



Westering Pioneer Honored

Descendants of Joseph D. Linnell, 118,241,145 DRL, decided at the Linnell Family Reunion, June 2003 in Wisconsin, to honor their ancestor who is buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Greene, Iowa, with a new gravestone marker. The mother of this group, Sarah J. Welton, also died in Greene, Iowa, but her name was not inscribed on the original marker dedicated to Joseph. Nor were the names of the two siblings, Lillian who died in 1891 and Ella who died in 1884, inscribed on any marker. This marker honors especially the great grandparents of those who subscribed to the project, Joseph D. and Sarah (Welton) Linnell. The subscribers were:

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Mavis Kaufman Palmquist	118,241,145,-10-16

The "westering" movements of Joseph Linnell have been documented in *THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT LINNELL*, page 343. This indicates that Joseph moved with his family to Henry Co. Illinois about 1844. He married Mary Jane Linnell,

his cousin in Sauk Co. Illinois in 1858. Mary died in July 1866 leaving three small children, Frederick, Walter and Lewis who died a short time later. Joseph married Sarah in late 1867 living in Illinois. They remained in Illinois for about 8 years and four children were born there,

Alfreda, Lillian, Tressie, and Joseph. By 1876 they had moved to Wisconsin where Herbert was born. Tressie was buried in Vernon Co. Wisconsin in 1880. Joseph and Sarah made their final

move to Iowa by 1885 and Ella was buried there. While Joseph and Sarah remained in Iowa the rest of their lives, after the growing up period the remaining children and grandchildren moved on to Minnesota.-

The pictures of the new marker identifies the four Linnells who are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Greene, Iowa, along with their birth and death dates. The monument honors Joseph D. Linnell.

What a great effort this group has developed in making sure their ancestors are properly identified.

Mavis Kaufman Palmquist Rude



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Early Linnell Houses and Lands in America

When we gather together for the Linnell Family Reunion, June 23-25, 2006, many of us may want to visit the place where Robert Linnell, and his wife, Peninah Linnell, first settled in Barnstable Village [after a brief stay in Scituate], and the places where the first generation of the Linnells lived, worshipped, and were buried in America. Although most of the original deeds were lost when the Barnstable Court House burned in 1824, a number of other sources tell us where they lived.

One of the best sources is "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families", by Amos Otis, originally published as a series of articles in the local Cape Cod Newspaper in the 1850's, later printed in book form in 1888[copy in the Sturgis Library in Barnstable Village]. Amos Otis' great-grandfather, Solomon Otis, had been registrar of deeds for Barnstable County, and much of the source information Amos used came from his family's papers. This is the same Otis family in Barnstable that gave us James Otis, "The Patriot" of pre-Revolution fame, and Mercy Otis Warren, one of our country's earliest female writers. The Otis's were friends and relatives of the Linnells in Barnstable.

In Amos Otis' article on the Linnell family, he says of Robert Linnell, "His house lot [in Barnstable Village], containing ten acres was bounded northerly by the harbor, easterly by the lot of Thomas Lombard [another relative], southerly by the highway [the present Route 6A], and westerly by the home lots of William and John Casely. He also owned three acres of planting land in the common field, three acres of meadow at Sandy Neck, nine at Scorton, a great lot containing sixty acres and rights to commonage". Wouldn't we all like to own 85 acres of Barnstable, on Cape Cod, today?

From other of Mr. Otis' articles on Barnstable families [and from the Barnstable Historical Society], we learn that Robert and Peninah's original house lot was the third lot east of present day Rendezvous Lane. This lot, today, contains a red colonial house at 2984 Main Street [Route 6A], known as Salt Acres. We are

trying to get permission for the family to tour this land, which still extends down to the harbor. We'll let you know. The current house was built around 1717 by the Davis family [also relatives]. The original Linnell house on the property would have been built around 1640. It was probably torn down to build this one. To get an idea of what the original house might have been like, visit the Lothrop Room in the Sturgis Library, down the street. This room is a preserved section of Reverend John Lothrop's [the minister and Robert Linnells brother-in-law] original house, so you can imagine the Linnell family standing in that very room.

Another early Linnell house in Barnstable Village is at #3286 Main St. It was owned by John Linnell, son of David, grandson of Robert. Mr.Otis says that "at his death in 1747, John Linnell occupied this house".

Although these properties are in private hands today, you can clearly see them from Main Street, perhaps on the afternoon of Saturday, the 25th. Nearby to both properties is the Lothrop Hill Cemetery, where the first three generations of Linnells are buried, the oldest surviving gravestone being that of John Linnell [recently replaced by the Linnell Family Association] and his wife, Ruth Davis Linnell. Also nearby is the Sturgis Library, mentioned above, which also holds the manuscript collection of our own Rachel Linnell Wynn, author of "Descendents of Robert Linnell" and our family historian, which is now accessible on line. Next door to the Sturgis is the Daniel Davis House, the museum of the Barnstable Historical Society, and well worth the visit. We will have speakers at both locations on Saturday the 25th.

At the reunion, we will show photographs of these properties along with those of other old Linnell properties in Hyannisport and Orleans, and we will provide maps showing their locations. Much of the early history and heritage of the Linnell family is here on Cape Cod. We sincerely hope that you and your family choose to attend the reunion this June, and are able to experience as much of our heritage as possible, along with enjoying the beautiful beaches, recreational opportunities, great restaurants [including the Captain Linnell House], etc. Please come early or stay late, but please don't miss it.

Dan McConnell

News from Our Cousins



Greetings to you.

Yes, we have an older Linnell: Doris-Linnell-Merritt Klinferfues was born 7/18/08. She celebrated her 97th in July.

Doris lives on her own, is active in her church's women's group. She made the afghan in the photo for a niece.

She traveled to the 2000 reunion in Alexandria Bay with the Linnell cousins from Minnesota with her niece Cheryl Linnell Kinney.

So, any others out there?

Cheryl L. Kinney
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LINNELL PAPERS IN STURGIS LIBRARY

Dear Linnell Family:

Our archives finding aid is now online, and you will find the Linnell Family papers are fully accessible. You may want to put a link to this resource on your website, or mention it if you send out a newsletter.

<http://www.sturgislibrary.org/resources/special/archives/index.php>

Looking forward to seeing some of you this summer!

Lucy Loomis
Library Director
Sturgis Library
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Dear Linnell cousins,

My grandsons, Ben Esler and Jay Hansen, have recently had school assignments requesting their family history and how they arrived in Minnesota. Ben's teacher was very impressed with The Descendants of Robert Linnell publication by Rachel Linnell Wynn as the main document of their work. Included here is "Jay's Report of the Linnell Family. When Jay began to read the stories and research the material, he was greatly impressed by the stories of Eben Linnell, the sea Captain, as well as the soldiers of the wars of 1812 and the Civil War. As always we have appreciated Rachel Linnell Wynn for her continual search of the Linnell family lines that bring us together as a family as well as a national treasury of family history.

When we received the August 2005 news letter we were sad to read of Dick Linnell's passing but also celebrated his accomplishments and his work to bring the character of Linnell to life with his creative theater performances.

In 1990 Dick and Dru were with us at the town celebration at Ponsford, Minnesota, for an all-school reunion of the Linnell School named for Abigail Linnell, a pioneer of the region called the Third Prairie, for the raising of wheat sent to mills in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Abigail had a stage line post and store and was Becker County Postmistress. Dick was present to dedicate a Historical Marker at the Linnell Cemetery along with a representative from the Minnesota Historical Society. Dick and Dru were in the town parade with a large Linnell banner on each side of their truck.

Our daughter, Linnell Esler, designed Dick's costume for the theater performance of "A 17th Century Love Story," written by Richard "Dick" Linnell in collaboration with Pamela Linnell Dimmlich. Dick would go on to wear the costume many more times in presenting and representing the Linnells. We were always rewarded with his special performances when he would visit and speak at our regional meetings as we prepared for the second North American Linnell Reunion in 1991 held in St Paul, Minnesota.

Dick will be missed, his legacy remains.

Bonnie and Roger Hansen

Linnell Cape Cod Family Reunion Bus Trip June 21 - 28, 2006

Board our comfortable motor coach in Minneapolis for a fun-filled adventure with the Linnell Family to Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Our first day of traveling will take us through the heartland of Wisconsin and into Indiana. We will spend our first night in Michigan City, Indiana.

Day two will include a tour of the University of Notre Dame campus. Our second evening will be spent in Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

Day three takes us to Eastham, Massachusetts and the Four Points Sheraton for two nights.

Upon our arrival you will have plenty of time to catch up with the Linnell Family as you will be on your own. It's time to depart family and friends after an enjoyable visit on day five. We will travel to Martha's Vineyard via ferry where we will meet a local step-on guide. The towns on Martha's Vineyard offer surprising diversity, each with its own character and personality. Our evening will be spent in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

We then depart on day six and make our way home. We will visit the US Coast Guard Visitor Center enroute. The next two nights will be spent in Clearfield, Pennsylvania and Downers Grove, Illinois. \$815 pp-dbl, \$710 pp-triple, \$650 pp-quad, \$1185 pp-single.

* *Additional pick-up stops along the route could possibly be arranged if there is a need.*

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Captain Ebenezer Linnell Commander of the Extreme Clipper Ship *The Eagle Wing*

Ebenezer Harding Linnell (117,622,43) was not just a sea captain, not just the builder of the Captain Linnell House, now one of the premier restaurants on Cape Cod. No, Captain Eben Linnell was one of the greatest captains in the era of the famed clipper ships (1850s - 1860s), the era of sailing ships, when American ships ruled the seas. The clippers were the fastest sailing ships ever built, and Captain Linnell with his ship, *The Eagle Wing*, left records that have never been equaled.



The famous American historian of the sea, Henry Kitteredge, in his book *Shipmasters of Cape Cod*, wrote "For native ability, energy and shrewdness, few American shipmasters were his equal; His record from London to China remains a thorn in the side of the historians of British sail." In another classic in the field, *Greyhounds of the Sea*, by Carl Cutler, he wrote "of the New York bound tea ships, none equaled the work of *The Eagle Wing*."

Ebenezer⁸ Harding Linnell was born 25 November 1811, in Orleans, Massachusetts, the son of Solomon and Polly (Harding) Linnell. His descent from Robert Linnell, the immigrant was (Solomon⁷, Josiah⁶, Jonathon⁵, Thomas⁴, Jonathon³, David², Robert¹). As did many boys on Cape Cod, he went to sea at a young age, serving on coastal ships, and on the Atlantic trade. He served as captain of the ship *Cabinet* in the cotton trade and became known as a

talented sailor. His first ship in the China trade was the *Norman*, sailing from Boston to Manila and Canton, China in 1847. In 1851, as captain of the cargo ship *Buena Vista*, he drew attention by racing an extreme clipper ship, the *Golden Cross*, coming within four days of her passage to San Francisco.

That feat gained him the helm of the new clipper *Eagle Wing*, James Curtis, builder, Theodore Chase, owner. To quote Kitteredge "In the fall of 1853, James Curtis launched the lean and lovely clipper ship, *Eagle Wing* at his yard in Medford, her maiden voyage out of Boston, December 20, 1853, bound for San Francisco."

The *Eagle Wing* was so fast and so successful, that her owners put her into the prime tea trade between London and China. The profits of such trade for a fast ship were enormous for the time. The *Eagle Wing* could carry over 1300 tons of tea which brought over eight Pounds Sterling on the London market, which translated to an amount in excess of \$50,000 per voyage, equivalent to one hundred times that amount today.

In 1855 Captain Linnell and the *Eagle Wing* set a record never to be equaled under sail. They left London April 17, 1855, arriving in Hong Kong on July 10, a passage of 83 1/2 days, "a mark at which all the British clippers of later days were to shoot in vain." In this trade Captain Linnell was to spend two years away from home.

After taking a vacation of several months in 1856, Eben Linnell took command of another new clipper, *Flying Mist*. He sailed to Chile, Manila, then Hong Kong, giving a lavish ball aboard ship on Thanksgiving Day in 1859.

In 1860 he took a year off to build his new home near Skaket Beach in Orleans, "patterned after one that had taken his fancy somewhere in the South of France." Today this stands as the Captain Linnell House Restaurant.

In 1862 his luck turned. The *Flying Mist*

foundered on the rocks in New Zealand, a total loss. The next year he resumed command of the *Eagle Wing*, again with great success, until, on a voyage to San Francisco in 1864, he was pinned to the wheel and died of his injuries within a few days.

Two images of the *Eagle Wing* have survived. One, an oil painting that hangs in the Peabody Museum in Salem, Mass, the other, a painting done in Hong Kong (of lesser quality). From these images, and from the known construction of the ship, the Linnell Family Association has commissioned a new oil



painting by Cape Cod artist Milton Welt (shown in this issue). Limited edition fine art prints of the original will be printed, signed and numbered by the artist, and will be made available only to the Linnell Family. An order form which can be clipped and mailed is on page 8. The prints will be unmatted and shipped in tubes made for the purpose, or can be picked up at the Linnell

Family Reunion on Cape Cod June 23-25, 2006. The cost of the prints will be \$25.00 shipped, and \$20.00 if picked up at the reunion. Prints of this size and quality typically sell for \$60.00 [unmatted] in Cape Cod galleries.

Dan McConnell



Period Advertisement for an Eagle Wing Sailing

Happy New Year, Cousins.

Gosh, it does not seem possible that it is time to write another state of the association article. My apologies to you for not getting my finished product to the newsletter editors in time for the last issue.

There are quite a few topics to touch upon at this time, but probably the one which comes to mind first for quite a few of us is the reunion coming up the weekend of June 23-25. In going over some notes of our wonderful historian, Rachel Wynn, I find that the first reunion of the LFA was on the Cape in the year 1988.

A quick look back at the November 2005 newsletter will enable you to find, fill out and mail to Scott Linnell (his address is on the form) the reunion registration form. Don't wait. Do it today.

I just got off the phone (508-255-5000) with the people at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel and, sure enough, the juices began to flow as I started to think about what a wonderful opportunity it will be to see so many of you again.

Also, as you go back to the November 2005 edition, you will find a copy of the scholarship application, to which I am sure you will want to alert eager members of your family or close cousins. Remember, the deadline has been extended to March 31 so there is still plenty of time for cousins young and old to put pen to paper and tell us about a pivotal person in the Linnell family who is or was of great inspiration and therefore college or further education is uppermost on the coming year's agenda.

It is at this time of the year when I repeat my plea to all of you to help the nominating committee find volunteers for the steering committee vacancies we will have to fill at the upcoming reunion. Those positions are:

- Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Historian
 - Data Computerization
 - Newsletter Editor
- As of this writing, we have volunteers for

Historian and Newsletter editor. Obviously, we need your hands-on support to help the association continue to grow. If you have any questions about the perks which you will receive as a result of your voluntarism, don't hesitate to talk to any one of the steering committee members to get first-hand info on what is entailed.

Another age-old problem is dues collection.

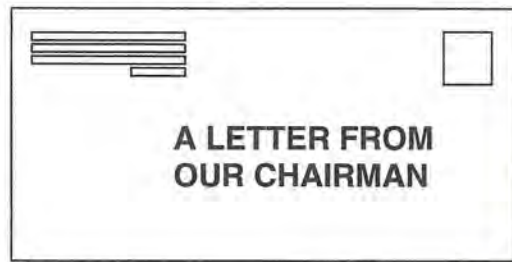
The association currently mails out approximately 650 newsletters to cousins, about 200 of whom are either lifetime members or have paid their dues for this year. There is no need to tell you that at current mailing costs there will be no

funds available in the not too distant future to continue to send out this family jewel. There are some steering committee members who are ready to say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH – ONLY DUES PAYERS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. It's your association and I hope that you will respond to this appeal.

There is happy news to report in that Rachel Linnell Wynn's wonderful collection of historical papers can now be found under Collections & Resources on the Sturgis Library's web site at www.sturgislibrary.org. What a coup for Rachel and the association.

At this point I will stop, wishing you and your family the best for 2006. Again, don't forget to get out your calendar and plug in those reunion days. Cape Cod will be very beautiful at that time of the year, with lots of people wanting to get there to enjoy Mother Nature. It will be very busy so be sure to leave yourself extra travel time. I believe that flying into Providence, RI, is your best opportunity for car rental and getting onto the Cape. Plan ahead and make those reservations NOW. Good luck. See you soon.

Jerry Linnell



Important Notice to Campers

It may not be possible to book camping spots at Nickerson State Park due to the effects of a recent storm. If you cannot make reservations there, try the Atlantic Oaks in Eastham.

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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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watches, boating, golf, hiking trails, and many more beaches on both sides of the Cape.

The following places will be of special interest to the Linnell family. In Orleans [six miles away], is the Captain Linnell House, Orleans Museum with artifacts from his ships, the Orleans cemetery with the restored gravestone of Jonathon Linnell, Linnell Landing Beach, and many more places. In Barnstable [twenty miles away] is the Sturgis Library with it's great genealogy collection including the manuscripts of our own beloved Rachel Linnell Wynn, the Daniel Davis House Museum [another Linnell descendent], and the Lothrop graveyard with the restored gravestone of John Linnell.

We urge you to register early for the reunion, using the registration form supplied separately, and to book your hotel reservations directly with the hotel at (508) 255-5000. Mention that you are booking for the Linnell reunion. The special rate of \$139 will be available for several days before and after the meeting, depending on availability. For those who would like to camp, there is an RV park next door to the hotel, Atlantic Oaks, which can be booked anytime at (508) 255-1437, and the Nickerson State Park in Brewster, eight miles away which can be booked six months in advance at (877) 422-6762 .

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion this coming June.

Dan McConnell

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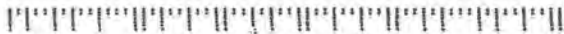
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