

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN DICK LINNELL SETS AGENDA

Dick Linnell, newly-elected Chair of the Linnell Family Association has set goals for the next triennium. As he sees it, after two great reunions and three years experience, the direction for the next three years can be charted with some clarity.

Dick writes:

"The glow and fond recollections of the Second Linnell Family Reunion are still upon me. Now that this reunion is a memory, we need to look to the coming three years and beyond.

Our Association is growing and thriving but we (all Linnells, their spouses and descendants) need to keep nurturing this wonderful experience and our Association.

Over the next three years I hope to see the Steering Committee accomplish the following:

- Develop a budget with strong fiscal guidelines. Set a yearly goal of 250-300 paid memberships.
- Develop a level of membership support to ensure the future of the Linnell Family Association.
- Maintain open lines of communication between Association members and the Steering Committee.
- Publicize mini-reunions within our network of families.
- Hold at least one Steering Committee meeting during this triennium.
- Publish a revised version of the book, The Descendants of Robert Linnell.

We need your support. And we look forward to seeing you at Granville, Ohio in 1994."

REUNION 1991 A GREAT SUCCESS

"This is wonderful! I'm having a great time."

"I want my kids to know about this!"

"I didn't know there were so many wonderful people in our family!"

It was comments like this, heard over and over again, that said it all. The thoughtful arrangements and plans of the hard-working committees, under the direction of Bonnie and Roger Hansen, created an experience that will long remain in our memories. Nearly 200 cousins attended the celebration on the campus of Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota June 21-23, 1991.

At Robertson Student Center we were met by a welcoming committee with a packet that included a certificate proclaiming these to be "Linnell Days" and a program of activities along with our name tags and our logo pin of the 1991 Second North American Linnell Family Reunion. On display in the memorabilia corner were pictures, books, family research, mementos that announced the theme of this reunion, "Early Linnell Settlers in Minnesota."

At the Saturday luncheon we were welcomed by the Hansens and were introduced to Bonnie Featherstone and the local committee. Gifts were presented on behalf of the Linnell Association Steering Committee to the Hansens, Althea Tremewan and Bonnie Featherstone in appreciation of their success in preparing this event.

The achievements of the Linnell Association Steering Committee over the three years were reported by Rachel Linnell Wynn. These included incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation, the creation and mailing of five NEWSLETTERS to 560 addressees, the development of a Minnesota constituency by the Hansens, the computerization of our family data by Eric Linnell and Glen Roberts, the beginning of a financial base through Linnell Association dues. She also read the names of 22 of our family who have died since our reunion in 1989 and recognized that five of our elders are now in their nineties including Floyd Linnell of St. Paul who was present for this celebration.

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INVESTING IN LINNELLS

Judy Spelde, Treasurer

So many Linnell Family Members have commented about how much they enjoy the NEWSLETTER. It's our "blood-line" that connects us while we're in so many geographic locations. Without it, we lose a valuable communication link.

Do you realize how many NEWSLETTERS are sent out? Somewhere in the neighborhood of 600, at a total cost of nearly \$500.00. And do you know how many people pay dues? About 50 - that's right fifty!!! Those 50 people provide the funds to send out one NEWSLETTER; and we attempt to send out two issues a year. It doesn't take much to figure that that leaves us about \$500.00 short each year for just the NEWSLETTER. And there is much more we need to do to develop our Association.

I wonder who foots the bill??? We need your help - we need your support - we need your annual dues.

If you haven't sent your contribution, please use the enclosed easy-to-complete form, and send your dues today-- before you forget. We don't want to put a financial burden on anyone who can't afford it. If you are unable to send a check, we understand and it's OK. We'll keep sending the NEWSLETTER anyway. However, if you're not interested in continuing to receive the NEWSLETTER, write a note on the payment form and we'll take you off the mailing list. Thanks for your help.

A PUBLICATION

Dorothy Linnell Johnson has published privately her "Reflections of a Lifetime", stories of her childhood. Copies are available from Dorothy at RFD 1, Box 6150, Oxford, ME 04270. It is dedicated to her father George Reed Linnell 117,7-10-2,1-10-2.



A LINNELL GHOST STORY

Our Cape Cod correspondent writes to tell of strange apparitions in the Captain Linnell House, of a ghost in the cupola and a disappearing mariner on the beach.

The Captain's old mansion, now restored as an elegant restaurant, is described by two veteran waitresses as having "a bad aura." One of them, on duty one evening, sensed a man standing just behind her and off to one side, She turned to speak to him just as he vanished from her sight. No one was there.

A past manager of the restaurant whose bedroom was in the oldest section of the house suffered from insomnia and nightmares there. He complained of odd sensations that plagued him in

THOSE LINNELL ID's

What are those funny numbers next to your name in Descendants of Robert Linnell and that also appeared on the Reunion badges?

Identification numbers are everywhere and we Linnells have one too. They are a "birth order" numbering system that identifies each descendant of Robert Linnell, our original ancestor in America. Each ID features that person's order of birth in his/her ancestral family.

It works this way. My Number, for Rachel Linnell Wynn, is 117,612,123,21. I am the 11th generation from Robert Linnell who is number 1, hence my number has 11 digits in it. Robert's first child was David, number 11; showing that he was the second generation (second digit, first child). David's 7th child, my ancestor Jonathan, is numbered 117 meaning that he was in the third generation, David's 7th child. This pattern continues throughout my number.

The numbering system can be read from either end. My number ends with a 1 indicating that I was the first child of my parents, Edward P. and Pearl Linnell. My father E.P. Linnell was the 2nd child of his father Albert R. Linnell; so he was number 2 in his family's 10th generation. Thus my last two numbers are 21.

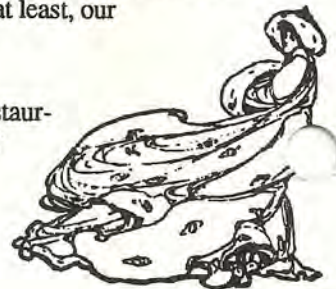
The commas are inserted as an aid to reading the numbers more clearly; they have no genealogical significance.

The numbering system makes easy identification of direct ancestral lines possible; for each number of the accumulated number stands for only one person. This number will be used in our computerization of data. During the reunion several cousins secured a printout of their direct ancestral line to Robert Linnell. A later NEWSLETTER will carry information on how to tap into this resource. R.L.W

the night; and he subsequently sold the business.

After Capt. Linnell died at sea on his clippership, the Eagle Wing, his widow Rebecca continued to retreat tot the cupola and search the horizon for the skipper who never returned. Yet some say he still walks the road and that Rabecca still peers out from the cupola. There they haunt, at least, our memory.

The Captain Linnell House Restaurant will be remebered as the site of our final luncheon of the 1988 Linnell Family Reunion on Cape Cod.



DICK LINNELL ELECTED CHAIR

The Linnell Association unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee at their meeting Saturday, June 22, 1991. Nominating Committee chairman Bob Linnell of California presented the following slate of officers to serve until the next reunion in 1994.

Chair	Dick Linnell, Orangeville, IL
Vice Chair	Dennis Linnell, Brookfield, WI
Secretary	Ladoska Elliott, Cheshire, OR
Treasurer	Judy Spelde, Coeur d'Alene, ID
1994 Reunion	Al and Jane Linnell, Okemos, MI
Computer Specialist	Eric Linnell, Blue Hill, ME Glen Roberts, Crystal, MN
Historian	Rachel Linnell Wynn, Columbia, MD
Newsletter	Rachel and J.C. Wynn, Columbia, MD

At its first meeting, the new Steering Committee identified as the Nominating Committee for the next triennium: Dick Linnell, Chair; Judy Spelde and Jack Linnell (Pawtucket, RI). The Steering Committee also created a Finance Committee with Dennis Linnell, Chair, Judy Spelde, Kate Boychuck, Althea Tremewan, and Al Linnell. Their challenge is to develop fiscal guidelines to meet the future financial needs of the Association.

The budget crisis we face (see treasurer Judy Spelde's letter in this issue) was temporarily alleviated at the Reunion by a generous voluntary offering of \$859.65 when the hat was passed among the cousins. They clearly wanted to help keep our Linnell Family Association going.

ANNOUNCING
THIRD NORTH AMERICAN
LINNELL FAMILY REUNION
JUNE 24,25,26,1994
GENISON UNIVERSITY
GRANVILLE OHIO

Mark your calendars now and join us there!

A VIDEO OF THE 1991 REUNION

A video of the 1991 Reunion at Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN is available. This video includes primarily the Saturday evening performance of "Linnell Migrations to Minnesota and Other Linnell Stories", described on page 3. Pictures of some persons in attendance bracket the performance pictures.

A group picture taken on Saturday evening outside the theater is also available at \$5.00 from the Hansens.

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Scott Linnell summarized our attendance with a large map of the USA showing where we had come from for this reunion as well as to the Cape Cod reunion.

Saturday evening's stage performance under the planning and direction of Dick Linnell dramatized "The Linnell Migration to Minnesota" and brought to each person a keen sense of historical participation. With slides picturing the early pioneers, each presenting cousin told a story of those early days. Althea Tremewan told the story of her ancestor Samuel Linnell, much of the material gleaned from the memoirs of her father Floyd John Linnell.

Pam Linnell Dimlich enacted the story of Abigail, wife of Sherman Linnell, whose legacy in Minnesota remains in the early naming of the one-time hamlet of Linnell, MN, the Linnell School and the Linnell Cemetery in Becker County.

Other stories were narrated by Cheryl Linnell Kenney, Laura Linnell, Hal Bockovich, Coral Linnell Hollinger, Linda Linnell Baum, Paul Linnell, and Judy Spelde. Dennis Linnell, as host narrator, introduced each segment.

Tying this reunion to our earlier roots on Cape Cod, Dick Linnell repeated his presentation of "A Seventeenth Century Love Story," the story of David and Hannah Linnell of Barnstable, MA, and the ancestors of us all.

Adding emphasis to the theme of the reunion were many decorations and gifts. Banquet placemats, created from early newspapers, reprinted stories about the activities of the Linnell family in Becker County, MN in 1910. Framed intaglio prints of the life of early settlers were given as door prizes. The banquet tables were decorated with a forest scene with birch bark canoes and painted bug stones. T-shirts and bumper stickers in royal blue carried the legend, "I survived the Linnell Family Reunion."

Sunday found the reunion group at worship in the beautiful chapel of Northwestern College. Led by Dr. J.C. Wynn, the group celebrated the faith of our fathers and mothers in coming to this land and persevering to this time.

THE LINNELL MIGRATION STORY

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Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

ADD THESE TO OUR FAMILY RECORDS

(An explanation of ID numbers appears on page 2)

Deaths

- Alvin Moors Linnell 117,7-10-2,1-10-1,2 on 1 July 1991 at Waltham, MA
- Jane (Elliot) wife of Albert Linnell 117,7612,123,22 on 26 Oct. 1991 at Okemos, MI
- Sadie Linnell 118,241,185,4 on 25 Sep. 1990 at Grand Forks, ND
- B.E. (Mack) McCluskey, husband of Thelma (Heilig) 118,241,145,-10-5 on 16 July 1988

Marriages

- Charles Edward Linnell 11a,b15,844,24 to Christine Stoyke on 9 Sep. 1990
- Timothy B. Suck 118,241,116,533,11 to Lois McLean Pederson on 22 Sep. 1989
- Wendy Swedberg 118,241,185,822 to Robert Lindsay Macdonald on 3 July 1988
- Heather Swedberg 118,241,185,823 to David Weaver on 30 June 1990

Births

- Henry Matthew Bohnhoff II b. 7 Nov. 1985 and James Christopher Bohnhoff b. 15 Sep. 1988 to Jennifer (Swedberg) 118,241,185,821 and Hank Bohnhoff
- Christopher Michael Davies b. 18 May 1987 and Sarah Justine Davies Colbert b. 27 Oct. 1989 to Cheryl Davies 117,7-10-2,1-10-2,221 at Derry, NH Shyla Hope
- Shyla Hope Gilbertson b. 9 Jan. 1991 to Paul 118,241,116,922,3 and Chris Gilbertson of Madison, WI
- Eric James Linnell b. 22 Nov. 1989 to Rick 118,241,112,646,2 and Anne (Remington) Linnell
- Lisa Jean Linnell b. 3 July 1990 to Mark T. 118,241,231,364 and Jean (Roehning) Linnell at Edina, MN
- Sarah Lindsay Macdonald b. 12 Aug. 1990 to Wendy (Swedberg) 118,241,185,822 and Robert Macdonald
- Pauline Julia Stevens b. 8 Jan. 1989 to William C. 117,622,362,213 and Judith (DeCell) Stevens at Middlebury, VT
- Timothy M. Suck b. 8 Dec. 1988 to Timothy B. Suck 118,241,116,533,11 and Lois (Pederson) Suck
- Abby Marie Sunde b. 30 June 1991 to Sharon (Roberts) 118,241,116,231,22 and Bruce Sunde at Wausau, WI

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