

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

For the past three years we have been doing a membership letter at the close of the year. This year we have an association reunion survey we are asking you to respond to. So--you are receiving the first Linnell Newsletter EXTRA. We ask that you read the EXTRA carefully and help the association with your response to the survey. When you complete the survey mail (it with your '95 membership) in the envelope enclosed.

REUNION SURVEY

As the Linnell Family Association heads toward its fourth reunion on Cape Cod in 1997, we are seeking your input, ideas and suggestions about reunions. Not only activities at the '97 reunion but how often and where we hold reunions beyond 1997. Please take the time to read, respond and mail this survey in the self-addressed envelope to Judy Spelde, treasurer. All COUSINS thank you for your response. Watch for a future newsletter to tell us how we responded.

FIRST LINNELL SOLDIER IN AMERICA

In the year of 1642 the inhabitants of Barnstable, MA, became fearful of Indian uprisings. On 27 Sept. 1642 a general meeting of the Freemen of Barnstable was called to raise a troop of 32 men. The name of ROBERT LINNELL appears to be the 23rd name on this list, the first Linnell to enlist in the defense of this country. CAPT MILES STANDISH (A page from American History) was chosen Commander of the force raised. The following year in 1643, as a lad of 16 years, David Linnell joined this force, our second Linnell soldier.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership support in the seven years of our LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION existence has provided today's Linnell COUSINS with regular newsletters, three national reunions and a wealth of family information and knowledge. COUSINS that purchased Rachel's first book in 1985 will be even more delighted with the expanded hardcover edition released at the 1994 reunion in Granville, Ohio.

With continuing COUSIN support there is more we as an association can do to perpetuate the story and history of our Linnell family. Send in your membership support NOW! You will receive by return mail a membership card proclaiming to all your support of the LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

Remember active regular (95-96-97 membership) or life membership will waive the registration fee for the 1997 reunion on Cape Cod. JOIN TODAY!

LINNELL WALLPAPER

During the '94 reunion Robert Linnell, from Selah, Washington and Dick Linnell were discussing the seafaring Linnells. They came around to Ebenezer Harding Linnell, Capt. of the Eagle Wing, a New England Clipper Ship of the 1850's. Bob said, "I covered the walls of a bath in my home with Linnell wallpaper." Continuing, he explained that in the 1970's he found, in a Coast-To-Coast hardware store, wallpaper with the Clipper Ship Eagle Wing and Capt. Linnell's name on it. A short while ago Dick received from Bob a piece of this wallpaper. Today this paper is framed and hangs in his living room. (see picture below) If you want some Linnell wallpaper contact Coast-To-Coast and see if the item is still available. If it is not, we might create a demand that would cause the paper to come back on the market.



SHARE A FAMILY STORY

Stories of the Linnell family and COUSINS are always interesting. If you have any stories that tell of your family, would you share them with the cousins? Publishing the newsletter requires information about and from the family. As you read the following stories about and by Linnells, think of stories from your family, put them down on paper and send them to your newsletter editors Kay and Jim Swedberg. You will be enhancing the Linnell story, sharing your family with other cousins and you will be enriching your family newsletter.

At the 1991 reunion the following story was told about Clark Linnell (118,241,145,9). "While living in Hewitt, MN. Clark worked at a livery stable, the year was about 1915, where he did a blacksmith type of welding, heating the metal and pounding it for specialized needs. One day a man came into the livery because he needed help with his car which had quit working up the road a piece. Clark hitched up the horses and hauled the car back to the stable. The owner's manual was in the car and, after studying it a bit, Clark proceeded to fix the automobile. The next day the livery owner put up a sign advertising, 'Car Repair and Livery.' Clark had become an auto mechanic." We have more stories about Clark, watch for them in future newsletters.

HATTIE LINNELL SHAW

The following story is shared by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle (11a,b12,611,412,2) about his great-grandmother, Hattie Linnell Shaw (11a,b12,611,4). "Hattie's father, Captain Allen Higgins Linnell Jr, was a sea captain, or in the language of the sea, a master mariner. He made many sea voyages, including one on which his 10 year old daughter Hattie kept a diary beginning at Cardiff Wales on April 28, 1874, and ending at London on July 15, 1875. (You can see Hattie at age 22 in Rachel's book, page 176, second from the right.) The 15 month voyage was a wild one, with its first leg going from Cardiff Wales to Montevideo, Uruguay in South America, around Cape Horn to Peru, and a return voyage to London, England.

"While the diary of a 10 year old doesn't concern itself with things such as what the cargo was, or even the name of the vessel, it does reveal that bad weather would completely rearrange the furnishings of her cabin, and that the Chinese cook presented her with a small saucer, which, along with the 2 volume diary, was passed along to me by my grandmother, and are cherished family heirlooms." Hattie Linnell Shaw passed away in 1944 at the age of 81, in Freeport, ME.

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL

Copies of Rachel Linnell Wynn's book are still available. As Rachel suggested in the November newsletter the book would make an excellent gift. Some suggestions are: for Christmas, a wedding, a birthday, a special COUSIN, your family, a library or even another copy for yourself. Keep this in mind, the holidays are coming up. Send your orders to Rachel.

CORRECTION

The following names were overlooked when writing the November newsletter. Add to the board "subtle changes". Dan and Betsy Mc Connell, 1997 reunion committee, and Carol Jean Anderson, Secretary. SORRY!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN

Promote the FAMILY. Wear a LIFE MEMBER PIN



Exact size of pin. Royal Blue background with gold letters, stars and border.

Send treasurer Judy \$125.00 and by return mail you will receive a LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION, LIFE MEMBER PIN (shown above) and '94 reunion memorabilia.

DID YOU KNOW??

Linnell Family Association board members come from: Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, New Mexico, Illinois, Rhode Island, Maryland, Idaho and New Hampshire. You will note your board represents all parts of the country.

PURITAN LIFE

When Robert Linnell and his family removed with the Scituate colony to Cape Cod to establish Barnstable, Mass. they were also establishing their Puritan Church. The church was the center of life and controlled the community. The moral code was exact, demanding, and strict. It was said by the Puritans, "God had sifted the inhabitants of the entire British Isles for choice seed to plant in the new world wilderness." Puritans continued the sifting in the new world, pruning out the weakstock. It came to be that over two-thirds of the Puritan population were debarred from church membership. Decisions about community welfare were entrusted only to the "Visible Saints," the elect of God, but all, church members and those debarred from membership, were required to conform in every way to the same moral code.

The "Visible Saints" were both lawmakers and church leaders. This group compiled exhaustive lists of prohibited "Carnal Delights" such as attending plays, dancing, bowling on the green, playing quoits, dice, or cards, kissing in public, for a time tobacco, and unprofitable fowling. If you were a poor marksman, went hunting and didn't bring home game, you were wasting ammunition, thus committing unprofitable fowling. Any action that distracted a Puritan from the path to heaven was a sin and those who strayed were subject to the full force of the discipline administered by the clergy and the magistrates.

Sinners were severely dealt with, as the following indicates. "A sea captain returned home on the Sabbath after three years at sea. Upon meeting his wife and family on the public thoroughfare, coming from church, the captain embraced his children, then his wife, kissing her. For this display of public lewdness, the captain was brought before the magistrate and sentenced to four hours in the public stocks." We've come a long way baby!

