

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Chairman

Greetings, Cousins:

Since I came on board as the Chairman of the Linnell Family Association in 1997 and began writing to you each quarter, this time the task has been extremely difficult. As Chief Reporter of the Official Reporters of Debates in the U.S. Senate, it has fallen my lot to manage and direct a staff of 16 people in our daily activities to produce the Congressional Record, a compendium of floor proceedings, introduced bills and resolutions, and executive messages and nominations from the White House. My wife Pat, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Senate Chaplain, works several floors above me and also manages and directs several people in support of Senators and their staffs.

The September 11 assassinations at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, and the subsequent crash in Pennsylvania – many people who work in the Capitol believe they are alive today because of what occurred in that plane – have added a tremendous burden on us and all of the people who work in government. I am sure you know people who refer to us as “government workers” – you know, those badge-carrying people who drink coffee all day and don’t work hard enough to earn their keep. I can honestly say with no equivocation that there are many

people who now proudly serve in Uncle Sam’s rank and file.

After the terrorist actions on September 11, the subsequent bomb threats, and the death of our fellow countrymen as a result of anthrax-related symptoms, government workers have been on the job in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere throughout the country in support of elected officials who have labored mightily to soften the blow to so many families of victims. Yes, it is always a foregone conclusion that we are proud to be Americans and we unabashedly wave the Stars and Stripes, but to see my compatriots delivering much needed services and care to thousands of innocent people is, to say the least, a wonderful sight. It is ironic to me that those who “do so little” are the first to respond in times of crisis. All Americans, I

believe, ought to be thankful that so few do so much to help the very same ones who at one time or another have so easily criticized them.

Tomorrow, Pat and I and thousands of others in government service will patriotically assemble in our offices to again do our best to labor with and in support of your elected government officials who will attempt to help our Nation lead the world to a better future.

May God bless America.

Your Chairman,

Jerry Linnell



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Paul Scott Gilbertson, Children's Book Author

contributed by Pam Ponting

Paul Scott Gilbertson (118,241,116,922,3 on page 451 of the DRL), his wife, Chris, and their four children live in Wisconsin.

This Linnell cousin's interesting life includes travels, mainly by bicycle, through Ontario & Quebec, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and England.

Paul's current passion is writing children's books for which he owes much of his motivation to his four children. He gives all of the credit for his successes in life to our "Heavenly Creator" as you will read in all of his children's stories.

Paul recently sent me a signed, first edition copy of his recently published children's book, "Kind Hearted Pig...With Wings & A Halo". It is a story about the Squeely Pig family, young Nicodemus in particular, and the importance of loving relationships between brothers and sisters.

Paul was especially proud for all of us to know that the Squeely Pig family's story takes place on none other than "the Linnell Family Farm". Many of Paul's stories originate from the place he spent his youth, a rural resort town in northern Wisconsin, known as Chetek.

A limited number of signed, first edition paperback copies of "Kind Hearted Pig..." are available. Paul welcomes inquiries from Linnell cousins and is offering the book to LFA members at a special price.

To learn more about **With Wings & A Halo Publications** you can visit the website -

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Reunion News - Mark Your Calendars!

LINNELL REUNION 2003

On JUNE 27,28,29, 2003 the Linnell Family Association will hold a reunion in Black River Falls, Wisconsin at the Arrowhead Lodge.

More information on the Black River Falls Reunion will be available following the Steering Committee meeting to be held May 18th & 19th, 2002 at the Arrowhead Lodge. Linnell Cousins in the Black River Falls area are invited to attend this meeting and take part in the planning of this Reunion event.

Dick Linnell, Reunion Chairperson.

(Information for contacting Dick may be found on the Steering Committee Roster on the last page of this newsletter.)

.... And, a quick update from Dossie Elliot regarding the "west coast" reunion, August 2002

"Good news: Tami (Paul & Ida's granddaughter) & Joel Brinson have offered to have the next reunion at their home outside of Lebanon. For those who wish to bring an RV there will be parking available. Hope everyone will start making plans to be there. I will follow with updates as time goes by and will be sending out directions and reminders. Hope to see you next year on Saturday August 3rd, 2002. Dossie"

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

Letters to the Editor



*From Barrie Westerwick
in Holmdel, New Jersey ~*

Cousin Scott Linnell, as well as Rachel Linnell Wynn, encouraged Linnell Family members to share their September 11th thoughts and experiences.

From Ann and Al Linnell in Seattle, Washington ~

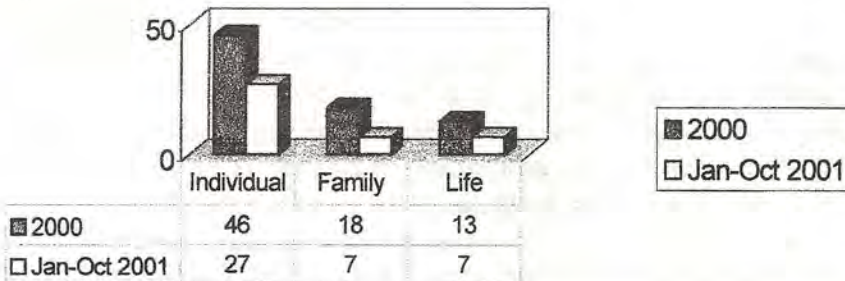
We are far from New York City, but felt deeply that those killed or injured by the attack are our own brothers and sisters. We are affected here; a good friend has a son who works at the Pentagon, in counter-terrorism. She heard from him several hours after the attack. Another friend's son was caring for his daughter, and was late for a meeting at the top of the WTC. Of course we were anxious to hear from our own Linnells in the City, and are thankful that they are safe.



At 8:45 AM on September 11th, my husband suddenly asked me, "Did you feel that? It felt like an explosion somewhere," What I could not feel, he described as a distant, sudden rumble, different from that of a small earthquake. We shrugged it off until the news came from a friend two hours later that the Twin Tower buildings had been hit by planes and had collapsed. It was clear then what my husband had felt. Holmdel, the suburban town in New Jersey where we live, is about 40 miles across New York Harbor from Manhattan. Our house is situated a mile from a hill that has a good view of the New York City skyline, the Twin Towers usually visible on a clear day. I drove to that spot after learning of the explosions and my heart sank when I realized that all I could see across the horizon was

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Memberships 2000 vs. 2001



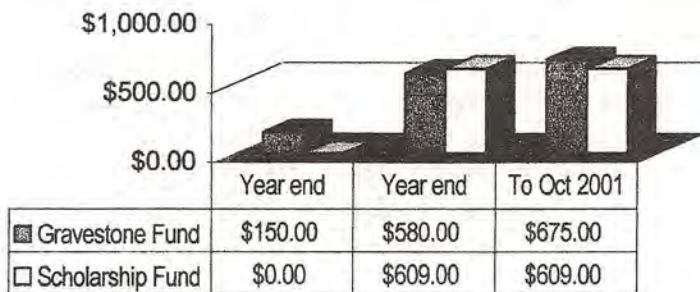
Business Update

- Data provided by Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer
- Charts and text, Pamela Ponting

Membership dues paid for the current year, 2001, increased slightly since last reported in the May. LFA members are encouraged to bring dues up to date if your mailing label indicates "00" on the status line. To continue the work and growth of the Association we need the support of dues paying Association members.

Funds earmarked for gravestone restoration increased while the funds for future scholarships were unchanged. Contributions to either funds as well as membership dues may be directed to Treasurer Scott Linnell.

LFA Special Funds



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thick, black smoke against a brilliant blue sky.

Anxious thoughts crossed my mind about the safety of family members who live in the greater NYC area, of neighbors and friends who work on Wall Street and at the World Trade Center area. (Thankfully, all were okay).

Back at home, a phone call came later that day from my husband's friend at work. His wife worked on the 63rd floor of Twin Towers building one, the first of the two buildings struck. For two agonizing hours, her husband had heard no word of her whereabouts. He later learned that she was one of the lucky ones that made the decision to evacuate that building.

As we followed the news that day, we heard reports of a school in lockdown mode on Staten Island, about 20 miles north of us, because it was feared that a suspected terrorist was spotted driving up the Garden State Parkway and into that area. My fears began to increase about the safety of my own children in their school, which borders the Garden State Parkway. Apparently, many other parents had that same fear. My children reported that many students were picked up early from school throughout the day.

The loss of life that day affected many in our area. Our town of Holmdel lost about 24 people. Two were young fathers who have young children in our school district. Both fathers were active in local youth sports and worked for the bond-trading firm, Cantor Fitzgerald, which lost two-thirds of its employees. Our county of Monmouth had over 150 people die in the tragedy. Days after the attacks, our local newspaper began to publish the long list of victims. There was a candlelight vigil in our town that Sunday night and more than 1,000 residents attended a strong show of support for those who lost loved ones. Two days after the attack, the students of Holmdel's Satz Junior High School, whose backfield borders the Garden State Parkway, erected 2' x 3' letters along the guardrails of the highway that read "America United"... It was one small way of working through the fear and sadness that gripped our town those first few days.



Rachel forwarded an email she received from Paul Linnell. Rachel informs, "Dee is a friend of his... Paul works as a waiter in the catering business and is a model in the advertising business. He is often in the WTC area and wrote at first about being in that general area at the time of the attack. He was able to get through on his cell phone to his sister Barrie Westerwick finally to let the family know that he was safe."

From Paul Linnell, New York ~

Date: Friday, October 12, 2001

Subject: One Month Later

A month has passed since the attack by terrorists on New York City. President Bush gave a speech today at the Pentagon in Washington DC at a memorial service for Pentagon victims. I know of a few people that were killed in the tragedies. One man was a portrait artist who was at the Pentagon that day, having been commissioned to paint portraits of naval admirals. His mother lives down the street from me. He was killed as he spoke to her on his cellular phone about the news he was hearing on the radio about New York getting attacked. He had no idea that Washington, DC would be next. His mother heard the explosion over the phone line when he was bombed.

One pretty young woman in New York made it out of the burning building o.k. and called her mother to let her know that she was safe. The young woman always took a train home from work. Since all public transportation was shut down after the attack, she had to walk home as thousands of others were instructed to by the city police. She walked through a seedy area on her way home, and was murdered. A man later attempted to sell her cellular phone on a street corner.

Dee's husband knows of a man who made it out of the burning buildings, but was killed by a flying body of a man that jumped from a top floor of the World Trade Center Tower.

There are hundreds of funerals taking place in the city now for victims of the incident. Mayor Guiliani has invited the public to go to any funeral since it helps the victim's families to see public support for their loved ones. I have not attended any yet.

The city now is on the highest level of alert (out of 4 levels). There are lines 3 hours long at every tunnel and bridge, coming into the city. Every vehicle is being inspected. The National Guard is at every

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There were no Additions to the Family Records submitted for this newsletter. Please continue to report changes to your family records to Pam Beach.

From the Editor

Although this was a difficult newsletter to put together, I'm heartened by this process that connects me to all of you and I feel a sense of accomplishment having completed my task. My thoughts and prayers have been with all of you knowing that each and everyone of us has been touched by the tragedies and terrors of the previous months. Thank you to those willing to share their experiences with the rest of us and to those family members who carry on the business of our country. As our country's traditional day of thanks draws near many of us are already counting our blessings.

Our family newsletter is an important way for the Linnells to stay connected; that is evidenced by the delightful story book I received from Paul Scott Gilbertson. Thank you, Paul! Our Membership Chairman, Dick Linnell, is closely related to Paul. Dick encouraged Paul to send his story to me.

I know other members of our steering committee have been encouraging cousins to send articles to me; I hope you all are taking that encouragement to heart. I look forward to including a variety of family news in future editions. January 15, 2002, is the deadline for getting news to me for the next (February) newsletter. Please let me hear from you! Until next time...



Love to all. ~Pam

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airport and train station in the city. Bomb sniffing dogs are at every catering event. There is such a run on the antidote for Anthrax that [Paul refers to a friend] is rationing it out . . . no more than ten per customer in one day. Even a month after the WTC was bombed, smoke still billows out of the ground. Underground fires are still raging. Some spots are too hot for workers to walk on as it begins to melt the soles of their boots. Today water samples near the site were taken. The water temperature was 180 degrees!



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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