

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Cousins:

Now that you are Y2K compliant from a computer standpoint, you have to ask yourself: Am I St. Lawrence River, Upstate New York, Pine Tree Resort, LFA Reunion compatible? I will suggest a few items you can check to find out if you are.

For instance, log onto the internet (Cheaptickets) for the best price of a plane ticket to Syracuse. Maybe you have some frequent flier miles built up that would allow you and your loved one to travel cheaply. Oh, yes, what about the Hertz car rental coupons you have been saving? Or read Glen Roberts' column in this issue to find out about some of the camping facilities available for you and your travel trailer, RV, or tent.



I understand several Minnesota family members are planning a bus trip. Check the details on page 6 and then call Cousin Bob Whitney at 612-822-6759 for further details. Such a trip would result in a lifetime of tales -- very tall, I am sure -- about the early days of the year 2000.

After you determine that you are reunion compatible, discovering the family "highway" will be interesting and exciting. Samuel Linnell, a War of 1812 veteran, would be proud and humbled by your trek to the Grindstone Island region to learn of his genealogy, how the association plans to restore the oldest memorial, the gravestone of Jonathan (117) Linnell, auction a Linnell family quilt, and establish a Linnell Family Scholarship Fund.

Now that you are computer compliant and reunion compatible, be content with your decision to attend the LFA reunion this June 23, 24, and 25. It will be the best decision you make this millennium. I look forward to seeing you there.

Chairman Jerry Linnell

NINETY AND STILL GOING

A recent check of the computer files shows 20 names of individuals that will be 90 or more in the year 2000. The following are individuals that are 90 or more before the next newsletter.

- Daisy M. Linnell 1902
- Margaret K. Linnell 1903
- Edna Tromble 21 February 1905
- Laura Linnell 29 March 1906
- Robert Linnell 8 February 1908
- Nina Tounsend 21 February 1908
- Mahlon Linnell 18 April 1909
- Alvin Linnell, Jr 17 May 1910
- Orrell Linnell 16 March 1910
- Thelma Roberts 2 February 1910

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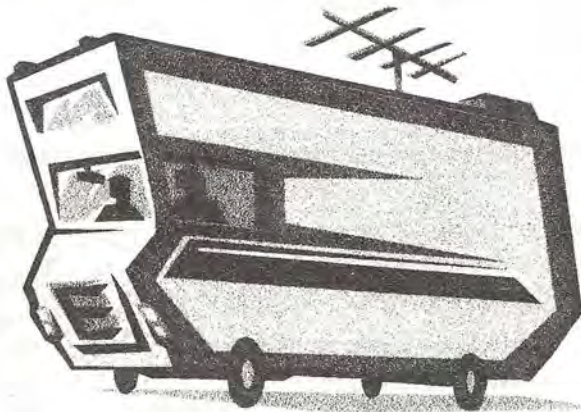
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Camping at the Linnell Family Reunion

Glen Roberts

As lovely as The Pine Tree Resort is, we plan to travel to and from the area using our RV. Daytimes and evenings, during the Reunion, will be spent with Linnell cousins at the many activities being planned, but we expect to spend nights in our Travel Trailer. This will, also, allow us time after the Reunion to do more sightseeing and genealogy research in the area, since it was my four greats grandfather, Samuel Linnell, that lived on Grindstone Island.

There may be others of you cousins and family that desire to camp - either tenting or in RVs - for various reasons. With that in mind, here is our rating of Kring Point State Park, Kewaydin Sate Park, Grass Point State Park, Riverside Acres Campground, and Merry Knoll Campground. We visited three other sites that, we felt, were not suitable. Our personal choice, for our particular situation, is the Merry Knoll Campground. But others, also, would be attractive choices depending on the type of camping that a person has in mind.



KRING POINT STATE PARK

This campground is far and away the most beautiful of the campgrounds! It is on a peninsula that juts out into the St. Lawrence River with huge rock boulders and outcroppings mixed with green grass and pine

trees for an almost breath taking place to camp. Some of the boulders are as large as several railroad cars. Others smaller, with some flatter outcroppings that children would love to run on. The distance to Pine Tree Point Resort is about 8 miles. Only 20 amp electric service is available on most of the 30 sites. No water or sewer hookups are available on any of the sites. A dump station is available. Restroom and shower facilities are fairly nice. I rated them about a 5-6 on a scale of 1-10 where 1 is slimy and 10 is perfect. Last year's rates from \$13 to \$17.

We were told that reservations need to be made well in advance at this campground because of the beauty and wonderful fishing. Phone 1-800-456-CAMP or make reservations online at <http://www.park-net.com/>. There are pet restrictions.

KEEYWADIN STATE PARK

This is the closest campground to Pine Tree Point Resort. The distance is only about 2 miles. It has an attractive setting overlooking the St Lawrence River. RV parking is in an open field setting with no utility hook-ups at sites and no dump station available. Sites are quite small - 15x30. Restrooms and showers are there, but the campground was not open for the season yet when we stopped to check it out, so we were not able to see the adequacy of the facilities. Last year's rate \$13.

GRASS POINT STATE PARK

Distance to Pine Tree Point Resort is about 6 miles. The setting is on the St. Lawrence River and there are a number of trees for shade. These sites are small, too - 15x37. 15 amp electric is available at the sites, but no water or sewer hook-ups. A dump station is available. Again, the campground was not open for the season yet, so we were not able to see what the restroom and shower facilities were like. Last year's rates \$13-\$17.

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RIVERSIDE ACRES CAMPGROUND

Distance to Pine Tree Point Resort is about 15 miles. The St. Lawrence River is visible in the distance and camping sites are in an open setting. I do not recall any trees in the campground. Full hook-ups are available at the sites. The brochure advertises acres of tent sites (in an open field), cable TV, In-ground pool, fishing dock, boat launch, game room/store, family oriented. The restroom/shower facilities we saw were about a 4, but a new facility was scheduled to be built last summer. Last year's rates \$15-\$18. Phone (315) 686-4001. Address: 38447 Route 12E, Clayton, NY 13624.

MERRY KNOLL CAMPGROUND

A Good Sam Park. The distance to Pine Tree Point Resort is about 16 miles which is a bit of a negative. But, in our estimation, the positives outweigh that negative. The offices, store, rental cabins and some sites are in a heavily wooded area as a person drives into the grounds. The camping sites that attracted us are on a long sloping grade some hundred yards wide that starts near the top of the hill and goes some 1/4 mile all the way to the river. A very pretty setting. Full hook-ups are available on all sites with picnic tables and fire rings. The brochure advertises a park store, laundry facilities, dump station, playground, arcade, in-ground swimming pool, fishing pier, boat rental and boat launch. The owners seemed to be very friendly and accommodating. Cleanliness of the restroom/shower facilities we thought rated an 8. The Good Sam RV Club rated them at a 9. Last years rates \$22 for full hook-ups for 2 people. \$4 for additional adults. \$1 for each child. \$21 for electric and water only. \$35 for a cabin. Phone (315) 686-3055. Address: 38115 Route 12E, Clayton, NY 13624.

If campers do gather at this campground with us, it would be nice to be fairly close together. Mention the Linnell group when registering. It seems like it would be nice to close out the weekend with a campfire on Sunday evening. Come join us.

LINNELL FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION

Reunion registration is a two-step process.

1. Register with the Linnell Family Association.
There is no registration fee this reunion, but we need to have advance information on meals and other things.
2. Make your lodging reservations.

LFA REGISTRATION	
Name	_____
Spouse	_____
Children, first name and ages if attending	_____
Mailing address	_____
Phone () _____ - _____	
I/We expect to arrive: Friday at _____ or Saturday at _____ I/We will be staying at _____	
LFA is required to give the resort 2 weeks advance notice on meal count. Please tell us: How many at Friday evening reception? _____ How many at Saturday Breakfast? _____ How many at Saturday Luncheon? _____ How many at Sunday breakfast? _____	
Linnell T-Shirts (White with Association Logo) Youth \$7.50 S ___ M ___ L ___ Total \$ _____ Adult \$10.00 S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ Total \$ _____	
Boat Trip, 2 1/2 hour on St Lawrence River Adult \$11.00 ___ Child \$5.50 ___ Total \$ _____	
MAIL THIS WITH YOUR CHECK TO: Judy Spelde, Treasurer 1300 Soft Breeze Avenue Post Falls, ID 83854	

Don't forget to make lodging reservations! Pine Tree Point Resort rate packages were listed in the last newsletter. See articles in this newsletter for camping and bus tour information. See you at the reunion.

The History of Grindstone Island

by Bob Cummings

PART 2 EARLY SETTLERS BEFORE 1800

In 1600 the Island and land north of the River were in the hands of the Algonquins, who came to the river to hunt and fish during the warm months of the year. The main camp of the Indians was on the headwaters of the Ottawa and other rivers in southeastern Canada. These Indians were considered savages, as they lived in wigwams and natural shelters and subsisted on game, fruit and edible plants as found growing wild. The squaws controlled the land and did all the business of the tribe, the children in nearly all cases carrying the name of the mother.

South of the river and lake and westward another tribe known as the Iroquois, who were classed as semi-barbarous, as they were beginning to cultivate the land and raised some food to eat, like corn, pumpkins and squash; also began to build more substantial buildings known as the long houses which were built of wood. These Indians also hunted and fished. Their hunting and fishing grounds were south of the lake (Lake Ontario) and the river (the St. Lawrence), but in summer they also came to the river islands to hunt and fish.

As time went by the bickering and quarreling began, finally ending with an invasion by the Iroquois Indians of the winter quarters of the Algonquins located on the headwaters of the Ottawa River and southeastern Canada north of the St. Lawrence River. After several attacks by the invaders, the Algonquins were decidedly beaten with great loss of chiefs, supplies and life, with small loss to the invaders, after which the river was controlled by the Iroquois. This invasion was about 1660.

These conditions existed until the coming of the French explorers in 1609 under Champlain who joined with the Algonquins. The latter planned with the aid of the French to invade the territory of the Iroquois and regain control of the St. Lawrence valley. The attack

took place near Lake Champlain in 1609. The French soldiers being armed with guns, killed several of the Iroquois chiefs, as a result of which the Iroquois retreated and also caused the Iroquois to become enemies of the French settlers.

The English were beginning to make settlements in the territory south of the St. Lawrence along the New England coast. They gained the aid of the Iroquois in driving back the French and finally gained control of the whole of the region settled and controlled by the king of France. This took place in 1754 to 1763. France was given two small islands in the mouth of the St. Lawrence, as a place to clean and cure fish caught on the banks of eastern Canada and Newfoundland, these islands being St. Pierre and Meguilan, the only territory claimed and owned by the French in America. During the Revolution the Iroquois sided with the English.

After the colonies gained their freedom, the Iroquois were attacked and defeated for their aid to England. They were forced to give up their lands to the new rulers, and the remnants of the Indians were placed on lands reserved for their use and habitation, which continues today.

The control of the islands became a part of the then new United States, and thus the title of the Island in the St. Lawrence River, divided by the Survey made in 1818, became a part of New York State. Grindstone, Wellesley, and adjoining islands were patented to Elisha Camp of Sackets Harbor in 1813.

All deeds to land on Grindstone were given to various parties, who in turn sold to settlers or settled the islands by clearing the land and building homes.

Before or about 1700 the islands were claimed by the Indians (Senecas), who leased the land to timber companies formed in Canada to cut and remove the timber located on Grindstone, the Island being heavily timbered, consisting of oak, pine, which was cut, rafted and sold in the Montreal market, for shipment to England. The companies were mainly made up of descendants of settlers who came from

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Additions to the Family Records

Births & Marriages

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117, 7-10-2, 1-10-1, 241

Shawna A. Mackenzie

m. Stephen Anthony Risotti Oct. 9, 1999

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117, 2-10-2, 1-10-1, 221

Daniel P. Linnell Jr.

m. Laura Anne Maran 30 November 1996

Child: Josefa Mary b. 1 Dec. 1999

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11a, b15, 515, 422, 3

Robert David Shaffer

m. Stacy Wahl 18 Sep. 1999

Colorado Springs, CO

Deaths

None Reported

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Europe first and settled in New York and the New England States, and at the close of the French and Indian War emigrated to and settled in Canada formerly settled by French, who had emigrated to Quebec and eastward. Many of these settlers, after the Revolutionary War were Tories and settled in northern New York and finally went to Canada to later return to the States by way of Grindstone Island and Northern New York. Among these were the Basses, Marshalls, Murdocks, **CUMMINGS**.

The English were the Kendalls, Johnsons, Howes, Slates, Chases, Garnseys, Kittles, all of whom came to Grindstone later, and some of their descendents are still there and in Clayton. My maternal ancestors were the Basses. The Rushos were of Spanish origin. Among the Irish were the Hutchinsons, Robinsons and Blacks.

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News from Our Cousins



Greetings to Members of the Linnell Family Association. My Father is Paul Edward Linnell, Sr (11a, b15, 515, 61, DRL Page 225). I am not exactly sure what those codes mean. They were in the article on my Father on Page 2 of the May 1999 Issue of the Newsletter. Best wishes to each of you and I hope to be finding out more information about my ancestors.

1SG (Ret) Paul E. Linnell
Clackamas, Oregon

Linda Grimes of Ipswich, MA sent a five generation record of the descendants of Linda Weston Taylor 11a, b12, 72-10, 1, page 182. Linda notes that her grandfather, Raymond Edward George and son of Linda Taylor, just celebrated his 88th birthday in excellent health. This information is available from the Historian.

Sally Tongren, 118, 241, 513, 41, of Clifton, VA sent the Historian information on the family of Adeline Linnell, page 281 of Descendants of Robert Linnell. Adeline Linnell is Sally's great grandmother and this information brings the record up to date.

Genealogy Workshop at the Reunion

A special event at the Linnell Family Reunion in June will be a workshop to help attendees put in place their own genealogical information on a five generation chart. This will help the cousins to use the Descendants of Robert Linnell in their own family records. The use of additional charts will help to expand the family record to additional generations. Watch for the announcement of just when this workshop will take place. It will be led by Historian Rachel Linnell Wynn.

LINNELL FAMILY REUNION BUS TOUR

Minneapolis/St. Paul to Alexandria Bay
June 21 - 27, 2000

\$699.00 pp based on double occupancy

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

8 Days/7 Nights

Deluxe motorcoach transportation

Professionally Escorted

1 lunch, 3 Continental, 1 Full Breakfast

1 Night Manistique, 2 Nights Alexandria Bay, 1 Night Sudbury, 2 Nights Niagara Falls, 1 Night Ludington

Mighty Mac Bridge

Soo Locks Boat Tour

Floral Clock

Maid of the Mist

Illumination of the Falls

U.S.S. Badger ferry crossing

TOUR DETAILS

Day 1 June 21 Twin Cities to Manistique

Travel through the beautiful scenery of Wisconsin to our first stop for coffee and rolls at the Chicago House in Taylors Falls. Welcome lunch (included) at the Cavalier Dining Room in Rhinelander. Our hotel is the Comfort Inn, Manistique, Michigan. Evening is free and dinner is on own.

Day 2 June 22 Manistique to Sudbury

Continental breakfast included this morning. We'll travel along the shores of Lake Michigan to St. Ignace. A trip across the "Mighty Mac" bridge is a must; this is a 5-mile, longest suspension span bridge in the world. This afternoon we head for the docks at Sault Ste Marie for a two hour narrated "Soo Locks Boat Tours." Early evening check in at our hotel, the Travelodge in Sudbury, Ontario.

Day 3 June 23 Sudbury to Alexandria Bay

Today we travel along the Georgian Bay of Lake Huron to the shore of Lake Ontario. Check into the Ledges Resort for two nights.

Day 4 June 24 Alexandria Bay

Free day today, for your reunion activity. The motorcoach will be available as shuttle.

Day 5 June 25 Alexandria Bay to Niagara

This morning is at the reunion.

1:00pm departure to Niagara Falls. Check into our hotel for two nights. Tonight we see the Illumination of the Falls along with some time at Clifton Hill.

Day 6 June 26 Niagara Falls

Continental breakfast included this morning.

We stop at the Floral Clock before a ride on the "Maid of the Mist." There will be free time for browsing and shopping. This evening our coach will shuttle to the "Casino Niagara."

Day 7 Niagara Falls to Ludington

Continental breakfast included this morning.

Cross the border into the States at Port Huron. Our destination is Ludington on the shores of Lake Michigan. Overnight at the Four Seasons.

Day 8 June 28 Ludington/Twin Cities

Early morning departure on the U.S.S. Badger for our ferry ride across Lake Michigan. Breakfast included on board. Early evening arrival in the Twin Cities.

IMPORTANT

We need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us on this fun tour.

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ERROR CORRECTION

In the November 1999 newsletter the Linnell Family web page address was wrong. The correct address is:

<http://LinnellFamily.Tripod.com>

We are sorry for the inconvenience this error caused. The Editors

Happy Birthday Thelma!

Thelma Mae Jantzen Roberts will be 90 years old Feb. 2, 2000. She was born near Pawnee Rock, KS, in 1910, and at one time when she was very young traveled by covered wagon for a short time while moving from Burrton in south central KS to a homestead in south western KS only 6-7 miles north of the Cimarron River - passing through Dodge City on the way.

In 1928 she attended summer school at Union College in Lincoln, NE. While there, she met her future husband, Lyman Roberts (118,241,116,231) from Mineral Center, MN. In 1931, Thelma left her home in Hutchinson, KS and traveled to what is now the Grand Portage Indian Reservation in northeastern MN to marry Lyman. The change from the plains of KS to the trees and rugged hills of MN was rather traumatic. But with the help of Lyman's family, a family of her own, and her ability to persevere, the adjustment was made.

Thelma and Lyman lived in MN for most of the almost 66 years that they were married before Lyman's death in June of 1997. They had 7 children of which 6 are living, 23 grandchildren of which 22 are living, 43 great grandchildren of which 41 are living and 3 great great grandchildren. She is presently living near Bemidji, MN, in her own apartment which is attached to the home of her oldest daughter, Ramona Larsen.

A potluck in her honor is planned for Sat., Feb. 5, to take place after church services at the Bemidji Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Her oldest son, Glen Roberts, and his wife, Marcia, are planning to drive from Mankato, in southern MN, and two daughters, Clara Hansen, with her husband, Dallas, and Martha Hansen with her husband, Allen, are planning to fly from Nashville, TN. So there should be 4 of her children present at the festivities.

Visiting on the phone a couple of weeks ago, Thelma said, "I never expected to live to see the year 2000!" We congratulate her on the completion of her 90th year.

Glen Roberts

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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