

### 2004 Linnell Scholarship Winning Essay

# How the Linnell Family Has Been a Positive Influence in My Life

Born in 1584, Robert Linnell traveled from London, England, to America when he was 54 years old. Through his allegiance to the King and the colony he made a home in America to begin a long line of generations. This line continues into the present day where we still enjoy the reunions of this family. I have attended three of these reunions in my lifetime: Minneapolis, MN; Cape Cod, MA; and Black River Falls, WI.

Although I am unable to remember the Minneapolis reunion, the other two have both created wonderful memories and have been a positive influence on my life.

Some of the most memorable times of my recent childhood have come from the trip out to Cape Cod. My grandparents, Glen and Marcia Roberts, asked my sister and me if we would come with them to Boston. I was only eleven years old at the time so I was a little hesitant to travel half way across the country without my parents. My sister was more than happy to go along, even though she was only two more years of age than me. The excitement of a new place, and the confidence of my older sister, overtook that fear, and I decided to go along. We started our long journey from Merrill, Wisconsin, and two days later arrived in Boston,

Massachusetts. The first day was filled with the bustle of friends and family who had not seen each other for a long time. I had never realized that there were so many people in our family! I had my own share of long-lost family to greet also. Cousins were there from Texas, Minnesota, and Michigan whom I had not seen for a great deal of time. All of the cousins had to postpone our excited chatter in order to say our "Hellos" to the rest of the family. We than proceeded to join the chaos of pictures being flashed and hugs being given.

Aside from family, whenever somebody mentions the Cape Cod Reunion, I think of the banquet held on the second night. I was sitting next to my sister, wearing my favorite yellow dress, and ate the finest meal that I had ever had in my eleven year of existence. I listened to the speakers talk about the history

> ate my meal of Clam Chowder and Chicken Kiev. These were only two of the wonderful foods served throughout this four-course meal. After the reunion was wrapped up and the relations all began to proceed home, my Grandparents and my sister traveled north to see the wonderful city of Boston. The Old Town Trolley took us to various places in the city, including the U.S.S. Constitution. We arrived just in time for the lower level to close but we were still able to see the amazing size and structure of the rest of the ship. We followed the path that Paul Revere rode on his famous night; we saw the gravestones of some of our well-respected presidents and fore-fathers and we even found the house of our very own Robert Linnell. (Continued on page 2)

of our family line and Cape Cod as I

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Unfortunately, we were unable to enter the house to get a better view of it. This is because it had been turned into a restaurant and there was a wedding party there that day.

The day after sightseeing we began our journey back to home in Wisconsin. We traveled through such forceful storms that when it came time for lunch, we were unable to find a restaurant to eat at that had any electricity. We ended up at a little restaurant where the chili was a bit cold and the milk warm from the lack of electrical appliances but overall it was delicious and I created yet another lifelong memory.

Black River Falls, Wisconsin, is the next reunion that I was able to attend. This event occurred this last summer. I was seventeen years old at the time (as I am now ) and, although. it wasn't nearly as big as the Cape Cod Reunion, it was still full of the buzz of family meeting again and plans being made. We camped near the Moose Lodge with my cousins from Minnesota and had a great time. The banquet, again, was a wonderful meal where I had the chance to connect with family again.

The day of our departure from Black River Falls we threw a birthday party for my little sister at the campground that she will not readily forget. My sister, her fiancé, and I trekked to the store and bought decorations, water balloons, and other little party favors for her and the whole family. My own large family, most of the family of my mother's siblings, and a few extras were all able to celebrate with us for my sister's twelfth birthday.

Years have come and gone, and with those years many reunions of families and friends. The Linnell Family Reunions have been a great positive influence in my life through family and experiences. Without these reunions I would never have been able to see the city where it all started, Boston. Without these reunions I never could have met many of the wonderful people who I now know are of the same bloodline. Last, but certainly not least, without these reunions I never would have had many of the wonderful memories that have been created with family. Sight-seeing with my grandparents, eating at a restaurant in the aftermath of a storm, and throwing a lastminute birthday bash for my youngest sister are only three of the many memories that were made as a result of the Linnell Family Reunions. Family is the fabric of our lives and each person, each memory is a different thread that creates a new weave. The different weaves are what make life what it is and mine is still in the making. Hopefully, more of these threads will enter my life as a result of the continuing Linnell family line.

Cassandra Sunde

### West Coast Reunion

Another year and another reunion with 53 attending. Some of our regulars were unable to be with us, but had several who had never been to a reunion and others that we had not seen for some time. I appreciate those who drive quite a distance to be with us, like Lyle and Jan from ID, Jim and Louanna from CA and Arleigh, Beryl and family from WA. The 2005 reunion will be August 13th, the second Saturday at

# Cassandra Sunde Scholarship Award Winner

It appears that it is bragging time for "Grandpa" again. Another one of my grand daughter's has won the Linnell Family Scholarship Award. And I am understandably proud of that! Cassandra (Cassie) grew up in north central Wisconsin. She was home schooled by her mother, Sharon, for seven of the eight elementary years and attended four years of Senior High in the public school system in Merrill, WI. I believe that the home schooling is one of the main reasons that Cassie and her sister, Jamie, were so well prepared to qualify for this special scholarship.

Cassandra has an impressive list of accomplishments to her credit. She was on the Honor Roll for all four years of Senior High School and was on the President's Education Award Program for Outstanding Academic Excellence. She won the Teacher's Choice Award by the Art Department and was part of the "Link Crew" that assisted incoming freshmen to acclimate to the school. She had Varsity Letter Awards in Gymnastics and Color Guard. In Gymnastics, she excelled on the beam and the uneven bars. While in the Concert Choir, she was in the Solo Ensemble which won first place at Regional competition and then went on to win a "perfect score" at the state level.

Cassie was in 4-H for over ten years. She held the positions of Historian, Photographer, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and last year was President of her club. She has won many, many prizes at the county fair - probably amounting into the hundreds - for her entries, including Best of Show for her cat, Whip, for several years and Best of Show for several art projects.

Her community service activity has included being active in 4-H, Church Youth Group and Special Olympics volunteer. She was, also, on a Bible Quizzing team that won regional competitions and went on to national competition in Louisville, KY.

Cassandra is attending the University of MN at the Morris campus in the western part of the state - majoring in Spanish. She joins her first cousin, Anne Hayes, who is attending her second year at that school.

Beyond all of those accomplishments, Cassie, has a delightful personality and a confidant demeanor and she always has a ready smile. Especially for her "Grandpa".

Glen Roberts

Millersburg Park. Soooo, mark your calendars. There will be a change in 2006. Lyle and Jan offered and will be hosting the 2006 reunion in Coeur D'Alene, ID. We will keep you posted as time goes along. We hope those of you in that area will be able to make it and support their efforts. Those of us from this area would love to see those we have not seen for a long time and to meet new cousins. For all the WC attendees, I wish you all a wonderful 2005. Ladoska Elliot



### Additions to the Family Records

# **Births, Deaths & Marriages**

### **Divorce & Remarriage:**

Daren Allen Linnell Jr. (118,241,112,635,3)

Divorced Janet E. Linnell on 22 Nov 2004 after being separated for more than 18 months.

Married Deborah J. Walsh on 17 Dec 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska, at the historic Anchorage Hotel. 17 Dec holds special meaning for Daren as it is the anniversary of his parents, Daren Allen Linnell Sr. and Daisy Isabelle Gill.

Mavis Kaufman Palmquist (118,241,145,-10-31) Married Earl Rude on 9 Oct 2004 in St Anthony MN

### **Births:**

Sara Paige Stevenson (11a,b15,515,642,32) b. 21 Aug 2004 Layton UT

Parents are Brandon & Aimee (Reel) Stevenson

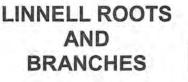
Layne Gannen Warner (11a,b15,515,643,21) b. 17 Oct 2004 Lebanon OR Parents are Anthony & Meagan (Reel) Warner

### Karmin Andreya Fouts (11a,b,515,644,21)

 b. 9 Dec 2004 Corvallis OR Parents are Mark & Donaca (Wilson) Fouts

### Deaths:

Edward H Whitney (118,241,116,57S) & (118,241,112,811S) d. 18 Nov 2004 at the North Shore Care Home in Grand Marais MN. He had just celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday a few weeks before.





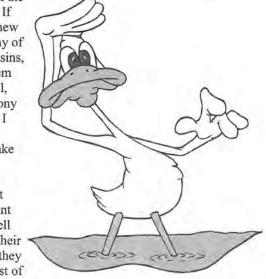
# **Bureau of Missing Cousins**

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of the newsletter means that the Post Office, if they have a forwarding address on file, will send us that address for the meager sum of \$.70 each. For the last newsletter we have received 24 of these notifications so far and expect that more will come in. That has added \$16.80 to the cost of sending out newsletters. So, a big thank you to those of you who have sent in address changes directly to us. Anything we can do to lower the cost of publishing the newsletter is a savings that can really help the Linnell Family Association.

Besides the address corrections, many newsletters were returned because there is no forwarding address or that the forwarding address has expired. Listed below are Lost Cousins for whom we no longer have valid addresses. The city and state

shown are from the old addresses. If you know the new addresses of any of these Lost Cousins, please send them to me by e-mail, snail mail or pony express so that I can update my records and make sure the next newsletters are sent to the right places. We want all of our Linnell cousins to get their newsletters so they can keep abreast of all family activities.



Jim Swedberg

	LOST COU	JSINS	
Barnish	Vera	Rochester	NY
Burns	Ruth	Chicago	IL
Linnell	Craig	White Bear Lake	MN
Linnell	Peter T	Harwich Port	MA
Linnell	Winslow	Bridgton	ME
Mack	Terry	Cody	WY
Pierson	Faye S	Bloomington	MN
Quimby	Charlene & Carroll	Albion	ME

### **ONE-LINERS TO USE AT THE 2006 REUNION**

- FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
- It's 2006...Do you know where your G-G-Grandparents are?
- My hobby is genealogy...I raise dust bunnies as pets.

# 90 YEARS AGO NUPTIALS

In those days there was a Society Editor on the staff of just about every newspaper and a local wedding was quite a newsworthy event. Such is evident from the pages of the November 12, 1912, issue of the Biddeford Journal (Maine) reporting the marriage of William S. Linnell (118,241,215,2) and Jessie Hopkinson of Saco.

#### Bob Linnell

Standing in front of the beautiful now Abbot Memorial chancel, and to strains of the bridal chorus on the \$15,000 Shannon Memorial organ rendered by Prof. Charles W. Shannon, fifty years organist at the church, William Shepard Linnell, a member of the Cumberland county bar, who is associated with Hon. William M. Bradley of Portland in the practice of his profession, and Miss Jessie Eudora Hopkinson of Saco were married last evening in the audience room of the First Congregational Church Saco.

An agreeable simplicity characterized every detail of the church wedding. The decorations were simple and while there was no attempt at elaborate display, yet the nuptials were among the most charming in recent years in that city.

The bride and groom are well known and their marriage was not only an occasion of pleasure to those who witnessed it but of mingled joy and congratulation to the young people of Biddeford, Saco, and Portland, who count the couple as their friends.

The wedding came during anniversary week at the First parish and many who have been attending the exercises since Sunday were present. The weather conditions were perfect. The glowing crimson and gold had just faded in the western sky when people began going to the church.

Everything assisted in making the

event one of the most enjoyable of the season, and it was remarked by many of the guests who witnessed the ceremony, that two Saco young people never pledged their vows under happier conditions or more favorable prospects for future prosperity and welfare.

Guests were present from the two cities and from Portland and places outside the state. About 200 invitations were issued but it was not necessary to have an invitation to attend. Their numerous friends and acquaintances were all invited.

The decorations were of the simplest kind. There were evergreen trees about the chancel, and the greenery, together with flowers formed an attractive setting for the bridal party.

At the appointed hour, 8 o'clock, the bridal party marched down the aisles to the strains of the bridal chorus on the pipe organ. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Chester B. Emmerson of the First Parish Church. The bride was given away by her father John H. Hopkinson. The maid of honor was Miss Bertha Fay Davis of Saco. The bridesmaids were Miss Kathleen Fitzgerald of Portland, Miss Bertha Robie Linnell and Adelaide Linnell, sisters of the groom and Miss Pearl Davis of Saco.

The best man was Henry Darendyd Evans of Augusta, a college fraternity brother of the groom.

The ushers were Ralph Stimson Hopkinson, a brother of the bride, A. Osgend Pike of Saco a classmate of the groom, Mayor Frank D. Palmer of Saco and Dr. Harold J. Everette of Portland.

The bride looked exceedingly pretty and graceful in the gown of white peau de cyne and Brussels lace, en train. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies.

The maid of honor Miss Davis was charmingly attired in a simple and beautiful costume of pale blue crepe de chine, over Messaline, en train. She carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations.

The pretty bridesmaids wore white dresses, and each carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations.

The wedding was one of the prettiest of the year.

After the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride at 61 Lincoln street, at which congratulations and merry making were in order from 8:30 until 10. Felicitations and greetings of the heartiest character were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Linnell. In the receiving line beside the young married couple were, Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkinson and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Linnell all of Saco.

The house was prettily decorated, the dining room being especially festive with it's embellishments of pink carnations and evergreen, the color scheme being pink and green. A wedding lunch was served in the dining room, and Mrs. Ralph H. Merrow poured punch.

Mrs. E. R. Woodbury of Saco cut the brides cake.

There were about 200 at the reception. Many handsome costumes were worn by the ladies.

The popularity of the couple was

effectively attested by the numerous wedding remembrances, which includes cut glass, articles of silver, bric-a-brac hand painted china and many other gifts both useful and ornamental.

The bride's gift to the maid of honor was a necklace and pearl pendant. The bride's gifts were silver chatelaines. The groom's gift to the ushers were scarf pins set with amethyst and pearl.

With the going away of the bridal couple there followed the usual shower of rice and confetti as they made their escape from the scene of the nuptial festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Linnell will be at home after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 24 Bolton street, Portland. The honeymoon trip will be brief.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkinson and is popular among friends in Saco. She is a graduate of Thornton academy and is a member of the Madisses of First Parish church, Saco.

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### Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post

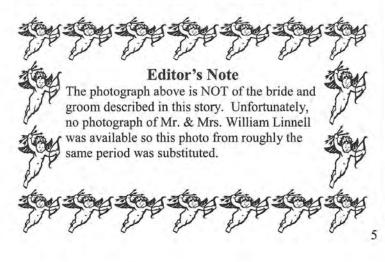


Melvin Boatman and Gerald Gutzman standing in front of the Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post in Almena, Kansas on Memorial Day, 2004. The story of Paul D. Linnell was featured in an article in the November 2004 Newsletter. Missing from the article was the fact that Paul D. Linnell had two sisters, Lois Linnell Boatman who is the mother of Melvin, and Opal Linnell Gutzman, the mother of Gerald.

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The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Linnell. He is a graduate of Thornton academy, Bowdoin college and the George Washington University of Law. He engaged in the practice of law in Portland, being associated with Hon. William M. Bradley. He has a wide acquaintance in the two cities and hundreds of friends unite in wishing him a long and happy life.

Among the out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Webster, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Files, Florence Elizabeth Thurrel, Arthur E. Robinson, Fredrick T. Penwell, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Giles of East Brownneld, William Haskell of Westbrook; Miss Louise S. Leathe of Boston; Miss R. Estelle Bradbury of Gorham.



### News from Our Cousins

January 29, 2005

# Information from EVERYONE HERE SPOKE SIGN LANGUAGE by Nora Ellen Groce

A number of years ago I was studying to become a sign language interpreter. (I have a deaf son Ryan who is now 33 yrs. old). I was studying deaf history as part of this program and came across some information that was very interesting to me.

On page 23 of the above book an association was being made between the early deafness on Martha's Vineyard. It states that the first case of deafness recopied was that of Jonathan Lambert as were two of his seven children. Lambert was born in the town of Barnstable on Cape Cod on April 28, 1657, the son of Joshua Lambert, an innkeeper, and his wife Abigail Linnell.

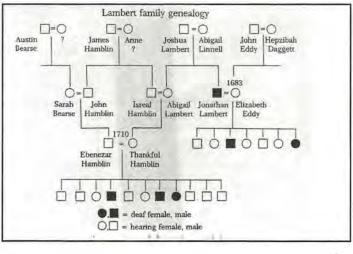
The late hour at night I was reading this book I ran to find the first copy of THE DECENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL. I found on page 7, that yes, Abigail is listed as is Jonathan with the birth date being the same but the last name of Lombard being listed.

Many years ago, the documents were not clear and could the name of Lombard and Lambert be the same and if anyone out there has any information on this would like to hear from you.

My e-mail is <u>cilinneil@msn.com</u> or write to me at 2501 Lockwood Dr. Mendota Heights, MN. 55120

Blessings to all the Linnells out there

Cheryl J (Linnell) Kinney

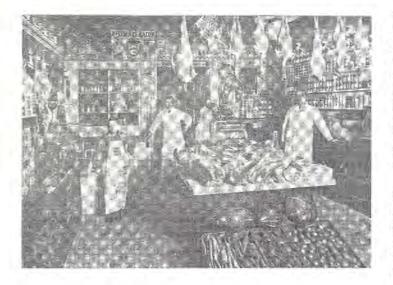


# LINNELL'S MARKET, WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS 1913

Some different from today's supermarket! The lack of refrigeration, sawdust covered floors and open display of meat, poultry and cheese would send the modern health inspector into orbit. This meat & grocery at 404 Main Street in Woburn was opened in 1894 by JOSEPH LINNELL (117,628,16) following his retirement from a leather plant in Sand Banks, New York, for reason of poor health. His son, JAMES H. LINNELL, carried on the business until retirement in 1928 at age 54.

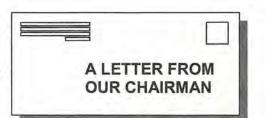
Shown in the 1913 photograph are (L - R) Gerald Turner, Frank Turner, Fred H. Turner and James. Following James' retirement, the business was known as Turner Brothers Market. It later was known as Woburn Meat Shop for many years but that special aroma from the freshly ground coffee and meats and produce, which many of us can recall from our childhood days, is just a nostalgic memory.

#### Robert Linnell



### **Error Correction**

Essays submitted by students for the \$500 LFA Scholarship should be at least 1000 words in length, not 500 words as printed in the January newsletter. Please pardon the error.



#### Hello, Cousins.

As I sit down to pen a few lines to you, I think of the President of the United States pondering delivery of his State of the Union Message.

Sure, you say he has speech writers, but I bet you a dollar he has a lot to say about what goes into his prime time address. He will talk about foreign and domestic issues to let you know his thoughts about the future of our great nation. Well, my words will not be nearly as profound, but it is that time again when we have to sort of take measure of where our association is and what we hope to do in the future.

I had the pleasure of conversing on the phone last evening with my granddaughter Leanne about her family ancestry. Of course, I immediately brought her attention to the Descendants of Robert Linnell book – surely a family treasure if there ever was one. And before I go any further, be aware that there are not a whole lot of these books available and you can still purchase one of them for your family.

Anyway, Leanne and I talked for quite some time about grandfathers and grandmothers and how one reads the book and finds out who belonged to whom. It was fun telling her to go back to page 373 to find Verne Leroy Linnell (118,241,116,59), my father, her paternal grandfather, and that she could then figure out that Grandpa Vern (he loved to spell his name without the "e") was the ninth child of the fifth child in the tenth generation. So we went back to the tenth generation and found that Vern was the ninth child of Peter Maroni Linnell (118,241,116,5), who was the fifth child of the sixth child in the ninth generation; that is, Chester John Linnell (118,241,116).

Confusing it was to the little one, and even I get tangled up in the numbers and the names. Nevertheless, it does give you a certain sort of satisfaction knowing that a young one in our huge family might someday use this wonderful book to write a short paper on Linnell family history and win at least a \$500 scholarship. If you read the last newsletter, you will know that we have extended the deadline until March 1 (this year only) for the submission of applications for the scholarship.

When Leanne and I were talking about ancestry, part of her project was to find out birth and death dates. Well, of course, I was quick to point out that not only could she determine who her paternal grandparents were, but that a glance at any name in the DRL would tell her the birth and death dates, including where the births and deaths occurred. Now, of course, it is up to each one of us to know the burial sites of our grandparents so that we can also shed some light on the family practices and traditions in burial.

By gosh, that also reminds me of the ongoing grave stone restoration projects. I guess you need not be reminded of the fact that the association, through the awesome work of Robert Linnell, our current secretary, has restored three of the four oldest grave stones in our family. Unfortunately, we have run out of funds to help us complete restoration of the last of the four on the Cape.

You say: take it out of the general fund. Well, that fund is slowly dwindling and the goal is to get donations from generous folk who want to see us complete this revitalization and not deplete our general fund.

Darn if I don't just happen to hit on another point about the state of the association. As I have written on many occasions in the past, the first of the year means dues-paying time. You can send your payment to Treasurer J. Scott Linnell, 23 Liberty Knoll Drive, Colt's Neck, NJ 07722.

Well, speaking of current happenings, you are invited to use the web site (linnellfamily.home.comcast.net or you can contact Mark Wynn at Markwynn@comcast.net) to make known any of your important upcoming events Pam Dittus awaits any vital records information you have about births and deaths. Historian Rachel Linnell Wynn looks forward to the receipt of historical matter that you might think is important. And as of now, Jim and Kay Swedberg wish you would send to them any articles for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. If you have any questions about Cape Cod and the 2006 reunion, do not hesitate to contact Dan McConnell at dan.mcconnell@alcoa.com. Or contact the scholarship fund administration committee if you have any questions about the application requirements. Glen Roberts is available at snowbirds62@juno.com to do any family trees you are having trouble with. Cousin Dick Linnell, our membership chairman, bless his heart, is ailing with kidney problems and so I ask you to keep him in your prayers.

As you know, 2006 is the next LFA reunion, which will be held the last weekend in June up in beautiful Cape Cod. The steering committee will be meeting there this coming May to iron out the details of that happy occasion. Be sure you mark that June weekend in 2006 as a MUST DO for your family.

Just one last note in my state of the association. I have been elected to serve as chairperson of the LFA three times. No, there is no bylaw that says the chairperson can only serve two terms, but I do believe you have heard enough from this diehard Democrat and it is time for someone else to take over the reins of this wonderful association. If it is the desire of the steering committee, I will continue to serve in some capacity to help with furthering the goals of the family, but I will leave it to that committee to find a Linnell to sale our ship from the Cape to its next mooring.

Jerry Linnell

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