

Linnell Family Newsletter

Dear Cousins:

You have been wondering, I am sure: What happened to my LFA newsletter for the third quarter of 2003? Many of you have told me and others on the steering committee of your satisfaction at receiving this prized piece of mail four times a year. I, too, look forward to the receipt of the newsletter in my mail slot. It is a source of utmost joy to me after a long and grueling day at the office.

As a result of the Black River Falls reunion which was a great success, by the way, for those of you who did not attend Janna Warren Perry volunteered to be the new newsletter editor; we lost the great services of Pam Ponting out in California due to family and work pressures. And before I forget, I take this opportunity to thank Pam for the great work she did as the LFA newsletter editor.

When I was in the Twin Cities this past August, I learned of the sudden death of Janna's husband Hugh. What a blow to her and her family and what a shock to those of us who had just met him for the first time in Black River Falls in June.

Upon speaking to Janna, she informed me that Hugh was going to be a big part of the newsletter production with his software and computer savvy, but all that expertise was no longer available to her and she would have to go elsewhere to find it. So now we are awaiting the finding of that person and hope to have our next newsletter out to you by the end of the year.

Before I end this little missive to you, let me remind all of you of the upcoming deadline for submission of essays for consideration of the next awarding of the LFA \$500 scholarship. The guidelines for the submission of essays were mailed to everyone last year. Just as a reminder, an essay of 1,250 to 2,500 words on "the history or current positive influences of the Linnell family," along with a current academic transcript and two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and another from the local community, must be mailed to Robert Linnell, Secretary, LFA, 2930 N. Wenas Rd., Selah, WA, 98942 (2 copies) by January 1, 2004.

To all of you, on behalf of the steering committee, I extend my apologies for this long delay but, rest assured, we will keep the newsletter coming, folks.

God bless. Jerry Linnell.

P.S. Check out the new Web site at Linnellfamily@Comcast.net sometime around December 1 to get further information on the scholarship requirements and other news from around the family.

LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH AMERICA
2003 REUNION
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

The BUSINESS MEETING of the Association was called to order on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 9:45 a.m. with the ringing of the Linnell Bell by Chairman Jerry Linnell.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Chairman Office vacant- no report

Treasurer Scott Linnell reported balances* in the several funds as follows:

General Fund: \$5,953.

Gravestone Restoration Fund: \$265.

Scholarship Fund: \$1,825.

*these figures are approximate

Anticipated Reunion expenses: \$1,329

Secretary Bob Linnell reported that the annual corporate tax return had been duly filed with the Maryland Secretary of State. The Secretary's duties with respect to receiving and forwarding scholarship applications to the Scholarship Committee had also been performed. The minutes of the 2002 Steering Committee meeting were duly recorded and transcribed. At the request of Rachel Wynn, those minutes were reviewed.

Historian Rachel Wynn summarized her written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Data Comput-
ization Glen Roberts reported on his efforts to create a computer format for geneology and described his frustration. He had hoped for a system whereby a "cousin's" name could be entered, a button pushed, and that person's complete family history printed out. He concludes that such goal will not soon be reached.

Newsletter
Editor Pamela Ponting unable to attend. No report

Membership/
Reunion Dick Linnell reported that membership is about 667. He stated that the cost of printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter is about \$600.

Vital
Records Pam Dittus reported that there was nothing to report since the last Newsletter, but to please contact her regarding all births and deaths.

Web Site No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gravestone Restoration

Bob Linnell reported that the missing gravestone of John Linnell has been duplicated in granite and installed at its original site in the Lothrop Hills Cemetery, Barnstable, Massachusetts. Fortunately, a rubbing of the original slate stone was made by Jim and Kay Swedberg some years ago before the stone disappeared. The attached photo shows the new stone beside that of his wife, Ruth. The first stone the Association replaced was that of Jonathan Linnell at Orleans, Massachusetts, which had been severely damaged. The cost was \$1,680. Having now become an established customer of the Harwich, Massachusetts, monument firm of Crosby & Son, our cost was \$945. We have a commitment of \$950 each for similar replacements of Elizabeth's (Jonathan's wife) and Ruth's stones, plus an additional \$50 yearly inflationary cost for each year we wait to place the order.

Scholarship

In the absence of the Committee, Chairman Jerry gave us an update on the Committee's activities and announced that this year's winner of the \$500 scholarship was JAMIE LYNN SUNDE, a pretty 18 year old from Merrill, Wisconsin, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin (Marathon County Campus) where she is currently a freshman with a Pharmacy major. Jamie is the grand-daughter of Glen Roberts. [Jamie was introduced at the Saturday evening banquet and gave an eloquent acceptance response].

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Jerry announced that Dan (Betsy) McConnell of Mason, Ohio is moving to Cape Cod and had agreed to accept the position of Association Vice Chairman as well as that of 2006 Reunion Chairman. On Motion of Mark Wynn, duly seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that Dan McConnell is elected to the sublime position of Vice Chairman and Reunion Chairman for the 2006 Cape Cod Reunion. [although Dan was not in attendance, it was later noted that he was forced to cancel at the last minute due to a family emergency. He so notified the Chairman Saturday morning.

The web site was again discussed and ways to develop it. Mark Wynn volunteered to investigate further, make a financial proposal and recommend a site.

The desperate need for a Newsletter Editor was brought up but without any discussion at that time.

The matter of membership dues (\$15 single; \$25 family; and \$125 individual life membership) was discussed with the suggestion that notices be sent to those persons receiving the Newsletter who have not paid their annual membership dues was made.

Arleigh Linnell requested that the Association give serious consideration to the West Coast as a site for a future reunion. Glen Roberts responded that the Steering Committee tries to find an area with a concentration of Linnells. It was pointed out that the LINNELL WEST COAST FAMILY UNION, held each August in Oregon usually draws about 70 people. (Cousin LaDOSKA Elliott has set this year's at the Millersburg City Park in Millersburg, Oregon, on Saturday, August 2nd).

Upon the duly seconded motion of Sue Dittus, it was unanimously VOTED that those members of the Steering Committee who attended the planning session at Black River Falls in May, 2002, be each reimbursed the sum of \$50 to help defray their considerable expenses.

RECESS With the ringing of the LINNELL BELL, Chairman Jerry, at 11:40 a.m., recessed the meeting until 10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 29, 2003, at the same location.

RECONVENE The meeting was reconvened at 10: a.m. June 29, 2003, with the ringing of the LINNELL BELL.

The Invocation was given by Cousin Bob Whitney of Bloomington, Minnesota. The Necrology memorializing the names of those Cousins who had died during past year was read by Pam Dittus.

ELECTIONS Rachel Wynn announced the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of Officers and Steering Committee Members for the coming 3 years:

Chairman.....	Jerry Linnell
Vice Chairman and 2006	
Reunion Chairman.....	DAN MC CONNELL
Secretary.....	Bob Linnell
Treasurer.....	Scott Linnell
Historian.....	Rachel Wynn
Data Computerization.....	Glen Roberts
Newsletter Editor.....	JANNA WARREN-PERRY
Membership Chairman.....	Dick Linnell
GENEALOGY Secretary.....	Pam Dittus

(formerly Vital Records)
Web Site..... Mark Wynn

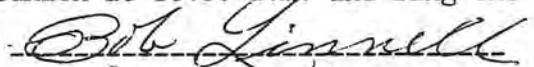
VOTED that the foregoing persons be elected.

Upon the duly seconded motion of Jerry Gutzman , it was unanimously VOTED that the Association contribute the sum of \$100 to the Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post No. 266 in Alma, Kansas. The Post was named for Paul who was the first service man from Alma to be killed in World War I, and has been in financial difficulty in recent years (see November, 2002, Newsletter). It should be noted that this amount was supplemented by several members of the Steering Committee who donated their \$50 expense checks.

Reunion Chairman DICK LINNELL was presented with a unique kaleidoscope, made by a Black River Falls craftsman, in recognition of his many efforts in setting up the Reunion. A general discussion was held concerning the 2006 Reunion and it was decided to make another Linnell QUILT to be auctioned. Special thanks were expressed to Carol Jean Anderson, Bob & Joanne Wisner and Muriel Phipps for all their hard work in preparation, to Barkley Anderson for arranging the Golf Tournament and all others who made Reunion 2003 a huge success!

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Jerry adjourned the Reunion at 10:30 a.m. and rang the BELL.

Attest:


Secretary

Historian Report at the LFA Reunion June 28, 2003

Highlight three issues:

I About the Linnell name

It is the name of our association The Linnell Family Association

How many of us carry that as our current last name?

Who of us came to the first reunion? How many to all five ?

As we move through time other names are added to our family lines

In our family we have added Wynn, Borland, Ainsworth in just two generations away from my father. Those names are important also, but the connection to the Linnell name fades as generation follows generation.

One family has chosen to honor the name Linnell by naming at least one child with the Linnell name in each generation. Show chart. Such new genealogical lines have been placed in a separate folder and we have indicated their receipt to the Linnell Family in the Newsletter for others to know about them.

The DRL book as published in 1994 listed all the persons we knew about up to that time. However, we knew from the very beginning that some limits to the size of the research had to be established. It was decided at the beginning that we would include only the families of the male lines in the first six generations. They would be the ones who would carry the Linnell name in the beginnings of our country. We did indicate the marriages and children of the females in those first six generations, but not their continuing generations. That is why the identification numbers begin with two number 1 for Robert and David. David was the only boy in that first generation who had identified descendants. David's sisters are only listed for one generation.

It is important to admit that we have added many names in these last ten years to our records of descendants. We have kept records of what has been sent to us. Pam has done a wonderful job of keeping track of births, deaths, and marriages of those listed in DRL and has let you cousins know about them through the Newsletter. Additions of family lines will be

continued through separate listings such as this one for the Deuprees.

Pam has graciously agreed to add to her work as publisher of the Vital Records the responsibility of recording additional family lines such as the Deupree line when they are sent to us by families. These will be kept separate from DRL listings but will have continuing identification numbers to conform with our DRL format. We suggest the new title for this increased responsibility Genealogy Secretary. I would still be listed as Historian to respond to questions about our history. After my report I will make a motion to this effect.

II. About the final storage of our records

At the meeting of the Steering Committee last May, they encouraged me to find a proper location for the records housed in our apartment that had been used in the creation of DRL back in the 1980's and to the present time. I am delighted that the Sturgis Library in Barnstable, MA agreed to accept our records. So last year in September we shipped four large boxes of records to that location. A record of just what this includes is here for your interest. You will find here what information is available for your own research into allied family lines. There are stories of ancestors through personal accounts. I have held back some personal accounts for our Newsletter editor to publish for our interest. Unfortunately just at the time that our records were received the Director accepted a new position and our records have remained in the Sturgis Library vault. I hope that they will be available for research soon and will be honored at our next reunion in 2006. At least we now know that they are in a suitable place for the future.

III About the DRL book sales.

At the last reunion I reported that the DRL book account still owed \$2000 to the Linnell Family Association. This was to repay the \$6200 advanced by the Association toward the printing of the hard cover DRL by Genealogical Publishing Co. of Baltimore in 1994. The total cost was \$11,200. Of this amount \$5000 had been gathered by advanced orders. Today I can announce the final payment to the Association of \$1026.20 that closes the Book Account at Bank of America in Catonsville, MD. This I

pass on to our treasurer, Scott Linnell in just a few minutes.

The plan for the sale of the 177 books still stored at Dick Linnells is as follows. The sale of future books will be ordered from Scott Linnell, Treasurer, who will request Dick, to mail the books. Money from the sale of books will be kept in a separate account to be used for special projects determined by the Association and the Steering Committee. This action was taken by the Steering Committee at last May's meeting.

While we sell DRL at reunion for \$30.00 because no postage is needed, the cost is still \$35.00 if mailed. It does not go out of date. Those records of the early family remain as researched. Current family additions will be noted in the Newsletter as mentioned earlier. And we hope that families will bring together their own family records and note when and how they have related to the Linnell lines.

The Additions booklet printed in 1998 has only 4 remaining copies. More can be printed but the cost has advanced and we would need to charge \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping and printing. A plan will be coming about the sale of these.

Now, I call on Scott to come forward to accept this check closing out the Book Account to pay the final amount of our debt to the Linnell Family Association.

When do I make the motion to change the name of Pam's position to Geneology Secretary.??? IMMEDIATELY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BLACK RIVER FALLS
JUNE 27-29, 2003**

PHOTO MEMORIES

THESE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS !



Carol Jean is instructed by Jerry



Jim & Kay Swedberg are instructed by Dick



Pam Dittus is instructed by Mom, Sue



Candice & Jon Crosetto are instructed by
Gerry Gutzman



Jon Sanford, Esq. & Elona drove from Arkansas and learned a bunch about his relatives with help from Dick Linnell and Glen Roberts. Jon had old family photos and some nick-names but was unable to match real names with photos



Muriel Phipps was high bidder for the half model of Eagle Wing



Joanne & Bob Wisner seemed always to have fun



The Family Room Displays



Marvel Soderlund



Gerald & Marjorie Smith from Winton, MN



Beryl & Arleigh Linnell came all the way from Tacoma, WA



Rachel Wynn (R) helps Naida Standing & Harriet Granholm



Mark Wynn hears from Treasurer Scott Linnell



President Jerry Linnell tries to befriend Guest Speaker Ralph Lokken



Carole & Ralph Fritz came from Glenwood, MN and were at all the sessions.



DESCENDANTS OF ED LINNELL

Front row: Muriel Phipps, Carol Jean Anderson, Jewel Hailey, Sandra Yoder. Back row: Barkley Anderson, Ronald Smith, Arliegh Linnell, Dorla Nordberg, Gerald Smith & Marjarie.



Scholarship Winner Jamie Sunde receives her check from Pres. Jerry as Grampa Glen Roberts helps out.



Newsletter Editor Janna Warren-Perry



Cute enough to be a Linnell, but no name tag.