

# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## **PRE-REGISTER FOR 1991 REUNION NOW AS PLANNING CONTINUES FOR 1991 REUNION**

Bonnie and Roger Hansen report exciting plans being completed for the 1991 Reunion of the Linnell Family Association, June 21-23 on the campus of Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Northwestern College is located on the shore of Lake Johanna in metropolitan Minneapolis/ St. Paul on 95 acres of woodland and well groomed campus. This facility offers hotel style residences, meeting rooms, theater, and athletic facilities including both an indoor pool and lake swimming. It promises to be an ideal location for the activities of this Second North American Linnell Family Reunion.

Because the largest geographical group of Linnells lives in the midwest, this reunion is expected to draw an attendance of 300 or more. The Reunion Committee consisting of Bonnie and Roger Hansen-chairs, Bonnie Featherstone, Debbie Banks, Dick Linnell, Mavis and Earl Palmquist, Marvel and Marvin Soderlund, Althea and Don Tremewan and Penny Schluender have been planning a variety of presentations depicting the arrival of the many branches of the Linnell family that migrated to Minnesota in the middle of the 19th century. There will be time to share family memorabilia and pictures and to discover kin from other parts of the country.

A letter sent to 150 Linnell family members in a five-state area around Minnesota has solicited offers of help for this event. Since it enriches the experience greatly to be part of the planning and execution of a reunion, the committee is anxious to have the participation of all who can share in the event. Let the Hansens know of your interest on the enclosed Pre-registration card.

**DO IT NOW;** Fill in the blanks, attach a fifteen cent stamp and post the already-addressed card to the Hansens. In return, all who indicate interest in attending this Second Reunion of the Linnell Clan will receive further information and a registration packet in the early autumn.

## **LINNELL SCHOOL SITE IN MINNESOTA IS HONORED**



The LINNELL SCHOOL of Becker Co., MN, as well as the Linnell Cemetery and Post Office, is being honored at the centennial celebration of Pondsford, MN on July 7-8, 1990. A memorial plaque has been designed by Roger Hansen to be placed at the Linnell Cemetery and carries this picture of the Linnell School.

The Linnell School will play a special part in the celebration. A committee of those who attended this school has been working on this part of the commemoration. Original records of student achievement will be copied by a copier; or if records are found to be too brittle to handle, they will be recorded by hand. Other memorabilia will note highlights of the school over the past one hundred years.

The Linnell School was opened in the fall of 1890 in a log building, perhaps on the property of Abby Linnell. In the spring term of April 18, 1891 there was a smaller enrollment than the previous fall because the larger boys were engaged in farm work. The above pictured school met the growing needs of elementary students of the area until 1956 when they were included in the school districts of Park Rapids and Detroit, MN. This building has since been torn down.

A parade on July 7, 1990 at Pondsford will include a banner carried by members of the Linnell Association. Members who can participate should call Bonnie and Roger Hansen, 612-786-3606 for details. The day will also

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## LINNELL NEWS BRIEFS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Claude E. Whitney (118,241,116,551 p. 260 D.R.L.) has recently been named Judge of the Municipal Court of Santa Anna, California.

Dorothy (Linnell) Johnson (117,7-10-2,1-10-2,3 p. 148 D.R.L.) of Oxford, Maine has recently published privately a book of poems concerning life in Maine, relatives and relationships.

John Linnell (118,241,154,123 p. 240 D.R.L.) and John Flanburgh of "They Might Be Giants" have been noticed by Chris Williams of the Los Angeles Times for their new disk "Flood" produced by Elektra. This third Giant album achieves major production status.

### ALERT:

Send any agenda items for the meeting of the Steering Committee chair, Larry Linnell; and also agenda items for the Linnell Association meeting at the June, 1991 reunion to Larry Linnell, R.F.D.1, Box 160, Dexter, ME 04930.

News items and changes of address should be sent to Newsletter editors J.C. and Rachel L. Wynn, 5663 Columbia Rd., Columbia, MD 21044.

### ERROR:

In the listing of our Founding Members in the last issue of the Newsletter, the listing should have read, "Gilbertson, Robert and family." Robert Gilbertson is the direct descendant of Robert Linnell. He, his wife Lorraine and their family attended the Cape Cod Reunion in 1988.

### The Linnell Family Association

The purposes of the Association are to promote fellowship among the Linnell family members through reunions and publication of "The Linnell Family Newsletter" and to preserve the records of the family.

#### Steering committee 1988-1991

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include a sheep auction such as would have been held in olden days, native-american features that includes an Indian pow-wow and a dance in the evening. Sunday, July 8, will be an open day with a picnic. But of special interest to Linnells will be the dedication of the Linnell Commemorative Plaque at the Linnell Cemetery in the afternoon. Press and photographer coverage will provide pictures of this event for the Linnell Association at our reunion.

While some Linnells supported education by political action and grants of land, other Linnell descendants taught in Minnesota schools in those early days.

In Detroit, MN, in the same Becker County where the Linnell School is located, Mary Belle Linnell (117,612,123,1 p. 357 D.R.L.) taught science in the high school in 1916-1918, her first teaching contract. This same person, Mary B. Linnell, is pictured in the introduction to the Descendants of Robert Linnell\*. Her genealogical spadework served as an early start for our family history.

Another early school at Mineral Center, MN was the Birchwood School, founded in 1911. Some of the children of Peter M. Linnell were among the original 11 students. They were taught by Blanche Woodard. This school continued in operation until 1938 when the entire block of land comprising Mineral Center was sold to the government to enlarge the Indian Reservation there.

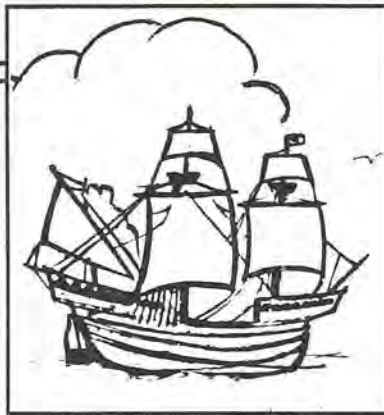
The last teacher of the Birchwood School was Gertrude (Peterson) Linnell, daughter of Blanche Woodard and wife of Arnold U. Linnell (118,241,116,59 p. 231 D.R.L.) Even in that final year this remained a one-room school for grades 1 through 8. Students from as far away as four miles attended. The school was heated by a wood-burning stove with a tin jacket. Gertrude and her mother did their own janitor work. Students helped to carry water from a nearby spring.

Gertrude married Arnold Linnell in 1939. She continued to teach the mid-elementary grades at Grand Marais, MN., with one year's absence in Montana in 1954-55, until her retirement in 1976.

Other early Minnesota teachers will be recognized in the next Newsletter.

\*Abbreviated as D.R.L. throughout the Newsletter

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### ARE YOU A DESCENDANT OF THE MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS?

Many living Linnells and Linnell descendants can claim that their ancestors came over on the Mayflower in 1620. One such ancestor was Stephen Hopkins whose family was the largest on board the Mayflower. It included his second wife Elizabeth and his children: Constance, Giles, Demaris and Oceanus who was born at sea. And there were two servants: Edward Doty and Edward Leister. It is obvious that Stephen Hopkins was clearly dedicated to living in the New World. He had already made one trip to Virginia in 1609 and had returned to London to gather his family for the next opportunity to settle here.

Two great, great granddaughters, Sarah and Thankful Hopkins, are the links to Linnell descendants. Sarah and Thankful are of the 5th generation Hopkins family and were the children of Stephen(4) and Sarah (Howes) Hopkins. Stephen(4) was the son of Stephen(3) and Mary (Merrick) Hopkins. Stephen(3) was the son of Giles(2) and (Catherine Wheldon) Hopkins. And Giles(2) was the son of Stephen(1) Hopkins. Both Stephen(1) Hopkins and his son Giles(2)

were passengers on the Mayflower.

There are two additional generations from great, great granddaughter Sarah(5) to the Linnell lines. The son of Sarah(5) (Hopkins) and Jonathan Cobb was Eleazer Cobb. Eleazer and Keziah (Crosby) Cobb had a daughter, Lydia Cobb, who married Samuel Linnell (11a,b16 p. 94, D.R.L.) on 29 Nov. 1787. This confirms that all of you whose genealogical code number begins with 11a,b16 are descended from Stephen and

Giles Hopkins of the Mayflower.

Thankful, sister of Sarah, married Thomas Linnell (117,6 p. 16, D.R.L.) on 6 Oct. 1726. Thus all descendants of Thomas and Thankful (Hopkins) Linnell and whose identification numbers begin with 117,6 are also descendants of Stephen and Giles Hopkins of the Mayflower.

And don't despair if your number hasn't been included here. Future issues of the Newsletter will trace descendants of William Brewster and Thomas Paine. Meanwhile we keep searching for other Mayflower ancestors, welcoming clues and questions from readers about this lineage.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ASSOCIATION DUES ?

Membership dues have been coming in to Althea Tremewan, treasurer, and the Steering Committee is encouraged. The fiscal year of the Association is July 1-June 30. Therefore the books will close for this fiscal year on June 30, 1990. A number of the members have responded to our call for Life Time memberships. This helps considerably to build a cushion for the payment of expenses. To have the support of single and couple memberships indicates that the members support The Newsletter and the work of the Steering Committee.

Althea Tremewan announced a balance on 12/31/89 of \$348.78 with all bills paid for the first two Newsletters as well as legal fees and start up costs for our banking. During January she received \$495.00 in memberships. Other memberships have been arriving more recently. It will take some time for the pattern of dues support to be established; so we continue to print the Membership Registration Form for 1989-90 for your payment convenience.

### Membership Registration (July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
   Last  Middle or Maiden  First

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
   street or box no.  city  state  zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

| Please check type of membership: 1989-1990 |                                       |
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| _____ Single<br>Life Time<br>\$125.00      | _____ Couple<br>Life Time<br>\$250.00 |
| _____ Single<br>yearly<br>\$10.00          | _____ Couple<br>yearly<br>\$20.00     |

Please make all checks payable to the Linnell Family Association, Inc.  
 Mail to: Althea Tremewan 9048 Taylor St. NE, Blaine, MN 55434-3368  
 Eligibility: "A descendant of Robert Linnell or family member 18 years of age or older"

## Add These to Your Family Records

### Deaths

Beldo, Adrian on 21 Dec. 1989, Fargo, ND  
husband of Marjorie Beldo p. 269 D.R.L.

Ferguson, Mrs. Lila on 1 Dec. 1989 Lakeville, MN p. 269 D.R.L.

Johnson, Mrs. Augusta on 8 Dec. 1989 Chicago, IL p. 241 D.R.L.

Johnson, Mrs. Clarissa on 9 Sep. 1989 Whitehall, WI p. 232 D.R.L.

Linnell, Mrs. Delma on 31 Jan. 1990 Pompano Beach, FL  
wife of Clifton W. Linnell p. 8 Additions Pkt.I D.R.L.

Linnell, Laura Jane on 5 March 1986 Erie, PA p. 369 D.R.L.

### Marriages

Amy Elizabeth Ryan dau. Stephen and Carol Ryan p. 191 D.R.L.  
to Wayne Solomon on 5 Aug. 1989

LeeAnn (Palmquist) Forsman,  
dau. of Mavis and Earl Palmquist p. 297 D.R.L.  
to Andrew Traffie on 23 Feb. 1990

### Births

(ii) Anna Marie Cowan b. 22 Sept. 1989 Hattiesburg, MS.  
dau. of Seth Wm. and Lucy (Holliday) Cowan p. 186 D

(i) Peter Gale Linnell b. 9 Sep. 1987  
son of Daryl Jr. and Tina Linnell p. 333 D.R.L.

(ii) Louis Beatrice Linnell b. 29 July 1989  
dau. of Daryl Jr. and Tina Linnell

(ii) Andrew Scott Leonard Ryan b. 13 Aug. 1987  
son of Michael and Pamela Ryan p. 191 D.R.L.

(iii) Alec Gregory John Ryan b. 25 Sep. 1989  
son of Michael and Pamela Ryan p. 191 D.R.L.

(i) Nicholas Jacob Rawls b. 24 Feb. 1987 Milwaukee, WI  
son of Daphne (Linnell) and Michael Rawls p. 291 D.R.L.

(ii) Brittany Cecelia Rawls b. 14 Sep. 1989 Milwaukee, WI  
dau. Daphne (Linnell) and Michael Rawls p. 291 D.R.L.

(ii) Karena Marie Wait b. 19 April 1988  
dau. of Kimberly Dee (Mehling) and Douglas Wait  
p. 192 D.R.L.

(i) Jay Mitchell Hansen b. 29 Jan. 1990  
son of Mitchell Hansen p. 295 D.R.L.

Packet IV of Additions and Corrections to D.R.L. will be available  
in June 1990 from Rachel Linnell Wynn, 5663 Columbia Rd. #102  
Columbia, MD 21044 at a cost of \$2.00.

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