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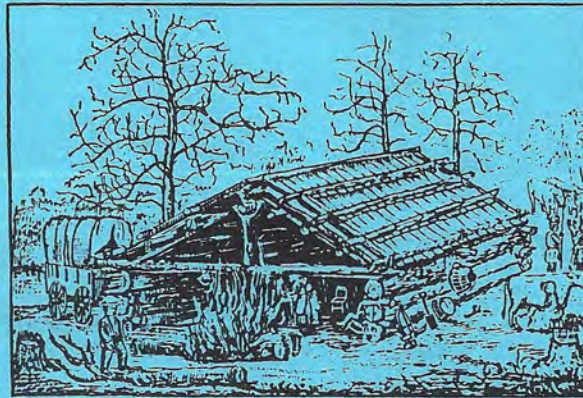
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## TODAY'S LINNELLS MEET YESTERDAY'S AT GRANVILLE

With only a few weeks yet remaining until the Linnell Family Reunion weekend (June 24,25,26), registrations are arriving daily; and plans are firming up for our meeting on the Denison University campus in Granville, Ohio. Registration packets have gone out to all houses in the Association, and an additional reservation blank is enclosed with this Newsletter. Many are taking advantage of the discounted fees available until April 20. Chairman Dick Linnell (see his letter on page 2) urges your early registration.

Program plans include fun, games, the history of the Linnell family, visits to historic places, opportunities to meet cousins and renew friendships from previous reunions. Much has been planned for your enjoyment. See your October Newsletter for a full description of planning for this event and join us in Granville, a town rich in Linnell history. Among the houses to be seen on the walking tour of Granville will be the "Wee White House" now the chapter house of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. This stately building was the home of Joseph Linnell from 1860 until his death in 1871. His second wife Hannah continued to live there for many more years. The core house was originally built in 1808 by Elias Gilman who led the first family group from Granville, Massachusetts to Granville, Ohio. This structure is the oldest in Granville and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The simple elegance of Granville today belies its description during the arrival of 176 persons in November and December 1805 to find shelter in their new homeland. They came in wagons piled high with those possessions they deemed necessary for survival. A few rode horses keeping their small herds of animals close to their group. Many walked, taking turns with those who rode. Dangers, hardships, problems were a daily occurrence as the wagons broke down and had to be repaired on the road, as children wandered off and had to be found, as food supplies dwindled and needed replenishing, as sickness and accidents required attention.

They came in four groups and carried a plan for their arrival and for the division of land. This will be described at the Saturday morning Reunion session. A race ensued to see who would be the first to arrive at the center of their new town. Lemuel Rose urged his oxen past the wagon of Deacon Timothy Rose that had been caught in wayside bushes and was declared winner. This feat is inscribed on Lemuel's tombstone in the Old Burying Ground in Granville.

The plan was to cut down a great tree around which they could gather and arrange shelter. A huge beech tree was selected just south of the present town square and every man of the group took his turn in swinging the axe to fell it. The story goes that Hiram Rose grabbed his axe and cut down a small leaning hollow tree, and the great beech fell upon it. So the Hiram Rose tree was the first one cut but in the spirit of the day the beech was the more important.

Timothy Rose with his hired man established a pattern for others in the three-sided cabin that they constructed. It became the first house of worship, the place for the company's business, a hotel for others to rest, and the home of Deacon Timothy Rose's family.

Henry Bushnell in The History of Granville, Licking County, Ohio, published 1889, page 53, describes this structure. "It was about twenty feet wide and twenty-eight long, hastily made by rolling up great beech logs three high, with enormous cracks, chinked in with other logs and stuffed with the heavy moss from the forest trees. The logs of the rear end were interlapped with those of the sides, cabin fashion, but the front ends of the side logs were built up with...blocks fitted between and across the logs, to hold them firmly in place...It was covered with split shingles, or clapboards, rived out of ash, and six feet long. These were laid

on ribs, and held in place by weight-poles, with knees between them...The front, which was toward the south, was all open. But after leaving space for a passage way in and out, the rest was occupied by a great blazing log heap, kept burning night and day...The floor was earth. The cracks and fire gave light enough, and if the smoke blew in, it blew out again."

It was in this shelter that the services were conducted on the first Sunday in Granville. The sermon was the same that had sent these hardy souls on their way from Granville, Massachusetts and was written by their pastor, Dr. Timothy Cooley. Twenty seven persons had been organized, by the Congregational Church into a new church to be established in Granville, Ohio. The memorial stone standing in the yard of the First Presbyterian Church commemorates this procedure. In 1905 at the centennial celebration of the founding of Granville the stone was unveiled by Albert Rose Linnell, great grandson of Joseph and Zerviah Linnell whose names are inscribed there. It is here at the Presbyterian Church that the Linnell Reunion group will worship on Sunday morning, June 26.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

As the third Linnell Family Association Reunion approaches, fond memories of our first two reunions come to mind. Dru and I look forward to seeing cousins from past reunions and to meeting more cousins of our extended Linnell family.

On Friday June 24, 1994 our Reunion begins on the Denison University campus in Granville, Ohio. One of the highlights of this reunion will be the release of Rachel Linnell Wynn's second edition of The Descendants of Robert Linnell. This release along with the many other activities will make this a Reunion to remember, one you won't want to miss.

If you haven't already sent in your Reunion registration and your book order, do so Today!

Come join the family in Granville, experience the thrill of meeting fellow family members and exploring Granville, a town rich in Linnell heritage.

I look forward to greeting each of you in Granville.  
Dick

## AN OPERATIC COUSIN

Last summer Steve Morscheck 118,241,116,932,4 gained recognition when he sang the part of Leporello in the Grant Park Music Festival production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Wynne Delacoma noted his performance as the "standout" in the Chicago Sun-Times review, writing, "There was virtually no weakness in either the singing or acting of this bass-baritone, a graduate of Wheaton College and the University of Michigan, who joined the Lyric Opera Center in February (1993).

"Morscheck's voice was strong in all registers and his performance was full of color and personality. He was completely at ease on stage, making Leporello the opera's most interesting character. The servant's famous aria, detailing Don Giovanni's feats of seduction, was an amusing combination of cynicism and admiration. Such a prodigious feat, Leporello seemed to be saying, deserved praise, however base its motives."

Such praise gives hope that we may hear more from this cousin as his career in opera continues.

## ROBERT LINNELL RETIRES

It isn't every day that the name of our illustrious ancestor, Robert Linnell, appears in a headline in the Yakima Herald-Republic. This Robert Linnell, 118,241,215,23, Assistant U.S. Attorney, is retiring after 32 years of service. David Lester notes in the Herald-Republic that Robert "is believed to hold a record for arguing more cases before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals --some 230-- than any assistant U.S. attorney in history. He is only the second person to serve as a U.S. attorney in two federal districts, Nevada and the Eastern District of Washington." He has served under seven administrations.

The article continues, "Linnell also had a heritage of public service. His father, [William Sheperd Linnell 118,241,215,2] was a Republican national committeeman and as such, entertained a parade of GOP presidential hopefuls. Alf Landon, Wendell Wilkie, Robert Taft, Harold Stassen and Tom Dewey all spent the night at the Linnell home during presidential primary campaigns.

"My dad never picked a winner. He always picked the wrong horse," Linnell said."

While working in the Nevada district in the 1960s Robert was involved in some of the organized crime investigations that Attorney General Robert Kennedy considered highly important. In a casino skimming investigation Frank Sinatra and Shecky Greene were brought before a federal grand jury.

It was also at the Las Vegas location that Robert Linnell had a disagreement with J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. In a case that Linnell was prosecuting, an agent arrived to testify soaked with perspiration and looking very disheveled. The problem was that Hoover had decided that new cars for agents should have the air conditioning removed as an unecessary expense even in hot climates. Linnell wrote a letter of protest to Hoover and received a terse reply telling him to mind his own business. Linnell had sent a copy of the letter to Nevada Sen. Alan Bible who just happened to be chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The next appropriations bill included a section that required air conditioning in all F.B.I. cars. Linnell received a desk pen set from a group of grateful agents.

Robert is a brother of Nancy Cowan of Portland, Maine and Sarah McLeary of St. Petersburg, Florida. At Bowdoin College he was a classmate of George Mitchell, the current Senate Majority Leader, and Thomas Pickering, the current ambassador to Russia. Robert and his wife Maureen plan to return to Maine in retirement. They will be attending the Granville Reunion in June.

## 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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## AN ART DETECTIVE AT WORK

A current exhibition of art works by "Petrus Christus: Renaissance Master of Bruges" is the first ever dedicated to this artist, and it is the project of a cousin in the Linnell Family Association, Maryan W. Ainsworth, PhD (117,612,123,213). Opening in April at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and running through July 31, the show features paintings, drawings, and illustrated manuscripts by Petrus Christus who lived during the era of 1444-1476.

Original works by the artist have been imported from museums in London, Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt and Madrid as well as from museums in Los Angeles, Washington, Detroit, Cleveland, and San Diego to augment the collection the Metropolitan Museum itself owns. Petrus Christus painted a number of his religious scenes on wood panels, a habit that enables today's scholars to authenticate their dating and origin using the modern technique of dendrochronology.

Dr. Ainsworth uses the techniques of infrared reflectography to make discoveries about the Northern Renaissance paintings that constitute her specialty as an art historian. Through reflectographs produced in this method, she is able to examine the underdrawings, the preliminary brush strokes, and the earlier attempts of the artist now covered by the finished painting. Through such detection she has uncovered a variety of alterations in other paintings: a pet dog who was excluded in the finished work, clothing fashions that the artist subsequently altered, and furniture that got shifted in the completed painting. More important, underdrawings offer clues concerning just who the artist was and whether the one who is credited with the painting can be verified as the painter.

In the case of Christus' paintings, Dr. Ainsworth cites a quite different alteration -- the case of the added halos. In one painting, Christus' detailed rendering of a goldsmith's shop in Bruges takes on the status of an historical record. The painting's large size indicates that it was painted for the Bruges goldsmiths' guild, whose patron was St. Eligius. Sometime later a halo was added to the head of the saint who is the central figure in the scene. The knowledge that halos were rarely incorporated in the depictions of saints by the artists of Bruges, and that shell gold application was not used by Christus to represent gold objects resulted in the recent removal of the halo from the head of St. Eligius.

In still another of the master's paintings, "Portrait of a Carthusian," Christus painted his subject with precision and naturalism. But an infrared reflectogram has revealed extensive underdrawings beneath the painting. In an attempt to confer saintly identity upon this lay brother, some hand subsequently added a halo to this head also. Conservation specialists at the Metropolitan Museum have recently removed the halo, restoring the painting to the condition in which Petrus Christus created it more than five centuries ago. In these operations the halos in two paintings had been added to the original pictures and have now been deleted by art historians who use state of the art methods to ascertain what the artist really painted before pious followers added new details.

Dr. Ainsworth's reputation as an art historian and lecturer in art connoisseurship at Columbia University and Barnard College, was recognized this past February by an award from the College Art Association and the National Institute for Conservation.



### FEATURED IN WW II ACCOUNT

Guy and Phyllis (Linnell) (118,241,116,911) Hagen attended a reunion of the 2nd Battalion, of the 120th Infantry, 30th Division, U.S. Army last October and discovered while in Nashville, TN that Guy had been featured in an account of the WW II Battle of Mortain, France. The book written by Alwyn Featherston of Durham, NC is titled Saving the Breakout and tells the story of the action that Hagen and his Battalion saw when sent to relieve the 18th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Division. Hagen was Battalion Communications Officer and found his group totally cut off from their companies and surrounded by German SS troops. In the ensuing perilous attempts to escape, the Battalion Headquarters Company that had 150 men when they arrived in Mortain was reduced to only 20 who weren't killed, wounded or captured. A reprint of the story as it appeared in the Banner Journal of Jackson County, Wisconsin will be in the Family Room at the Granville Reunion.

Guy and Phyllis Hagen were married 50 years ago after his graduation from Officers School at Ft. Benning, GA. Phyllis accompanied Guy for the three years he served in Japan and for another three years in Germany. He saw 19 months of combat in Korea as well as his other service years. After retirement he was manager of the Hixton, WI bank for 15 years. Phyllis has served as a Red Cross volunteer. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. For the past six years they have lived in Black River Falls, WI.

#### Mail your Reunion registration Today

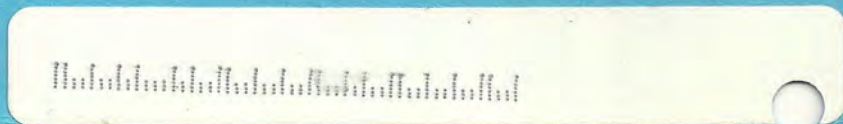
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**Deaths**

Nancy (Linnell) Cowan 118,241,215,22 on 15 March 1994 at Portland, ME  
Velma (Linnell) Fisher 118,241,142,93 date unknown.  
Clarice (Moen) Linnell wife of Dennis C. Linnell 118,241,231,361 on 22 Dec. 1993 at Brookfield, WI.  
Evelyn (Mortenson) Linnell wife of Lloyd Linnell 118,241,116,98 on 14 Oct. 1993 at Black River Falls, WI.  
Frank Linnell 118,241,21-12,3 of Guilford, ME date unknown  
Felicia (Lietz) Linnell wife of Floyd J. Linnell 118,241,231,43 on 5 Oct. 1993 at St. Paul, MN.  
Margaret (McKay) Linnell wife of Arthur Linnell (dec.) 118,552,154,3 on 2 Jan. 1994 at Ft. Collins, CO.  
Alva Lee Lough husband of Velma Linnell 11a,b15,515,9 on 16 Sep. 1993.

**Births**

Alexander Robert Hickey b. 19 June 1993 son of Paige (Wahlstrom) 118,241,116,5-11-2,1 and Carlos Hickey.  
Graham Andrew Marsh b. 27 Dec. 1993 son of Carolyn (O'Connor) 118,241,151,311,1 and John Marsh.  
Hayes Linnell Shea-O'Connor b. 26 Aug. 1993 dau. of Michael 118,241,151,311,3 and Stephanie (Shea) O'Connor.  
Amanda Elaine Rosebery b. 20 Nov. 1992 dau. of Elaine (Bockovich) 118,241,116,552,4 and Michael Rosebery.

**Marriages**

Bert Martin Bockovich 118,241,116,552,7 son of Halbert and Eve (Flack) Bockovich to Bryann Michelle Norgaard on 3 June 1992 at Elk River MN.  
Darin P. Gilbertson 118,241,116,982,3 son of Judy (Linnell) and Bernhart Gilbertson to Debra Genz on 7 Aug. 1993.  
Paige (Wahlstrom) L'Amie 118,241,116,5-11-2,1 dau. of Gail (Linnell) and David Wahlstrom to Carlos Hickey on 13 Aug. 1993.  
Heidi Swedberg 118,241,185,824 dau. of Kay and Jim Swedberg to Philip Holahan on 16 Sep. 1993 at Venice, CA.  
Kellie Lynn Weekley 118,241,145,131,22 dau. of Marian (Beldo) and Leslie Weekley to David Westerbruhr on 23 Oct. 1993 at Fargo, ND.

**Addresses needed for these cousins:**

Mrs. E. L. Covey formerly of East Peoria, IL  
Wayne and Danielle Donnelly formerly of Ste. Anne de Belleview, QU  
Mrs. Opal Gutzman formerly of Wichita, KS  
Marjorie Barker Henderson Carolyn (Linnell) Just formerly of Oklahoma City, OK  
Lloyd R. Linnell formerly of Boulder, CO  
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