

## OUR BIGGEST FAMILY REUNION YET

Planning for a larger registration than we've seen at any national family Reunion yet, our Reunion Committee, chaired by Al Linnell, has firmed up arrangements for the 1994 gathering at Granville, Ohio next June 24,25,26. They've anchored the biggest fun program to date, and reserved a most attractive setting on the handsome campus of Denison University in this lovely exurban town. It was this very village that emigres from Granville, Massachusetts, including a substantial number of our ancestors, founded in 1805.

Our 1994 meeting promises to offer more variety, more entertainment, and more fun than ever. When registration opens on Friday afternoon, June 24th, the family room in Crawford Hall will welcome cousins with refreshments and introductions, with information tables about genealogy, local attractions, and room assignments.

Each sleeping room is furnished with linens for two beds, and towels for two persons. Children up to the age of twelve room in with parents at no extra charge. Families will be expected to provide sleeping bags, towels, and portacribs for their children. Late June nights may be warm; so we are advised to bring electric fans. Although meeting rooms are air conditioned, sleeping rooms are not.

An old-fashioned outdoor picnic opens the program Friday evening. Fun and games will be mingled with the eats. Square dancing and visiting will offer opportunities for cousins to get reacquainted. During the weekend, our younger sports will locate tennis, volleyball, and swimming events.

Saturday, the 25th, will be a full day with its business sessions, tours, annual banquet and evening program. The local tours include not only visits into the town's historic sites, former Linnell homes, graves of ancestors, and a quaint ice cream parlor, but also an invitation from Ron and Susan Davis to stop by the old Linnell farm (1824) for a visit. The farmhouse, handsome to begin with, has been beautifully restored. An extra fillip is thrown into the day by the town of Granville as this is the week of their annual Street Scene, a reawakening of 19th century sights and sounds, with crafts, art, antiques, and merchandise.

Then in the evening, a dramatic cast of genuine family members will present a somewhat educational show, entitled "We're In The Book!," celebrating publication of the newly enlarged and revised edition of The Descendants of Robert Linnell. The production will relate a story of how the book was published, who's identified and how within its pages, and what's new among Linnells, living or dead. Family members have expressed some anxiety about a possible interruption of the program on this and other occasions of the day. Local rumor has it that an unfriendly takeover of the Linnell Family Association has been plotted by an in-law group of pirate-type persons operating secretly under the code name of SOLID (Spouses of Linnell's Illustrious Descendants).

On Sunday, when things settle down, breakfast will be followed by a trek to the Granville Presbyterian Church whose congregation our ancestors helped to establish.



At the worship service that morning, our family's participation in the church's history will be noted. We'll have opportunity there to visit the granite monument where the town founders are commemorated and to discover the Linnell names carved in stone.

A farewell luncheon, back on the university campus, will bring together the entire family for the closing program--and a preview of the next reunion back at Cape Cod in 1997!

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### PATRIARCH OF THE CLAN by Althea Linnell Tremewan

Floyd Linnell, of Minneapolis, celebrated yet another birthday this past July and thereby moved into his one hundredth year. Born in 1894, when Grover Cleveland was President, the population of the USA was 68 million, and our average income was \$431, Floyd entered his active and productive long life.

His numerous activities and accomplishments were recalled via memorabilia and photographs in a massive party beginning at his Christian Union Home residence and continuing on July 25th at the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church as 135 friends and relatives gathered around him to mark the event. Both President Bill Clinton at the White House and Chairman Dick Linnell, from the Linnell Family Association, sent greetings. Dick's message read, "To the Patriarch of the Clan: best wishes from the Linnell Family Association as you enter your 100th year!"

Floyd has sustained some hearing loss, but otherwise maintains remarkable health at his age. He reminisced and chatted with everyone present. And he delighted a number of celebrants who had come just to see what he looked like.

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## GREETINGS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

What a delightful town is Granville, Ohio! It is loaded with our family history and a perfect setting for our 1994 Reunion. It resembles a New England village transplanted onto the soil of Ohio with stately churches and museum-quality homes. The Steering Committee met at the venerable Buxton Inn where our rooms were filled with antiques.

We even had the opportunity to visit the old farm that had been in the Linnell family over a hundred years. Dru and I could compare notes with the new owners about restoration problems; for our own house in Orangeville bears many resemblances to the Granville farm house. The Davis family, who now own it, have invited us to visit at Reunion time.

The committee toured the Denison University campus where facilities will handily meet our needs. It's a beautiful campus and the prices are attractive! Meeting on campus, we adopted our Reunion budget, planned the Reunion program and arranged for space for these events. It looks right for a wonderful time.

On Saturday we were joined at lunch by Susan Hickman who will provide on-the-scene help with our reunion planning. Jewell Linnell Haley with her family, Thomas and Linda, came from Sandusky, Ohio with offers of help. On-the-spot hosting by our cousins in the geographical area has enriched each of our national reunions.

Do mail in your membership contributions. Watch for your Reunion registration forms and take advantage of the early registration discount. We look forward to seeing you all in Granville on June 24th.

Best regards,  
Dick

## ITEMS ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Walter Newcomb, 117,612,412,241, formerly at Battelle Institute in Columbus, Ohio as Vice President of Technology Management of the Energy Systems Group, has a new and challenging responsibility. He and his family have moved to Harrisburg, PA. Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc. has invited him to "lead their effort to site, construct, and operate a facility designed to dispose of the low-level radioactive wastes generated in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia." We hope to hear more about his work.

"They Might Be Giants," an illustrious duo of cousin John Linnell, 118,241,154,123, and John Flansburgh, continues to pop up in the news. Last April 29, there was a color photo of the two of them in the Portland, ME Press Herald announcing their appearance at Bates College. Staff writer Greg Gadberry wrote that they "gleefully dodge conventional description..." that "rock writers and critics have scratched their heads and stretched their imaginations in trying to capture the group's whimsy." He reported that The Rolling Stone Album Guide described them as "guys who specialize in songs that are relentlessly catchy, hopelessly cheesy, full of giddy non-sequiturs, cartoonish combinations of instruments and hooks that leave you feeling like a freshly landed trout."

The Washington Post for September 23, 1993 announces their return to the nation's capital. The article notes their dial-a-song service in which listeners can call the non-toll-free number 718:387-6962 in Brooklyn, NY to hear "fresh Giants material recorded on an answering machine."

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Nineteen (19) new paid memberships had been added to our support group by September according to Judy Spelde's records. And 44 had continued their membership support either by family or single payment. One additional Life Membership was added, Paid memberships sustain our Association and enable us to carry out the goals announced by chairman Dick Linnell after our last Reunion. New memberships are especially gratifying.

Because we are a new Association, we have needed start-up funds to pay for some activities. The Hansons saw this need in our 1991 Reunion and recommended a fund to cover payments for Reunion costs that arise in advance of the event itself. The Steering Committee also voted to meet the early costs for the publication of the second edition of The Descendants of Robert Linnell. The Association is to be paid back by book sales; and any profits will then accrue to the Association. Of course, the major continuing cost for our Association is the twice-yearly publication and mailing of our LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER.

The loyal support of our members makes growth of the Association possible. There are 26 Life Memberships thus far, indicating an enthusiastic, continuing interest. Many Life Members loyally continue to send annual contributions even though their memberships have been paid up! But last year we had 89 paid yearly memberships; so far this year we have 63 new and renewed memberships. This means that, even with our Life Memberships, 15% of our mailing list to this date have supported our organization. We hope for additional responses soon.

### THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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

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## WE CAN HARDLY AFFORD TO STAY HOME

Denison University has offered the Linnell Family Association a package so attractive and economical for our 1994 Reunion that we could hardly remain at home as cheaply as the June 24,25,26 weekend costs. Residence rooms are priced at \$12.50 per night per person. The six meals provided, including the opening picnic and the banquet, come to \$37.50 per adult person; and the rate for children through age five just \$18.00 each. It's a remarkable cost for a remarkably enjoyable event. There's even a discount being offered for pre-April 20th registration. Watch for your registration packet in November.

## COLUMBUS: A REUNION SIDE TRIP

Because the Columbus area offers outstanding attractions, some families plan to arrive early for the Reunion or stay later to take advantage of a stimulating vacation. The quaint Ohio Historical Center Village will draw many to visit scenes of yesteryear. A 120 block known as German Village is renowned for its restaurants, breweries, and 19th century homes. Various museums feature railway trains, airplanes, science and industry, cultural arts, paintings, and the restored house of James Thurber, famed writer and humorist.

And there's more: the Municipal Zoo, Indian caverns, the Golden Hobby Shop, a bevy of European shops known as the French Market, shopping at outlet shops and department stores, bus tours, festivals, and numerous shows. Columbus, state capital of Ohio, offers fascinating experiences pre and post Reunion times.

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He looks great; and he reads the entire newspaper each day, enjoys baseball and football games on TV, and challenges anyone anytime to join him in a game of cribbage. Last spring, with one of his great grandsons, he visited a second grade class where he talked with youngsters about his childhood days. This fall he looks forward to returning to the school with an update report.

Among those present were his daughters and sons-in-law Beatrice and Hunter Jones, Lucille and Larry Freitag, Althea and Don Tremewan. His wife Felicia, together with grandchildren and great grandchildren were front and center at the party. His cousins, Archie and Kaye Linnell and Doris Klinkerfues were present along with Bonnie and Roger Hansen and Marjorie and Hal Attleson.

Some years ago, when he was the consumer director for "Seniors of SHARE," he told an interviewer, "I've always been very active in things, and I try to help other people." He went on to say that longevity could be the product of two factors: "The first is your genes, the stuff you inherit from your ancestors. The other big factor is your attitude toward life. You have to answer to your own conscience; and that has a lot to do with mental health. You have to take pride in the things you've done. So you have to have the physical side and also the mental. And things that are mental eventually become physical. You get out of life what you put into it. If you have intelligence, you have to use it to help others, not to exploit them."

## LINNELLS IN HARD COVER

Official publication day for the new revised edition of The Descendants of Robert Linnell is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 1994. On that occasion transfer of the copyright to the Linnell Family Association will formally be accepted. The first copies will go on sale that day and will be a part of the day's celebration. Several significant changes will be noticed in this edition.

To insure its viability over time the book will be bound in a hard cover of navy blue with the title stamped in gold on the front cover and on the spine. The pages will be on acid free paper so they will not yellow with age. It will be a volume of 504 pages, an increase of 70 pages over the first edition and will include more than 1000 new names. All of the information that has been gathered for the four packets of "Additions and Corrections," as well as the vital information included in the NEWSLETTERS have been added. Other family lines have been incorporated recently. One of these, just sent by Doug Linnell of Hartland, VT, clarifies a line that had been in question the past ten years. A picture in People magazine of ten years ago showed the Toto rock group with Verona Linnell holding her grandchild. Now we know that Jeff Porcaro, founder of Toto, along with Doug, and these cousins are descended from Claude Carroll Linnell, 117,7-10-1,424.

Owners of the new volume will find changes in the organization of chapters, making for greater ease in use. Chapters have been rearranged to simplify the way to follow any family line within the genealogy all the way from Cape Cod days to the present.

A section on Linnells who served in the Revolutionary War has been separated into an Appendix section. Another Appendix section traces those lines of our family who are also Mayflower descendants.

The Association Steering Committee established this pricing for the book at their meeting in June:

Books ordered by March 15, 1994

delivered at Granville Reunion \$30.00 each

Single Books plus postage after Reunion \$35.00 each

Multiple copies to same address \$33.50 each

Order forms for the purchase of this book will be sent to the complete mailing list in January.

## PATCHING UP THE QUILT PROJECT

Pam Ponting and Barrie Linnell Westerwick have announced plans for a display of quilts in the family room at the Granville Reunion. Family members are invited to bring quilts that have been made by or for family members, especially any that have historical significance. One quilt, to be displayed, was created about 1875 in the parish of the Presbyterian Church of German Valley, NJ for their pastor Edward Payson Linnell, 117,612,121, and includes signatures of church members. It is of special interest is that Edward Payson Linnell was born at the Linnell homestead at Granville.

Display quilts should carry identification cards telling their story; who made it, for whom it was made, any special event for which it was made, who owns the quilt at this time.

Pam and Barrie will also have available the quilt kits and plans for the quilt to be made for the Association, now scheduled for the Cape Cod Reunion in 1997.

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**ADD THESE TO OUR FAMILY RECORDS**

**Deaths**

Brian Vincent Decker 118,552,151,511 in Nov. 1992.  
James T. Ferguson 117,612,122,42 on May 19,1993 Kenilworth,  
IL.  
Dorothy Johnson 117,7-10-2,1-10-2,3 on 2 June 1993 Otisfield,  
ME.  
Jean Powers 117,7-10-2,1-10-5,1 on 14 July 1993, Canton, OH.  
Sidney Rosevold husband of Avis (Linnell) Rosevold  
118,241,231,123 on 7 May 1992, Mayville, ND.  
Jeffrey Thomas Porcaro 117,7-10-1,42-11,21 on 5 Aug. 1992.  
Lawrence Shepard, husband of Iris B. Linnell 118,241,112,645,  
on 22 Feb. 1993.

**Marriages**

Marjorie Linnell Beldo 118,241,145,131 to Harlan Attleson of  
Albuquerque, NM on 21 Nov. 1992. They live in Plymouth, MN.  
Julie Ann Cihy,118,241,112,634,21 dau. of Linda (Haley) and  
John Cihy to Matthew Hammond on 25 Aug. 1990.  
Thomas H. Haley, 118,241,112,634,4 son of Jewel and Daniel  
(dec.) Haley to Brenda (Fugel) Cullen on 28 Feb. 1993.  
Dorothy (Linnell) Needham 11a,b15,515,611 to Henry Johnstone  
12 June 1992.  
Al Linnell, 117,612,123,22 to Ann Kremer on July 10,1993 at  
Kalalock, WA. They live in Seattle, WA.  
Andrew Gordon Linnell 117,7-10-1,42-11,32 son of Frank Stuart  
and Constance (Eberhardt) Linnell to Mary Wood on 6 July 1991.  
Sharlen Rosevold 118,241,231,123,21 dau. of John and Shirley  
(Kaasa) Rosevold to Cameron Wisler on Nov. 6, 1992.  
Ricky J. Rountree 11a,b15,515,431 son of Kenneth and Colleen  
(Overroedder dec.) Rountree to Nancy Harvey on 19 Sep. 1992.  
Judy (Just) Scott 118,241,154,343 to Deryl Brock in May 1993.  
James W.S.Stoudenmire 118,552,151,213,3 son of Deborah  
(Mather) Stoudenmire and Wayne Shepard to Lori Baribault on 7  
Feb. 1992.

**Births**

Jonathan Ray Gates b. 3 Jan. 1988 and  
Kathryn Sue Gates b. 20 Sep. 1991 to Lori Sue (Pomeroy)  
118,241,116,9-10-2,1 and Scott M. Gates.  
Luke Thomas Gilbertson b. 8 May 1993 to Paul 118,241,116,922,3  
and Chris (Aumann) Gilbertson.  
Brianna Linnell Hammond b.20 Nov. 1991 to Julie Ann (Cihy)  
118,241,112,634,21 and Matthew Hammond.  
Jessica Lynn Hickman b. 5 June 1990 and  
Thomas Allan Hickman b. 11 Sep. 1991, children of Susan  
(Linnell) 118,241,215,234 and Patrick Hickman.  
Ashley Marie Kaufman b. 13 Apr. 1990 and  
Zachary Alexander Kaufman b. 14 Feb. 1993, children of Frank M  
118,241,145,-10-32,3 and Sandra (Heim) Kaufman.  
Timothy Ray Linnell b. 2 June 1992, son of Daryl 11a,b15,515,621  
and Tina (Bulduc) Linnell Jr.  
Joshua Bryan Needham b. 23 June 1993, son of Paula Marie  
Needham 11a,b15,515,611,4.  
Richard Alexander Payne b. 27 Jan 1990, son of Kevin Phillip  
118,241,142,653,3 and Kathleen (Crandall) Payne.  
Brittany Lynn and Bretta Kay Pomeroy, b. 8 Aug. 1990, twins of  
Linda Rae Pomeroy 118,241,116,9-10-2,2.  
Alexander Craig Pomeroy, b. 11 Mar. 1992, son of Sara Lynn  
Pomeroy.  
Nico Hendricks Porcaro b. 26 Dec. 1991 Tarzana, CA,son of  
Jeffrey T. 117,7-10-1,42-11,21 and Susan (Norris) Porcaro.  
Samuel Joseph Porcaro b. 12 Apr. 1991  
Jeffrey Thomas Porcaro b. 9 Jan. 1993 Van Nuys, CA, sons  
Michael J. and Cheryl (MacKenzie) Porcaro.  
Breanna Althea Rowe b. 19 Aug. 1993, dau. of Kristy (Tremewan)  
118,241,231,435,2 and William Rowe in Minneapolis, MN.  
Stephanie Ann Stoudenmire b. 2 June 1993, dau. of James  
W.S. 118,552,151,213,3 and Lori (Baribault) Stoudenmire.