



Notes  
from our  
Chairman

We are the music-makers,  
And we are the dreamers of dreams,  
Wandering by lone sea breakers,  
And sitting by desolate streams;  
World-losers and world-forsakers,  
On whom the pale moon gleams;  
Yet we are the movers and shakers  
Of the world forever, it seems.

Arthur W. E. O'Shaughnessy

What beautiful words to describe two Linnell women with whom I recently had the pleasure of spending some precious time: Marvel Soderlund, a music-maker, and Rachel Wynn, a dreamer of dreams. The joy of being with these truly talented and remarkable women is difficult to put on paper for my Linnell cousins to share. Marvel, now at the precious young age of 81, still plays the piano as effortlessly as she did as a young woman playing in a dance band with my father, Vern, in Cook County, MN; Rachel, a young 80, still dreams of preserving the Linnell history in writing for all of us to appreciate.

I visited Marvel and her lovely family for four days in early April. The music, story telling, card and game playing, and joy and laughter of visits with many cousins are fond remembrances that whet my appetite for more. Marvel has put some of her memories of Mineral Center, MN to writing, and we will be brought back to her childhood when they are published in an upcoming newsletter. I trea-

sure her and am extremely proud to be her cousin. At the reunion in Alexandria Bay in 2000, maybe we can all join Marvel at the piano and play and sing together in the wonderful northern MN Linnell tradition.

This past week, I had a delightful visit with Rachel and J.C. Wynn in Baltimore, MD. This is always a special occasion for me, as these cousins are most thoughtful and entertaining. After a savory spinach lasagna, Rachel and I spent several hours talking about topics such as Linnell family history preservation, old and new reunions, cemetery restoration, and much, much more. We all owe Rachel such a debt of gratitude for her tremendous genealogical work, her countless hours of research and writing and attention to detail. Both Rachel and I hope that Linnell cousins everywhere will take the time to write about their families, past and present. There are many interesting stories to be told, and they can be shared for years to come as our association carries on the banner she has so richly sewn for us.

Jerry Linnell

**Editor's Note:** This is the first newsletter published in this year. Not enough material was submitted to warrant publishing Volume 10 Number 1, which should have been published in February. Please submit articles for the August newsletter as soon as possible.





## Additions to the Linnell Family Records,

The page references for the location of these additions are given to enable cousins to find the proper place to add the information. This follows the same plan as the new Additions and Corrections 1994-1997 book

### *With Sympathy* Deaths

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117,622,434,5

Dorothy Freeman

m. John McDonald Provan 3 July 1936

b. 11 Nov. 1936 Glasgow, Scotland

d. 16 Oct. 1997 Chatham, MA

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11a,bl5,514,-10

Edna (Linnell) Tromble

b. 21 Feb. 1904

d. 2 Feb. 1998 Baker, MT  
bur. Casper, WY

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118,241,116,231,6

Edgar Lewis Roberts

b. 23 Feb. 1940

d. 17 Nov. 1997

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118,241,185,7

Russell F. Linnell

b. 29 Sept. 1910 Kelly, ND

d. 1 April 1998 Lander, WY



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117,612,122,432

Madeline L. (Keller) and Andy Roberts

Roberts Child: Wyatt Edward

b. 22 Aug. 1997 Lawrence, NB

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118,314,762,11

Kristen (Linnell) and David C. Gower

Gower Child: Steven Linnell

b. 1 Mar. 1998

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118,552,151,221

Pamela (Tonkin) and Giovanni Meier

Meier Children:

i Katherine Adelle b. 15 Aug. 1994

ii Eva Gabriella b. 15 Aug. 1994

iii Danica Clara b. 26 Jan. 1998

Madison, CT

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118,731,921,141

John Raymond Smith III and Erin (Brady)

Smith Children:

v. Emily Morgan

b. 3 Oct. 1997 at Hartford, CT



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117,612,122,431

Stephen Keller and Linda (Masoian) Keller

div. 22 Dec. 1997

### Theory of Relativity

If you go back far enough,  
we are all related!

## Gravesite Restoration

VP Bob Linnell has been kind enough to volunteer as the go-to person in the LFA's effort to restore the Jonathan (117) and John (118) Linnell gravestones in Barnstable, MA. If any cousin wishes to help Bob, he can be reached at 509-697-6047. Cousins in the locale of other Linnell ancestors are doing everything possible to care for gravesites, but these are two of the oldest and need our immediate attention. As we get further into this project, other markers might be suggested for replacement or restoration.

## Reunion 2000

Maryan and Chuck Ainsworth will soon be sending a deposit to Pine Tree Resort in Alexandria Bay, NY, the site of our next reunion. Just a reminder to get in touch with your immediate family about vacation plans for the year 2000. Of course, much more information will be following.

## Membership

Treasurer Judy Spelde reports that the membership card response has been good. She asks that those who have not sent their membership fees in, to please do so at their earliest convenience. Expense is always a factor in sending out the newsletter, and your membership dues will help the Association recover the cost of publication, mailing, etc.

## Information Highway

If you have any information about special upcoming family events that you wish to publish in the newsletter, contact Jim Swedberg in Hawaii: [swedbug@aloha.net](mailto:swedbug@aloha.net). Notice of births or deaths can be sent to Rachel at [r-rlw@ccires.com](mailto:r-rlw@ccires.com) or by calling 410-242-5760. Any newsletter address changes are handled by Dick Linnell at 815-789-4668.



I used to have a photographic memory, but I don't anymore. I guess I just ran out of film!

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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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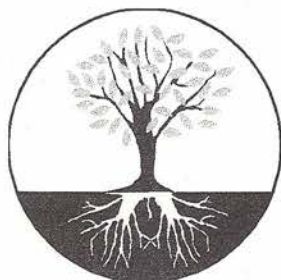
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## The Descendants of Robert Linnell

The association has approximately 245 editions remaining. Anyone wishing to purchase this extraordinary book can contact cousin Dick Linnell at 815-789-4668. As previously mentioned, these books make for good gifts at special family events. Your purchase of a book will help offset printing costs and free up some space in Dick's office.

### SEARCHING FOR BRANCHES AND ROOTS



Even with over 8000 names in our book, The Descendants of Robert Linnell, there are still missing links that descendants and your Historian, Rachel Linnell Wynn, are seeking. If you have information about these persons, please send it to the identified person and/or Rachel.

**Heather Huntley** of 272 Kibbe Rd., East Longmeadow, MA 01028 seeks information about the parents of **Hiram K. Linnell** and his wife Rebecca Bacon. They were married at Barnstable, MA in December 1827. They had two daughters, Mary Jane and Susan. Hiram and Rebecca are Heather's great, great grandparents.

**Cecelia Linnell** of 2805 Geronimo Dr., Crestview, FL 32539 seeks information about the parents of **Alfred Linnell**. A marriage certificate shows his marriage in Illinois to Amanda Austin on November 12, 1877. At that time he was 57 years old. The 1880 census finds him, age 59, in Greenville, MS with his 11 year old son, Alfred D. Linnell. Much is known about this family line to the present date. We need the connecting links to Linnell roots.

## LINNELL FAMILY REUNION A PATTERN FOR LOTHROP FAMILY REUNION

Helen Taber attended our Linnell Family Reunion in 1988 to find ideas for a reunion of the descendants of the Rev. John Lothrop. These ideas were put into the plan for the Lothrop Family Reunion in 1989 on Cape Cod. A total of 304 Lothrop descendants attended that reunion. Helen Taber also organized the reunion held in October 1997 with 175 descendants attending. They have been a very prolific and distinguished family in the history of the country, counting President Franklin Roosevelt, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mormon Joseph Smith as descendants.

The Linnell Family has several connections with the Lothrop family. Penninah Howes, the second wife of our Robert Linnell, was the sister of Hannah Howes, the wife of the Rev. John Lothrop. It was the Rev. John Lothrop of London who led 34 of his congregation to the new world. Our Robert Linnell with Penninah and his family did not come on the same ship with this congregation though we know that they were part of that London congregation.

Once in this country, Robert was part of the Lothrop group who petitioned the Massachusetts Bay Colony for land to settle. They wanted to live and worship according to their conscience and practices, and they were granted the area that became Barnstable.

At our reunions, Linnells have visited the Sturgis Library. The Lothrop family once lived in the original part of this building. The Bible carried from London by the Rev. John Lothrop for the congregation can be viewed there.

Mildred and Cliff Linnell of Hyannis clipped and sent an article from the Cape Cod Times about the recent Lothrop reunion. Linnells will remember Mildred and Cliff from their hosting of our Family Room at our own 1997 Linnell Family Reunion.

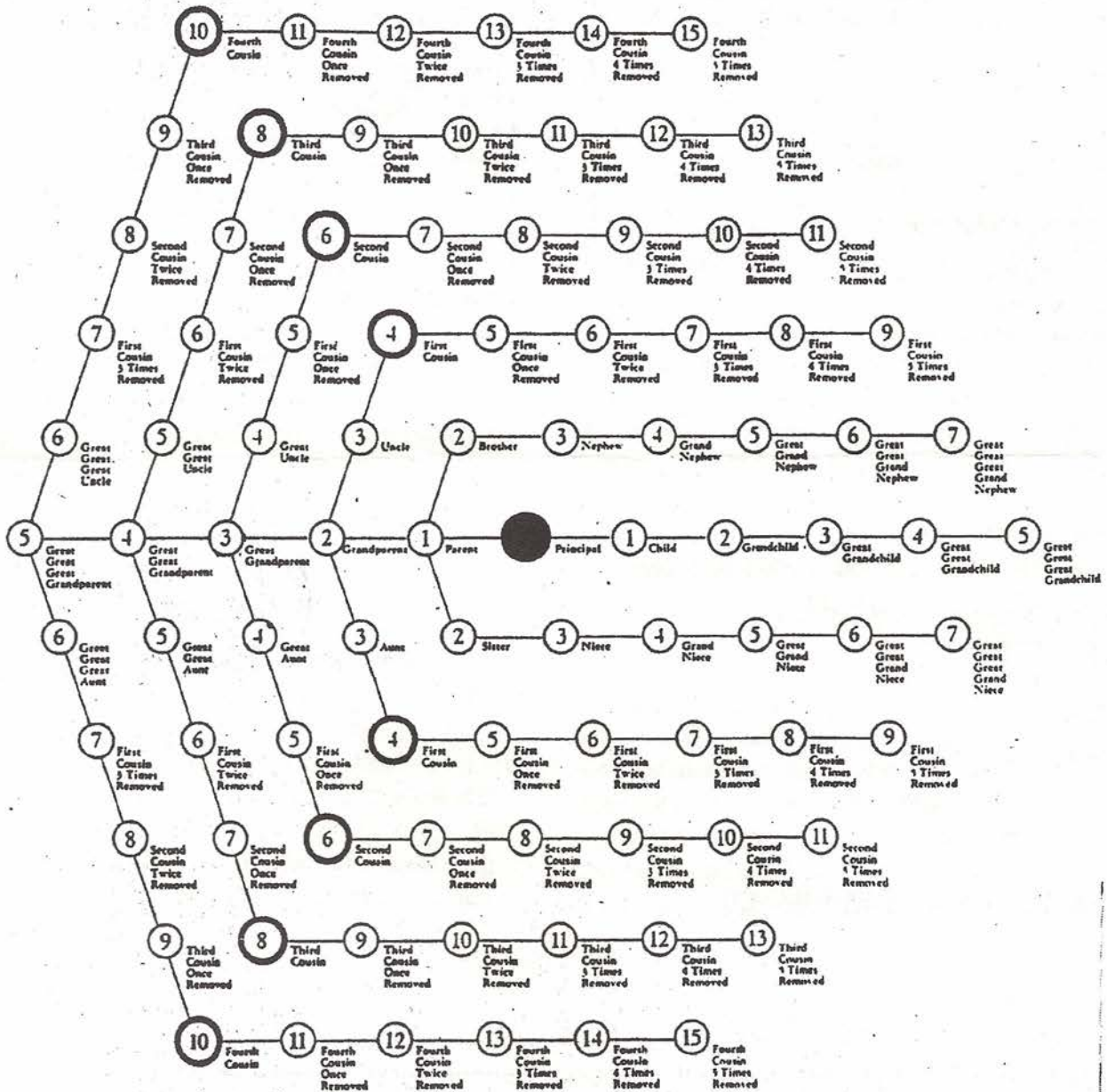
The Lothrop Reunions are held every two years, alternating between the East Coast and the West Coast.



Do you ever wonder just what your relationship is to another Linnell "cousin"? Do you know the difference between a second cousin and a first cousin once removed? Well, your problems are solved! Here is a handy little chart that tells you everything you ever wanted to know about degrees of legal kinship. Cut this out and keep it handy when doing any genealogical research. And remember to bring a copy to the Linnell Family Reunion 2000 in New York.

# THE FAMILY TREE

## Legal degrees of kinship



Lines indicate the paths of direct descendency. Numbers in the circles indicate the degree of kindred to the principle. Full cousins are in the heavy black circles. Cousins to the left are "cousins in ascendency". Cousins to the right are "cousins in descendency."

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