

SPECIAL REUNION EDITION

DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES, PLANS, FEATURES, AND PROGRAMS OF THE LINNELL FAMILY REUNION

Eight weeks and counting! The Fourth North American Linnell Family Reunion is almost here! It's time to firm up your plans before it's too late! Have you turned in your registration to Judy? Made your reservations at the Holiday Inn? Booked your airline, rail, or bus tickets? Checked out the family car, if that's your mode of transportation? Submitted your vacation plans to your boss?

Plan to be in Hyannis early Friday, June 20, so you won't miss a single event. It is rumored that the "ghost" of Robert Linnell will be roaming the Holiday Inn lobby. Don't be frightened! After you check in, mosey on down to the Family Room where you'll find many displays and other items of interest set up for you to peruse at your leisure. (We hope you will bring your family memorabilia to share, too.) Then, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m., Jack and Barbara Linnell will host The Welcome Party (See Reunion Program, p. 2)

Later Friday evening Rachel Linnell Wynn will direct you outdoors for the "Great Revelations," a series of activities guaranteed to amuse and entertain "cousins" of all ages. There'll be singing, games, dancing, and a show of talent. (See the

sidebar on page 3.) What a delightful way to wind up the first evening!

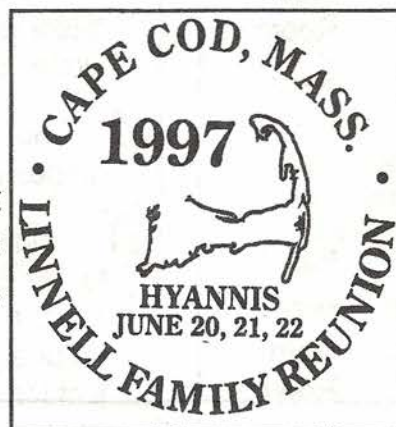
Saturday's activities begin with a continental breakfast in the Main Room, followed by the Association Meeting. Worried that the kids will not sit still for a meeting? No problem. There are special activities arranged for them as well as a list of alternate things to do. (Note special sidebar on page 2.) The kids may have so much fun, it might

be difficult to get them back for the noon buffet!

At the last reunion, it was suggested that "cousins" have free time for family groups to "do their own thing." For that reason a block of free time has been set aside Saturday afternoon. Self-guided tours with maps will be available for those who wish some direction. But watch the

clock so you'll be in time for the banquet and featured speaker. Mr. James J. Coogan, Jr., a well-known historian and speaker on the Cape, is sure to delight you with, "Cape Cod with a Linnell Twist."

All good things must come to an end. On Sunday morning we'll meet for a final meal together, followed by a worship service led by one of our own. And then it's farewell until the next reunion. See you soon!



REUNION PROGRAM

Friday

June 20

2:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Party	Family Room
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Get Acquainted Activities	Outdoor Area

Saturday

June 21

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Main Room
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Family Assoc. Meeting	Main Room
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Children and Youth Activities	Main Room
12:00 a.m.	Luncheon Buffet	Main Room
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Free Time	
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Happy Hour	Family Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner with Guest Speaker	Main Room
9:00 - ?? p.m.	Clan Meetings	Various

Sunday

June 22

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Main Room
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Main Room
11:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Steering Committee Meeting	

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



- Movies - The Cape Cod Mall adjoins the Holiday Inn and has two twin theaters.
- Swimming - The Holiday Inn has an indoor pool with a lifeguard.
- Arcade - The Cape Cod Mall has an arcade. \$0.25 tokens. Requires adult supervision.
- Outdoor Activities - The Holiday Inn has a tennis court, volleyball net & ball, and a circle of benches around a small mound
- Indoor Activities - Crafts, activities and games in the Family Room
- Kidz Connection - An indoor play center for children, ages 2-11 in the Cape Cod Mall. It has tubes, tunnels, ball pits, slides, arcade, moonwalk, etc. and a smaller area just for toddlers. There is a birthday party or large group private room. All children must be accompanied by adults, and adults must stay and supervise children. Linnell Association Steering Committee willing to purchase admission ticket(s).
- The Holiday Inn will have a TV set up in Family Room and rental videos for kids.
- It **MAY** be possible to arrange for baby-sitters in the evening. Make your requirements known as soon as possible.



**SEE YOU AT THE LINNELL FAMILY REUNION
JUNE 20 - 22, CAPE COD MASS.**



Share Your Talents with the Cousins
Reunion Evening Event
Friday, June 20, 1997

What will you contribute in song, dance, story,
or magic to our evening of

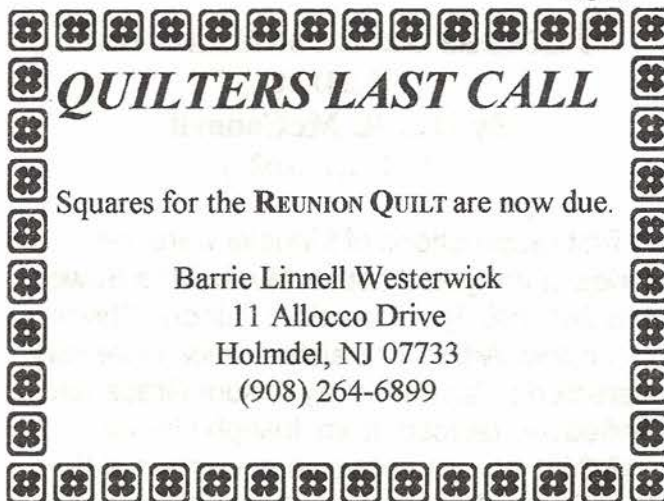
"GREAT REVELATIONS?"

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ADD THESE TO YOUR LINNELL FAMILY RECORDS

Births, Marriages, and Deaths since 1995.

All records reported since the 1994 reunion will appear in the Additions and Corrections packet available at the June 1997 Cape Cod Reunion.

Births

Twins: Zoe Maia Barnhart and Connor Robert Barnhart
b. 17 June 1996 to Jane (Stevens) 117,622,362, 212
and W. Gordon Barnhart Jr at Cincinnati, OH

Tyler Grant Brinson b. 14 Dec. 1996 to Tamara (Olin)
11a,b15,515,611,2 and Joel G. Brinson

Twins: Sabrina Alexander DeLa Canal and Benjamin
Austin DeLa Canal b. 6 Feb. 1997 to Shirley
(Studenmire) 118,552,151, 213,2 and Pablo DeLa
Canal at Charlotte, NC

Noelle Davita Nelson b. 25 Jan. 1997 to William E.
118,241,116,921,1 and Daniela (Deplazes) Nelson at
Seuzach, Switzerland

Marriages

Tamara JoAnne Olin 11a,b15,515,611,2 m. (2) Joel
Grant Brinson 25 May 1996

Lori Sue Pomeroy 118,241,116,9-10-2,1 m. Ray Olson
on 19 Aug. 1995

Sara Lynn Pomeroy 118,241,116,9-10-2,3 m. Craig
Bieri on 9 Sep. 1995

Nancy Dunbar Stevens 117,622,362,211 m. (2) David
Lee Williams on 1 Sep. 1995 at Rochester, NY

Deaths

James W. Anderson 118,241,112,874 b. 29 Nov. 1926
d. 1 Apr. 1995

Linda Linnell Bystrom 118,241,116,5-11-1 b. 18 Sep.
1939 d. 12 Dec. 1996 Grand Marais, MN

Exaid Ferdinand Dufresne, husband of Constance
(Decker) Dufresne 118,552,151,52 d. 12 Feb. 1997
Shaftsbury, VT

Phyllis Linnell Hagen 118,241,116,911 b. 14 Sep. 1922
d. 13 Dec. 1996 Black River Falls, WI

Violet (Hawks) Lampe 11a,b15,514,42 b. 19 Mar.
1912 d. 10 Feb. 1997 Goodland, KS

L. John Linnell 11a,b12,62-10,51 b. 13 May 1918 d. 12
Jan. 1997 N. Eastham, MA

Otto F. Linnell Jr. 11a,b15,514,-12-1 b. 13 Jan. 1932
d. 12 May 1996 Kansas City, KS

Madelyn (DeLong) Linnell, wife of Wallace Marshall
Linnell (dec.) 117,7-10-1,435 b. 24 Feb. 1907 d. 27
Jan. 1997 East Corinth, ME

Nancy (Robinson) Weaver, wife of Worden Weaver
117,612,471,54 d. 20 Feb. 1996 Mobile, AL

Thomas Jefferson Linnell

(118,241,18)

By Dan R. McConnell

(118,241,186,623)

My first recollections of Linnells were the stories of my grandmother Myrtle Mae Sewell (118,241,186,6) of Belvidere, Illinois. She and her brother Arthur and sister Grace were very interested in family history. Aunt Grace had verified her descent from Joseph Linnell (118,241) and had become a member of the D. A. R. Uncle Art pursued genealogy as a hobby all of his life. All three lived into their 90's and I knew them well. In addition, my great-grandmother Maryette Linnell Sewell lived until 1948 in Belvidere, or until I was eight years old. I heard her first hand stories as well. My great-grandmother Sewell had Thomas Jefferson Linnell's family Bible, and gave it to Art Thorne. Years later I was able to copy pages from it.



Thomas J. Linnell

Bits of information from our family may serve to add some detail to the story of Thomas Jefferson Linnell in Rachel's book (page 337). The family Bible information is the same as the book, with one addition. In the Bible it says that Thomas Jefferson Linnell and Mary Thorne were married at Jonathan Hunter's, who was a neighbor of the Thornes in Barnes Settlement, near Alexandria Bay, Jefferson County. Jonathan Hunter was apparently a Strangite Mormon and came to Illinois the same time as Thomas J. and Mary. This is further indication that Thomas J. may have been an early convert to the Mormon faith. Once in Illinois, however, they spent their life there as Methodists.

According to our family stories, Thomas J. and family "came across the Great Lakes on a flatboat" with their possessions. I have a beautiful hand made three drawer chest which

is supposed to have come from Jefferson County. Family tradition says that they farmed in the eastern part of Winnebago County, near Spring Creek Road rather than living in Rockford which was then a small village. In 1851 they bought a farm in Caledonia Township, Boone County. The farm is still a farm and the original farmhouse was still existing a few years ago. I have pictures from the late 19th century and from twenty years ago of the same farm. It is located where Bell Road dead ends about two miles north of Spring Creek Road in Boone County.

When they retired they moved to Belvidere and lived at 601 East Lincoln Avenue. When my grandparents were married in 1903 they lived with and cared for Thomas J. for several years. My mother, Marjory Maureen Sewell McConnell was born in 1907 and remembered "old Grandpa Linnell" with white hair rocking on the porch. He died when she was five.



Mary Thorne Linnell

My great grandmother Maryette Linnell Sewell, a daughter of Thomas J. and Mary Thorne, remembered growing up on the farm at a time when bands of roving Indians would stop by at the farm, sometimes working for food. There was never any trouble even though they farmed there only twenty years after the Blackhawk Wars in that area.

According to Thomas J.'s obituary in the Belvidere paper, he was in good health until suffering a bad fall ten weeks before his death. It also said that he farmed until the 1870's when they bought the house in Belvidere.

My grandparents, Charles T. Sewell, the son of Sutton and Maryette Linnell Sewell, and Myrtle Mae Thorne Sewell, daughter of Nathan G. and Jane Linnell Thorne, were both Linnell descendants. Yes, they were cousins.

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Thomas Jefferson Linnell (Continued from page 4)

My grandfather was a college graduate, a bank officer, and a prominent citizen in Belvidere. My grandmother was a founder of the Boone County Historical Society, a reader in the Christian Science Church, and ran the Christian Science bookstore into her 90's. She was a gentle and dignified woman with quite a vocabulary, who worked actively in republican politics. Her son, Howard T. Sewell, (my uncle) was state senator, States Attorney, and County Judge in Boone County. His son, Charlie, is still an attorney in Belvidere.

The Linnells were early settlers in Boone County, Illinois, and contributed much, even though the name Linnell is no longer present there. Its an oddity that until adult life I never met anyone named Linnell even though I grew up with Linnell heritage at every hand.



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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From the Chairman's Desk

As the fourth **Reunion of the Linnell Family Association** approaches, fond memories of past gatherings come to mind. Dru and I look forward to seeing cousins from past reunions and to meeting more cousins of our extended family. With the many new names on our mailing list, this reunion could become the largest gathering we have ever had.



This gathering has several highlights arranged by the reunion committee:

- ☞ Friday evening buffet hosted by Jack and Barbara Linnell
- ☞ Linnell talent show and dancing
- ☞ Family Association Meeting and Election of Officers
- ☞ Self-guided tours to get acquainted with our Linnell connections on Cape Cod
- ☞ Saturday Banquet program: "Cape Cod with a Linnell Twist"
- ☞ Sunday Celebration and Farewell

This reunion, June 20-22 on Cape Cod, will give all of us the opportunity to get acquainted with our earliest connections on the Cape. If you have already made your reunion registration, GREAT. If you haven't, I urge you to send it TODAY.

We look forward to seeing you June 20-22, 1997, at the Holiday Inn, in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Expectantly yours,
Cousin Dick Linnell

REGISTRATION CARD
LINNELL FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION
JUNE 20-21-22, 1997 REUNION
HOLIDAY INN HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
ADDRESS _____
DEPENDANT CHILDREN attending, names and ages _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Fee waived for active members: Paid up ,membership last three years or Life Member

Family/Couple \$70 _____

Single \$35 _____

Amount \$ _____

Mail check , payable to Linnell Family Association, to:

Judy Spelde

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Coeur d'Alene ID 83814

LINNELL FAMILY REUNION

Expected arrival time: Friday at _____ Saturday at _____

Arrangements for Lodging must be made directly with Holiday Inn

Association must provide food count to Holiday Inn.

INDICATE NUMBER OF MEALS AND CHOICES OF ENTREE BELOW.

How many Continental Breakfasts Saturday _____ Sunday _____

How many Luncheons Saturday _____

How many Dinners Saturday, Prime Rib: Adults _____ Child's _____

Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast: Adults _____ Child's _____

**THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

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