

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Chairman

Greetings, Cousins:

In your Nation's capital today we are in the midst of assessing the first 100 days of the Bush administration. Everyone on the Republican side of the aisle says the President is doing wonders; those on the Democratic side say he is doing all right. What is your opinion?

And since we are evaluating administrations, I thought you might like some information so that you, too, could assess what is happening at LFA in the first year after our wonderful reunion in Alexandria Bay, NY.

As you will recall, from subsequent writings and first-hand knowledge if you attended, there were some new and some old initiatives that we vowed to work on as we said our fond farewells and went about our hurried lives.

One was to arrange for and purchase a new gravestone for the oldest of our known Cape Cod relatives, that of Jonathan Linnell. I am happy to report to you that through the wonderful work of Cousin Bob Linnell, our current secretary, the new stone is finished

and set in place in the Orleans cemetery. To commemorate this milestone achievement, the Linnell Family Association will hold a short but appropriate ceremony on **S a t u r d a y , September 22, 2001.**



As you will also recall, another new initiative as a result of the reunion was the setting up of a scholarship fund to inure to the benefit of a talented Linnell cousin who has written a prize-winning essay on some aspect of Linnell family history. A special committee of Gerry Linnell, our vice-chair, Maryan Ainsworth, reunion coordinator in 2000, and Norman Linnell, a younger brother of mine, has conducted preliminary exchanges of ideas to set up the program. The goal is to begin this fall to accept applications for our first \$500 scholarship, hopefully to be awarded in the spring of 2002.

As a result of asking our fellow cousins to annually support the LFA with their dues, I am happy to report that after the reunion 28 individual, 9 family, and 8 lifetime membership donations were received by our treasurer, Scott Linnell. As of April of this year, 21 individual, 3 family, and 3 lifetime memberships have been received. **GOOD WORK.** And, yes, we can do better. Remember that dues run from January to December.

Lastly, our website committee of Heather Linnell and Andrew Linnell has been working to get the new Linnell website up and running. (See this newsletter for further detail.) This will be an excellent new tool our association members will be able to use for communication among our electronic literate.

So as you can tell, your LFA is at work to successfully achieve its new and old goals. What do you think?

If you are interested in volunteering to help us in any new association initiative, please do not hesitate to volunteer. We look forward to receiving your input.

Jerry Linnell, Chairman

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Linnell Family Association Website

<http://www.linnellfamily.org>

by Heather Linnell

www.linnellfamily.org

I don't know where to begin, so I'll just begin by introducing myself. My name is Heather Linnell and I am the daughter of Pat and Jerry Linnell from Washington, D.C. I live in Brooklyn, N.Y. where I work for myself as a Web and print designer. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of you fine Linnells at the Family Reunion in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. At the reunion, I was introduced to Andrew Linnell, the designer of the current website. My dad encouraged us to work together to improve the Association website.

Through numerous emails, we have established our goals. We want to make The Family Association website a useful communicative tool for our members. We also hope that by doing this, we will draw the interest of younger Association hopefuls. For now, the website will be simple. The current table of contents is as follows:

1. History of the LFA

A brief history of the Linnell Family Association. We want anyone that visits the site to know who we are and what we are about.



2. LFA Announcements

A bulletin board for posting news regarding members of the Association. We would like to limit this to major events such as births, marriages, graduations, new members, etc. All announcements should be emailed to heather@59mL.com - if you would like to include a picture (please limit this to one), just attach it to your email.

3. LFA Photo Album

A collection of photos from past Linnell Family Reunions. If you have photos from past reunions and would like to see them on the website, please email them to heather@59mL.com. Due to space limitations, I have to limit the number of pictures, but I will try to post as many as possible.

4. LFA Scholarship

Information regarding the newly created Scholarship.

5. Family Member Websites

Links to websites created by members of the Linnell Family Association.

Input on what you would like to see on the website in the future is encouraged and necessary. Please send your suggestions to heather@59mL.com. Sometimes there are technical limitations as to what we can do, but all suggestions will be considered. Your interest and participation will make the Linnell Family Association website a success!

“Here is a little known fact about Samuel Linnell of Grindstone Island...”

contributed by Jim Swedberg, Hawaii

His service in the War of 1812 is well documented in *“The Descendants of Robert Linnell”*, by Rachel Linnell Wynn. If you do not yet own a copy of this definitive work on the Linnell Family, you should correct that error immediately. The directions for ordering one are on the last page of this newsletter.

Briefly, Samuel was captured while serving with the New York Militia at the Battle of Sacketts Harbor near his home in the Thousand Island region of New York on May 29, 1813. He, and the other prisoners, suffered cruelly at the hands of their Indian captors. They were turned over to the British and imprisoned at Halifax, Nova Scotia, for over a year. He was finally returned to Boston in a prisoner exchange where he was paid an initial \$55 for five months back salary and then released to return to New York.

He requested payment for 424 days at about 36 cents per day as well as \$42 for clothing and \$4 for the 20-day trip from Boston back home. When the government finally settled his claim it paid only for 409 days.

Recently, a new chapter was added to this story. There is a book compiled by the U. S. House of Representatives and republished by the Genealogical

Publishing Company called "Alphabetical List of Private Claims" covering the 1st through the 31st Congress. In that book it is recorded that Samuel Linnell petitioned the 23rd Congress for a pension. His petition was referred to the "Invalid Pensions" Committee. Their report dated Jan. 31, 1834 was "Adverse" and his petition was "Laid on the Table".

No reason was given for the denial. Perhaps the request was denied because Samuel served in the State Militia rather than the Regular Army. We may never know.

Late breaking news....

A small, but special, ceremony to commemorate the laying of the new stone for Jonathan Linnell (see article and photo, page 6) will be held at the Orleans cemetery in the afternoon on **Saturday, September 22, 2001**. Dinner at the Captain Linnell House restaurant is planned to follow. Mildred and Cliff Linnell have agreed to organize this event. Anyone planning to attend or needing additional information should contact them by telephone, (508) 775-3747, or via email, CWLinnell@aol.

Meet Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer

Our new treasurer, Scott Linnell, is 44 years old. He lives in Colts Neck, New Jersey, with his wife, Susan, and two daughters, Allison and Erica.

Scott works with Lucent Technologies in the development of telecommunications products. He earned a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1978 and a Masters in Electrical Engineering from MIT in 1980.

Scott enjoys skiing, hiking, running, traveling and eating chocolate. He also coaches girls' soccer teams.

Second in a series of articles to introduce members of the Linnell Family Steering Committee. Scott was elected LFA Treasurer at the family reunion held at Alexandria Bay, New York, in June 2000.

The Ancestors of Thomas Jefferson Linnell

contributed by Jim Swedberg, Hawaii

As members of the Linnell Family Association, I am sure we are all familiar with the ancestors of Thomas Jefferson Linnell on his father's side. After all, the last Linnell Family Reunion was held close to his birthplace on Grindstone Island, NY. There have been a number of articles about his father, Samuel, who was captured and imprisoned during the War of 1812. Furthermore, Rachel Linnell Wynn has documented how this Samuel moved to Maine from Barnstable, MA, where his father, Joseph, grandfather Samuel, great grandfather Samuel, his great great grandfather John, and his third great grandfather David all lived. So it would seem that there was little new to learn about the ancestry of Thomas Jefferson.

But what of his mother's side? I had seen the tombstone of Eunice Mosier Linnell at Clayton, NY, and had heard a story, no more than a rumor, that she was descended from a man who was a pirate, or at least a privateer! I was intrigued! Having descended from a long line of farmers, the idea of having a pirate in the family, even if it was on my wife's side, spurred my interest. So, with the names of Eunice Mosier's parents, Jonathan Mosier and Jerusia Lambert, which had been given me by cousin Robert Cummings, I ventured onto the Internet in search of

ancestors.

Looking for ancestors on the web is arguably the easiest way to discover a lot of information without leaving your home. In fact, it is so rich with information that it is difficult to stay on track. I soon established that not only is there a Mosier Family web page, but also one for the Lambert Family. This is where my search for a pirate was put on the back burner. For, like the name Linnell, the name Lambert can be spelled many ways, including Lumber and Lombard, and Lombard rang a bell. So, to make a short story painfully long, here is what I found. Eunice Mosier's ancestors on her mother's side were:

Zaccheus Lambert and Hannah Allen
Jonathan Lambert and Rachel Tilton
Jonathan Lambert and Elizabeth Eddy
Joshua Lambert (Lombard) and.... **Abigale Linnell !**

So, as Paul Harvey would always say, "Now you know the rest of the story." Both Samuel Linnell and his wife Eunice Mosier, are descended from Robert Linnell. Samuel through Robert's son David and Eunice through Robert's daughter Abigale.

Update on Association Projects

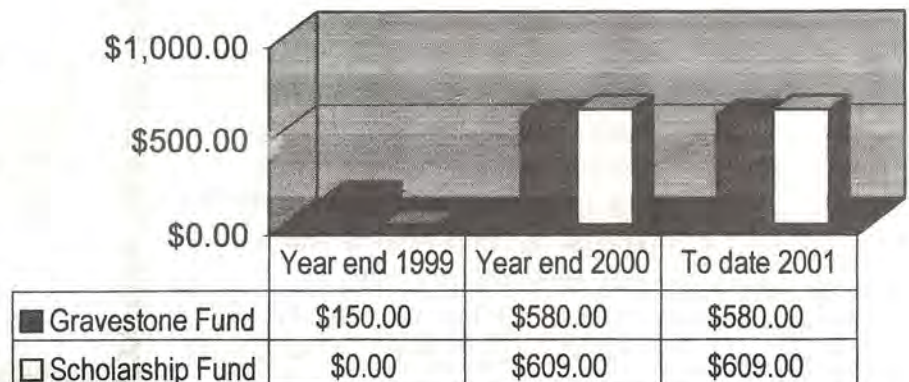
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Certain Linnell Association monies are earmarked for two special projects. These funds are the Gravestone Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

The chart at right illustrates the growth of these funds over the previous year.

Contributions to either funds may be directed to LFA Treasurer, Scott Linnell.

LFA Special Funds





From the Editor

Some important information for everyone regarding newsletter publication dates and deadlines for submitting news to me...

My goal is to publish a newsletter in February, May, August, and November. The deadline for submitting articles to me is on the 15th of the month prior to the publication month. Newsletters most likely will arrive in your mailbox towards the end of the publication month, perhaps later. All of the volunteers involved in getting the Linnell Family news to you work very hard despite their busy lives. I will be on vacation this year during July so please be patient while I catch up again in August.

Keep those card and letters coming!

Love to all. ~Pam

West Coast Reunion— August 2001

Don't forget... There will be a reunion of Linnell cousins in Estacada, Oregon, on **August 4, 2001**. All are welcome! If you are interested, but not sure if you are on the West Coast reunion mailing list, please write or email Dossie Elliott, 425 S. 2nd, Harrisburg, Oregon 97446, ladoska1@juno.com.

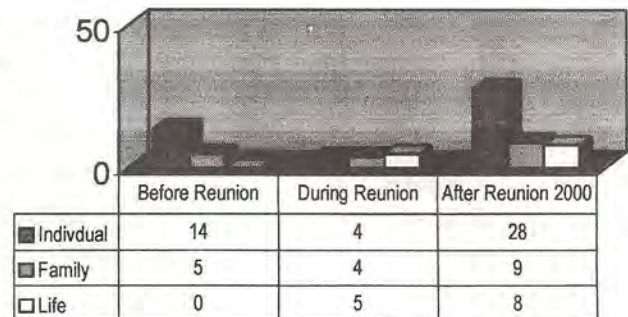


Association Dues Report

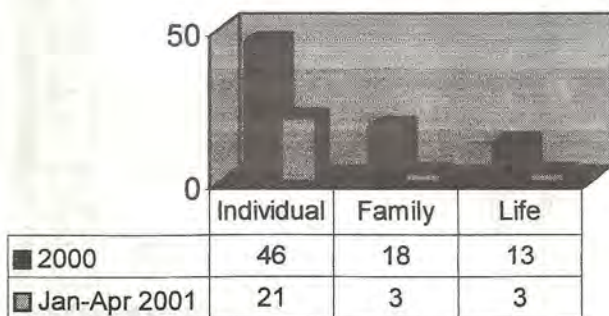
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The chart on the right details annual membership dues paid during the year 2000. There was a surge in dues paid after the reunion in Alexandria Bay. Perhaps the reunion itself generated an interest in either bringing membership dues up to date or in becoming a life member. Our treasurer, Scott Linnell, suspects the reason for the increase following the reunion had much to do with having the newsletter mailing label show membership status along with a carry over of good feelings from the reunion.

LFA Membership Paid in 2000



Memberships 2000 vs. 2001



The chart on the left shows annual membership dues paid so far this year compared to the dues paid last year.

The Linnell Family Association did see a surge in membership income in 1997, the year of our previous reunion. The following year, 1998, showed healthy contributions as well. The flow shrank to a trickle in 1999. Treasurer Linnell says, "...we're doing pretty well so far this year. Hopefully, we can keep our current (paid dues) momentum going through 2002 rather than see it become another pre-reunion dry year like 1999."

Letters to the Editor

March 3, 2001

Dear Pam,

I am delighted that my Linnell-Hewes letters sparked some interest and I really enjoyed seeing the pictures that Virgil Linnell submitted. I had been to the Page Cemetery myself and had some pictures that I took there, but not of John and Charles.

I gather that Virgil is also engaged in family research and I note that he is from the same branch of the family that I am. I wonder if he could give me some information I have been looking for. I would

like to write if you think he would be willing and if so, could you give me his address.

I have intended to send a couple more letters if you would like to have them, but the winter seems to have been taken up with one thing or another.

Thank for your help. I really enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,
Sally S. Tongren

Dear Sally,

I will forward your email address to Virgil as I think he is anxious to make contact with you. And yes, it's a safe bet that the newsletter readers would look forward to as many letters as you would like to share. Thank YOU! ~ Pam

Mission Accomplished !!!

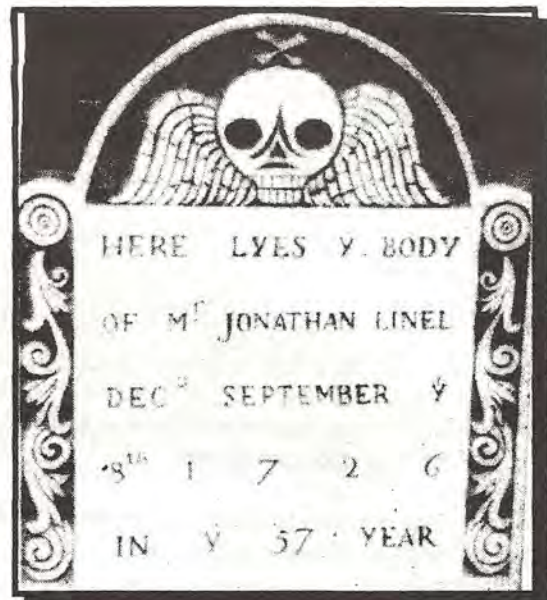
contributed by Robert (Bob) Linnell, Chairman, Gravestone Restoration

Our first grave stone project has been completed! The grave marker of Jonathan Linnell, at the Orleans, Massachusetts cemetery has been duplicated and is now in place. Jonathan (117) DRL pg. 10, died in 1726 and his original marker was badly worn and damaged (see August 1997 LFA newsletter). The new stone is an exact replica in granite. The inscription, which is not that clear in the photo (at right), reads as follows.

HERE LYES Y BODY
OF M^r. JONATHAN LINEL
DEC.^d SEPTEMBER Y
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IN Y 57 YEAR

Please be thinking about what the next project should be and also be aware that we need

contributions to the Gravestone Restoration Fund before we can commit to any future projects. Incidentally, the Jonathan Linnell project was completed at \$320.00 under budget.



Special Family Group Additions

contributed by Rachel Linnell Wynn

Linda Sewell Hoines has just sent information about three generations of the Sewell Family to LFA Historian, Rachel Wynn. This information adds to the last entry of Myrtle M. Thorne on page 367 of "The Descendants of Robert Linnell" beginning with Harold C. Sewell and including the children of Linda Hoines. And, Linda put it all accurately in the numbering pattern of the book.

Dan McConnell created the request for this to happen by giving the DRL to his cousins with the request that they bring their family information up to date. What a wonderful affirmation of our DRL history and our family lineage. Others may find the idea aided by the coupons to order "The Descendants of Robert Linnell" on the final page of this newsletter and by encouraging other descendants to complete their history to date.



ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY RECORDS

Anthony Scott Cannon born 16 Nov 2000 in Colorado Springs, CO., to Jennifer (11a,15,515,422,1 pg 233 DRL) & Scott Cannon

Phoebe Gervin Covey born 30 Jan 2001 in Downers Grove, IL., to Doreen & Jay Tyson Covey (118,241,185,113,3 pg 433 DRL)

Madison Emily Peterson born 15 March 2001 in Colorado Springs, CO., to AnnMarie (11a,b15,515,422,2 pg 233 DRL) & Michael Peterson

Ryan David Shaffer born 20 April 2001 in Colorado Springs, CO., to Robert (11a,b15,515,422,3 pg 233 DRL) & Stacy Shaffer

Shirley Estelle Tonkin Mather died 18 Dec 2000 (118,552,151,21 pg 270 DRL) of a brain tumor, at home with her daughters at her side.

Charles Henry Linnell died 13 Feb 2001 of Orleans, MA (11a,b12,62-10,10 pg 178 & 187 DRL), husband of Elisabeth O. Prescott Linnell. He was a WWII Army veteran, receiving the Purple Heart and three service stars.

Please report all changes to your family records to Pam Beach. Her address will be found at right — see "VITAL RECORDS".

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The purposes of the Association are to promote fellowship among Linnell family members through reunions, the publication of the **Linnell Family Newsletter**, and the preservation of family records.

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