

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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It's Registration Time for the June 1991 Reunion!

With a local committee of fifty Linnells at work, next June's Reunion of the Linnell Family Association promises to pick up the enthusiasm from the 1988 Cape Cod event and to include something enjoyable for everyone. The fabulous Twin Cities of Minnesota will host the meeting; and the beautiful campus of Northwestern College will become our family home for the three days of June 21, 22, 23.

The area of Minneapolis and St. Paul offer exciting attractions for visitors: historic Fort Snelling, Canterbury Downs horse racing, riverboat cruises on sternwheel steamboats, four art galleries, Museum of Natural History, the Guthrie Theatre, National Wildlife Refuge, the Valleyfair Amusement Park, a free zoo and stately mansions open to the public.

Your cousins of the welcoming committee will be on hand at the registration desk and in the Family Room (replete with memorabilia, family records, crafts, trivia games, video show, and computer searches to trace lost relatives). The Robertson Student Center will house the family in 240 modern hotel rooms; it also includes a swimming pool and laundromat, is handicap accessible and air conditioned.

Our Reunion program will open with registration at the Robertson Student Center beginning at noon on Friday. Registrants will have opportunities to mix with cousins, get acquainted, and trade family stories. They will find refreshments available in the Family Room where exhibits and souvenirs are on display. At 5 p.m. a box supper is to be served in the cafeteria; and following this there is to be a mixer and evening program of orientation.

Among the preferred trips many cousins plan as they tour Minnesota before and after the Reunion, the hamlet of Ponsford is going to be a favorite. It was there last July 8th that an impressive brass plaque was erected to memorialize the contribution of two of our more colorful Linnells: Earl (or I.E.) and Abigail who impacted on that area in the 1880s and years following.

The plaque was dedicated at an impressive ceremony planned by Bonnie and Roger Hansen. In it Dick Linnell lauded the work of these ancestors; David Nystrom from the Minnesota Historical Society and Harriet Davis of the Becker County

Saturday is a full day: continental breakfast from 7 a.m. until 9:30 in the cafeteria, a morning of options (tours, genealogy groups, chorus rehearsal, children's games, conversations, and much more). At the noon luncheon in the Blue Room, the Family Association meeting will be held; different family lines present will be introduced; news will be reported on family history, regional activities, and coming events; and several entertainment features are in the works for this time. During the afternoon a flurry of activities is promised, featuring guided tours of the locale, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, story telling, children's games, family portraits, browsing in the Family Room, - and naps.

Our Reunion banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Blue Room. As in Cape Cod, this will be a time for presentations, reviews, special music, and good eating. Following the banquet we'll adjourn to the theatre for the evening program, a dramatic presentation featuring family players who will enact the gripping story of Abigail Linnell and other Minnesota pioneers.

Sunday brings its continental breakfast on the veranda, an ecumenical service of prayer and praise, the children's program in the chapel, an overview of the Reunion events and a forecast of the next triennium's projections. A closing luncheon follows from 11 until 12:30 p.m. and warm, happy parting until our next nationwide gathering in June of 1994.

Wide interest in the Reunion has already been indicated by Linnells across the nation through their inquiries and cards; but now is the time to mail in your registration to secure places for your own family. Use the registration form to be found in this issue of the Newsletter.

❖ A Special Attraction at Reunion Time ❖

Historical Society connected the event to local tradition; and a Roman Catholic priest and a Protestant clergywoman participated too. On the plaque is engraved a map showing locations of the old Linnell School, the Linnell Post Office and Trading Post, and the Linnell Cemetery at Ponsford.

The text reads:

The first pioneers arrived in Becker County, Minnesota from Iowa in 1880. Trading posts were set up by Jarve Howard in 1881, I.E. Linnell in 1882, and A.B. Hoyle in 1890.

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LINNELL NEWS BRIEFS

Our Chairman is Off to Brazil

Larry Linnell, Chair of the Linnell Family Association, will fly to Brazil in November to set up a health exchange program between Brazil and Maine. This is a continuing development of the Partners of the Americas Program established by President Kennedy in 1963. Larry will represent the University of Maine educational system and will meet with his counterpart in Brazil for exchanges in medical practices, health care systems, medical training programs, new medical research etc. Other projects of Partners of the Americas include programs in education, music, dance etc. Larry states that this is a continuing expansion of people-to-people efforts through volunteerism.

Added to the Linnell Archives

Floyd John Linnell's Life Story, one hundred pages of memories, family stories, comments on "those early days" in the middle west, has been added to the Linnell Family archives. Floyd is the oldest living direct descendant of Robert Linnell and was born 20 July 1894 on a farm in Dodge County, MN, the son of John Edward and Dora (Mills) Linnell, p. 184 D.R.L. His story is told with humor and sensitivity, recalling the struggles to survive along with the best and worst of human nature. Though a bit hard of hearing today, he is still able to get around and make sage comments on the way he sees life. Until a few years ago he made yearly trips to a junior high school to share his stories with that younger generation.

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The Linnell Post Office, School, and Cemetery were named for Abigail Linnell, a widow from Union City, Iowa who arrived in the summer of 1880 and homesteaded and later developed a valuable farm southeast of the present day Ponsford. In September 1883 Abigail was commissioned Becker County's first postmistress. The Linnell School was named in memory of Abigail Linnell and served the community until 1957.

This marker has been placed by the Becker County Historic Society on behalf of the Linnell Family Association, Inc.

"To the Pioneers of Becker County"

All of this took place in connection with a two day celebration of the Ponsford Centennial, an event that included wagon trains, Native American crafts and foods, a parade, exhibits, and at one point a huge hail storm! In the parade our Linnell delegation carried a large Family Association banner that will be on display again at the Reunion. Among the marchers and celebrants were Dick and Drusilla Linnell, Marjorie Beldo, Bonnie and Roger Hansen, Althea and Don Tremewan, Dave and Betty Nelson, Eve and Hal Bockovich, Lorraine and Bob Gilbertson.

A highly entertaining videotape of the occasion has been produced at \$30 per copy (two or more at \$25) from Ponsford Tape, 548 Manor Drive, NE, Spring Lake, MN 55432. Part of the proceeds of this sale go to financing the erection of the plaque.



Other Linnell Teachers in Minnesota

Carleton College was the location for two other early Linnell teachers. Caroline E. Linnell (11a,b15,822 p. 310 D.R.L.) was a teacher of Expression, Elocution and Calisthenics from 1886-1898, was absent for one year and then continued until her resignation in 1904. Her mother lived with Caroline at Northfield, MN during her later years and until her death in 1901. The Carleton yearbook says that "she has attained the art of living by working out the simple obligation laid on everyone, "To make the world somewhat better for her being."

Also at Carleton College and Northfield, MN was the teaching career of Bertha Linnell (188,241,215,3 p.174 D.R.L.). From 1921 to 1953 she taught Public School Music, Elementary Harmony, Appreciation of Music, and History of Music at Carleton College. But she also was greatly appreciated for the music program she instituted in the elementary schools of Northfield, MN. She was known as a dedicated teacher "with a deep concern for her students. She had little patience for sham and incompetence, but she had charity for people".

Dick Linnell crossed her memory while doing research recently at the County Historical Society Museum at Montorville, MN. Two women who were interested in his research remarked that Bertha Linnell had been their music teacher.

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

Chair Dr. Larry and Pam Linnell
RFD 1, Box 160, Dexter, ME 04930

Comptroller-Treasurer

Althea Tremewan
9048 Taylor St. NE, Blaine MN 55434-3368

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Bonnie and Roger Hansen
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Eric and Joan Linnell
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Historian & Newsletter Editor

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Publisher of Newsletter

Linnell Esler
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Steering Committee Deliberations

A quorum of the Linnell Family Association Steering Committee met at the home of Bonnie and Roger Hansen in Spring Lake Park, MN on September 8, 1990 to receive reports, carry out the business of the Association and to advance plans for the 1991 Reunion. Present were Rachel Linnell Wynn, chair pro-tempore, Bonnie Hansen, Althea Tremewan, Roger Hansen, and JC Wynn. Larry Linnell was in telephone contact during the day. The Committee:

- approved the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1704.96 on 30 June 1990.
- approved compensation to Linnell Esler for her time as publisher of the Newsletter.
- approved an audit of the Association's finances prior to each national reunion.
- voted to separate reunion costs from on-going Association finances to maintain clarity.
- noted need for a fund to cover "start up" reunion costs in the future.
- approved present schedule of Newsletter, noting the need for more family vital news and for address updates.
- found that lower mailing costs are not available to us.
- heard report of the Ponsford Reunion and the placement of the Carsonville-Linnell cemetery marker (see article p. 1).
- approved plan for 1994 reunion under chairs Al and Jane Linnell.
- read report from Eric and Joan Linnell on computerization of Linnell Family data and use at the 1991 Reunion.
- heard report of progress for 1991 Reunion, plans, costs, activities, and later toured the Reunion campus setting (see article p. 1).
- received the appointment of the 1991 Nominating Committee: Larry Linnell, chair; Bob Linnell of Tollhouse, CA; Judy Spelde of Coeur d'Alene, ID; Carol Anderson of Black River Falls, WI. (Linnell Association members should submit names of desired officers to this committee.)



Restoration of Capt. Linnell House Restaurant

Attendees at the 1988 Linnell Family Reunion on Cape Cod will remember with delight and some awe the Sunday luncheon at the Capt. Linnell House Restaurant. A storm had knocked out all of the electricity on the Cape that day and it was impossible to get confirmation that the restaurant would even serve us. It was with auxilliary generators that Shelly and Bill Conway were able to provide our lunch in the lovely space they had just purchased. Now they are continuing to unravel the home's history, hoping to have the home put on the National Register of Historic Places, and are planning to restore as much as possible the original beauty of this house.

An article in the Orleans Oracle on 31 May 1990 details some of the excitement and problems the Conways face in this restoration. They have received wonderful analysis help from the Society for the Protection of New England Antiquities who found that the original color of the house was a creamy off-white.

Major replacements of the stately pillars, at a cost of over \$7000 per column, and of the copper roof have been immediate necessities. The wrought iron fence that once stood in front of the house was melted down for ammunition during the Civil War. But the beautiful Sandwich glass that surrounds the front entry doors is original and the milled fir flooring in the lounge has been revealed with the removal of the carpet. Many of the original pieces of furniture and over 1000 documents were donated to the Peabody Museum in Salem a number of years ago. These have helped plan for the eventual interior furnishings to further enhance the restoration.

Visits of Linnell family members to the Cape Cod area often include a meal and the enjoyment of family history at the Capt. Linnell House.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Single Life Time \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Life Time \$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single yearly \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple yearly \$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"

Registration for the Linnell Family Reunion
June 21-23, 1991
Northwestern College
Saint Paul, Minnesota

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN (With Ages) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Area Code :) _____

Mail to: *Althea Tremewan*
9048 Taylor St. NE, Blaine, MN 55434-3368

I/We are enclosing payment for the following:

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE

____ Family/Couple at \$42.00 _____

____ Single @ \$22.00 _____

(This covers registration, printing cost, site expenses, renals, overhead, mailings, ect.)

MEALS (Including gratuities and tax)

____ Friday night box supper @ \$4.50 x _____ = _____

____ Sat. Buffet Breakfast @ \$6.50 x _____ = _____

____ Sat. Luncheon Program @ \$7.50 x _____ = _____

____ Sat. Banquet (Fish/Fowl) @ \$9.35 x _____ = _____

(Beef Roast) @ \$9.65 x _____ = _____

____ Sun. Buffet Breakfast @ \$6.50 x _____ = _____

____ Sun. Closing Luncheon @ \$7.50 x _____ = _____

HOUSING (Hotel style reservations Fri. and Sat.)

____ Single occupancy @ \$35.00 x _____ nights = _____

____ Double occupancy @ \$48.00 x _____ nights = _____

____ Triple occupancy @ \$57.00 x _____ nights = _____

____ Quad occupancy @ \$60.00 x _____ nights = _____

SHIRT ORDERS - "I Survived The Minnesota 1991 Linnell Family Reunion"

____ Small \$7.00 x _____ = _____

____ Medium \$8.00 x _____ = _____

____ Large \$8.00 x _____ = _____

____ X-Large \$8.00 x _____ = _____

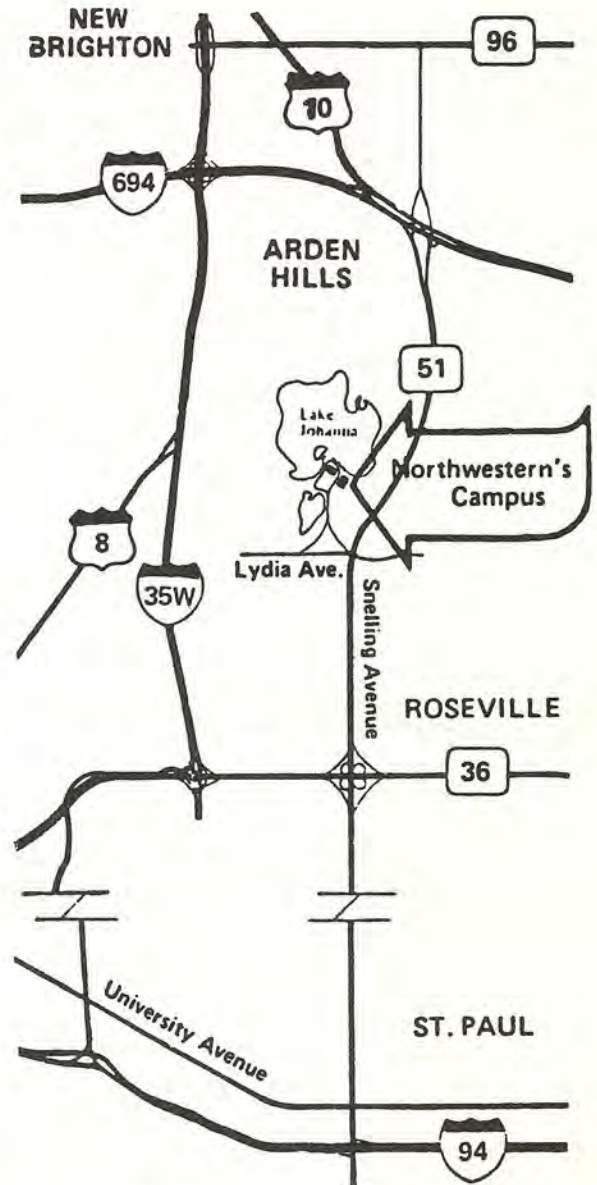
BABY SITTING SERVICE: For Preschool Age on Saturday from 6 -10 p.m.
 during the Banquet and Theatre program:

\$1.00 x _____ = _____

Total _____

R.V. PARKING: Please advise us as soon as possible what your
 arrival date will be _____

Your early response will be greatly appreciated by the volunteer committee.



DIRECTIONS:

FROM 35W TAKE STATE HWY. 36
 EAST FOR APPROX. 1 MILE, THEN
 EXIT ON SNELLING AVE. NORTH
 AND GO 1.6 MILES TO THE STOP-
 LIGHT AT LYDIA AVE. TURN
 LEFT AND THE ENTRANCE GATE TO
 NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE WILL BE
 IMMEDIATELY ON YOUR RIGHT.

Add These to Your Family Records

Deaths

Linnell, Russell M. on 24 May 1990,
Mount Horeb, WI p.230 D.R.L.

Marriages

Carol Ann Linnell dau. of Albert and Jane
Linnell p. 378 D.R.L. to Ian Halsema on 9 Nov. 1989
at Pacific Palisades, CA

Julie Jean Mehling dau. of Patricia Ryan and Paul
Mehling p. 10, pkt. 2 D.R.L. to Kevin Loiselle
on 2 June 1990

Births

(i) Patricia Maria Gilbertson b.10 Nov. 1989
dau. of Jeffery and Maria Gilbertson p 10 pkt. 4 D.R.L.

(ii) Benjamin Jens Esler b. 26 April 1990
son of Jim and Linnell Esler p. 300 D.R.L.

(i) Allison Elisabeth Linnell b. 2 May 1990
dau. of J. Scott and Susan Linnell p. 379 D.R.L.

(iii) Emily Jane Linnell b. 23 July 1988
dau. of Luther and Myrna Linnell p. 9 Pkt. 2 D.R.L.

(i) Lisa Jean Linnell b. 3 July 1990
dau. of Mark T. and Jean R. Linnell p. 184 D.R.L.

(ii) Allison Marie Smith b. 22 Sep. 1987
dau. of Jeffrey and Cynthia Smith p. 287 D.R.L.

(ii) Cory Conrad Rowe b. 14 July 1988
son of Krista (Tremewan) and William Rowe
p. 192 D.R.L.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Please send in information about deaths, marriages, and births in your families so they can be recognized in the LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER and in the additions and corrections packets.

As many as 50 Linnell Family Newsletters have been returned from each mailing "not deliverable as addressed." This is costly since we then mail a second copy to the address supplied by the post office. Help us save by sending corrected or new addresses as well as family information to Rachel (Linnell) and JC Wynn, 5663 Columbia Rd. #102, Columbia, MD 21044.



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