunion: Alan Chace, Robert Gilbertson, Dan and Dave McConnell, Mildred L. O'Neil, Carole Peterson, and Howard Quinn. This is the time to bring your family data up to date.

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