

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Chairman

Greetings:

After two weeks in Minnesota on summer vacation, it's hard to get into the rigors of everyday life in the big city of Washington, D.C. I recall so vividly how much Pat and I enjoyed being in the picturesque harbor at Hovland, MN, the place at which my grandmother "Nellie" alighted from the steamship America to be reunited with her husband, Peter, in Mineral Center. You see, Peter had left his family behind for a short time in Black River Falls, WI, while he traveled to this far northeast corner of Minnesota to find its riches and build a new home for his family and serve others who would follow. I pictured my dad, at the age of 3, along with five of his brothers and sisters, getting off the ship to meet his 19-year-old brother – my uncle Ted – at the dock in Hovland, from which they would have ridden by horse and wagon to the new house on the "reservation" where they were greeted by Grandpa Peter and brother Foster.

While in Hovland, we visited Dave Hammer. His father owned and worked in the fish house right next to the dock – 100 feet of



footings. This is where the America tied up to unload its wares in the early 1900s. Dave has recently moved and rehabilitated the old family fish house to stand as a memorial to his father and other members of the family who for so many years earned their living fishing on Lake Superior. As I looked at the family tree that Dave had carved into the back of this "new" structure, I was intrigued by the thought that his father might have

been nearby the fisherman who were tending nets or unloading boatloads of fish at the time America steamed into port to unload my dad, Grandma Nellie, Aunt Tressie, Uncle Chet, Aunt Rae, Aunt Grace, and Uncle Bob (Uncle Louie and Aunt Sis were born later in Mineral Center).

I hope that you, too, had an opportunity over the summer to join with relatives or visit a place that was important to your limb of the Linnell family tree. It's always so much fun to hear about what it was like for those members of our family who preceded us in "the good old days." I know it gives me the energy to work and prepare for the next trip we will make back to the homeland, to hopefully see more cousins we have missed over the years and to be able to visit other historical places with such a rich and colorful tradition.

~Jerry Linnell

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rock and cement still intact, save the last portion which lies by itself at the end of the original



From the Editor

As I mentioned in my note to all of you in the May 2001 newsletter, summer vacation plans delayed the publication of this edition of the newsletter. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

It appears that other members of the Linnell Family Association have enjoyed a busy summer, I didn't receive as many articles during the summer months as we've all enjoyed in the past. I hope we can look forward to some news from the Scholarship Committee in the coming months as well as some articles from cousins we may not have heard from in the past. Has anyone uncovered any family treasures? Also, please consider sharing the accomplishments of your family members with the rest of us. Go ahead... toot your own horn! We want to hear from you, don't be shy.

It was nice to hear from Dossie with news on the West Coast reunion that happened in August; and, there have been some nice letters from cousins about the completed restoration of Jonathan Linnell's grave marker.

My children are back to school, our mornings are increasingly crisp and cool. Autumn is arriving here in the wine country. The seasons of celebrations are on the horizon, I wish you all the best.

Until next time...

Love to all. ~Pam



West Coast Reunion—August 2001

contributed by Dossie Elliot, Oregon

We were fewer in number (33) this year, but had a great time. Since we are all getting older, five of our regular attendees could not be there for health reasons, that I know of. Hopefully they will be able to be at next year's reunion. All of you, who for some reason or other could not make it, should know you were missed.

We had great time getting acquainted with Lyle and Janis Linnell from Coeur d' Alene, Idaho; and Burt, Fran, and Ryan Arthur from Spanaway WA. We were also surprised by our two cousins, Melvin and Lloyd Boatman from Colorado.

Suzanne and Pascal did a wonderful job hosting with Jerry and Jeannine helping them. No decision was made as to location for next year but the date will be the first Saturday of August which is the 3rd. If you have any suggestions please contact me by the end of November. As soon as a decision is made we will let every one know. Those of you who did not make it missed out on some really beautiful country. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully seeing all of you again and meeting more new cousins.

A personal thank you to Suzanne and Pascal from me and I'm sure from all who attended for opening up their home and allowing us a few hours to enjoy the peace and quiet that they must enjoy the year around."

(Contact Dossie through the mail, 425 S. 2nd, Harrisburg, Oregon 97446, or via email to ladoska1@juno.com)

Letters to the Editor



LFA Treasurer, Scott Linnell, emailed...

"As Treasurer, I often receive notes along with payments that wish the organization well. I regret that I don't take the time to respond to them, and hope they understand. This note, however, begs to be shared. It comes from Eva Spurlin."

She writes, "Dear Scott -- Here is my small check in support of our Linnell Scholarship [*she also sent a donation for the Gravestone Restoration Fund*]. I challenge all members of the LFA to give at least \$10 or more to support this wonderful cause.

Sincerely, Mrs. Eva B. Spurlin."

Hello Pamela (to the editor),

My family had the opportunity to be on the Cape over the Fourth of July week, and decided to stop at the Orleans Cemetery and see the new gravestone. It was a lot of fun playing detective to find the cemetery and the gravestone! Our daughters also enjoyed seeing a historical family tie to the area.

The new gravestone looks very nice, and I really appreciate that the old stone was kept and set in cement on the site as well.

A hearty "Good Job" to the Restoration Committee!

Sincerely,
Ginny Hayes

Commemoration Ceremony at Orleans, Massachusetts

submitted by Jerry Linnell, Washington D.C.

Hello, Everyone:

I trust you have had a wonderful summer and are now ready to get back to the rigors of work -- or play -- or whatever else you are planning for the upcoming fall.

As you are -- or are not -- aware, the Linnell Family Association, thanks to the hard work of Secretary Bob Linnell, replaced the oldest gravestone marker in our family -- that of "Jonathan Linel" -- at the Orleans, Massachusetts cemetery. In honor of this effort, the Association will be enjoying a short ceremony at the gravesite at **3:30 p.m., Saturday, September 22**, to be followed by a dinner at the Captain Linnell Restaurant at 5 p.m. I hope you will put this date on your calendar. If it is not possible for you to attend, I hope you will contact other cousins you have regular communications with and invite them to participate.

If you can celebrate with us, please call Mildred Linnell at (508) 775-3747; we need to make reservations as quickly as possible.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Jerry L.



ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY RECORDS

Births, Deaths, & Marriages

Mason Grey Borland

born 2 July 2001 to Robert (117,612,123,212,1 pg. 107 in DRL) & Vicky Borland in Pittsburgh, PA. Proud Great-Grandparents are Rachel & JC Wynn.

Ross Evert Linnell (112,241,112,648 pgs. 369 & 396 in DRL) died 25 June 2001 in Buhl, Idaho

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

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