



Dick Linnell 1926-2005

Dick Linnell died July 25, 2005. To the Linnell Family Association members Dick embodied the image of the stalwart Linnell persona ever since he presented his portrayal of David Linnell at the reunion of 1988 at Cape Cod. He gave this presentation again at the reunion of 1991 at St Paul, MN. And his picture in the David Linnell costume is included in the DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL, SECOND EDITION 1994 edition on page 4.

Since the 1980s Dick has been a major supporter and planner for the Linnell Family Association. He was elected Chairman of the Association in 1991 and has been a major part of the Steering Committee since that time. As Membership Chairman he compiled the listing of all related to the Linnell name. He managed the printing and mailing of the Linnell Family Newsletters for the last twenty years. For twenty years his antique barn was the holding place from which THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL book was mailed to purchasers. Until this year Dick and Dru always attended the mid-reunion meeting of the Steering



Committee, participated in the planning, and took major responsibilities for every reunion. His has been a major role in the development of the Linnell Family Association.

It was in 1982 that Dick and Dru wrote to me indicating that they would like to meet me and find out more about the Linnell family research project. They would be in Rochester, NY in late summer. Dick's father had received my letter asking for Linnell connections in 1980 and it had been passed on to Dick to answer. We spent three days of talking the genealogy language, visiting the Pioneer Cemetery with Linnell graves, finding our connections, and there our genealogical friendship was born. In 1983 I visited them at their lovely historical home in Orangeville, IL, on a genealogical trip in the midwest, and we have been together in our family interest ever since.

Dick took the leadership in establishing the data of the Linnell descendants of Samuel Linnell, 118,241,1 for Chapter VIII in THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL. He traveled extensively and wrote to many cousins to complete all possible in this line. And he supported the work of Bonnie and Roger Hansen in the establishment and celebration of the Linnell School and Cemetery in Becker County, Minnesota. Such events personified Dick's commitment to the Linnell name and presence in this

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country.

Of his many other interests and work, in school affairs, in creative course work, in theater, in community, others will write; we make special note of his presence with us in family. For this we are grateful.

Rachel Linnell Wynn

EVERYONE HERE SPOKE SIGN LANGUAGE by Nora Ellen Groce

A number of years ago while studying to become a sign language interpreter (I have a deaf son, Ryan, who is now 33 years 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 and it states that the first case of deafness recorded 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.

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

Many years ago the documents were written by hand and the name of Lombard and Lambert may be the same and if anyone out there has any information about this I would like to hear from you.

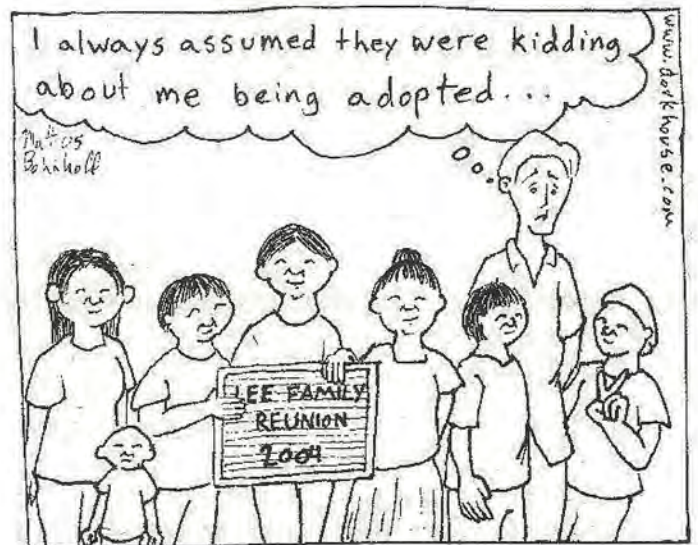
Blessings to all the Linnells out there.

Cheryl J {Linnell} Kinney .
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The above article was received some time ago and was misplaced. The editor apologizes for the delay and regrets any inconvenience he has caused.

Newsletter Staff Cartoonist

Beginning with this issue, the LFA welcomes its new staff cartoonist, Matt Bohnhoff (118,241,185,821,1). Matt is attending New Mexico State University studying Wildlife Biology and Art. He asks that all cousins send in amusing stories about their family that can be drawn up into a cartoon panel. See more of Matt's work at his web site <http://www.dorkhouse.com>





A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Cousins:

As the U.S. Senate gets ready to wind down to its August recess, I start to get excited about my yearly summer trip to the wonderful North Shore of Lake Superior and good old Grand Marais. I often think about that little town, so far off the beaten track in terms of travel from afar, as a wonderful spot for the LFA's triennial family reunion, especially with so much of the Linnell family history still intact. But that is probably the thinking of a lot of you Linnell cousins as to your favorite family gathering place though, so for now it will have to be my own prejudicial thought about such an endeavor on the beautiful North Shore of Lake Superior..

However, as many of you are probably aware, one of the tasks of the LFA steering committee is the picking of the next site for the reunion after we visit the Cape in 2006. It has been traditional in the past that those wanting to host the next reunion would make a presentation to the steering committee as to why their choice of a site would be worth using for the next family get together.

So why not put on your thinking caps and get together with some of your "next door" cousins to develop a presentation at the Cape Cod reunion? It surely does not have to be long, but should contain many of the local amenities and Linnell family history that would make a lot of us want to visit the area and learn why so many cousins call it "home."

Speaking of the Cape Cod reunion, it is worth noting on your new 2006 calendar in the month of January that you should be calling the Four Points Sheraton Inn in Eastham, MA (508 255 5000) to make your June reunion reservations. Obviously, there will be much more information in the next several newsletters as to costs and site information in regard to a most pleasing and entertaining weekend.

While I am at it, I will again ask you to think about picking up the phone and calling Scott Linnell or myself about your desire to volunteer to help us fill one of the many LFA steering committee

vacancies (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Data Computerization, Newsletter Editor) to be voted on at the time of the next reunion. Just a few hours of your time a month will be all that is needed to help us keep the association in good standing and well represented.

Before I sign off and head for the good old Midwest, please accept a word of thanks from the steering committee to those of you who responded so quickly to Secretary Bob Linnell's dues letter. I encourage those of you who have not yet responded to do so as quickly as you can.

Talk to you in November.

Jerry Linnell

OUR MOST SENIOR MEMBER ?



At a reunion, it's easy to determine who the oldest person present is - you can just have a show of hands. But we don't know all the ages of our active members and subscribers to the Newsletter. Yet, some we do. ORRELL E. LINNELL (117,7-10-2,1-10-2,1) of Norway, Maine, is 95 years young, having been born March 16, 1910. An accomplished craftsman, Orrell made and presented the beautiful Linnell Bowl to the Association at the time of the first reunion at Hyannis. Do you know of an older member? If so, send his /her name, date of birth and photo to the Editor.

TREASURERS' REPORT

Response to Dues Mailing

With its coffers steadily dwindling due to the expense of its newsletter, the Linnell Family Association sent a special mailing earlier this summer requesting recipients to please pay their dues. The response can well be described as a groundswell of support. To date, 67 people have renewed their memberships. Of these, 7 became new life members. Furthermore, a number of members have made special gifts to three LFA funds: the General Fund (\$485), the Scholarship Fund (\$205) and the Gravestone Fund (\$220). With responses continuing to arrive, these numbers will likely rise.

The most important news is that the LFA General Fund has risen \$2,440 to \$5,660, or nearly 75%. This firmer financial footing, coupled with a pending limitation in newsletter circulation to dues-paying and life members, should keep our organization solvent for a long time to come.

What's in a Label?

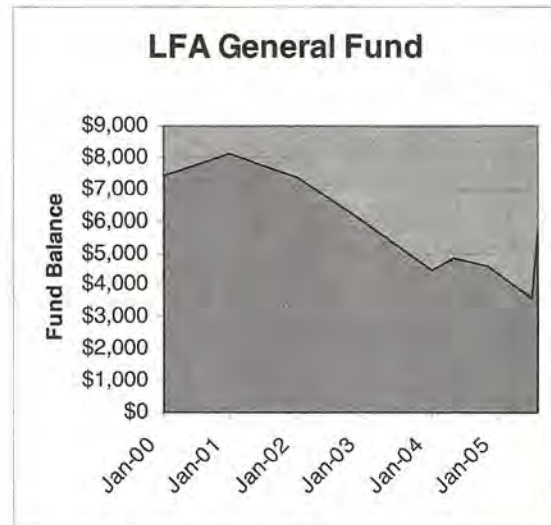
If you are an LFA member, plenty! The mailing label indicates your membership status. It also indicates the year in which you most recently paid dues. For example, the text string "Single - 05" denotes single membership that has been paid in 2005. Please take a moment to check your membership status as shown on the mailing label. If it does not agree with your records, please notify me, Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer.

Some LFA members paid dues twice this year, once before the recent Dues Notice and once in response. In those cases, I have applied the second payment to 2006. In these cases, the mailing label should show "06".

Funds Status

As mentioned above, the LFA General Fund received a much-needed boost over the past month.

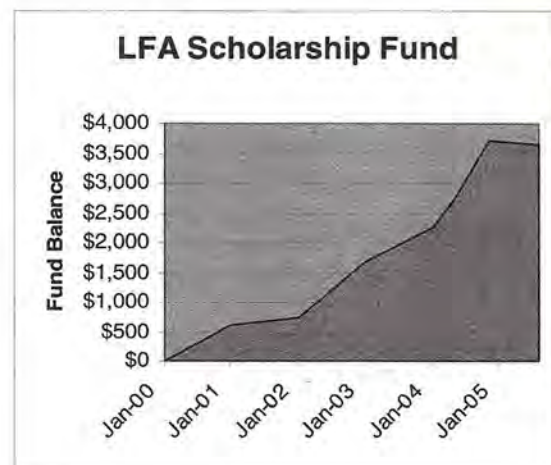
The 5-year chart below documents the overall decline in the General Fund, due mostly to newsletter expenses, as well as the recent upswell in payments and gifts.



The Scholarship Fund continues to be a popular program with Association members. The rate of contribution has about matched the annual awarding of our \$500 collegiate scholarship. The fund's current balance is \$3,641. Recent contributors to the Scholarship Fund are:

Rachel Linnell Wynn, Historian Society (\$1 to \$49)

- ◆ Marty and Bob Borland
- ◆ Richard and Roberta Bockovich
- ◆ Betsy Smith
- ◆ Sally Suck
- ◆ Marvel Soderlund
- ◆ Alva Hakala
- ◆ Muriel Phipps



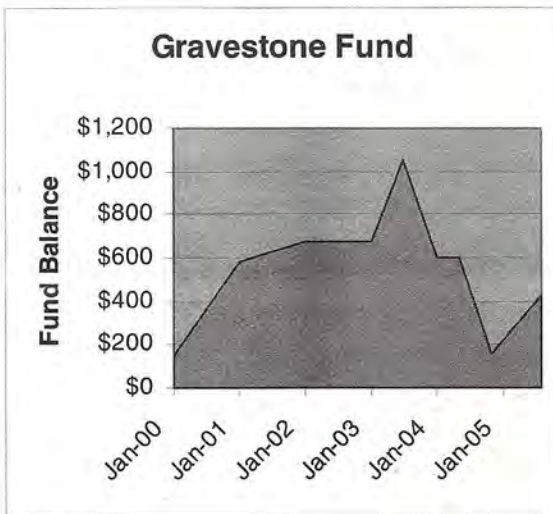
Linnell Landing, Cape Cod Society (\$50 to \$99)

- ◆ Marty and Bob Borland
- ◆ Gerald W. Linnell
- ◆ Robert H. Linnell
- ◆ Sally Tongren

Captain Ebenezer Harding Linnell Society (\$100 to \$249)

- ◆ Jerry Linnell

There has also been a substantial increase in the Gravestone Fund during this year. Its balance has increased from \$155 to \$426. This brings it close to the \$500 that is roughly needed to replace gravestones at the cemetery in Cape Cod where many of our early North American ancestors are buried.



Contributors to the Gravestone Fund this year include:

- ◆ Charlene Toews
- ◆ Betsy Smith
- ◆ Ronald Shaffer
- ◆ Gerald W. Linnell
- ◆ Robert H. Linnell
- ◆ Alva Hakala
- ◆ Orrell Linnell
- ◆ Anne and Jeffrey Small
- ◆ John H. Linnell

Scott Linnell
Treasurer

GRAVESTONE COMMITTEE REPORT



In the December, 2003, Newsletter it was reported that the gravestone of John Linnell at Lathrop Cemetery in Barnstable, Massachusetts, had been replaced in granite and that his wife, Ruth's, would be duplicated when funds became available. We hope this can be accomplished prior to the 2006 Reunion at Eastham so that attendees will be able to see all four of the Cape Cod new stones. In the meantime your Committee would like you to be thinking of future objectives. For example, the gravestone of Samuel Linnell at Pine Grove Cemetery in Belgrade, Maine, is barely legible and rapidly falling apart. Samuel (118,24) died November 25, 1804, after following his son Joseph, to Maine from Barnstable. Joseph's grave has not been found, although he is believed to have died at Madison, Maine, in 1806.

Robert Linnell

Eva Spurlin has graciously contributed \$10 for gravestones and \$10 for scholarship. She challenges all Linnell cousins to match or exceed her contribution.

Kitchen Queen

Rest assured, you who slave away in front of a hot stove: a Stanley wood-fired range purchased from the Lord & Linnell Company of Saco will transform you into a culinary queen, and the preparation of meals will become, well, heavenly. At least that's what William F. Linnell and Abram T. Lord hoped Maine women - as well as their husbands - would think when they commissioned this striking photograph for use in their advertising back in 1900. And they should have known what would appeal to women of the time: Lord & Linnell had been the exclusive agents for the trusted, Auburn-built Stanley ranges from their storefront at 113 Main Street since shortly after returning from battle in the Civil War.

The men's business acumen - as well as a downright neighborly relationship - is likely what drew them to the photographers at Webber Studios, just over a block away from their Saco retail shop, to make this impressive advertising illustration, discovered in a family album and graciously forwarded to DOWN EAST by a Linnell descendant. The men have chosen and dressed their model carefully to ensure she will appeal to the homemakers who comprise the clientele: she appears heavily corseted, is wearing a wedding band on her left hand, and seems content holding a cook pot.

But such subtle touches of domesticity apparently were not enough for these two Saco entrepreneurs, and they have attached metallic stars, moons, funnels, ladles, and flour-sifters, at lower right, to the model's flowing dress. Perhaps they, or a talented employee, have used idle hours spent in their stove shop to create the elaborate diadem resting on the woman's



head, a homespun bit of artistry that appears to have been fabricated from a length of stovepipe. Unfortunately for this compliant model, Lord & Linnell decided to go even further with this inspired bit of metalwork, adding a frilly metal collar - a sort of turn-of-the-century Slinky - with its sharp edges serving as a painful reminder to remain motionless and focused on the photographer. Despite such an innovative advertising campaign, the partnership of Lord & Linnell would come to an end only a few years after this striking photograph was made. While Abram I Lord and his son opened a new stove shop just down the road in 1906, William S. Linnell did not join them.

The many subtle touches that Lord & Linnell conceived for this arresting bit of advertising were in fact quite daring - the tropical backdrop alone is startling in then-industrial Saco - but they had enough business sense to include one instantly recognizable icon that would ground viewers in the company's signature product. At the top of the cloth banner that the model clutches, the men have added a tiny model of one of their

trade-mark Stanley stoves - a final and perfectly clear symbol of the culinary heaven that these two imaginative Saco businessmen and their queenly model were offering Mainers everywhere.

—Joshua F Moore

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Submitted by Robert Linnell

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News from Our Cousins



Association Vice President and 2006 Reunion Chairman Dan McConnell was well prepared to educate the Steering Committee at their June meeting in Eastham, Massachusetts. He described all the nearby points of interest, facilities and options for the makings of a productive and enjoyable reunion. Registration forms and the program will be included with a future edition of the Newsletter. You should be making plans now to attend the Cape Cod Reunion June 23-25, 2006.

Robert Linnell



Additions to the Family Records

Deaths:

Richard (Dick) Linnell 118,241,116,912

b. 5 Sept. 1926 d. 25 July 2005

Memorial 29 July 2005 Orangeville, IL

Births:

Ayana Experience Borland 117,612,123,212,14

b. 31 July 2005 Baden, PA to Robert 117,612,123,212,1 and Vicki Borland

Ayana has three siblings: Tristen, Maya, and Mason

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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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