

# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Chairman

Greetings to my fellow cousins:

It is hard to believe it has been three months since the steering committee met in Black River Falls to begin to plan for the LFA reunion in 2003. Seven committee members and three visitors worked steadily for a day and a half to set the stage for what promises to be a very pleasant experience for many families who have (and have not) had the pleasure of spending a long weekend in celebration of our wonderful family history.

One of my pet projects finally came to fruition as a result of our meeting...the steering committee approved the formulation and funding of the Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund.

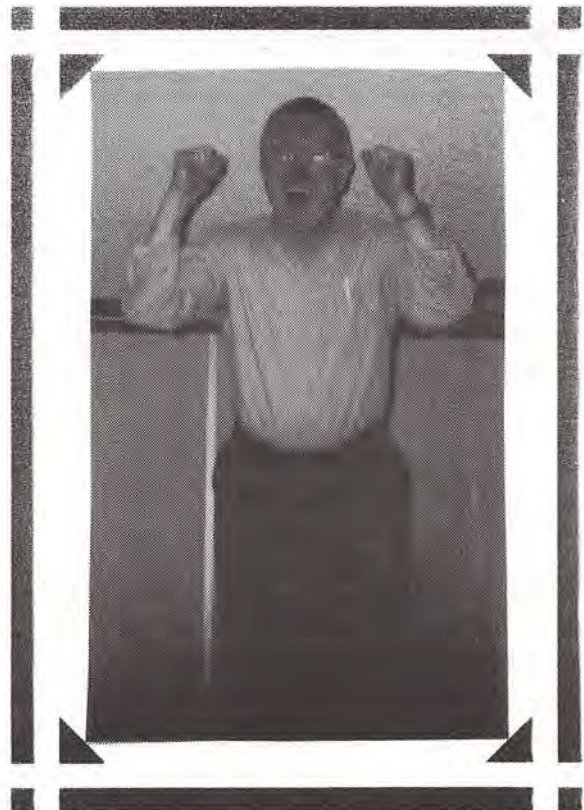
The recipient of the award will be judged on a prepared essay of 1000 words or less on Linnell family history or current positive influences of the Linnell family. He/She must be planning to, or attending, an accredited higher education program. The essays for the first scholarship will be due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. The first scholarship of \$500 will be awarded at the Saturday evening banquet on June 28, 2003 at the Skyline Country Club in Black River Falls, WI.

In the succeeding two years, there will be two additional \$500 scholarships awarded to two more well deserving students. Work is still in progress on information dissemination, but already your thoughts must be about nudging that special Linnell descendant

into writing that most interesting essay. Also, it is important to remember that your special contributions to this fund (or the Gravestone Restoration Fund) will be used to help the association continue these endeavors in answer to a most often asked question: "What is my association doing for me?"

If you wish more information, please contact Norman Linnell, Maryan Ainsworth, or Barrie Westerwick, who are the initial members of the Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund Administration Committee.

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President Jerry reacts to a vote by the Steering Committee on scholarship funding ~ Black River Falls ~ May 4, 2002

# A Home for Linnell Archives

The Sturgis Library in Barnstable, MA on Cape Cod has agreed to house the Linnell research materials that were the basis for the writing and publication of *THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL* by Rachel Linnell Wynn. This will make possible further use of the information cousins have sent and the research that has been gathered for this publication.

At the meeting of the Linnell Family Association Steering Committee in May of this year Rachel raised the question of how these materials should be handled. Now in her 84<sup>th</sup> year she believed that the time for a decision about placement of this information needed to be made. They instructed her to inquire of appropriate libraries or museums about storing such .

The Sturgis Library on Cape Cod was the top choice. Since the family of our Robert Linnell was one of the original settlers of Barnstable along with the Rev. John Lathrop and was our original settler in this country in 1638, it seemed the very best place for our records. Rachel states, "The warm letter of acceptance from Christopher J. Lindquist has made this placement the very best possibility for our historical records." In this location researchers will be able to view the information that has formed the basis for *THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL, Second Edition 1994* as well as *ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS, 1994-1997*.

The fact that the **Linnell Family Reunion of 2006 will be held at Cape Cod** will give opportunities for the cousins to visit the Sturgis Library again. Several of the cousins visit this library whenever they are in the Barnstable area. Mr. Lindquist indicated there had been a visit from a Linnell the very day he wrote his letter.

Visitors to this Linnell material will find the almost 500 hand written Linnell family sheets

that Arthur Ellsworth Linnell had planned to use for his history of the Linnell family in America; the work of Mary Belle Linnell, *The Descendants of Joseph Linnell of Granville, Ohio*; *The Ancestors and Descendants of Joseph Linnell, Pioneer settler of Belgrade, Maine* written by Charles and Harriet Whitney. They will find *The Ancestral Line* compiled by Margaret Renwick Linnell of Maine, the *Children of Eugene Linnell and Sarah Victoria Osgood* compiled by Virgil Linnell of Portland, Maine. And there are more research files to view.

Rachel has set a primary deadline of October 1, 2002 for sending the boxes of files to the Sturgis Library. Information that has come in since 1997 will not be included yet. This must be recorded before it is added to the holdings of the Sturgis Library.

While the Wynn family is noting the hours of work Rachel is putting in to put all of this in order to send off to the Sturgis Library, they do note the joyous sounds that come from her working areas. "Do you remember when we visited Dorothy Provan in Chatham, MA, or Orville Linnell in Otisville, Maine?" "Here is all of that wonderful information that Gussie Johnson in Chicago gave me about Lewis Thomas Linnell when she was so ill with cancer." Do you remember when Dick Linnell first visited us in Rochester and how we planned those reunions?" And here is a picture of when Dossie and John came too, and we went to the cemeteries to see those original tombstones, just as we had with Dick and Dru?" "And do you remember when we met Jack and Barbara Linnell for lunch on Cape Cod and I asked him if we should start a Linnell Association and have a reunion and he said "Just go for it!" "And here are letters from....., and on and on and on.

## One Hundred Years to the Day

Contributed by Orrell Linnell, Otisfield, Maine

It was Monday evening, February 25, 2002. The evening news was over. The Winter Olympics 2002, held in Salt Lake, had wound up the night before, so anything on T.V. probably would be relatively dull.

I had a little chore to do of adding a two-page supplement about "The History of The new England Snow Roller" which I had recently written, to the "Early Farms of the Otisfield Gore Road", another piece I had written in 2000.

On the inside back cover of that history was a little 3 x 5 booklet I had previously taped in. It was brown with age and was a program put on by the children of the brick school on the Gore. Inside was a dance order, so the entertainment must have been held across the road in the Frederick Robie Grange Hall, no doubt for the grange.

Two of the names were of my aunts, Evie and Jennie Linnell. Some of the others, I either came to know or their names became familiar as I grew up.

As I closed the little booklet it had on the front:

Programme  
Otisfield Gore  
Feb. 25, '02

Even though I was alone, I know I said aloud, "Why this is February 25, '02!"

Since there was a dance, probably the entertainment was held in the evening. So, perhaps, more accurately, the 100th anniversary of this little yellowed piece of paper I was looking at that evening might have been called, "One Hundred Years to the Hour"

*(Inside of the program reproduced as best could be scanned. Evie/ena (Evie) Abigail Linnell Kincaid, 117,7-10-2,1-10-3; Jennie Linnell Dion, 117,7-10-2,1-10-5 DRL p138 ~ Ed.)*

Music. Addie Brett.	march
Festival of months.	Shaker dance
Rec. Ethel Brett.	Tucker
Dec. Charles Yeaton	Trip the willow.
Rec. Jennie Linnell	Seven in seven out.
Rec. Willie Baskett	French tag.
Rec. Len A. Holman	Eight hand tucker
Dec. Manley Brett	Bell march
Dialogue.	Catch the third one.
Rec. Evie Linnell	Chase the squirrel.
Rec. Addie Brett	On the road to Boston
Drill	Good night march.
Tableaux.	
The new woman.	
A Life. In five parts.	
Angel Gabriel.	

## They Might Be Giants Wins Grammy Award

Contributed by Rachel Linnell Wynn, Catonsville, Maryland

John Linnell, (118,241,154,123 p.385 DRL), half of the organizing duo of They Might Be Giants won the Grammy Award for the "Best Song Written for Motion Picture or Television" in 2002. The citation for "Boss of Me" noted that it was "the highly memorable theme song they wrote and performed for the hit Fox TV show, "Malcolm in the Middle". This award came at the ceremony in Los Angeles in April.

John Linnell and John Flansburgh did their first show together in 1982 and began as They Might Be Giants in 1983. Their first album came out in 1986

and they have been touring with a full band since 1992.

The Linnell Family Association has been cheering their popularity since the 1980's and now, along with their many supporters, salutes their achievement in this Grammy Award. Their latest recording, "NO", is a CD "for the whole family" with 17 new songs inspired by the word every child knows. The group is now in its twentieth year and can boast 10 albums, 13 music videos, several TV theme songs, several media appearances and numerous tours. Linnells can even "Dial A Song" recording at 718-387-6962.

# Steering Committee Meeting Held

A meeting the Linnell Family Association Steering Committee was held on May 4, 2002, at the Arrowhead Lodge in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Black River Falls is the location for the upcoming Linnell Association Family reunion being planned for June 27—29, 2003.

The Steering Committee addressed and attended to the following LFA business. Reports were made by the steering committee members related to the LFA tax return, finances, data

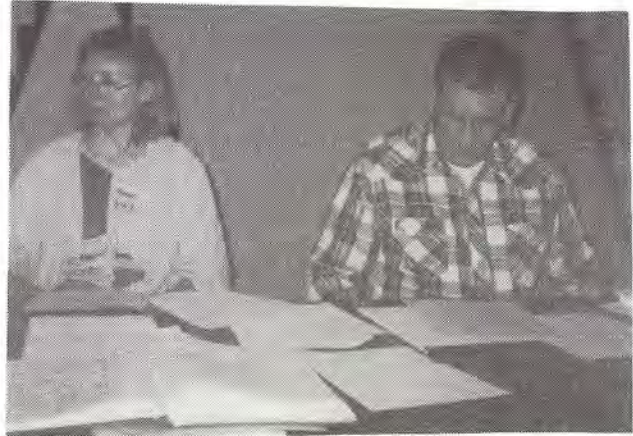
computerization, membership and vital records.

Complete minutes of the meeting have been prepared by LFA Secretary, Robert Linnell.

New business included authorization to begin a search for a suitable repository for the records of the Association and finalization of the book fund related to the publication of the DRL.

Following considerable discussion, the rules and provisions governing the Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund (LFASF) were established.

1. Award(s) of \$500 will be offered to descendants of Robert Linnell for use in a 2 or 4 year college or accredited higher education program.
2. Eligibility: Open to high school seniors or current

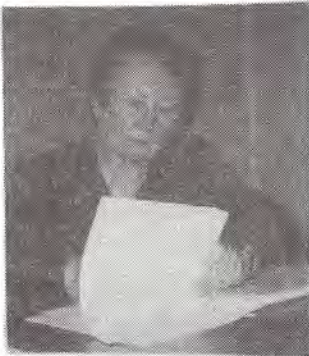


Pam Beach & Glen Roberts ponder the alternatives.

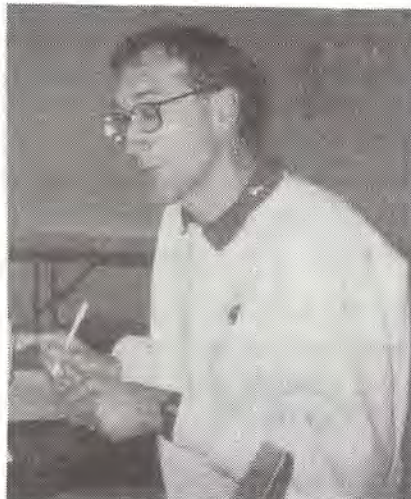
students of a college or accredited higher education program.

3. Application Requirements: A written essay of not less than 1,000 words in length involving the history or current positive influences of the Linnell Family. Consideration will be given to clarity of expression, content and proper English usage.
4. A current academic transcript is required.
5. Acceptance to or attendance in a 2 or 4 year college or accredited higher education program must be verified.
6. Two letters of recommendation shall be submitted with each application—one from a teacher of the applicant and one from a member of applicant's community.
7. Application Deadline: Applications and accompanying essays must be submitted to the LFASF Administration Committee (LFASFAC) by January 1st.
8. Award Dates: Winner(s) of scholarship(s) will be notified in writing not later than April 1st.
9. Award(s) Payable To: All LFASF awards will be made payable to the appropriate institution upon completion of one semester.

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Nothing slips through the cracks with Rachel on board.



Treasurer Scott works to Keep the books balanced

*(Steering Committee Meeting, Continued from page 4)*

10. **Additional Information:** Contact the current LFASFAC.
11. **Amount:** The amount of any award is based on a minimum of one scholarship per year for each \$1,500 of funds in the LFASF, with the number and amount of scholarship(s) awarded not to exceed 33% of the total amount of funds in the LFASF during that award period.
12. **Committee:** The LFASFAC shall be comprised of 3 members appointed by the Linnell Family Association President with approval of the Steering Committee. The first LFASFAC will consist of Maryan Ainsworth, Norman Linnell and Barry Westerwick.
13. **Funds:** All funds donated to the LFASF will be administered by the Association Treasurer and maintained in a separate account. Such funds will be invested as recommended by the then current Association Treasurer with the approval of the Steering Committee.
14. **Essays:** Each essay shall be not less than 1,000 words nor more than 2,500 words in length, and shall be typed and double-spaced.
15. **Judging Criteria:** Judges will consider the relevance of each essay in terms of content, expression, writing style and proper English usage.



At great personal sacrifice Carol Jean Anderson pays the price of voting to limit the number of scholarships.

FROM THE DESK OF  
REUNION CHAIRMAN, DICK LINNELL ~

Pam Linnell will be putting together the story of Linnells in Jackson County, Wisconsin for presentation at the 2003 Reunion. Please send her any Linnell Family stories about early life in Jackson County. As some 75 to 80 Linnells lived in Jackson County at the turn of the century some of you must have stories that would be of interest to the rest of the Cousins. Please send the information to Pam Linnell by e-mail at [pamlinnell@hotmail.com](mailto:pamlinnell@hotmail.com). Your cooperation shall be of interest to all the cousins. Thanks for your stories.

16. **Retainage:** The Association will retain exclusive rights to all essays submitted and each essay for a period of five years. Any portion of a submitted essay may be read at an awards presentation or published in the Association's Newsletter.



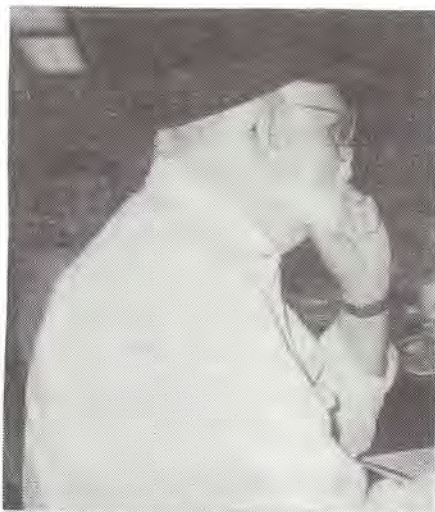
Secretary Bob holds out for Gravestone Restoration

17. **Amendments:** Any changes or amendments to the foregoing provisions shall be approved by the Steering Committee and referred to the Association by Newsletter or other wise for comment.

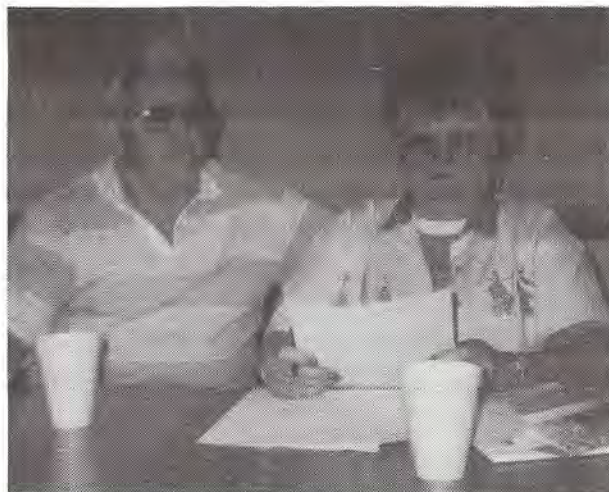
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Discussion of Association business moved on to the Gravestone Restoration Committee which will proceed with the replacement of the John Linnell grave marker at Lothrop Cemetery in Barnstable, Mass. The committee is also directed to obtain estimates of the cost of restoring/replacing the gravestones of Elizabeth and Ruth, wives of Jonathan and John, respectively, in hopes that they, too, may be completed by the 2006 reunion at Cape Cod.



Reunion Chair Dick had the answers



Wisconsinites Bob & Joanna Wisner will be a big help at Reunion 2003

### Reunion 2003

plans were reported and discussed. The Steering Committee met briefly with a representative of the Arrowhead Lodge concerning the Reunion dates June 27, 28 & 29, 2003. More information regarding the 2003 reunion—registration information, reunion schedules, etc.—will be published in the next newsletter.

*"Scenes from the Steering Committee meeting at Black River Falls, Wis., on May 4, 2002" courtesy of LFA Secretary Bob Linnell. Thank You Bob for capturing moments on film for the rest of us to enjoy!*

### On Being An Ancestress

By Roselle Mercier Montgomery

*I shall not care for it, I'm sure. . . . The being dead, you know, my dears,  
And hanging primly on a wall, just looking on, for years and years.  
Ah, no, I'm sure I shall not like to be imprisoned there in paint.  
I, who love being up-to-date, shall never like just being. . . quaint!  
Of course I'll do the proper thing and hang serenely in my place  
Beside your great-great-grandpapa, a wifely smile upon my face!  
And you will all look up to me, and believe, no doubt, I was a saint.  
For all my faults, of course will be, quite blotted out by time and. . . paint!  
No doubt your honored parents, dears, will point my portrait out and say:  
"Your great-great-granny would be shocked; things were so different in her day!"  
And I'll not say a word, nor smile. I'll look demure, show no surprise.  
But, dears, if you seek sympathy, I think you'll find it in my eyes!  
And if you stand and look at me, and, wistful, wonder if I knew  
The pain, the passion and the stress of life, as they are felt by you.  
Come closer, dears, and never tell. . . to you a secret I'll entrust:  
Your flaming hearts have caught their fire from your great-great-grandmother's dust!*

Sent by Dina Lynn Deupree ~  
found in her grandmother's book ~  
Laura Diana Campbell Deupree (118,241,157,5)

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Quite a few great articles were sent over the summer. Thank you all! Special thanks to Bob Linnell for the photos taken during the meeting at Black River Falls. I've held back a some articles for future newsletters. Look forward news on the Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post No. 266 in Alema, Kansas; lots of Reunion 2003 plans and registration information; as well as an announcement of a significant piece of Linnell history coming to the reunion. Believe me, it's exciting and I can hardly wait to for all of you to read about it. What could it be? Stay tuned... and keep the news heading my way. ~Pam

**ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY RECORDS****Marriages, Births & Deaths**

**John William Gower** born 24 April 2002 to Kristen Charlotte (Linnell) Gower (118,314,762,11 pg.267 RDL) and joins his brother, Steven, and sister, Allison. He was born in Providence, RI, and lives in Rumford, NJ. Proud grandparents are John & Barbara Linnell.

**Eleanor Cummings Iles** (118,241,121,261 pg. 378 RDL) died 2 June 2002 at Owensboro Mercy Health System in Owensboro, KY. Survived by her husband, Ramon Iles.

**Norman Thompson** (118,241,185,8sp pg. 366 RDL) died 12 June 2002 in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Elsie C Linnell Thompson; daughter and son-in-law, Kay & Jim Swedberg; a son, Norman Thompson and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Norman will be buried in ND at a later date.

**Margaret Katherine Linnell** (11a,b15,514,2sp pg. 217 RDL) died 11 July 2002. She is buried at the Goodland Cemetery in Goodland, KS. She was the wife of Seth Taylor Linnell.

**NOTE:**

**In an effort to get things together before the next reunion in Black River Falls, WI, I'm asking that everyone who has had a death in the family, that has not previously been noted, to write and let me know. We want to be able to honor all those who have passed away since the last reunion at the next one. Thank you. ~Pam B.**

**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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