

LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Chairman

Dear Cousins:

With the coming of the new year, Congress has settled in for its 108th session and everything is back to "normal" in the world hub of politics. As usual, there are always a few blips on the radar screen. We are saddened here by the fatal crash of the space shuttle Columbia. I expect that many cousins have said a prayer or two for the families of these courageous pioneers. The flags are flying at half staff in their memory. Then we also have the unsettling talk of the impending war with Iraq. Let's hope our President can find a way to unite the world in the quest to enable all peoples to live without fear of the use of weapons of mass destruction.

On a much happier note, though, the cherry blossoms will be appearing soon and we will turn our thoughts to summer vacations and family recreation. The LFA steering committee is going to give you up-to-date information so that you and your family members can plan to attend the reunion festivities in Black River Falls, WI, the last weekend in June.

As a result of discussions at past reunions, the association will be holding its

first co-ed golf tournament, among other activities, on Saturday afternoon. That evening the association will also be awarding to some deserving college attendee its first \$500 scholarship. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter, and we hope he or she will be in attendance to accept the award.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Arrowhead Lodge in June for a fun time with relatives from all over the country. It promises to be well attended, especially with so many local family members participating. Now might be a good time to begin to exercise your vocal chords and get out the old songbooks for some cordial entertainment on Friday evening. I am sure all the youngsters in the family will provide us a prideful smile as they strut their stuff. If you play an instrument, plan to bring it along, as you never know what may happen to give you the impetus to "get up there" and help us celebrate this wonderful weekend together. See you soon.

Jerry Linnell

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By the way, don't forget that we need you to be a member of the steering committee. We have vacancies at the vice chair and newsletter editor positions. Whatever you volunteer to do, the pay and benefits are tremendous.

Linnell Family Bible To Be Auctioned

Way back in 1837, long before this era of computer files, scanners, and digital cameras, families kept their records between the pages of large, heavy Bibles. Somewhere between the books of Malachi and Matthew, they entered the names of their kin, recording births, marriages, and deaths. With the exact dates and with flourishing script (the fanciest writer of the household was often chosen to record entries) these vital statistics were recorded for future reference.

Way back in 1837 a printer in Brattleboro, Vermont turned out many such Bibles for sale to households across the eastern United States. One edition contains not only the Old and New Testaments, but also extensive study features: an outline of biblical events, a dictionary of words in the Scriptures, a concordance of subjects (where to find references to "creation," "life," "children," "baking," "dogs," or a lengthy list under "sin").

And way back in the 1830s, the descendants of Samuel Linnell (118,241,15) purchased one of these magnificent bibles, places it on their mantle, read its passages to their family, and recorded their names and dates in its massive pages. This Samuel Linnell lived and died in Kilbourne City, Wisconsin, now known as The Wisconsin Dells and located near Black River Falls. The dimensions of Samuel's bible are approximately 7 by 10 1/2 inches; and it measures 3 1/2 inches thick. It's a hefty book with numerous details about biblical history as well as entries concerning Lewis Linnell, Laura Linnell, and a score of other family names as well.

Some members of the Linnell Family Association are certain to want this venerable, battered Bible, valuable for its historic detail, its references to their family line, and its very patina. Augusta Brown Johnson (118, 241, 154, 51), with her interest in the Linnell genealogy, presented the Bible to Rachel Linnell Wynn, the family historian. The steering

committee of the family association, in turn, will be offering the bible for sale at auction in June at the triennial family reunion at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Proceeds of the auction will be added to the scholarship fund for our young people. Persons whose genealogical number in *The Descendants of Robert Linnell* begins with 118 are certain to covet this historic bible; but many others in the clan would wish to own this specimen of history and tradition. Plan now to be present at the auction, to bid for a genuine antique, and to abet the Linnell family scholarship fund.



Samuel Linnell (118,241,15)

MARRIAGE

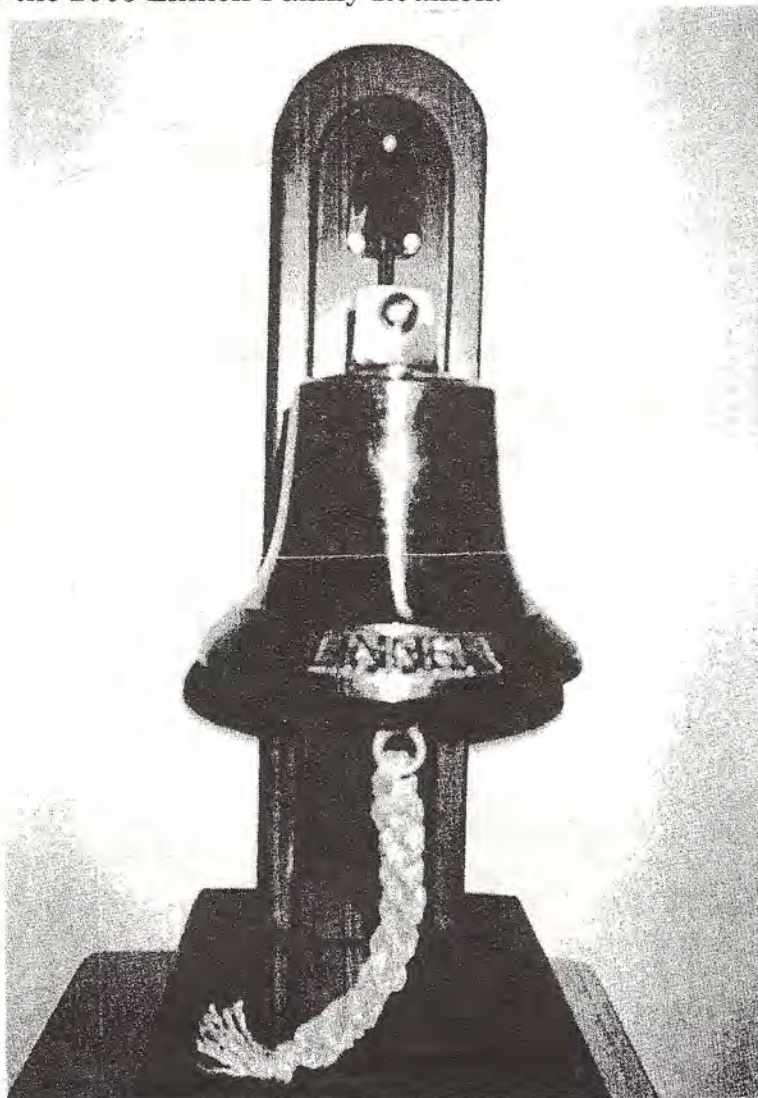
NAMES.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.
Wm Linnell	Jan	9	1866	Nov	15	1887
Wm Linnell	Jan	18	1870	Sept	6	1907
Chas Linnell	Nov	3	1852			
Wm D Linnell	Nov	3	1834	March	21	1881
Levi W Linnell	March	12	1837			
Levi J Linnell	Feb	13	1839			
Meheta Linnell	Nov	22	1841	Sept	14	1899
Mary J Linnell	March	11	1843			
Levi J Linnell	April	19	1845			

The **MYSTERY** of the *LINNELL BELL*

Does anyone recognize this beautiful bronze ship's bell? It has the Family Name forged right across the bottom. We know it couldn't have adorned the mast of *Eagle Wing* as she went down with all hands and Capt. Linnell in 1865 on the way to Bombay from Boston - unless the good Captain removed it while some other captain skippered the *Eagle Wing* (Captains Waters [1856], Worth [1858, 1859], and Colby [1860] each replaced Capt. Linnell from time to time).

Or perhaps it adorned one of the Captain's other commands (*Flying Mist* and *Buena Vista*). Or did it hang by the entrance of his beautiful home in Orleans, Massachusetts, to call the children to meals? I have not seen it mentioned anywhere, so it's all mere speculation.

The bell itself surfaced recently in central Maine in excellent condition. A wall bracket and wooden mounting stand have been fabricated from brass, Washington spruce, Oregon fir and Maine cedar. The bell has been cleaned and highly polished and hopefully will be on display at Black River Falls this June. Perhaps President Jerry will ring this beautiful Family Heirloom to call to order the 2003 Linnell Family Reunion!





ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY RECORDS

Marriages, Births & Deaths

Glen I Roberts (118,241,116,231,3 pg 404 & 445 RDL)

Glen & Marti Kangas wed on 25 Jan 2003 in White Bear Lake, MN
They will reside in Esko, MN.

Gerald Lamont Linnell (118,241,116,981 pg 376 & 413 RDL)

died 13 July 2002. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, four children and four grandchildren.

Kimberly Marie Linnell Whebbe (118,241,231,365 pg 301 & 314 RDL)

died 2 Nov 2002

Homer Alton Weaver (117,612,471,52 pg 90 & 99 RDL)

died 25 Jan 2002 in Mobile, AL, after a long battle with prostate cancer. His wife, the former Bess Margaret Massing, died Jan 2000. Mr. Weaver is interred at Mobile Memorial Gardens in Mobile, AL.

Robert Allan Heilig (118,241,145,-10-11 pg 424 RDL)

died 5 Dec 2002. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Lindstrom, MN

Correction:

Thelma Heilig Spellman McCluskey Vanscoy (118,241,145,-10-5 pg 360 & 383 RDL)

died 18 Jan 2002 in Florida

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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RENEWAL**

Linnell Family Association

Please register me as a ___new (or) ___renewing
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following category:

_____ Single Life Time (\$125.00)

_____ Single Annual (\$15.00 a year)

_____ Family Annual (\$25.00 a year)

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