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Gert married Uncle Louie, and continued her teaching career until her retirement in 1975, for 30 years lending her special talents to so many of us who would go on to be her students forever. Visiting with her in her retirement years was a wonderful trip down memory lane, and she would never tire of asking of your children and talking about hers as well.

It is with great pride that I can announce to you that after her death, through the good graces of Auntie Gert's daughter Gail Wahlstrom, all monies (over \$500) sent to the family in memory of her mother have been donated to the LFA scholarship fund.

As Gail said to me, "Wouldn't my mom be so proud to know that these funds will be used to further the education of another Linnell cousin."

Gail, on behalf of the association, I take this opportunity to publicly thank you for this special thought of generosity – just another feather in the cap of that special teacher we knew and loved so well.

Oh, what a family!

Jerry Linnell

Hello again, my dear cousins.

It seems as if there is "nothing to write about" just before it's time to sit down and put fingers to the keyboard. Then, for some unknown reason, it hits you: Why not write about a great family member and tie it in with one of my favorite subjects – no, not politics – the LFA scholarship fund. I know through more advertisement and hard work we will soon be getting many more entrants in the yearly competition for the next \$500 award. I think that result might be sparked by taking this opportunity to tell you of one of northern Minnesota's best grade school teachers; that is, in my humble opinion and that of a lot of other cousins and friends and fellow classmates as well. Of course, I am speaking of Gertrude Linnell (wife of Arnold Linnell - 118 241 116 5-11), who passed through our great school system here on Earth and, no doubt, is now in heaven still encouraging and challenging her former students. It has been told to me that whenever asked: What is your favorite class? Auntie Gert, as she was known to all of us in Grand Marais, would say: "This year's."

Early in the Linnell history of northeastern Minnesota, namely, Mineral Center, Auntie Gert started her teaching career, following in the footsteps of her mother Blanche Woodard, at the Birchwood School, teaching there until 1937, when the school was closed. She then moved on to teach in the Cook County school system in Grand Marais. Two years later, in 1939, Auntie

West Coast Reunion

We will be mailing the letters for our reunion at the Millersburg Park early in July. We look forward to seeing everyone again and hopefully new faces on August 7th. If you have any suggestions or questions please contact me by e-mail at ladoska1@juno.com or Donna at viewtron@centurytel.net or mail me at 425 S 2nd St, Harrisburg, OR 97446. This reunion is for everyone and we would appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Your cousin Dossie

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Additions to the Family Records

Marriages, Births, & Deaths

Gertrude Carol Peterson Linnell (118,241,116,5-11(S))
d. 29 Jan 2004 Astoria, OR
Gertrude was one of the last teachers to teach in Mineral Center, MN.

Florence Alta Linnell Jury (118,241,185,21)
d. 9 March 2003 in Ellendale, ND
The Linnell name has been carried on as a middle name for her son, Delbert, and in two of his children.

Thomas Tyson Covey (118,241,185,113,3)
b. 11 Feb 2004 Chicago, IL
Proud parents are Jay Tyson and Doreen Covey.

Linda Linnell (117,7-10-1,435,13)
Divorced Robert Gillis III 30 Oct 1997.
Married James Anthony Alig 27 Aug 1999. They reside in CO. Also, her "grandparents" home in ME was sold.

Sandra Townsend Yoder (118,241,112,694) sent in updated information for her family:
Dawn Rosanne Yoder (118,241,112,694,2)
m. Christopher E Holycross 16 Aug 2003 in Sheboygan, WI, where they now make their home.

Shawn Fredric Yoder (118,241,112,694,1)
upcoming marriage to Katrina Murray in South Bend, IN, on 21 Aug 2004.
They will be making their home in Highland, IN.

Margaret Loomis Weaver (117,612,111,111) sent in this information about her family:
Ann Livingston Loomis Silsbee (117,612,111,112)
d. 28 Aug. 2003 in Ithaca, NY; age 73
She leaves behind her husband, Robert H Silsbee, her three sons, Douglas, David & Peter, and four grandchildren. She was the daughter of Francis Wheeler Loomis and Linnell Nye Loomis. She was a composer and poet who recently published "The Book of Ga," poems about our grandmother Miriam whom we children called Ga.

Helen Osgood Nye White (117,612,111,41)
d. 8 Dec 2003 in Venice, FL. She would have been 100 years old on 29 Feb 2004. She was the niece of Miriam Linnell Nye Loomis, daughter of Norman Nye. Her husband, Lyman White, predeceased her. She had no children.

News from Our Cousins



A Linnell Star

Portland, Maine's Deering High School girls' basketball team made history when it won the state Class A championship, beating Cony High of Augusta 50 to 41 on March 13. It was the first girls' win ever in that sport for Deering, a school which has become used to state titles in other sports. According to The Portland Sunday Telegram, the win was due in no small part to the defensive play of Heather Linnell, daughter of James V. Linnell [118,241,533,324,1] and granddaughter of Virgil E. Linnell [118,241,533,324]. (Some of you may recall that Virgil was the first treasurer of the Linnell Family Association.) The Telegram stated, "Linnell had a tremendous game off the bench. Although Cony's 6 foot 2 center, Katie Robbins, scored 21 points, Linnell never let her get comfortable and provided perhaps the biggest defensive play of the game."

Bob Linnell

Land Speed Record Set

On April 30, 2003, the US Air Force set a new record for speed of a land vehicle, 6,453 mph. Now, we all know how fast the USAF airplanes can go, but what is all this about a fast land vehicle? And why should the Linnell Family Association Newsletter readers be interested?

For an answer to the first question we can go to the USAF web page at <http://www.46tg.af.mil/846th%20OTS.htm> where it states that, at Holloman AFB, in the desert of New Mexico:

"The 846th Test Squadron operates the Holloman High Speed Test Track (HHSTT) which simulates selected portions of the flight environment under accurately programmed and instrumented conditions. This capability fills the gap between laboratory investigations and full scale flight tests. The squadron is also DoD's "Center of Expertise" for all ejection seat testing and the lead facility for all supersonic tracks."

Here sleds are propelled by rockets along a ten mile long steel rail up to speeds similar to those attained only by airplanes. Using this facility, things like ejection seats for military aircraft can be tested at real flight speeds.

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DO YOU HAVE ART IN YOUR GENES ?

Not having traced the ancestry of our first American relative, Robert LINNELL (No.1), back in Merry England, I cannot represent that JOHN LINNELL (1792-1882) is in our bloodline; but with a name like that, such an assertion shouldn't be far off the mark. His uncle of the same name was one of the renown Linnell furniture makers and died in 1796.

JOHN was born in Bloomsbury, England and began his art career at the tender age of 8. He began an apprenticeship under painter John Varley at age 12, and entered the Royal Academy Schools at 13 where he won a medal five years later. It was at this time that he began teaching others. By 1817, when he married Mary Ann Palmer, John was engaged in the lucrative business of painting portraits on commission. But although he was forced by economic necessity to paint portraits for several years as a means to support his wife and nine children, his real love was expressing himself and his new-found Baptist religion by painting poetical landscapes of the English country side.



Self Portrait of John Linnell at age 23

To learn more of this JOHN LINNELL, read John Linnell, A Centennial Exhibition, Cambridge University Press, 1982

Bob Linnell

Editor's Note: For more information on the Linnell family of England see their web site at <http://www.linnells.org.uk/>

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linnellfamily.home.comcast.net

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The purposes of the Association are the promotion of fellowship among the Linnell family members through reunions and the publication of the **Linnell Family Newsletter**, and the preservation of the records of the family.

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Gertrude C. Linnell

1913-2004

Wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Teacher

Gertrude Carol Linnell, 90, of Astoria, OR, died Thursday, January 29th, in Astoria. Mrs. Linnell was born Gertrude Carol Peterson on December 13th, 1913, to Charles and Blanche (Woodard) Peterson in Grand Marais, MN. She spent her lifetime in MN, only moving to Astoria, in 2002, to be close to her daughter.

Gertrude graduated from East High School, in Duluth, MN. She went on to further her education, becoming an elementary teacher, teaching for 33 years. Teaching was her love, and she helped many children start on the road to success. Her mother, Blanche, was the first teacher in Mineral City, MN. Gertrude was the last to teach in the same school before it closed, her very first teaching assignment. She followed her many students' lives throughout the years, and felt great pride in their accomplishments.

On March 4th, 1939, she married Arnold (Louie) Linnell who preceded her in death, December, 1978. First born to this union was a much-loved daughter, Linda (Bystrom), who passed away in December, 1996.

Gertrude's large family were her closest friends; she loved them all deeply. Many wonderful memories remained tucked away in her heart, bringing them out, to relive and enjoy, again and again. Reading was Gertrude's passion; she loved poetry, often quoting verses from memory. Music was a big part of her life and she sang beautifully; an accomplished respected woman.

Mrs. Linnell is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and David Wahlstrom of Astoria; two sisters, Gen Libro of Sterling Heights, MI, and Sharon Courson of Boron, CA; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rebecca (Lyle) Johnson of Brainerd, MN and Paige (Carlos) Hickey of Portland, OR; two grandsons and their wives, Scott (Linda) Bystrom of Grand Marais, MN and Galen (Christina) Wahlstrom of Portland, OR; ten great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gertrude's request was to have a memorial service held in her home town, Grand Marais, MN, on a future date. Any memorial contributions may be made to The Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund: Scott Linnell, Treasurer, 23 Liberty Knoll Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722.

Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund

We are pleased to invite Linnell Family students to apply for the **Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund**. The **Linnell Scholarship Fund** was established in 2000 with a donation of \$500 and has continued to grow since then. A separate form is enclosed for anyone wishing to make a contribution to the **LFASF**. Through your generous contributions, we can continue to award deserving Linnell family students with scholarships to continue their higher education.

Who can apply?

Any high school senior or current student of a college or an accredited higher education program who is a descendant of Robert Linnell, is eligible to apply for the scholarship. Student applicants are asked to write an essay of not less than 1000 words on Linnell family history or current positive influences of the Linnell family. One winning essay will be selected this year for the scholarship award.

What are the rules regarding the scholarship application?

The rules and provisions governing the **Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund** were printed in the December 2003 Newsletter. An application form to be mailed with the accompanying essay is on the next page. The information and application will also soon be available for downloading from the Linnell Family website.

When are essays and applications due?

Students wishing to enter their essays for the **LFASF** award must send their applications and accompanying essays to the address provided on the following page by **January 1, 2005**.

How are the essays judged?

The **Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund Administration Committee (LFASFAC)** has been established and will oversee the selection and judging of all prospective scholarship award recipients.



How to send student essays and applications:

1.) Send original essay and application to:

Robert Linnell
2930 N. Wenas Rd.
Selah, WA 98942

2.) Send a copy of the essay, with your name and address removed, to:

Barrie Westerwick
11 Allocco Drive
Holmdel, NJ 07733

DONATIONS TO THE LFA SCHOLARSHIP FUND FORM

Your donations will help the LFA Scholarship Fund continue to grow. Because of your contributions, we can continue to award deserving Linnell students a scholarship to apply towards their higher education. Patrons may be recognized in the following categories. Please indicate your donation choice:

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Speed Record

Part of the instrumentation, mentioned on the web page, are cameras which capture pictures of the test to determine just how well the equipment being tested performed.

Now to the second question, why might Linnells be interested? Locating these cameras so that they capture clear pictures of the details of each test is the responsibility of Heather Weaver (118,241,185,823), who works for a contractor to the USAF, and is the daughter of James and Kay Swedberg (Your Humble Newsletter Editors). Heather has no easy job. Consider this: An object moving at 6,453 mph is moving over 9,000 feet per second! Take a look at your trusty 35 mm camera. The fastest shutter setting on mine is 1/1000 of a second. So if I tried to take that picture I would have a 9 foot long blur, if I even managed to snap the shutter at the exact instant when the sled was in the field of view. Of course, Heather is not using ordinary cameras; she has some very high-tech equipment. But, getting the pictures can be very tricky. Some tests need to be run at special times of the day, for instance in the calm of the evening, when winds are minimal. But then there is not enough sunlight and banks of flash lamps need to be fired, just at the right time, to provide enough light for the cameras.

Heather enjoys her work. She especially likes the feeling that she is contributing to the safety of the men and women who fly the aircraft of the USAF.

For more information on the record breaking test, go to the USAF Public Affairs web page at:
<http://www.afmc.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/PA/news/archive/2003/Apr/0440-03.htm>

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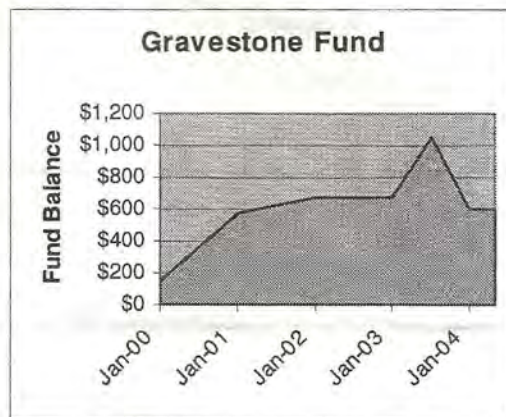
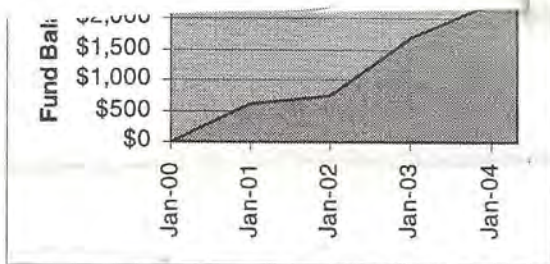
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Recent contributions to the LFA Scholarship Fund include:

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Recent contributors to the Gravestone Fund include:

- ◆ Eva Spurlin

Editor's Notes

The **Land Speed Record Set** article on page 2 is the first in what we hope will be a long series of articles highlighting interesting jobs held by our Linnell cousins. Suggestions for future articles would be appreciated. If you know of a member of the LFA who does something out of the ordinary, please write a description of the person and his or her work and send it to your editors at the address listed in the Association Officers on page 3.

In the next newsletter we also hope to highlight an English Linnell who will describe his efforts at documenting his Linnell ancestors and will also describe some of the problems he has encountered in his genealogical efforts.

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