



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## Successful Reunion held in Rockford, IL – June 26 - 28

Over 70 cousins enjoyed a delightful, informative and grand reunion with fellow family and cousins at the Rockford Linnell Family Association Reunion. Our hosts provided excellent accommodations, tours and banquet.

The reunion was kicked-off with an enjoyable social hour that included a Linnell Trivia Quiz, led by membership chair, Lori Linnell. Teams



Dan McConnell with LFA Shirt

competed by answering questions about ‘the family’!

The Saturday morning business meeting offered an update on the business happenings as well as plans for the future. Launching a website and selecting the next site for the 2012 Reunion in Grand Marais, MN were highlights.

*(More information and pictures of the reunion on Page 3)*



Saturday’s Meeting

## Have You Heard The Great News?



We now have a New LFA Web Page!



The new LFA interactive webpage is now available, thanks to Brad Johnson of Mounds View, MN and the web site committee of Lori Linnell and Dan McConnell. We are grateful to Brad for his countless hours of work in clarifying, defining and doing all the coding and business aspects on the site.

Check it out at “[www.linnellfamilyassociation.com](http://www.linnellfamilyassociation.com)” and you will find the most recent newsletters, the scholarship application forms, pioneer photos, reunion information, family photos, genealogy, membership information, etc. We can now offer you direct online contact with your steering committee and more!

## Bob, Thanks For All Your Hard Work!!!

### Gravestone Restoration Committee Report

As your one-man Gravestone Restoration Committee, I am delighted to submit my last report! The 2006 Reunion voted to replace the gravestone of SAMUEL LINNELL at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Belgrade, Maine. After three long years, and with the valuable assistance of Historian Dan McConnell, the task is finally accomplished!

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# Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Hello, Cousins:

Well, it's the proverbial bad penny – I mean the ol' LFA Steering Committee Chairman – that just keeps showing up again and again. I don't know what it is, but you Linnells have a way with me; it is so hard to shake you from my soul. And as a result, I keep being "put" in the Chairperson position of the LFA for another "term." (My LAST, for sure) So like it or not, this old Democrat from your Nation's capital is back for another three (3) years to try to help all of you and our LFA sail our small but enthusiastic Eagle Wing replica around the world of incredible challenges, troubles, and, yes, beauty that Mother Nature so very thoughtfully gave to us.

And, of course, when speaking of beauty, you better get ready – YES, NOW – for the magnificent shores of Lake Superior and Grand Marais/Grand Portage, MN, the site of our 2012 LFA reunion. There is a saying about this majestic little area of northeastern Minnesota that "it's not quite Heaven but you can see it from there." So before I even begin with my further chatting about the LFA, you better look at the calendar and get a hold of your immediate cousins to talk about reservations for an extended stay after the LFA reunion (incidentally, this is a wonderful time to hold your close family reunions; it is a natural draw to get together with your grandpas and grandmas, moms and dads, brothers and sisters).

So now, as I bring my thoughts back closer to home and our Rockford reunion, you should not be surprised when you hear the reports from your closer cousins who attended the event that it was a wonderful weekend. Yes, the numbers in attendance were down, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who were able to attend and be a part of our special gathering. You know, I think one of the very fun parts of it is to meet your special close cousins, but it seems they know another cousin better than you and as a result you then get to know them more and it has that snowball effect; it just grows on you and you want to talk to more and more cousins.

I will not get into the nitty-gritty of all that went on in Rockford, but I think you should know that we have elected/selected additional cousins to fill almost all

of the positions on the LFA Steering Committee.

Take time to check the mast head to see who has volunteered to fill some of our high paying (no, no golden parachutes) positions for the next 3 years: quite a geographically diverse group of people, all of whom it seems want to continue to keep us up to date with the latest in Linnell history.

At the business meeting on Saturday morning, many provocative topics were addressed:

1. Gravestone restoration
2. Newsletter mailings
3. Scholarship awards
4. Reunion frequency
5. 2012 reunion site

It was decided that the general fund would allocate \$750 for the replacement of the Samuel Linnell gravestone in Maine. At this time, the gravestone fund has been depleted and we'll need to raise \$750 before restoration can begin.

It was also decided, starting in January of 2010, if a cousin had not paid dues in 3 years, their newsletter mailing would be stopped.

Scholarship awards will remain the same, although by a motion made at the Sunday morning wrap-up meeting, the decision of awarding additional scholarships was left to the steering committee.

There was a motion made to say that the LFA reunion would be held every 4<sup>th</sup> year but that motion was defeated. There was certainly good discussion about this topic, mostly because of distance and the expense involved.

And as I have already told you, a motion made by the Chair was UNANIMOUSLY accepted that the next reunion be in the environs of good ol' Grand Marais, MN.

Gosh, the locals are already hard at work dreaming up a most invigorating historical and fashionable reunion to match all reunions. Plan soon, my dear cousins. It's a weekend you will never forget.

"Happy Holidays to all."

Jerry Linnell

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Cousins had a choice of events including visiting Linnell family farms plus the re-created



**Midway Village—Tour**

1800's Midway Village Museum, located in Rockford. Period-dressed docents guided us through restored



**Midway Village—General Store**

original homes, the hospital, school, hardware store, jail, post office, and church all filled with artifact ...

and yes, telling of humorous details making it a very interesting tour.

Saturday evening was topped off by the banquet. After a good meal, LFA awards were presented and we were entertained by a speaker describing life in Rockford in the 1800's. Many of us were happy we had electricity, air conditioning, and automobiles after listening to the daily routines of our ancestors.



**Saturday Night Banquet**

Our 2009 reunion was concluded with a continental breakfast on Sunday morning. It gave us time to visit with cousins one more time before heading our separate ways.

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As the photo shows, the new stone has been placed right before the original (the careful investigation of the new stone and Samuel's data in DRL will reveal a slight mathematical discrepancy. . . I can only represent that the figures on the new are the same as on the original).



Being unable to do much traveling, I shall now step aside so that a new Committee may be named to carry on this important work. I am grateful for the Association's continuous financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Linnell

**Dan McConnell Volunteers For Gravestone Restoration Committee**

Dan McConnell volunteered to replace Robert Linnell on the Gravestone Restoration Committee. Dan outlines current projects under way in his report on Page 4.



**Saturday Night Banquet**

A special thanks to Dan McConnell and Charles Sewell, Co-chairman of the Reunion Committee, and to the Reunion Committee for making this such a big success.

## Gravestone Restoration Committee Report

by Dan McConnell

At the recent Linnell Family Association reunion in Rockford, IL, the membership voted to raise funds to have replica gravestones made for Samuel Linnell [118,2] and his wife Hannah Scudder Linnell. So far we have created replacement gravestones for Jonathon Linnell [117] and his wife Elizabeth Linnell, who are buried in the ancient Orleans Cemetery, for John Linnell [118] and his wife Ruth Davis Linnell, who are buried in the Lothrop Hill Cemetery in Barnstable, all on Cape Cod, and most recently, for Samuel Linnell [118,24], who is buried in Belgrade Lakes, ME.

This new project will fill the gap between John Linnell, Samuel's father, and Samuel Linnell, his own son. This Samuel Linnell [118,2] was born 16 November, 1699

in Barnstable, probably in the area now called Hyannis, then called the South Sea. Samuel was a civically active member of the lo-



cal community, serving on grand juries, school committees and various other duties. He died in 1753 and is buried in the front part of the South Street Cemetery in the downtown part of Hyannis, not far from the President John F. Kennedy Library. Until some 15 years ago, the stones were existent and still legible, but were broken and lost in the late 90's.

His wife's family, the Scudgers, were very prominent in Massachusetts law and business. One son travelled to San Francisco to found the Scudder Bank a major financial institution to the present day.

We hope that many members of the Linnell family will find it in their heart to contribute to the growing fund for the replacement of these gravestones. We hope to have the project completed by the next reunion in Grand Marais, MN in June, 2012.

## A Friendly Reminder!!!

As 2009 winds down, it is time to start thinking about next year. With the New Year comes the time to renew your Linnell Family Association (LFA) Membership by paying your membership dues.

Included in the newsletter is an insert, "LFA Membership Dues & Contributions". It is provided so you can pay your membership dues, contribute to the Gravestone Restoration or LFA Scholarship Funds, and purchase the book "Descendents of Robert Linnell and/or a LFA golf shirt and/or a copy of the Eagle Wing print by writing just one check to the LFA.

If you're not sure of your current membership status in the LFA or don't remember the last time you paid your membership dues, you can find this information on the mailing label of this newsletter.

Following your name on the mailing label is the information regarding your membership status and the last year, according to LFA records, you paid your membership dues. (See example below)

There are three different levels of membership. After your name you will see your status:

- ◆ Single (yourself) \$15 per year,
- ◆ Family (you, your spouse, and children living at home) \$25 per year, or
- ◆ Lifetime (you have made a one time payment for a lifetime membership) \$125 payment.

Following your status level are two numbers or 'xx'. The number is the last year you paid you membership dues according to the LFA records. If you see 'xx', it means the LFA records are incomplete and do not indicate the last year you paid your membership dues.

Example of mailing label and membership status.

John Doe Linnell	<u>Single 09</u>
1111 Happy St.	
Any Where, XX 00001	

In this example, John Doe Linnell is a "Single" member and last paid in "2009".

Remember, a LFA Membership is a **GREAT GIFT** for that family member who has everything.

# Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund (LFASF)

We are pleased to invite Linnell family students to apply for award of the **Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund**. The **Linnell Scholarship Fund** was established in 2000 with a donation of \$500 and has continued to grow since then.

## Who can apply?

Any high school senior or current student of a college or an accredited higher education program, who is a descendant of Robert Linnell, is eligible to apply for the scholarship. Student applicants are asked to write an essay on Linnell family history or current positive influences of the Linnell family. The essay should be typed and double-spaced, not less than 1,000 words, nor more than 2,500 words in length. One winning essay will be selected this year for the \$1000 scholarship award.

## How do students apply?

Students should mail their original essay along with: the LFASF Scholarship Application form; two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher of the applicant and one from a member of the applicant's community); and a current academic transcript. Please visit: "[linnellfamilyassociation.com](http://linnellfamilyassociation.com)" for complete rules, further information about applying for the scholarship award, and scholarship application forms.

## How are the essays judged?

The **Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund Administration Committee (LFASFAC)** will oversee the selection and judging of all prospective scholarship award recipients.

## When are essays and applications due?

Students wishing to enter their essay for the LFASF award must have their application, accompanying essay, letters of recommendation and transcript postmarked by **April 15, 2010**.

## How to send student essays and applications:

**Send your original essay, the application, two letters of recommendation, and an academic transcript to:**

Ann Weaver  
4208 Lantern Court  
Mobile, AL 36693

**And, send a copy of your essay with all identifying names removed to:**

Barrie Westerwick  
11 Allocco Drive  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

## Questions?

**Contact any of the LFASFAC members:** Maryan Ainsworth, Barrie Westerwick, or Gail Wahlstrom at "[scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com](mailto:scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com)".

## DONATIONS TO THE LFASF

Your donations will help the LFA scholarship funds continue to grow. Because of your contribution, we can continue to award deserving Linnell students a scholarship to apply towards their higher education.

For further information on making a donation to the LFASF visit the Linnell Family Association Web Site.

# Treasurer's Report

## Funds Status

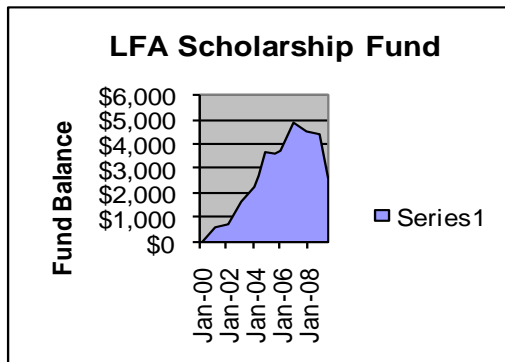
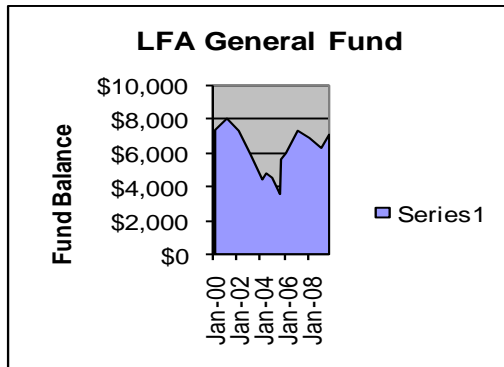
By Scott Linnell

Linnell Family Association funds continue to support our endeavors in communication, reunion, remembrance of ancestors and higher education for our youth.

Consistency in the **General Fund** balance keeps our operations running smoothly. As the chart illustrates, we have sus-

tained a \$6,000+ balance for several years. Membership dues this year have totaled \$1,070; this includes 5 new life members. Strong sales of the Descendants of Robert Linnell book and additions booklet (\$441) plus Eagle Wing prints (\$517) bolstered the account this year.

Exciting things happened this year with the **Scholarship Fund**, as two \$1,000 awards were paid out. The first honored 2008 winner Elizabeth Sunde, and the second went to 2009 winner James Bohnhoff. Contributions big and small from many LFA members enabled these and future awards. The most remarkable of these was a tremendous \$1,000 donation that Bonnie Featherstone and Dixie McLean presented at the Rockford Reunion.



Recent contributors are listed below:

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

- ◆ Robert and Martha Borland
- ◆ Martha and Allen Hansen
- ◆ Eva B. Spurlin

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

- ◆ Maryan and Chuck Ainsworth
- ◆ Pam Dittus
- ◆ Jerry Linnell
- ◆ Scott and Susan Linnell
- ◆ Dan McConnell
- ◆ Kay and James Swedberg

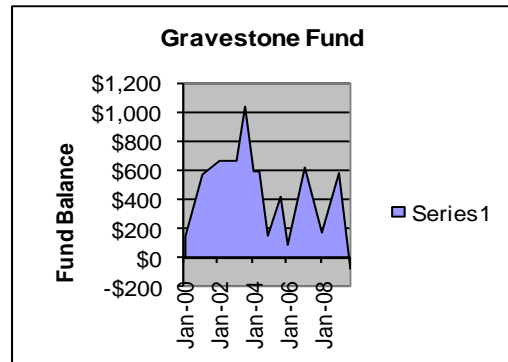
### Robert Linnell Society (\$500 to \$1,000)

- ◆ Bonnie Featherstone and Dixie McLean

Final payment for the Samuel Linnell gravestone depleted the **Gravestone Fund** this year. Recent contributors to this fund include:

- ◆ Robert L. Cummings
- ◆ Dina Deupree
- ◆ John D. Drummond
- ◆ Florence Johnson
- ◆ John H. Linnell
- ◆ Lori Linnell
- ◆ Eva B. Spurlin
- ◆ Jim and Kay Swedberg

Eva Spurlin included a note with her gift, in which she challenges all LFA members to join her in contributing to this effort to restore the aging markers of our ancestors.



### 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, Brian and Kathy Linnell. Take a look at the Steering Committee list for the contact information.

### Family Website

Brad Johnson has taken over the maintenance of the LFA web site. Please visit to find up-to-date news and information. The website address:

[www.linnelfamilyassociation.com](http://www.linnelfamilyassociation.com)

## Linnell Family Record Update

**Eva Belle Linnell Spurlin** 11a,b15,514,-11-1  
died 14 May 2009

**John Charles (JC) Wynn** 117,612,123,215S  
died 31 March 2009

**Charles Allen Covey** 118,241,185,113  
died 19 July 2009 in Peoria, IL after a long illness.

**Eric Kauika Thompson** 118,241,185,832  
died 22 Nov 2008

**Avis Leone Linnell Rosevold** 118,241,231,123  
died 20 May 2008

**Helen Blanche Linnell Reynolds** 118,241,231,152  
of Richmond, BC, Canada, died 16 Nov 2005

**Phyllis Phinney Koske** 119,5\_\_\_\_\_ then follow the  
Phinney line  
died 4 March 2009

## THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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& RENEWAL

Please register me as a member of the Linnell Family Association in the following category:

Single Life Time — \$125.00 flat fee

Single Annual — \$15.00 per year

Family Annual — \$25.00 per year

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Amount Enclosed*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOK ORDER FORM**

**The Descendants of Robert Linnell**  
Second Edition — \$35

**Additions and Corrections**  
1994-1997 — \$8

*Prices include postage and handling*

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