

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Chairman

Happy New Year, Cousins:

It is that time of the new year when our President stands before Congress to deliver the State of the Union Address. In a very much less difficult but inspiring parallel, I will attempt to deliver to you a "state of the LFA." President Bush at this time enjoys high approval ratings; maybe the coattail effect will help as I write about – no, not terrorism – the past and future activities of your association.

While the Nation suffered horribly this past fall and now seeks to end hostilities in Afghanistan, the LFA suffered setbacks as well. No, not as cruel and inhumane but certainly as heartfelt. Cousin Glen Roberts, who heads up data computerization for the LFA, lost his lovely wife Marcia, who will be greatly missed by the association at future reunions. She was always at Glen's side on these occasions, doing her best to help him in his desire to trace our most direct family tree. Also, one of our more elderly cousins, Aunt Laura Linnell, of Black River Falls, WI, who attended several reunions, recently passed away. The loss of these two shining lights will make reaching out to touch the hearts of our fellow cousins even more precious.

We also received notification from Vice Chairman Gerry Linnell that for personal reasons he would

resign that position. On behalf of the association, I thank Gerry for his volunteering to help. That steering committee vacancy will remain open until further action is taken in May.

Last year, the association, as a result of the input from our treasurer, Scott Linnell, and membership chairman, Dick Linnell, worked to obtain not only new dues-paying members but at the same time alerted old members to remember to pay their

yearly dues (which are due the first of every year). I take this opportunity to suggest you become a lifetime member. As you know, these funds are crucial in the, in my opinion, award-winning publication (Pam Ponting) and distribution (Dick Linnell) of the newsletter. One of my recommendations to the steering committee this May, at our planning session in Black River Falls, WI, for the upcoming

2003 reunion, will be that we shift some of our current dues balance to the scholarship fund (more later) as we venture into this new project.

As to the matter of scholarship fund activities, Norman Linnell, Maryan Ainsworth, Rachel Wynn, and myself have worked to assure that the first LFA scholarship will be awarded at Black River Falls in 2003, with its presentation being one of that reunion's highlights. Hopefully, your donations to this special educational fund will continue to make LFA scholarships in the new millennium a realization for deserving students. Work is underway to discover whether your contributions to this scholarship fund will someday be tax deductible.

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Cancellation of Commemorative Ceremony At Orleans, Mass

Due to the events of September 11, 2001, our gravesite ceremony to recognize the work of the Association in the marker replacement of "Jonathan Linel" was canceled. As your chairman, I took it upon myself to make that judgment. However, that does not mean we cannot work to find another time for this event – even if we have to wait until the next Cape Cod reunion in 2006. I again thank cousin Bob Linnell, our secretary, for making this project a fait accompli. Also, again, a special thanks to all of you who support this effort. As a reminder, our restoration fund is still open and we are asking cousins to make donations as they can.

~ Jerry L.

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Last year, because of the thoughtful and dedicated work of Bob Linnell, our secretary, we were able at long last to replace the oldest known gravestone of our ancestors on Cape Cod, that of "Jonathan Linel." We want this good work to be followed by another gravestone replacement on the Cape. The funds that you have donated to the gravestone fund will be used for that purpose. Unfortunately, because of the September 11 attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the small memorial service and follow-up dinner at the Capt. Linnell House Restaurant had to be postponed – maybe until the 2006 reunion on the Cape.

Our website project, chaired by Heather and Andrew Linnell, has grown slowly but it is our goal to make it user friendly for everyone, with contents ranging from congratulatory features to obituaries to advertising of special Linnell-type projects. This effort will be further enhanced by your contributions as a result of family activities.

A special thanks goes to our historian and longest serving member of the steering committee, Rachel

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Reunion News

Black River Falls Planning Session

Contributed by Dick Linnell, Reunion 2002 Chair

The planning meeting for the next Linnell Family Reunion has been moved ahead to the weekend of May 3-5, 2002 and will be held at the Arrowhead Lodge Motel in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Steering Committee members and cousins wishing to attend this meeting should call the Arrowhead Lodge directly at 1-800-284-9471 and contact Barbara Brower to make reservations. Room cost will be \$49.95 per night for the planning session meeting. I will send, by mail information on the Arrowhead Lodge and how to get there to all steering Committee members.

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

West Coast Reunion

Just a reminder of the reunion on August 3rd, 2002 in Lebanon, Oregon. Hope to see many of you there. Fliers will be mailed with directions in early July.

~ Dossie

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

Letters to the Editor



(The following email communication from Chairman Jerry Linnell, was sent to LFA Steering Committee members in November 2001.)

Hello, Everyone:

This note came to me recently, and I thought it was of some importance to our association. I am anxious to hear from you as to your thoughts. I for one had no idea that there was an American Legion post named after a Linnell... JerryL

Dear Jerry: I have been visiting with some of my friends back in Kansas about the need for funds to help the American Legion Building for the *Paul D. Linnell* post. They are struggling to keep it going. Of course in this small town of 550 in Norton County, many of my generation have moved to all parts of the

U.S. so it is difficult to solicit funds but we are very interested in keeping this Legion Post alive. Paul Linnell was one of the first casualties in WWI and the Legion is well known in the Almena community. The building is used for dinners for the Senior citizens, used for dinners after funerals etc. etc. It is truly a landmark in this little town. Do you believe we could request some assistance? What about a plaque from the Linnells of North America? Of course money is needed to help pay upkeep, and general expenses. I would appreciate your comments.
~Gerald D. Gutzman

Linnell Family Association Scholarship Plans Near Completion

Contributed by Norman Linnell

After lengthy sessions involving working out the details for the newly established Linnell Family Association Scholarship (LFAS), the committee which has been working on the LFAS will be submitting their proposal to the Linnell Family Association Steering Committee for approval early this summer.

As the structure of the LFAS is currently written, it is anticipated that applications for the first LFAS will be accepted in late 2002 and early 2003, with final award being made in the early spring of 2003. All descendants of Robert Linnell who are or will be attending college or a higher education

program in the fall of 2003 will be eligible for consideration for the LFAS.

It is hoped that the LFAS will be an annual award, but it is dependant on moneys being received to fund the scholarship program.

New developments concerning the LFAS and relevant deadlines will be provided in future LFA Newsletters as they become available.

(Contributions to the Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund may be directed to the LFAS in care of J. Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer.)



ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY RECORDS

Madeira Marie Lister

born 2 July 2001 in Spearfish, SD

Christopher Royce Lister

born 17 Nov 1998

Parents are Randall Scott (11a,b15,514,-11-33 pg 223 RDL Additions & Corrections) & Letti Lister

Marc M Cummings (118,241,121,212,1 pg 416 RDL)

married Francesca Fiet of Redondo Beach, CA on 14 Feb. 1999

Donaca D Wilson (11a,b15,515,644,2 pg 236 RDL)

married Mark Fouts (b. 3-5-75) on 26 May 2001

Wayne Leslie Boatman (11a,b15,515,51 pg 219 & 225

RDL) died 17 Jan 2002 in Forest Grove, OR. He is buried at the IOOF Cemetery in Lebanon, OR.

Virgil Boatman (11a,15b,515,53 pg 219 RDL)

died 7 Apr 2001

Thelma Heilig (Spellman, McCluskey) Vanscoy

(118,241,145,-10-5 pg 360 & 383 RDL)

died 18 Jan 2002 in Florida.

Marian Beldo Weekley (118,241,145,131,2 pg 420 &

459 RDL) died 17 Dec. 2001

Festus "Jim" Chaffee (11a,b15,514,31 pg 217 RDL)

died 2 Oct 2001 in Topeka, KS at age 85

Jim was the Sheriff of Shawnee Co., KS for many years and had received the Sheriff Andy Griffith Award for performing the single most meritorious act in the United States.

Melvin Jerome Linnell (118,241,112,64-12 pg 369 RDL)

died 28 Nov 2001 in Grand Marais, MN He is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Grand Marais.

Herbert R. "Chummy" Linnell

died 22 November 2001 in Holiday, FL at the age of 78. His father was Frederick Rufus Linnell (117,7-10-5,335 pg 132 RDL)

(If anyone has more information of this line, we would love to hear from you)

Denise Linnell Anderson Brickner (118,241,116,5-10-1

pg 374 & 409 RDL) Died 4 Feb 2002 in Phoenix AZ. Her memorial service was Sat. 9 Feb 2002.

She was a counselor for addicts and alcoholics; many of whom had said that if it hadn't been for her, they wouldn't be alive today. What a great tribute!

Two special people that worked hard with the Linnell Family Association have passed away:

Laura M. Linnell (118,241,112,68 pg 351 & 369 RDL)

died 28 Jan 2002 in Black River Falls, WI at the age of 95.

From Rachel Linnell Wynn:

"Aunt Laura attended the first four Linnell Reunions, read the scripture for our worship service at the first reunion, told the story of her branch of the family at the second reunion at St Paul, MN and was an encouraging presence from the beginning.

My correspondence with her goes back to 1982 when she provided much information for DRL. We had hoped to greet her again at the next reunion at Black River Falls, Wisconsin."

Marcia Ruth Anderson Roberts

died 5 Jan 2002 from cancer of the liver.

Marcia was the wife of Glen Roberts (118,241,116,231,3 pg 445 RDL), Linnell Family Association Steering Committee member in charge of Data Computerization. Marcia was at all of the Family Reunions helping where ever needed and helping her husband Glen.

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Wynn. Rachel and I meet on a fairly frequent basis, always in the hope that we will find a way to make our association the best it can be. Meetings with Rachel and J.C. are truly warm, lively, and encouraging. At the last reunion, Rachel asked Pam Beach to be our vital records contact. Luckily for us, she accepted and has helped immensely with our record keeping. For all of you new parents and grandparents and great grandparents, keep the information coming so that our records are up-to-date.

In closing, I thank all of the steering committee members for their steadfast support over the year. To each of you far-away cousins, I ask that you keep all of us informed of special occurrences in the lives of you and your families. With your contributions, we will keep our association strong, our love for one another unmistakable, and our memories fascinating.

Your Chairman,
Jerry Linnell

FROM THE EDITOR

We had snow in Petaluma last month! I'm originally from Minnesota so I know this is probably not a real big deal for all of you in the mid-west or the northeast for that matter. Our telephone rang at 4:30 a. m. one Monday morning; it was the school calling to let us know all schools were closed due to the extremely unusual phenomenon of snow-blanketed streets. So, my kids had their first and probably only, "snow day". They promptly put on makeshift snow clothes and at 8:00 a.m. were building snowmen in our front yard. Our snow family and my kids even made the evening news. There, for all the world to see, was my son standing in the snow dressed in shorts, a tee-shirt, shoes with no socks and rubber gloves for mittens. Quite a sight to see.

Keep the newsletter articles coming. April 15, 2002, is the deadline is for getting articles in for the May edition of the LFA newsletter.

Love to all. ~Pam

P.S. Please note my email address change at right.



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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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