



Reunion 2006 Cape Cod

This is the first Newsletter announcement for the next Linnell Family Reunion, to be held on the weekend of June 23-25, 2006, on beautiful Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where our first ancestor, Robert Linnell, came with his family to America in 1638, settling initially in Scituate (south of Boston), then becoming a part of the group of founding settlers of Barnstable on Cape Cod in 1639. It is here, for the first time in some fifteen years, the family will be coming back to Cape Cod for a joyous reunion.

We will be having the meeting at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, in Eastham on the Outer Cape, which is a very comfortable hotel, in a natural setting, close to the very best recreational resources the Cape has to offer. We were able to get a very good group rate (for the Cape) at the Sheraton, which is big enough to take us all, and which has nice rooms, two nice pools (one inside and one outside), a good restaurant, a cozy bar, and good meeting facilities. For those who would prefer to camp, Atlantic Oaks is just next door. Another campground at Nickerson State Park is in Brewster, just six miles away. There is also a small motel just down the road, at a lower rate, named The Eagle Wing, with a main house claimed to be the boyhood home of Captain Ebenezer Harding Linnell (I have asked the Orleans Historical Society to verify that), whose ship was The Eagle Wing. The house was moved from Orleans.

One mile down Route 6 from the



Sheraton is the visitor center for the Cape Cod National Seashore Park, the gateway to the great beaches of the Outer Cape. The hotel is less than two miles from Nauset Light beach and Coast Guard beach, as well as the Cape Bike Trail that winds for forty miles through the dunes and woodlands near the shore. There are Whale Watch boat rides out of Provincetown (20 minutes away), short boat rides from Chatham (20 minutes the other way) to Monomoy Island with it's large seal colony, and hiking trails through the great Audubon Sanctuary (10 minutes away), a 1000 acre reserve of woods, marshes, dunes and beach. There are golf courses, shopping in Provincetown (artsy, zany) and Orleans and Chatham (quaint crafts and antiques). Even with all of this, I'm sure I'm leaving things out.

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How the Linnell Family Association Has Had a Positive Influence in My Past and Present

Jamie Sunde

Jaime Sunde, our the first scholarship essay winner, submitted this essay. Her picture, receiving her prize at the 2002 Black River Falls Reunion, was in the December 2003 LFA newsletter. Our second winner was Cassandra Sunde. Her picture and essay will be featured in the next newsletter.

Ever since I was a newborn, I have been going to Linnell Family Reunions. It has had a positive impact on my past, but also on my present as well. Because of this Association, I have been able to make life-long friendships and have seen places that I would not normally have been able to. First, I will explain my experiences at the reunions, then I will share an interesting story about how this Association worked to bring two families in a small town together.

In 1984, in Hovland, Minnesota was my very first Linnell Family Reunion. I was only a couple months old. This was held at the old school where Linnells were school teachers, and my parents camped with me at the Grand Marais Municipal Campground. It was also my first experience with camping.

In 1991, when I was seven years old, I remember an experience of seeing tall, huge, stone buildings at Northwestern College in Minnesota. It was a beautiful, sunny day and someone gave my sisters and I little stones with a cartoonish lady bug painted on each one, and white words beautifully written on the stones saying, "The Linnell Family Reunion of 1991". Those rocks that we received are now in the flower garden on the sidewalk leading to our house. Oh, and I also remember drinking a big glass of lemonade. The next reunion was in 1997 at Cape Cod and I went with our grandparents, Glen and Marcia Roberts and my sister, Cassie. I was 13 years old, and I remember a lot more than my past reunions. This is one experience I am not going to forget. When we first

arrived at the hotel, we were ushered to an enormous dining hall, and we were served a five-course meal. At the meal we were given a Linnell book mark with a sea shell on the end of an attached tassel. While we were eating, Grandpa was telling my sister and me who we were related to and why. Needless to say, we were lost in about three minutes. But I got the main idea that we were related to almost all these people who were there. That was absolutely amazing to me because I hardly knew anyone at the reunion and yet we were related though blood by one man, Robert Linnell. Because of the reunion, my grandparents decided to take us to a place where we could see some of the history of our Linnell relatives. We went to the place where Captain Robert Linnell's House was. We were not able to enter because there was a wedding, but Grandpa told us that this was Captain Linnell's actual house that was now turned into a restaurant. He came to America in 1638 and this is where the history and the stories of all the large Linnell family in America started. The next day we went back to the hotel and met up with the close relatives that were familiar faces. We had pictures taken and even got to take one home. From that reunion my sister and I still have the name tags and the pin that were given to us.

Because of different locations of the reunions I have been able to travel halfway across the United States and to see history and special places along the way. Another positive effect that it gave me was the opportunity to take a trip with my grandparents, which led me to grow closer with them. Not only has the Linnell Family given me the opportunity to travel, but it has also given me the chance to meet new people to make new friends.

Merrill has a population of a little over 10,000 people and I have lived in Merrill for 18 years, so I thought I would know if I had any relatives or not in this little town. To my knowledge, I had none. However, I was wrong. In fourth grade my family and I moved across town. In doing so, my parents decided to go to a different church because of distance. Well, one day while we were at our new church, my mom met a lady with the last name Linnell. After explaining to Myrna Linnell that we were related to Robert Linnell, the first Linnell to come from England, she invited us over to dinner to talk more about it, and so we could get to know each other better. After pouring over

The Descendants of Robert Linnell by Rachel Linnell Wynn, we figured out that we share a common grandfather, Samuel Linnell, who was born in 1763. Her husband is my 7th cousin, and her son, whom I graduated with, is my 7th cousin, once removed. That night I was very excited to find out that I have four cousins in Merrill, especially after thinking for so many years that I did not have any relatives near to us! Needless to say, we have become very good friends and we still are. The cousin I graduated high school with, Lucas Linnell, will be attending the same college with me this upcoming semester at the University of Wisconsin Marathon County Campus. We see each other at church, and it is very comforting to know that we can encourage each other from day to day. Finding relatives in this town, and having their support, has been extremely encouraging for school and just for living from day to day.

The positive effects of the Linnell Family Association are incredible. Not only have I been able to travel to many places to attend the reunions, but I have also been able to be closer to family and introduced to new family. I have learned so much about my family on my mom's side from traveling, from listening to stories that Grandpa tells, and from being able to visit at reunions. This Association has helped me to have touching memories of my past, but it will also be very beneficial in the future to have the support of loved ones of whom I know, but also of whom I do not know at the time. Not only has this Association had a positive effect on my past and present, but also to the future. I am looking forward to the next Linnell Family Reunion this summer at Black River Falls, which will create many more fond memories.

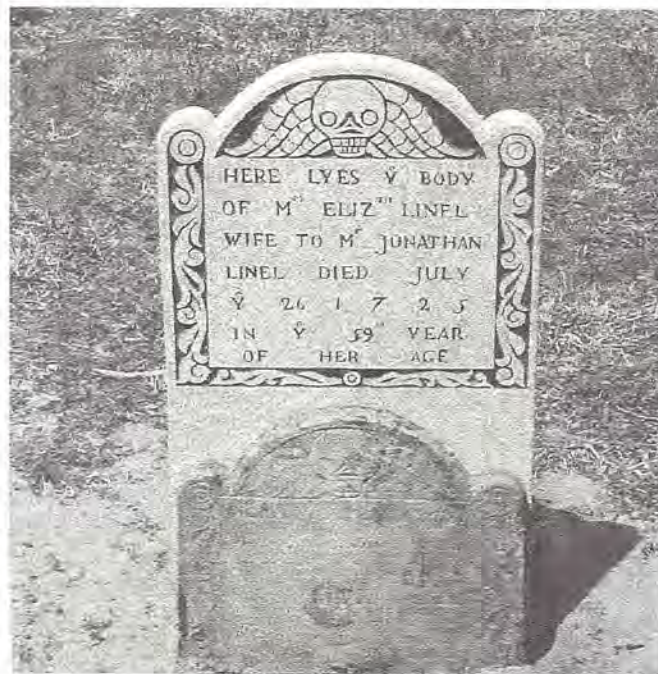
APPLY NOW!

It is not too late for our Linnell students to apply for the 2005 LFA scholarship. All essays must be postmarked by March 1, 2005, so there is still time to write a 500 word essay about some aspect of the Linnell Family. The winning essay could reward the recipient a \$500 scholarship. If more information is needed, please email Barrie Westerwick at eandb1@juno.com.

YOUR GRAVESTONE RESTORATION \$\$ AT WORK! (The most Bang for your Buck)

As reported in the May, 2001, Newsletter, the Jonathan Linnell gravestone at Orleans, Massachusetts, was the first to be replaced. Then we replaced that of his brother, John Linnell at Lothrop Cemetery in Barnstable (see the December 2003 Newsletter).

Your Gravestone Restoration Committee is now pleased to report that the gravestone of ELIZABETH LINNELL, Jonathan's wife, has been reproduced in granite and duly installed at the Orleans Cemetery. Elizabeth died July 26, 1725, at age 59. Our cost for this stone was \$997.50, which includes the Massachusetts sales tax. Our next project, previously approved by the Association, will be the replacement of Ruth Linnell's (John's wife) stone; however, the gravestone fund has now been depleted and, although we would like to have Ruth's stone done by the 2006 Reunion at Hyannis, we must await your kind and generous contributions. Our Honored Ancestors THANK YOU in advance!



Elizabeth's new gravestone is in place immediately behind the original which is barely legible. The cemetery rules require the old markers to be kept.

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

When John Linnell (118,241,154,113) with his duettist, John Flansburgh arrived in Baltimore last month, the daily newspaper ran feature articles about these innovative musicians and their popularity. We have excerpted one article by Rashdod D. Ollison with the kind permission of The Baltimore Sun.

J C and Rachel Wynn

They are free. As artists, John Linnell and John Flansburgh, the quirky alternative pop duo better known as They Might Be Giants, savor doing things just as they want them done, producing smartly crafted music whose influences range from polka and country to cartoon music. "Freedom, as an artist, is really about doing some-thing you think is good and not trying to second-guess what you're doing," says Linnell, the slight, typically low-key half of the duo. "Our music doesn't have a purpose. We're doing something we like. We just feel our way around without thinking too much. They Might Be Giants have stuck with that ethos for about 20 years now. And, for the most part, it has worked for the duo, garnering the two Johns critical respect and a tight though modest following over the years. "We've gotten to do some electronic stuff," says Linnell who has written most of the duo's best-known songs. "We're trying not to define ourselves. We want to feel free to do what we want." Linnell says, "What we like about what we're doing is the part that doesn't seem like it's directly derivative of any other band. We have existed on the margins." He and pal Flansburgh grew up in Lincoln, Massachusetts, a Boston suburb bordering Walden Pond. They met while in high school, sharing a strong love for music. In the early 80's, after dropping out of college, Linnell and Flansburgh moved to New York and formed They Might Be Giants. "It's just something we thought might be cool," Linnell says of the name, "We didn't think we were gonna be called that for 20 years. There's nothing deep to be read into it." The creative energy between Linnell and his partner has not waned a bit over the years. "We're lucky that it hasn't got harder to work together," he says. "It seems like by now we would have fallen out or gotten sick of each other. But John and I really understand each other very well. We really share."



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There will also be many sites of historical interest for Linnell family members to visit. We can set up bus tours or provide maps with recommended places to visit on your own. Barnstable(30 minutes away) has the Sturges Library, with its attached 1644 house that was the home of Reverend John Lothrop, brother-in-law to Robert Linnell. The Sturges Library houses a fine genealogical section which includes the wonderful work of Rachel Linnell Wynn, our family historian. Barnstable also has the Davis House museum which is next door to the library, the Lothrop Cemetery, with the restored headstone of John Linnell who died in 1747, as well as the presumed burial place of Robert Linnell and his son David. Of interest are other houses and burial grounds in Barnstable and nearby Hyannis.

There is a similar cluster of sites of interest in Orleans including the Orleans Town Cemetery where Jonathon Linnell, who died in 1726, is buried. The Linnell Family Association also restored his headstone. Also in Orleans is the Historical Museum which houses a set of silver from The Eagle Wing, the Captain Linnell House, which is now a fine restaurant, Linnell Landing beach over the line in Brewster, and the Snow Library with it's excellent portrait of Captain Linnell.

My family and I are blessed to live in this beautiful place and we are looking forward to the 2006 reunion. We welcome any questions about the Cape and suggestions for the reunion, which we can address in future issues of the Newsletter. We hope it will be a wonderful experience for everyone. One bit of advice. Come early or stay late, you'll be glad that you did, and book early.

Dan McConnell

A Letter From Our Chairman

Dear Cousins:

As the year 2004 draws to a close and the elections have occurred, of course, it is time to start thinking of Christmas and the gifts we will be buying for friends and loved ones. A couple of suggestions spring to mind even at this late date: How about the great work of Rachel Wynn, The Descendants of Robert Linnell or a yearly membership to the Linnell Family Association. From the comments I hear throughout the family, each of these gifts is very worthwhile and, once you get either, you will be hooked to the family tree and discover events and descendants whom you had not known. You might hear comments such as: "Gosh, I didn't know Allen H. Linnell was a clipper ship owner and captain and sailed to far off foreign shores" or "Wow, George Washington Linnell was killed in battle at Port Hudson during the Revolutionary War." or "Maybe two Samuel Linnells fought in King Philip's War in 1676, one being killed and the other surviving."

In November we celebrate Veterans Day. A further perusal of the DRL book will show you that, interestingly enough, Capt. Dean Gray Linnell, was in charge of the "volunteer" Coast Guard near Orleans, MA in the 1850s. Then you will find that John Adams Linnell -- you gotta love the Presidential names -- served in the Navy and the Army at the time of the Civil War. And Selwin Clark Linnell enlisted in the Civil War in May 1864 and served for a short period of time with General Sherman.

Of course, I can recommend these two gifts as a good material source for any one of our cousins who might be looking for a little help with their college educational expenses. As you may or may not remember, the deadline for the third annual scholarship submittal is January 1, 2005. It is not too late to encourage college bound students to apply for this next \$500 scholarship. The guidelines have been published in previous newsletters. If you have any questions, please write to Norman Linnell, Maryan Ainsworth, or Barrie Westwick (addresses are shown in the newsletter) and they will be happy to help you.

And, speaking of gifts, do not forget that annual dues are payable the first of the year. I hope you will take the time at your next check writing session to send your dues payment to Scott

A Linnell Invention

Paul E. Linnell built and donated a model of the Double Hay Stacker, built by his grandfather Lafayette Linnell, to the Norton County Museum in Norton, Kansas. Pictured here is the original Double Hay Stacker in operation.

In 1910 the Lafayette Linnell family lived in Almena, Kansas. At that time the Stacker was

powered by men and mules. In this picture George Edward (Ed) Linnell, father of Paul E. Linnell, stands at the left position. Lafayette Linnell, the inventor, is directing the operation in front. Harold Payne and Paul Dewitt Litmell are standing on top of the hay directing the position of the hay to be dropped.

A copy of the letter announcing the Patent number 978,315 awarded to Lafayette Linnell appears on page 212 in The Descendants of Robert Linnell, Second Edition by Rachel L. Wynn.

Paul E. Linnell has indicated that Lafayette Linnell was not able to put his invention into production before another inventor accomplished this. Other ways of handling hay also made this product obsolete. The creative genius of our ancestors though to accomplish their work is legendary, a testament to the creativity of all Linnells.

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Linnell. Our general fund keeps getting smaller and smaller, mostly as a result of the publication costs of the newsletter, and every little bit helps. Let me take this opportunity to most enthusiastically say thanks to those of you who have contributed to either our cemetery restoration or scholarship funds, and likewise encourage cousins who have not done so to please take the time to send just a small contribution to either of these very worthwhile projects.

I extend to you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's hoping that all is well and good with each of you.

Jerry Linnell

A Soldier's Letter Home

At the last reunion Gerald Gutzman requested that the LFA make a contribution to the Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post in Almena KS. This letter from Paul Linnell was recently published in the Prairie Dog Press in Almena and was sent in by Gerald Gutzman along with the information that the LFA is remembered on a plaque in the Legion Post.

The editor's note at the end of the article was made by the Prairie Dog Press editor, Jim Swedberg

On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force
August 18, 1918
France

Dear folks at home!

I will try and write you all a few lines tonight so you know I am all right and feeling fine and have a pretty good time looking for a Dutchman. I am in the trenches now in the front line trenches and looking where I can look over on the German trenches and of course can see any Bush(?) tho. They are just like the rest of them off site kids. It is a great old game and I like it fine.

Of course it isn't like being get closer where anybody very seldom shoots at you but you know it gets in your blood and the more you get the more you want. The boys at home don't know just what they are missing. It is something great believe me and for myself I am glad I am in the game with the rest. I have seen a lot, and see a lot every day, see a air fight every little while that is about everyday Have saw four or five brought to the ground, was shelled for a couple of hours the other morning but not bad, anyway never got to any of us. I am just trying to bring little Pallie back home for a souvenir. That is all I want to bring back to you all and I am sure going to do that much.

Well, suppose you are all pretty well through with your work now and are taking life a little easier. Pretty near time to sow wheat. All rite sis you can eat several dishes of ice cream for me if you want to for I can't get it over here, haven't seen any since I left the States and don't intend to until I get back.

How about the fried chicken supper you have? That too, well I might take a small piece of chicken. Oh well, a whole chicken will do for me, I guess. Oh you

have so much. Just send me a bar of chocolate about the size of a 75 cent meal in JC.

We get all the tobacco furnished and believe me kids, never did realize what the YMCA and Red Cross meant until now and also the Salvation Army and they are the soldier's friend over here and I want to tell you that the people over there can't give too much to them for if it weren't for them a soldier in these parts would have a hard time.

Oh, there is an air fight right over my head. Those shrapnel have a lonesome old sound. A piece of one lit just a little way from me. Ha Ha, my buddy said to me "What the hell was that hit over there?" I told him so he only laughed.

Oh, I got away off my line so will come back. Everything that is given to the YMCA or Red Cross and Salvation Army is given to the soldiers in things that really are needed. If I had done that with part of my money I blowed last summer I would have been just as well off and some would have good out of it.

A soldier can buy a sack of Durham and a big book of cigarette papers that cost .05 in the states, get it all for three cents at YMCA. But we get all the tobacco we can possibly make.

Well he'd operate a gun now that shoots 600 times a minute. Now how would you like to sit down behind that old baby and cut loose. She sure talks to you. It will shoot 600 times a minute for 9 hours and then throw rocks for a half hour.

How would you like to be in this game? I didn't think I would but I have changed my mind. A man has to be damned unlucky to get killed in this war. So don't worry about buddy for he is trying to look out for buddy

This letter will have to do for all



of you for I haven't much time to write. Suppose Edd is at camp by this time as papa said he thought he would have to go sometime before winter. Hope he gets to stay at home for they don't need all of us over here. Well kids, Write. Love and good luck to you and I will tell you goodnight for this time.

Your loving brother
Pvt. Paul D. Linnell

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Graves Registration Service

Editor's note: I thought the telegram was a poignant end to the article that should be added. To make reading easier, I have put in some paragraphs. The original did not have any paragraphs or much punctuation.

Thank you so much to the family for sharing this brief look into the time of war in a young man's life.

THE EDITORS APOLOGY

Due to illness and technical difficulties this November, 2004 issue was mailed in January, 2005.

The editor is deeply sorry and will do everything in his power to see that this does not happen again. He regrets any inconvenience this has caused and has arranged with the Scholarship Committee to have that application deadline extended to March 1. See page 3 for details.

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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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