

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

May I have your attention, please.

"Last call for Alexandria Bay, NY"

Have you made your plans for the 2000 Linnell Family Reunion on June 23, 24 & 25? Imagine yourself enjoying the beautiful St. Lawrence River and Pine Tree Resort as you meet many new and interesting descendants of Robert Linnell.

After your arrival and registration at the resort, you are invited to a reception downstairs in the family room where you will be able to get your first glimpse of the Linnell Family quilt, a fascinating creation of fabric blocks that has recently been sewn together by Pam Ponting and Barrie Westerwick. Rachel Wynn, Judy Spelde, Mildred and Maureen Linnell, Ginny Hayes, Linda Baum, Carole Fritz, Donna Lister, Barrie, and Pam, quilters extra ordinaire, have made contributions to this lovely work of art which will be sold at auction during the reunion. Maybe you will be the proud owner of this once-in-a-lifetime acquisition.

On Friday evening, in the Minnesota Linnell tradition, music and singing will be brought to you in living color by those Linnell cousins who have generously agreed to be on stage to entertain us with a Linnell story, an instrumental rendition, a group sing-along, a

reading, a joke -- whatever the heart desires. Sign up with Pat Linnell to get in on the fun. (Patsynel@Prodigy.com)

After a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning, you can join in on a full day of intriguing activities. During this year's business meeting, one of the topics of discussion will be the approval of an LFA scholarship fund. It is hoped that with pledges from within the LFA, enough money will be

raised each year to award a \$500 or greater scholarship to an eligible college-bound student who has written about some aspect of Linnell history. Wouldn't you like to be one of the judges of these essays?

Another topic for discussion is whether or not to approve the spending of \$2,000 to replace the oldest tombstone in the Linnell family, that of

Jonathan Linnell (117) at Orleans Cemetery, Orleans, MA. With the recent revelation that Samuel Linnell is buried on Grindstone Island, it seems very apropos that we, as an association, take the necessary steps to mark the oldest known grave of the descendants of Robert Linnell. What do you think?

On Saturday afternoon, we hope you will make time to join us on Uncle Sam's boat tour through the Thousand Islands to Heart Island and Boldt Castle. George C. Boldt,

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millionaire proprietor of the Waldorf Astoria, began to build there a full-sized Rhineland Castle. "The grandiose structure was to be a display of his love for his wife Louise." Sign up for the tour and learn what happened to Louise and the castle.

Saturday evening we will gather for cocktails, followed by a delightful dinner. The evening entertainment will feature Bob Cummings and Dick Linnell on the life and heroics of Samuel Linnell, who, after his capture and release in the War of 1812, walked home from Boston. Now that's Linnell tenacity.

This sampling of activities is but a short list of all the fun to be had during what promises to be a memorable 2000 reunion weekend on the St. Lawrence River. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jerry Linnell, Chairperson



Additions to the Family Records

BIRTHS

Descendants of Robert Linnell p. 113
117,612,412,323,2

Jennifer Holt Fritz and Paul J. Chenevert
ii Nicole Amalee Chenevert
b. 29 Oct. 1999 Austin, TX

DEATHS

Descendants of Robert Linnell p. 433
118,241,185,142

John Covey Tinthoff and his wife Betty Lou Henebry Tinthoff. Killed in the crash of their plane 28 April 1999 Vero Beach, FL.

Descendants of Robert Linnell p. 225
11a,b15,515,51

Wayne Boatman
m. Verna Bright Johnson died 5 April 2000

LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION PROGRAM

Friday, June 23

- 2 - 8 p.m. Registration
Bob Linnell &
Judy Spelde
- 5:30 p.m. Reception Buffet & Welcome
Chairman Jerry Linnell
- 6:30 p.m. Quilt presentation
Pam Ponting &
Barrie Westerwick
- 7:30 p.m. For Your Entertainment ¹
coordinated by Pat Linnell

Saturday, June 24

- 8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast - Main dining room
- 10 a.m. Association Business Meeting ²
- 12 noon Lunch - Main dining room
- 1 - 5 p.m. Free Time ³
Planned activities:
Uncle Sam's boat tour
Boldt Castle
Genealogy workshop
- 6 p.m. Cocktails - Resort Bar
- 7 p.m. Dinner - Main dining room
- 8:15 p.m. For Your Enjoyment:
Grindstone Island - Bob Cumming
Samuel Linnell - Dick Linnell
Quilt Auction - Pam Ponting &
Barrie Westerwick

Sunday, June 25

- 8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast - Main dining room
- 9 a.m. Sunday Worship
Rev. J.C. Wynn
- 10 a.m. Free time
Association Board Meeting
Genealogy workshop (Cont'd)
- 12 noon Farewells - Family Room
- 1 p.m. Checkout

¹ Contact Pat to contribute to the entertainment

² Children's supervision will be available

³ See special interest sheet in registration packet

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 and payment on meals and other things so fill out this form and mail it to:
 Judy Spelde, Treasurer
 1300 Soft Breeze Avenue
 Post Falls, ID 83854
2. Make your lodging reservations at the Pine Tree Resort.

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 the Saturday Banquet? _____ 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 \$ _____	

**Don't Delay!
Register Today!**

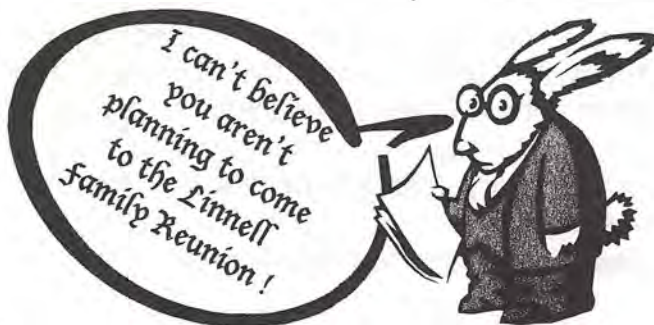
THE LEGACY

By Arvalee Linnell Sanborn

Dear Daughter,
 I do not sew or weave or knit
 Don't seem to get the hang of it.
 I go to this and that craft show
 And gaze at skills I hardly know,
 Driftwood dreams
 and latchwood legends
 amaze and delight me
 but I'm still as before a clod
 at handwork crafts
 and such
 but I love to study and read
 and search
 so,
 since I cannot bequeath to you
 the homey skills
 I'd like to share what God has given
 to heart and soul this side of Heaven.
 Mother

This poem is part of a note that I received from Bud Sanborn, the husband of my Aunt Arvalee Linnell Sanborn, of Sequim, Washington. Arvalee, is the last living member of the William Linnell family. My Dad was her brother. Arvalee is 86 years old. The poem will appear in the next printing of the International Library of Poetry. More info on Arvalee may be found in DRL on page 376.

Dick Linnell

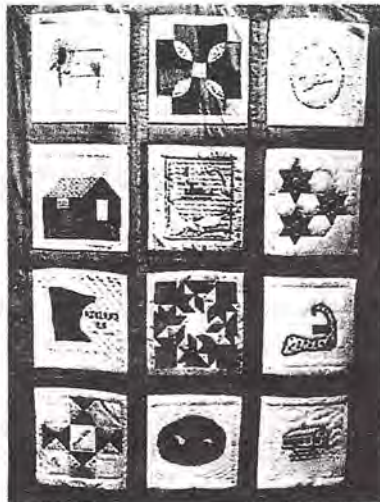


LINNELL QUILT TO BE AUCTIONED

Get ready for another fun event at the upcoming Linnell Reunion in June! The long anticipated Linnell quilt is now finished and will be auctioned to its rightful owner at the reunion! Barrie Linnell Westerwick and Pamela Ponting have coordinated this project and will be presenting the quilt for viewing at the Friday night event. The quilt's new owner will be announced after auction on Saturday night. The quilt represents the first true Linnell Family heirloom of its kind since the Linnell Family Association was established. Cousins attending the June reunion will have the opportunity to win this first of its kind, the Year 2000 Linnell quilt.

Twelve quilted squares, stitched by ten Linnell cousins, have been incorporated into the 78" x 92" finished quilt. The designs represented on each of the twelve squares either depict an historical Linnell event or are of a traditional quilt design. The twelve squares coordinate beautifully together; each has detailed hand quilting.

The quilt project first began after the Linnell Reunion at Minnesota in 1991. Over the years, enough quilting volunteers were recruited from the family to sew the twelve squares. The entire project has been coordinated through the mail, with quilting "kits" mailed to each quilting volunteer, and the completed squares then mailed back to either Barrie or Pam. The quilting cousins who sewed squares for the quilt live in areas of the country rich in early Linnell history. Designs represent Massachusetts, Ohio, Idaho, Kansas, and Minnesota, to name a few. One cousin's



square uses fabric stars stitched by her grandmother, dating back to the 1920's. The Linnell-related designs include the logo from the first Linnell Family Reunion, a stitched replica of the first book cover of The Descendants of Robert Linnell, a stitched picture of "The Eagle Wing" clipper ship, a stitched version of the Joseph Linnell house in Granville, Ohio, and other unique designs. An accompanying booklet includes the history of the quilt, the long road to its completion, and a special page dedicated to each quilt contributor. That page will contain a picture of the completed quilt square and the story behind its design as well as accompanying family information. The following Linnell cousins were quilters who had a hand in the making of the quilt:

Linda Baum	Donna Lister
Carole Fritz	Pamela Ponting
Ginny Hayes	Judy Spelde
Maureen Linnell	Barrie Linnell Westerwick
Mildred Linnell	Rachel Linnell Wynn

So, in your plans to attend the Linnell Reunion this June, come prepared to make a bid on the Linnell quilt and get ready to take your chances on becoming the official new owner of this piece of Linnell history. Plan on visiting The Family Room at the Pine Tree Resort to view the Linnell quilt and its accompanying booklet.

Any person wishing to bid on the Linnell Family Quilt who is not able to attend the reunion can work it out with Mark Wynn. A cousin can send an "up to _____ bid" to him. He will enter an amount for that person during the bidding in \$10.00 increments up to the amount indicated by the cousin. If the bidding stops with the cousin's bid at less than the amount indicated, the cousin would get the quilt at the lower bid. If the bidding goes over the amount indicated, the cousin would not be continued in the bidding. A note sent to Mark Wynn at 4557 Hemlock Cone Way, Ellicott City, MD 21041 or a phone call to him at 410-461-7307 could clarify any questions.

News from Our Cousins



ORRELL LINNELL

Orrell Linnell, 117,7-10-2,1-10-2,1 The Descendants of Robert Linnell, p. 146, will be featured in an Artists' Show this spring in the Otisfield, Maine area. Examples of his woodturning were shown at the first Linnell Family Reunion in 1988 at Cape Cod, including a replica of the Liberty Bell. Orrell also created the Linnell Family Reunion Bowl, pictured in the February 1995 newsletter and given to Rachel Linnell Wynn in 1994, and then to Dick Linnell. It will honor other members of the Linnell Family Association at other reunions.

At age 90, Orrell has completed a history of the Wendell Phillips farm on the Otisfield-Gore Road. The original buildings were built around 1850 and were enlarged by Wendell Phillips Linnell in 1890 and later by his son George Linnell and then by Orrell Linnell himself. A store for farmers of the area was housed there in the time of Wendell P. Linnell and he produced a type of very hard apples that were shipped profitably to England.

Orrell includes stories of other farms on the Otisfield-Gore Road, including that of his great grandfather, William Elder Files Linnell 117, 7-10-2,1. This history will be in the Family Room at the June reunion for all to enjoy.

LINDA GRIMES

The brief note about the receipt of the Linda Grimes five generation family record in the February 2000 newsletter has had a wonderful postscript. It made possible a reunion of Linda's 88 year old grandfather, Raymond Edward George, with his 87 year old cousin, Marion Taylor Chase. Marion Chase's daughter, Marilyn Schofield, recognized that Raymond George was the cousin her mother had wanted to meet once more. The connection was made and Marilyn writes, "Two months later we finally got them together

and it was an exciting time...In the case of Raymond George, he was reintroduced to his mother's early homestead, to many fond memories spent on our dairy farm when it was my grandparents'. The farmhouse and barns are still as they always were ... but the land around it has been subdivided. He remembered the roads as being unchanged even though it is so much more built up now. My brother, sister, and I were also delighted to meet Linda and her husband, and we all got along famously from the first smile."

This is the kind of plus we hope the Linnell Family Association and our reunions can make possible for many.

TWO ADDITIONAL FAMILY LINES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

The descendants of Morgan Smythe Reed 117,612,651,1 The Descendants of Robert Linnell, p. 84, are detailed for three additional generations by Lynnel Valia Stewart-Smith, his great granddaughter. Lynnel lives in Medford, OR, and plans to attend the next West Coast Linnell Reunion.

The descendants of Ruth Mountjoy Williamson 117,612,133,1 The Descendants of Robert Linnell, p. 88, are detailed for two additional generations by her daughter Alice W. Anderson. Alice's order for DRL was the first e-mail order we have received. She lives in Brooklyn Park, MN, and had spoken to Bob Whitney about the possible bus to the reunion. She added, "we just might drive out." We hope that will happen.

THE LINNELL WEB PAGE

has moved!
The new address is:



www.members.tripod.lycos.com/LinnellFamily

The History of Grindstone Island

by Bob Cummings

Grindstone Island, located in the middle of the St. Lawrence River and directly across from Clayton, NY, is of interest to the Linnell Family not only because of its historical significance, but because Robert Linnell's son, Samuel, settled here and raised his family. Those who attend the Linnell reunion in June will learn much about the island's history. Not only will they be able to see this island from the Clayton shore, but they will have an opportunity to travel by boat on the St. Lawrence. This brief article will touch on transportation and travel between Grindstone Island and the mainland, and on the cemeteries on the island.

The Editor

and building materials. Today, more modern boats, powered by gas engines, are used for both passengers and freight. Ice punts are now driven by plane motors fastened to the deck of the boat, and nearly all the owners of Grindstone have their own motorboats.

Several cemeteries can be found on Grindstone Island. The first, known as Lower Cemetery, dates from about 1810, and is located on the north side of the land owned by the Linnells, and later by the Cummings. (Sally Linnell, daughter of Samuel Linnell, married Thomas Cummings.) Several soldiers of the Civil War are buried here, as are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cummings. A second cemetery on the north side, on land owned by Zebulon Bass, dates to 1832 when Mr. Bass, a victim of cholera, was buried there. Several others were buried there, also, but, in 1882, this cemetery was discontinued and all but Mr. Bass' remains were removed to New or Upper Cemetery, the home of all future burials. There are also several private family cemeteries located on private land.

(To Be Continued)

Because early travel could only be by river and stream, or by Indian trails in the forest, early settlers to Grindstone came via two routes: either by river to the settlements in Canada, at Kingston, Ganonoque, and other river towns, then on to Grindstone, or, as did the English, by way of Lowville to Brownville and on to the river to Grindstone. As the island became more settled, row boats and small sailboats were used to transport passengers and the necessities of life. During winter, when the river was frozen solid, sleds were used, and, when the river was a mixture of solid ice and water, punts (ice boats with runners and that were drawn by hand) were used as they were able to cross in water or on ice. Larger boats, such as those owned by John Robbins, David Atherton, James Carnegie, and Charles and Frank Kendall, all of whom built summer homes on the island, transported such supplies as farm products, cattle, machinery,



LINNELL FAMILY REUNION BUS TOUR

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

\$699.00 pp based on double occupancy
There is still space on this great bus trip to the reunion, but time is running out, so contact us as soon as possible to be a part of this fun trip.

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LINNELL ROOTS AND BRANCHES



NINETY AND STILL GOING

Here is an update of the list, given in the last newsletter, of all cousins that are over 90 years old in 2000. More cousins will become 90 this year!

Daisy M. Linnell	11a,b15,514,8S	24/12/02
Dorothy Provan	117,622,434,5	09/06/04
Milton Swanton	118,241,154,33S	07/11/04
Hazel Linnell	118,241,533,31S	06/01/05
Laura Linnell	118,241,112,68	29/03/06
Thirza Tinthoff	118,241,185,14	15/11/06
Eleanor Swanton	118,241,154,33	26/11/06
Norman Thompson	18,241,185,8S	25/11/07
Nina Tounsend	118,241,112,69	21/02/08
Doris Klinderfues	118,241,231,35	18/07/08
Florence Jury	118,241,185,21	16/12/08
Velma Montonye	11a,b15,515,13	14/10/09
Otto F. Linnell	11a,b15,514,-12	29/10/09
Orrell Linnell	117,7-10-2,1-10-2,1	16/03/10
Thelma Roberts	118,241,116,231S	02/02/10

The "S" following the number indicates the individual is a spouse of a Linnell descendant. We want to recognize our Linnell seniors, but we need everyone's help to get up to date information. Please contact Historian Rachel L. Wynn to report any errors, changes, or updates.

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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Linnell Family Association

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