



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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2007 LFA \$1,000 Scholarship Winner Announced

Congratulations to Matthew Roberts (118,241,116,231, 313) of Plano, TX, this year's LFA \$1,000 Scholarship winner. Michael will be attending The University of Houston as a freshman this fall. Here is an excerpt from his winning essay. Again, congratulations Matthew!

Excerpt from Matthew's Essay

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This is the number of years that the descendants of Robert Linnell have been working to make their name known in this world by serving others rather than themselves. Even now, we put others before ourselves by being everything from a teacher for the next generation to a friend to those who need one. The qualities we show to everyone we meet include love, mercy, understanding, patience, and joy.

Love is our greatest aspect, for each other and for those we befriend. Our love for each other is stronger than the greatest bond that exists, after our love for God. Our hearts leap when we see or hear from each other, no matter the situation they may be in at that point. We delight in each other's accomplishments and cry along with them in our sorrows. Not only among ourselves do we do this, but also with our friends. When our friends are excited, we are ecstatic for them, and when they are at rock bottom, we reach down to comfort them to the best of our ability. Our love is evident on our faces the moment you see us, and that's a quality rarely seen in the world today. In fact, it's the thing that points us out from the rest, what makes us different from other families. In this way, we make a positive influence to those around us, smiling to those who pass by and look us in the eye. Through our love, we give the people around us confidence.

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Rockford, IL Chosen For 2009 LFA Reunion

By Dan McConnell

We are pleased to announce that the June, 2009 Reunion for the Linnell Family Association will be held in Northern Illinois, the destination and home of Linnell pioneers in the 19th Century, the ancestors and close relatives many of the Linnells of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas and the West. Several of the children of Samuel Linnell of Grindstone Island, NY followed the pioneer trail to this area including Samuel and Thomas Jefferson Linnell who came to Rockford, Rufus Linnell to Henry County and Eunice Linnell See who came to Belvidere. In addition, his son John is the ancestor of many of the Linnells of Black River Falls, WI, including our own Richard Linnell of nearby Orangeville, IL, of recent dear memory.

The Reunion Committee is looking at some nice sites east of Rockford, near Belvidere along I-90, some 50 miles from Chicago's O'Hare Intl. Airport, less than 20 miles from Wisconsin. There are many attractions nearby, including the Midway Village pioneer reconstruction, a major water park, and several Linnell family homes and farms. Many Linnells and close relatives are buried in the Belvidere Cemetery.

All Linnells are invited to reserve the last weekend in June 2009 for a wonderful event.

Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell

Hello, Cousins. It's time to once again greet you and tell you a little something about what is going on in the LFA, in Washington, and in the immediate family.

I want to start off asking you to please forward your yearly dues to our treasurer, Scott Linnell. It is one of those times when you have to ask yourself if you want to support our association with a very small donation so that we might keep in touch with one another, have funds available to do special projects, and prepare for the upcoming reunion in Illinois in 2009. So the next time you are writing out your bills, grab the last edition of the newsletter and send a check off to New Jersey so that Scott can receive and deposit your contribution.

On a totally different matter but one that is so fun to think about is the upcoming summer travel events for all of us. I know it is so exciting to plan to jump on the plane, pack the car, or take a train to visit mom and dad, that special sister, brother, aunt, uncle, cousins or, yes, grandparents and once again laugh and enjoy each other's company. My fiancée Jane and I plan to travel to Grand Marais – yes, you got it, God's country – to spend 4th of July there, and then return in August for the yearly "Marvel Party" at Pike Lake, where the music is the best in the world because it comes from all those wonderful cousins and friends who come to Pike Lake for a Friday evening of potlucking and singing. *As I am sure Marvel, Bonnie, and Dixie will agree, you are more than welcome to come and join in the festivities on just a gorgeous inland lake in northern MN..

I just can't write much more without telling you about a special wedding I attended just a few weekends ago here in Washington, DC. My daughter Heather and her husband Bryan were married in a very nice ceremony attended by a little over 100 people. It is always such a special occasion to attend a wedding but, as most of you know, I am sure, it is so much more involved when it is one of your own. It might be a little presumptuous of me, but I think I am safe in saying the association wishes them well in their lives ahead. Now the building really begins.

While I am talking about family happenings, let me remind you, please, to keep the association up to date with the latest happenings in your family – new arrivals, passings, engagements, weddings, etc. And, of course, the editors of the newsletter are always looking for that special article that you might like to write to them, thereby telling all of us, your cousins, what special event has taken place in the family history, either now or in the past; it is information that all of us want to hear about so that we can keep up in a small way with the growth of the family and the activities of the association. If you have something that concerns you or an idea that you think might help the association grow to better serve your fellow cousins, this is the time to scribble a note to the editors and let them in on your thinking.

And last but not least I must announce to you that the winner of this year's \$1,000 scholarship is Mathew Roberts from Plano, TX. It is my understanding that Mathew plans to attend the University of Houston. Of course, our congratulations go out to Mathew and we wish him well in his further educational development. And it sure does seem that the Roberts family has the ability to hone in on the BIG BUCKS to help out in a small way with the many costs and burdens of an education these days. We hope that Mathew will put the funds to good use in his rise to fame and glory – and that shouldn't be too hard to do, at least in Glen's eyes.

Well, I must return to my desk and see if I can't set straight some these U.S. Senators with their many and varied ideas about energy, immigration, Iraq, spending our hard earned money, and much, much more. It is a never-ending battle as to who has the best ideas, but when it comes right down to it, it is you and I who have the inside information on how this country should keep atop the world in influence and statesmanship.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you all along the road.

Letters from Our Cousins

Introduction By Heather Linnell

Our cousin, Mark Wisner, wrote to us this April from Iraq at the behest of his parents. Thank you, Mark, for writing such a great letter. We love to hear from all of our Linnell cousins. Our prayers are with you and all of the other Linnell cousins serving in the US Armed Forces.

Dear Linnell cousins, I am Major select, CPT Mark E Wisner Kansas Army National Guard stationed since September 2006 at LSA Anaconda, Balad Iraq. I am a Flight Surgeon with the 1-108th Aviation (Assault) Regiment. My battalion flies the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in Iraq and our mission is to move soldiers and other personnel including Iraqi military and place them wherever they are required. Moving soldiers in the air provides a safer means of transport rather than driving the highways and streets in Iraq that are constantly littered with Improvised Explosive Devices or in military jargon IEDs. Using the air keeps more soldiers safe and they are more quickly moved into and out of the battle field or to other posts in Iraq. My job as a Flight Surgeon is to provide health care to the aircrews as well as the ground support personnel who keep the aircraft flying. I was selected as the officer in charge of the Mustang Aviation Health Clinic which is the only dedicated clinic in theater to have full aero medical services. I supervise a staff of 12 medical providers besides myself and 45 medics from 5 other aviation battalions within the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade.



I was recruited by the Army National Guard in 2005 as a medical officer and originally assigned to the 635th Armor Battalion out of Manhattan Kansas and was transferred to my present duty in Topeka, Kansas. I was originally commissioned in 1973 as a 2 LT USAF and entered duty in nuclear missiles and over the years held various staff officer positions including an assistant professor at the USAF Academy in the department of Biology. After 8 ? years of active duty I transferred to the AF Reserves and was responsible for readiness and mobility planning. I obtained my medical degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and entered private practice. After the second Gulf war the

military was looking for more experienced prior military officers with medical experience, so I accepted the recruiters offer and switched from a blue uniform to green. My military service spans four decades and at this time has now taken me from my rural practice in Horton Kansas and my family and will stretch for 18 months of army duty. I was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 06-08 a year ago 6 April 2006, where I spent six months at Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama before moving to my present duty here in Iraq. I fly with the aircrews on missions as part of my duty besides clinic and emergency work.

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I have had many interesting cases especially among the Iraqi children who are hit accidentally or on purpose by gunfire. I have a hard time justifying why any child should be subjected to such trauma ever in their life and it makes no matter what their nationality or race may be. Many Iraqis get little to no standard medical care in the rural areas and small towns that we are so used too in America and are very grateful for what we can do for them. Family to Iraqis and their overall welfare is very important to them and are they are deeply involved with their families and ties to them. It makes me look back at our Linnell cousin's work and dedication to trace all our genealogies and the reunions etc. and I am reminded how we as cousins are dedicated to our families and extended relatives through or Linnell ancestors.

My parents are Robert and Joanna Wisner from Wild Rose Wisconsin and I am their first of eight children and the only one who lives outside Wisc. in Horton Kansas. My grandmother was Nina F. (Linnell) Townsend born in Black River Falls Wisc. I have other cousins on my Grandmother's side, Carol Jean Anderson of Black River Falls and relatives spread across the upper Wis. and Minnesota tundra's, from Duluth to Grand Marais and places in between as well as all my brothers and sisters still in Wis. My wife Ellen remains in Horton on the farm we have and works as a nurse at the Horton hospital as well. We have two teenage boys Jared and Jason who are finishing up their 9th grade year and a daughter Heather a bubbly 3rd grader who signs

all her letters to Daddy as "your cute daughter". I'm still thousands of miles from home and she still has me wrapped around her finger. My wife and I also have married children with grandchildren living in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Nevada and Kansas.

As a medical and military officer I feel that the young men and women who are fighting this insurgency over here deserve the best medical care and support our country can provide and I am proud to be able to do my part in that endeavor. I stopped to reflect and realized that my experience lies in 23 years of clinical work and 22 years of military service. I am looking at the twilight of my careers and in spite of some irritating hardships like heat and fluctuating power and communication here in Iraq, I don't think I am any worse for the wear and tear.

I am thankful to our country for its support for not only myself but the men and women who provide medical services here with me in the clinic. I am proud to support them and all other soldiers here in Balad and Iraq with the talents and opportunities that our country has provided to me as a military officer and a medical practitioner. I do miss my family, home and friends across the USA and I have learned through the years that nothing lasts forever except love and I am most grateful to my family for that, as they keep me in their prayers and we communicate by e-mails.

I wish the rest of our Linnell cousins God's blessings and thanks for your prayers. I was always interested in knowing about our Linnell relatives

who were also military officers and medical practioners serving our country all through the years and realize I am part of a distinguished group and feel very humble for that.

Funds Status

By Scott Linnell

The year 2006 closed with Linnell Family Association funds in generally good shape.

Our General Fund rose by a very healthy \$1,568 over the year to \$6,939, thanks to membership dues payments. This growth was fueled by considerable income not only from member dues (\$1,290) but from robust sales of the Eagle Wing prints (\$1,750) as well as the LFA's magnificent publication, The Descendants of Robert Linnell, and its companion, the Additions Booklet (\$728). See balance sheet for more details.

Recent contributors to the Scholarship fund are are listed below.

- ◆ Robert and Martha Borland – Rachel Linnell Wynn, Historian Society (\$1 to \$49)
- ◆ Jerry Linnell – Captain Ebenezer Harding Linnell Society (\$100 to \$249)

Recent contributors to the Gravestone Fund include:

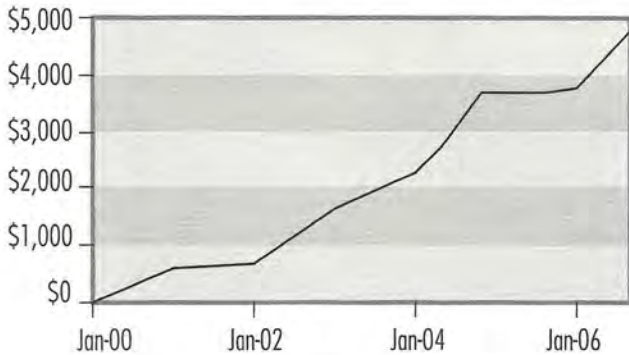
- ◆ Robert L. Cummings
- ◆ Ronald Shaffer (purchase of Photo CD)

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Scholarship Fund

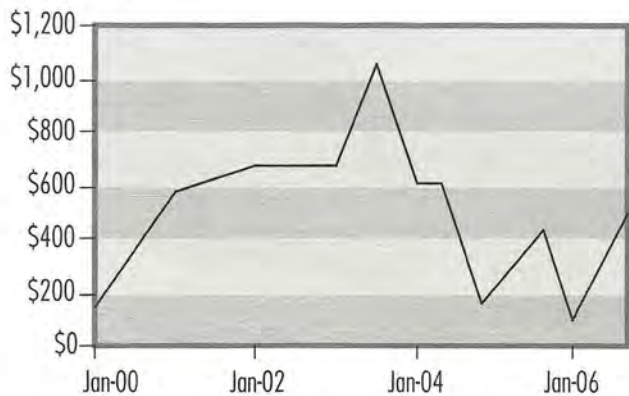
The Scholarship Fund rose by \$1,160 over the course of 2006 to the substantial sum of \$4,910, thanks to many generous donations from LFA members.

See below for the growth of the scholarship fund over the past 6 years.



Gravestone Fund

The Gravestone Fund increased by \$538 in 2006 to reach a balance of \$629. See below for the growth of the gravestone fund over the past 6 years.



Balance Sheet

January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006

GENERAL INCOME

Membership Dues	\$1290.00
DRL Book	\$728.00
Reunion 2006	\$3731.00
Eagle Wing Prints	\$1750.50
Shirts	\$607.50
Donations	\$175.00

GENERAL EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing	\$407.70
Newsletter Postage	\$825.35
Reunion 2006	\$5250.17
Web site	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$6.00
Other (Ruth Linnell gravestone)	\$450.00

GRAVESTONE FUND INCOME

Donations	\$535.00
Interest	\$2.63

GRAVESTONE FUND EXPENSES

Expenses	\$0.00
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND INCOME

Donations	\$650.00
Interest	\$9.81

SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENSES

Expenses (Kenneth Bockovich scholarship) ...	\$500.00
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Marriages, Births & Deaths

Lawson Dean Warner (11a,b15,515,643,21) born 6 Dec 2006. Son of Megan Marton Reel Warner & Anthony Warner.

Mark Charles Covey (118,241,185,113,31) born 16 Feb 2007 in Peoria, IL. Son of Jonas & Kristen Covey

Pearl V Lamb Payne Ridenour (11a,b15,515,21sp) died 25 April 2007 at age 98. Buried at Willamette Park Cemetery in Albany, OR.

Arlie Frances Cummings Gorman (118,241,121,211) died 10 May 2007; buried in Clayton, NY, next to her husband, Gerard.

Earl Rude (118,241,145,-10-31sp) died 12 March 2007 at home in Minneapolis, MN

Jean Elizabeth Stephenson Ryan (118,241,231,132) died 11 April 2007 in Duluth MN. Burial at Forest Hill Cemetery in Duluth.

Heather Marie Linnell (118,241,116,591,3) married Bryan Houston Spina on 26 May 2007



Heather Linnell and Bryan Spina walk down the aisle for the first time as husband and wife.

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION Steering Committee 2006-2009

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

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Family Website

Mark Wynn maintains our LFA website. Please visit to find up-to-date news and information. The website address is:

<http://linnellfamily.home.comcast.net/>

Eagle Wing Prints

To order a limited edition print of the Eagle Wing, please send us your name, full mailing address and \$30 to LFA Treasurer, Scott Linnell.

Linnell Family Records

Recent additions to the Linnell Family records can be found at our website.

From the Editors

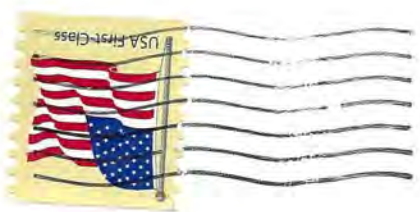
We invite you to share your stories with our cousins around the globe! Submissions are preferred via email. Please include the text of the article in the body of the email. All pictures should be high-quality JPGs. If you are unable to submit via email, please send regular post to the editors, Heather or Katie Linnell.



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