

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Greetings to all as we head into spring!

Hope you are enjoying the expanded newsletter format and additional issues. We would be happy for any comments.

One of the purposes of the Family Association is to keep in touch with all the Linnell cousins. Sending out the last two newsletters revealed that our mailing list needed to be updated. A letter went out to get current mailing addresses. To all who responded, **THANKS**. It was great to hear from you.

Much of the mail problem is caused by Uncle Sam's present day postal service. They are getting very fussy about delivering incorrectly addressed mail. Even if one digit in the zip code is incorrect, the mail is "undeliverable."

It is expected that people will move and have an address change. In consideration of this we print a return address and **ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED** on each newsletter. Using bulk mail, the original letter goes out for 20 cents. Undeliverable newsletters are returned, with postage due of 32 cents. To send it out again, it costs another 32 cents, and the postage on this mailing has now reached 84 cents. The association will continue to keep in touch, but it would be nice to reduce the number of newsletters returned and hold down our postage costs.

Newsletters are also returned, stamped with, "Temporarily Away" or "Forwarding Expired." When this happens we have lost track of another **COUSIN**. We want to keep in touch with each of you, so any assistance you can give, such as notifying us of any address changes, will be appreciated.

Another way you can help - become an association member. If you haven't joined this year, send in your membership payment **TODAY**. Make your check out to the Linnell Family Association and mail to: Judy Spelde, Treasurer; 208 Vista Drive; Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. **Thanks!!!**

The next Linnell Family Association reunion will be held on Cape Cod, June 20, 21, 22, 1997. Yes, this is a long time away, but **COUSINS** are already making plans to attend. Recent correspondence has produced the following comments about '97 reunion attendance.

Juanita and Fred Moore of Beauford, S.C., said they hope to attend with her granddaughter Kristen and her new husband Bob Brownes. Juanita is the granddaughter of Abigail Linnell.

Glen and Marcia Roberts of Crystal, MN, pray that they continue healthy and can attend the '97 reunion.

Phil Ray, a newly found cousin from Barberton, Ohio, hopes to attend our next reunion.

Dossie and John Elliott of Harrisburg, Oregon, say they are looking forward to the next reunion, and seeing everyone again. To date Dossie and John have perfect reunion attendance.

Connie Gates of Northwood, NH, writes that she will be happy to do all she can to make the next reunion the best and most exciting yet. Connie has even got her niece Charlene Toews of Boca Raton, Florida, thinking about activities for the reunion.

A quick review of the reunion surveys shows that about 60% of those returning the survey indicate they will be attending. All-in-all, things are shaping up for one great gathering. Hope that you, too, are making plans to attend this great event.

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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INTRODUCING THE BOARD MEMBERS

Over the next couple of newsletters we will be introducing the Linnell Family Association Board members. Should you have any comments about the association or stories for the newsletter, contact any of them. We want to make our association represent the Linnell family.

REUNION SURVEY

If you haven't filled out and returned the Reunion Survey, please do so today. Mail the survey along with your membership check to Judy Spelde, Treasurer, 208 Vista Drive, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

1994 ROBERTS REUNION

Just five weeks after the Linnell Family Reunion in Granville, Ohio, the descendants of Clyde Franklin Roberts (118,241,116,23) held a reunion in Minneapolis, MN. It was a wonderful four day event - as all family reunions seem to be. A total of 84 people attended the events during the four days of the reunion. Relatives came from 13 states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Wyoming, Colorado, Tennessee, South

Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Texas. A large map of the United States was tacked to a wall and people stuck pins into the map to indicate the place that they had come from. It drew a lot of interest. There were lots of hugs and picture taking as people from all over the United States arrived. Some of the parents and children were getting together as a group for the first time in many years. It was enjoyable to see 2nd and 3rd cousins realize how much family to which they belonged. About 75 people were housed and fed at the homes of Glen Roberts (118,241,116,231,3) in Crystal, MN, Virginia "Ginny" Roberts Hayes (118,241,116,231,34) in Andover, MN, and Lori Larsen Holmgren (118,241,116,231,14) in Fridley, MN. James (Jim) Orlando (118,241,116,238,2) of White Bear Lake, MN also hosted two of his sisters from Oklahoma.

The official reunion was scheduled to begin on Friday, July 29. But already on Thursday, July 28, 34 people were at the home of Glen and Marcia Roberts for the evening meal. There was a lot of talk and planning going on that evening in preparation for the next four days of fun and activities.

Friday's activities centered around the home of Glen and Marcia Roberts (Marcia was the real spark plug of the reunion). Many people chose that day to visit the Mall of America and other areas in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. but there were still large groups of people under the trees, in the garage, on the deck, and in the house, visiting and talking. And let's not forget the many children that were playing with their cousins, on the swings, in the tree house, in the Family Room and chasing each other around the yard. Many of them having just met for the first time. Friday evening there were 58 people present for the evening meal.

Friday night Wayne Hansen (118,241,116,231,52) arrived at the airport on a late flight from Tucson, AZ. Some 13 or 14 of his 1st cousins left their children with spouses and went to the airport to meet Wayne. The cousins were holding up signs greeting Wayne, and one of the fellows getting off the plane said that if Wayne didn't show up, he would be happy to be Wayne! A couple of other people stayed around to see who this "Wayne" person was. Finally, Wayne got off the plane and was overwhelmed to have such a great homecoming. We heard stories of cousins staying up that night until

5:00 in the morning, talking and getting reacquainted.

Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, events moved to the home of Ginny (daughter of Glen Roberts) and Chuck Hayes. They have an acre of land and every bit of it was used by the group for trailer parking, vehicle parking,



volleyball, croquet, horseshoes, axe throwing, campfire circle, meals, and, of course, the groups of visiting relatives. The house has three full baths, and there seemed to be lines at each bathroom all day long. Saturday morning a number of family members attended services at

the Anoka Seventh Day Adventist Church. At lunch time, 12 dozen ears of sweet corn were brought in and roasted in charcoal pits. Along with the hamburgers and home baked beans, it was a wonderful meal. Someone counted 75 people served at the noon meal and 77 served at the evening meal. A number of people had brought craft items to display. There was much interest expressed in these items and many hours in the afternoon were spent looking and discussing. An impromptu watermelon spitting contest by children and adults developed after watermelon was served at the evening meal. Singing and visiting around the campfire in the evening was another event that was enjoyed by some cousins until 3:00 a.m., we were told.

In between times, great grandchildren were listening to octogenarians Lyman (oldest child of Clyde) and Thelma Roberts tell stories about pioneer days. The I m a w a s remembering how she had ridden in a covered wagon across the prairies of Kansas when she was a little girl. Lyman told about working in lumber camps and the winters in northern Minnesota. Lloyd Roberts (6th child of Clyde) had several family members there and talked about events from the 1930's and 1940's. Three children of Vivian Roberts Ross (8th child of Clyde - Deceased) were there, too. Family groups got together in the afternoon for picture taking. Lyman and Thelma had the largest group, with over 60 descendants in attendance.



Another cousin, Roger Hansen (118,241, 145,131,1S) spent most of the day taking video pictures which resulted in a quite professional looking 1 hour 34 minute video tape of the day's activities. How enjoyable it is to have something like that to watch and remember the good times together. Vicki Roberts Crandall (118,241,116,231,32) daughter of Glen Roberts) of Wausau, WI, has made many copies of the tape for family members that requested them.

Sunday was a day of scheduled activities for the children led by Douglas (Doug) (118,241,116,231,31) son of Glen Roberts and Janet Roberts. A family history scavenger hunt was one of the more interesting games. Children were given lists of questions to ask their relatives. For instance: Who once lived in a log cabin?, Who grew up using an outhouse for a bathroom?, Who farmed with horses?, etc. Some of the children were overheard to say, "I didn't know that!", referring to their parents or grandparents. Other fun games were a water-filled balloon toss, three-legged races, and chalk drawings on the driveway for the younger children. Steve Hansen (118,241,116,231,71) with a Master of Arts degree from Notre Dame University, judged the chalk drawings. Everyone received a prize, among them awards for the best use of a single color, the most imaginative drawing, the best use of space, the prettiest landscape, the best abstract art (by a 3 year-old), etc. All in all, it was a lot of fun and the weather was great. At the award presentations, bags of pasta that were in the shape of the State of Minnesota were given to those that came from out of state.

Sunday evening, quite a few people had to leave. One of the 10 year olds was observed sitting in the car just before driving off with tears running down her cheeks and dripping off her chin because she had to leave her cousins after having had SUCH a good time.

Many others scattered on Monday, August 1. Some to visit Lake Superior. Some on their way home. Some to continue on with their vacations. For the evening meal at Lori and Rob Holmgren's place, only about 20 people were left. It was a tired but happy group that played table games that evening.

The "50/60 something" group is

debating whether they want to do this kind of thing again in the future because it took a lot of planning and work. But the best thing that we have heard is that some of the "30 something" group is talking of putting on a reunion again in three years. I do like what has been started!
Glen Roberts

John Raymond Smith III 118,731,921,141,1 and Erin (Brady) Smith Jefferson Thomas Smith b. 6 Jan. 1994 to Thomas M. 118,731,921,143,3 and Eileen (Avery) Smith at Willimantic, Ct
Tyler Austin Watt b. 19 July 1993 to Patricia (McConnell) 118,241,186,622,3 and Jeffrey Watt

NINETY AND STILL GOING!



At each of our family reunions, Rachel Linnell Wynn has presented a list of those Linnells past the age of 90 years.

Starting with this newsletter we will recognize those Linnells, ninety years of age or more, here in these pages. In this issue we

recognize:

Edna Linnell Trombla
(11a,b15,514,-10) born 21 Feb 1905. Edna lives in Evansville, WY 82636. Her address is PO Box 1194.

Mrs. Hugh (Vonda) Linnell
(118,241,145,15) born 17 April 1904, 1865 Hines Lakeview Dr., Cumberland, WI 54829-9117. Vonda's daughter, Coral Hollinger, reports that Vonda is in a nursing home, but doing fine and is as feisty as ever in spite of some hearing loss and limited vision.

Why not send a greeting recognizing these elders of the family? I am sure they will appreciate hearing from you.

ADD THESE TO YOUR FAMILY RECORDS

Births

Jacqueline Rose Driscoll b. 2 July 1986 and Lindsey Ann Driscoll b. 23 Mar. 1993 to Tina M. (Linnell) 117,7-10-1, 435,14 and Timothy Driscoll

Nicholas Antonio Grant b. 20 Dec 1984 and Gabriel Alexander Grant b. 8 July 1991 to Kathleen (McConnell) 118,241,186,622,2 and Elmer S. Grant

Alanna Mae Hansen b. 17 Dec. 1994 to Mitchell 118,241,145,131,13 and Michelle (Elliott) Hansen at Spring Lake Park, MN
Jake Riley Smith b. 1 Mar. 1995 to

Marriages

Kathleen M. McConnell 118,241,186,622,2 dau. of David McConnell to Elmer S. Grant on 22 June 1984 in Maryland

Maureen E. McConnell 118,241,186,622,1 dau. of David McConnell to David B. Chalkley on 21 Sep. 1991 in Mineral, VA

Patricia L. McConnell 118,241,186,622,3 dau. of David McConnell to Jeffrey Watt on 6 Feb. 1993

Kristen L. Moore 118,241,151,312,1 dau. of Peter L. Moore to Robert D. Brownes III on 1 Oct. 1994 at Troy, NY

Renae Weekley 118,241,145,131,23, dau. of Marian (Beldo) and Leslie Weekley to Corey Sanders on 10 May 1994

Deaths

David Gilbertson, 118,241,116,982,2 on 2 Mar. 1995 at BRF, WI

Mary Linnell (Ferguson) Boyd 117,612,122,41 wife of William E. Boyd on 3 Feb. 1995 at Pontiac, MI

Doris (Johnson) Linnell wife of E.F. Linnell 118,241,116,542 Dec. 1994 at Sumner, WA

Muriel (Halverson) Linnell, wife of Russell F. Linnell 118,241,185,7 on 18 Feb. 1995 at Lander, WY

Sue Linnell Pomeroy 118,241,116,9-10-2 on 26 Feb. 1995 at Black River Falls, WI

Howard Quinn 11a,b12,721,811 date unknown

Hazel Linnell Sjolander 118,241,116,95 on 28 Feb. 1995

Correction

Richard Barker Henderson 117,7-10-2,121,33 d. 22 Feb. 1992

A NOTE FROM BARBARA AND JACK LINNELL

Greetings from Naples, Florida!

Please mark your calendars for Reunion #4 of the Linnell Family. We are returning to Cape Cod where everything started with our first reunion in 1988. It will be held at

the Holiday Inn in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 20, 21, and 22, 1997.

There's plenty of time so why don't you consider a trip to New England including the three days on the Cape? We have a lot to offer in New England. Plan ahead so you can let us know you are coming when the first announcement comes to you.

Two important events for the Jack Linnell's happened in 1995.

We moved from our home in Pawtucket, R.I., to a retirement center in Providence about 3/4 mile from where we lived since 1963. Many factors went into this decision and I think we will be comfortable with it.

The second event was my 70th birthday in March in Naples, Florida. Barbara and I went to dinner at our favorite restaurant here. When we entered at 5:30, our daughter Kristen was there from Boston and also 20 other people with balloons, presents, and the works. What a surprise as we were 1500 miles from home.

We usually are in Naples from the middle of February until the first week in May. We are in the phone book and would love to hear from any cousins in the area.

You will be hearing more as the reunion plans develop. Think 1997!

ON A GRAVESTONE

TEST YOUR GENEALOGICAL EXPERTISE! SEND YOUR SOLUTION TO THE PUZZLER TO DICK LINNELL; PO Box 95; ORANGEVILLE, IL 61060.

Here lies:

- 2 Grandmothers with their Granddaughters
- 2 Husbands with their Wives
- 2 Fathers with their 2 Daughters
- 2 Mothers with their 2 Sons
- 2 Maidens with their 2 Mothers
- 2 Sisters with their 2 Brothers

Yet but 6 corpses in all lie buried here
All born legitimate, from incest clear.

How is this possible?

THE BEST RESPONSE WILL BE AWARDED A ONE YEAR FREE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP TO THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION. WINNER'S NAME AND SOLUTION WILL APPEAR IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL in LIBRARIES

Distribution of THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL has progressed. Lori and Tom Linnell of Gilbert, Arizona are giving a copy of this book to the Henry County Genealogical Society located in Kewanee, Illinois. Henry County, Illinois was the birthplace of Tom's grandfather Clarence Garfield Linnell and the home of his great grandfather Fortescue Linnell. It was also the location of a number of other Linnells in earlier years. It is most appropriate for our historical record to be located in this place.

The Linnell Family Association has also placed our Linnell history book in a number of important genealogical research libraries throughout the U.S.A. These are:

Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT
Minnesota State Historical Society, St. Paul, MN
National Genealogical Society, Arlington, VA
National Society, D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.
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New York State Library, Albany, NY
Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio
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State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, OH

When visiting these libraries ask to see THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL. It identifies your interest in the Linnell family and indicates your desire to find our Linnell history in their library.

SHARE A FAMILY STORY

James M. Linnell (11a,b15,844,23) shares the following about his great-grandfather James Crosby Linnell.

James tells of a box of "stuff" that came into his possession after the death of his father. The box

contained family pictures, (many with short notes on the back) family letters, and a sheet of paper on which his grandfather had written out what he knew about the family. Later a book entitled "Illustrated History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County Michigan."

After studying the "stuff" and the book, James tells us the following: (1) Every one in Lenawee County was well esteemed, had been eminently successful, was extremely devout, and had a flawless pedigree. Secondly, no one, and I mean NO ONE, in Lenawee County knew how to smile.

According to a note on the back of a picture, James learned that his great grandfather, in his prime, could have doubled for U.S. Grant, and in later life he could have doubled for one of the Smith Brothers on the cough drop box. (shown on page 208 in Rachel's 1994 book "DRL").

James, a member of the elusive Jonathan line (11a,b15) has interesting comments about this family connection. The following is his story: Rachel's book The Descendants of Robert Linnell had arrived in his mail. James says, "As you know the history was well documented and worth the price. Or was it? I glanced through the book and found that I was a 11a,b15 something. Reading further I found that this 'a,b' business meant that I couldn't prove that I was a real 'Linnell.' It seems that way back somewhere there were three Jonathans and only two can be properly accounted for in the Linnell lineage.

"Guess which Jonathan my branch of the family comes from? If my blood line came from a colorful character or a nefarious scoundrel, at least that would be something I could rationalize and talk about. Instead, maybe I am just James M. Linnell. These people, my ancestors, were Puritans, went to church for a whole day and kept meticulous records about everything. This concept brings to mind many questions. How did they lose a whole person? Is the lack of records concerning the third Jonathan accidental or was it intentional? Do the '11a,b15's' really want to know the rest of the story?

"At least Rachel was being kind; she did include my family in the book with an explanation that there was better than an even chance that the "a,b's" probably did belong. This was not a crushing blow, but the fact did remain that my great-grandfather had been a common peddler, my great-

great grandfather had been a shoemaker, and my great-great something might not have been a Linnell."

James goes on to say, "It is with great regret that I have not had the opportunity to meet a woman whom I've grown to respect and to whom all family members owe a very deep debt of gratitude for the monumental task that she so faithfully and carefully carried out. If it had not been for Rachel's untiring efforts, much of what is now known about our family would have been lost forever."

[DO YOU HAVE A BOX OF "STUFF" SET AWAY IN A DARK CORNER THAT HOLDS UNTOLD STORIES ABOUT YOUR LINNELL? IF YOU HAVE, WHY NOT GET THE "STUFF" OUT, DUST IT OFF, AND SHARE THOSE INTERESTING STORIES WITH THE FAMILY. WE WOULD ALL BE MOST GRATEFUL. SEND THE STORIES TO KAY AND JIM SWEDBERG. THEIR ADDRESS IS IN THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 'BOX.]

ARCHIE C. LINNELL, WOODCARVER

Archie C. Linnell (118,241,231,36) of West St. Paul, MN, has become a master at carving wood. During his working life Archie worked with metal, but always had a desire to work with wood. Since retiring, Archie enjoys what he calls his hobby, woodcarving. Archie and Kathryn's home displays many of his remarkable works.

One of Archie's carvings was presented to Rachel Wynn during the Granville reunion. This exquisite 12 inch diameter carving of the reunion lapel pin, done in black walnut with all the detail of the pin, is shown below. Our congratulations on another fine carving by this Linnell craftsman.



EAGLE WING WRAPPING PAPER

Recently the Newsletter featured an article entitled, "LINNELL WALLPAPER." Several have inquired about the wallpaper, but to date none has been found. Hope you will keep looking and keep your Editors posted on your results.

We now have an addition to this story. The wallpaper featured Capt. Linnell's ship the Eagle Wing. Juanita Linnell Moore (118,241,151,31) of Beaufort, NC, sent to us some "nautical" wrapping paper that has the ship, Eagle Wing, as one of its logos. We Linnells sure do get around!

CONFUSION CLARIFIED ABOUT TWO PRISCILLA ROGERS

The Historian General of the Mayflower Society, Caroline Lewis Kardell, reports in the May, 1994 edition of "The Mayflower Quarterly" the correct identity of Priscilla Rogers who married our Thomas Linnell 11a,b12. We admit that we did not know that there was a question about her ancestry, but the Mayflower Society discovered it in the applications for membership in the Society. Both Priscillas, one from Plymouth and one from Harwich, were descendants from the Mayflower lines of Thomas Rogers and Samuel Hopkins, but through different marriages and lines. Any of the Linnells trying to achieve membership in the Mayflower Society could run into problems in finding the direct line as we have expressed it in The Descendants of Robert Linnell, so we hasten to show the corrected line as researched by Caroline Kardell.

The lineage of our Priscilla⁷ Rogers as descendant from Thomas Rogers is: Priscilla⁷ was the dau. of Joshua⁶ Rogers, Joshua⁶ was the son of Ebenezer⁵ Rogers, Ebenezer⁵ was the son of John⁴ Rogers, John⁴ was the son of John³ Rogers, John³ was the son of Joseph² Rogers who was the son of Thomas¹ Rogers, the Pilgrim.

The lineage of Priscilla⁷ Rogers as descended from Stephen Hopkins is: Priscilla⁷ was the dau. of Joshua⁶ Rogers, Joshua⁶ Rogers was the son of Hannah⁶ (Cook) and Ebenezer Rogers, Hannah⁶ (Cook) was the dau. of Richard⁴ Cook, Richard⁴ Cook was the

son of Deborah³ (Hopkins) Cook,² Deborah³ was the dau. of Gyles¹ Hopkins who with his father Stephen¹ Hopkins came to this country on the Mayflower.

This information not only corrects the material on p. 164 in the book, but also in the Appendix I pp. 475-480. We are grateful to Randa Mammarella for sending this information along to us. A friend had sent it to her upon recognizing the Linnell name and its connection to Randa. Persons who are interested in the entire research will find it in the "Mayflower Quarterly," May 1994, pp. 115-116.

LINNELL VIDEO TAPES STILL AVAILABLE

Two unedited video tapes of the 1994 Granville Reunion are still available. Tape #1, "A Family Album," is a two hour tape of the



Saturday evening program. This tape tells the story of the Linnell migration from the Cape westward using slides narrated by Linnell cousins. The cost is \$4.50.

Tape #2, "The Granville Linnells," features Dr. Wally Chessman, Granville's Historian, telling us about early Granville. It also contains the Linnell Family Association annual meeting and the Linnell Family takeover attempt by non-Linnell upstarts. Cost is \$4.50. Another tape available, "We Are Linnells," joins Linnells in rural Minnesota at the Linnell School Reunion, visits the Linnell Cemetery, and sees the membership recognize Abigail Linnell. Go behind the scenes and meet the Linnells at the 1991 Reunion. Watch as J.C. and Rachel are interviewed about the publication of THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL. Cost is \$17.00. Available also are five tapes of the 1991 Reunion at \$20.00 each. All of these tapes will enhance the story, the records, and the recollection of the family. Order your copies today. Send your orders to Dick Linnell at P.O. Box 95, Orangeville IL 61060.

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