



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Don't Forget to Check the Label!

In an effort to curb printing and postage costs, it was decided at the 2009 Linnell Family Association (LFA) Reunion in Rockford, IL to only mail hard copies of the LFA Newsletter to cousins that are "Life Time Members" or have paid their "Family or Single" membership dues in the past three years. We are currently spending over \$2,000 a year to print and mail the LFA Newsletter.

Do you want to continue to receive a hard copy of the Linnell Family Association (LFA) Newsletter? If you answered "YES", you need to check the mailing label.

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 the 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 you paid your membership dues according to LFA records. This information is circled on the "Example Label" 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.

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Following your status level are two numbers. The number is the last year you paid your membership dues

according to the LFA records. If you see 'xx' in either the "Status Level" or the "Last Year Paid" position, it means the LFA records are incomplete and do not indicate your status level or the last year you paid your membership dues.

On the mailing label example, Decedents R. Linnell is a "Single" member and last paid in "2010".

To receive a hard copy of the next LFA Newsletter to be published in February/March 2011, you will have to be a Lifetime member or have paid Single or Family dues in 2008 or, 2009, or 2010.

If you have any questions regarding your status or dues contact Lori Linnell, Membership Chairman.

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

Editor's Note: This is the second article submitted by Orrell Linnell about life during WWII. His articles were previously published in the Advertiser-Democrat, a local newspaper in Norway, Maine. In this article Orrell chronicles his travels to the west coast toward the end of WWII. This is Part One of his article.

A Landlubber Goes West

By Orrell Linnell



Things in Portland, Maine seemed to be settling down. The last of the Liberty Ships had been built and the fuel depot on Long Island was nearing completion so that soon the North Atlantic Fleet would be able to anchor in Casco Bay. The war was still on and there was still plenty of work but with rumors of work in Washington State and the big construction jobs in Alaska, I still had the urge to go west.

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Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Yes, it is that time again – the leaves have fallen, Halloween is here, with Thanksgiving and Christmas soon to follow. All is fairly quiet these days in Washington, DC, as we await the outcome of this year's Senate and House skirmishes for seats to control what goes on here at the national level. I will leave you alone on my feelings about what should happen, but I have to say that you have a strong suit to play this year because your vote means a great deal as to how this country functions in its domestic and international roles; we are a proud nation and therefore we must have elected to Washington those people who care more about us than they do their respective parties.

As some of you know and others will find out, there are many pieces to our LFA puzzle and we must pay attention to them as we enter the new year. For instance, soon it will be that time of the year when we will be asking our young family members to pick up their Descendants of Robert Linnell book and start thumbing through the pages to ascertain their topic for discussion in writing to capture the \$1,000 prize in the LFA scholarship contest. You can bet your bottom dollar that those Roberts grandchildren have their eye on the prize and will be up to the challenge. So give your kids and grandkids the old pep talk and have them gear up to win next year's book or clothes money and while at it, gain a little more knowledge of that special someone in their family who was responsible for their present station in life.

And, of course, it goes without saying that we have our website up and running – www.linnellfamilyassociation.com – and it is available for your use in so many ways. For instance, Christmas is around the corner so you might want to do a little shopping at the store to give a “family” gift to one or more of your loved ones. Also, you might not have acted on the decision as to whether you want to now receive your newsletter online and thus save the association some printing and mailing costs. If you will email any of the steering committee members with your decision, we will make sure that your wishes are carried through. As always, if you have not paid your dues for this year or wish to pay them for next year, now is the time to do it. Lastly – but surely not least – if you have a story to tell or a bit of information from a historical standpoint which you wish to share with your cousins, Brian and Kathy,

our newsletter gurus out in Seattle, will be happy to make sure it has a perfectly placed position in the next newsletter.

Before signing off, I wish to inform you that as a result of a lot of work by Nelda Westerlund and a meeting in Grand Portage, MN, with several other cousins – Bonnie Featherstone, Becky Johnson, Debbie Franke and myself, we are making great progress on planning for the 2012 LFA reunion in northern Minnesota June 22-24. Becky – damjohnsons@yahoo.com – was kind enough to volunteer to take over the reins as the chief cook and bottle washer for the event and we are looking forward to helping her put on a tremendous weekend for all those who attend. There will be lots of details to follow, of course, as that time draws closer, but it is never too early to put the bug in the ear of your loved ones at all of the upcoming holiday and other special family occasions that now is the time to plan ahead to that special time in such a special place to have your own family get together in Grand Marais/Grand Portage – you know, that special place that is so close to heaven you can almost see it from there.

On behalf of the steering committee and my wife Jane and I, we wish all of you a special holiday season and a great upcoming new year.



It's Easy As Pie!!

Just connect to the Linnell Family Association website and click on the LFA Newsletter for your easy reading and actually sharper views of all those dynamite photos that accompany the Linnell stories. Why not add it to your bookmarks? Also, please alert your family and friends of this new opportunity.

Help us save printing and postage by subscribing to the newsletter online. Just click on membership@linnellfamilyassociation.com and submit your intention to **READ THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE** to Lori Linnell, Membership Chairman.

Thanks so much!
Newsletter Editors

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What adventure might lie ahead would be uncertain, but one thing I felt sure of, it would be a wonderful trip to go clear across this great country by rail. I had become enamored with trains and railroads at an early age.

When I was six and seven I had the chance to ride with my grandfather to take someone to, or to meet someone on the six o'clock train at Oxford station. It was almost as exciting as going to the County Fair in the fall. Sometimes we went with the single horse riding wagon or if there was a family involved took the two horse, two seated express wagon. Sometime there would be freight to pick up from mail order. There could be a half dozen to a dozen wagons waiting and of course the stage from Oxford Village was there to meet the train.

When the big iron horse came roaring in with the big brass bell clanging and the drive cylinders hissing exhausted steam, the ground would be shaking. Drivers stood by their horses in case they would spook with all the noise. This would be an impression of trains that would stay with a boy for a long time.

It is my own assessment that railroading must have been the one most important element in the growth of this great country. By the end of the nineteenth century the eastern half of the country was a web of rails. How wonderful if some of them were here now. Perhaps some of them may come back to a degree.

I made the arrangements to go west and bought a ticket at Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. I rode coach which was fairly comfortable during the week with plenty of room, a lot of extra seats and room in the aisle to walk for exercise.

The eastern part of the trip was in fairly flat country, a little monotonous but interesting. When we pulled into the big LaSalle street station in Chicago, it was Oxford station all over again, only ten times greater. What an immense ventilation dome to take care of the smoke from all the engines coming in from all sections of the country. The clanging of the bells was deafening. It was a relief to get out of there, which wasn't long, as a new train for the west was already made up and waiting.

Again, the first part of the western leg was in quite flat country. For long distances the scenery was much the same but it never failed to impress one with what a big country this is.

We stopped at a small town in western Montana and it seemed it was unusually long, but imagine my heightened interest when a fellow traveler, familiar with the trip, informed me that they were coupling on the rear two big Malley steam engines, and I mean big, to help push us over the Rockies.

Of course the grade would have to be raised to get over the mountains and what other way would there be, but who stops to think of those things without a reason to do so.



The scenery was beautiful following the Columbia River down to Portland. The train trip from coast to coast was all I had expected, almost coast to coast. Do all reading this realize that Portland is fifty miles away from the Pacific Ocean up the Columbia River? The trip revealed a vast and beautiful country.

I stayed only a day or two in Portland and took a train on up to Seattle. It apparently was the rainy season. Being a New Englander, who pride themselves as one who knows enough to stay in out of the rain, I stayed in the hotel about a week. By then it dawned on me that in that country if one has something to do they get themselves some foul weather gear and go out and do it.

I know I did not debate the issue with myself as to whether or not weather might be a factor in trying to go to Alaska, but perhaps my subconscious, after a week of rain, may have had something to do with it. Anyhow, one afternoon I found myself in the employment office of Seattle. My experience was, they don't ask one what he can do but what your last job was. In mental haste I said, "Steam boiler firemen." The clerk said, "They want firemen at Hanford Washington and if I were to fill out the papers and go across the street for a physical, I could be on the six o'clock train for Richland, Washington." I made that train.

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Hanford was a temporary city built on government land adjacent to Richland, Washington. It had about everything that would be found on an army base barracks for living quarters, mess halls, laundry, and police. It was intended to be temporary with no entertainment. Sears Roebuck and Woolworths had set up limited stores for convenience. No one seemed to know what it was about. E.I. DuPont was in charge of the whole operation and a lot of construction was going on in the desert. I was assigned to a boiler house right in Hanford itself, the city part of whatever operation it was.

It was a long boiler house with ten boilers in a row. Each boiler had its own stack which seemed unreasonably tall. A fireman to each boiler. We had a chair, an aluminum scoop and a heavy slice bar. Steam fed into a common line so all gauges read the same. I was not there long before I discovered why things were as they were. It was Montana coal but had been stored in big piles out of doors. There were frequent sand storms and the sand had polluted the coal so when it burned in the furnace it formed a heavy slag which coated the grates so no air could get up through. A slice bar had to be run over the grates constantly and the slag taken out and that was why one boiler was all one man could handle.

If one went outside and looked north in an arc about 270 degrees, he would see seven of these groups of stacks but all in a row. They were making steam for something but I was never out there. Buses from Hanford took men out there to work and brought them back. Some men worked two shifts.

There was no entertainment of any kind, no movie or recreation hall. Work was to take up people's time. The ills of society seem to follow money and that was the case in Hanford. A big payroll was probably better than a gold strike. There were the usual vices, robbery, gambling, rape, prostitution and I am sure the project did not escape a murder before it was done. A man needed to play it pretty close. I always worked the 11 to 7 shift and spent most of my days in my room. The weather was lousy with little sun.

On the boiler to my right was a chap from Arkansas, which was poor county with low wages and he was up here to hopefully make a stake. He could, after the war, start up his own garage. He was a family man and sent his money home. He had been there quite awhile and had learned the ropes. His name was John Head. The workmen worked long hours and had little time to shop but needed certain staple items. John learned what they

needed and rode the bus to Yakima about twice a week, bought these items right off the counter, marked them up and peddled them room to room. The men seemed glad to pay. One item was alarm clocks. Sometimes John would sell an alarm clock, take the old one and sit down in the hallway, tinker it and sell it to the man in the next room. I rode to Yakima on the bus a couple of times with him. He, of course, was losing sleep and would fall asleep on the job. It became my chore to keep him awake. If it was a case of stoking the fire with coal I could do that and let him nap a little, but the firing was hard. The coal would scour the scoops to a polish and sometime John would pick up a couple of steaks and some butter and we would wipe out the scoops and fry the steaks in the furnace.

Editor's note: This is Part One of Orrell Linnell's article, "A Landlubber Goes West". We will publish the remainder of his article in future LFA Newsletters.

Linnell Family Record Update

Tyler Brandon Stevenson 11a,b15,515,642,34

Born 16 May, 2010, to Aimee & Brandon Stevenson

Blake Alan Reel 11a,b15,515,643,12

Born 3 Aug. 2010, to Toby & Valerie Reel

James Andrew Fouts 11a,b15,515,644,24

Born 5 Sept. 2010, to Donaca & Mark Fouts

Richard Dean Linnell 11a,b12,753,11

Died 5 Feb. 2010, in Concord, NH. Dick had a doctorate from MIT in Aeronautical Engineering and worked a number of years for the Office of Naval Research in Washington DC. He specialized in Hypersonic Airflow.

Myrle Talbot Linnell 11a,b12,753,12 sp

Died 23 Jan. 2010, in Lebanon, NH. Myrle had been an elementary music teacher in LA for a number of years.

Gail Linnell Smith 118,731,921,11

Died 4 June, 2010, in Wallingford, CT. Gail had retired from the CT State Police and was a lifelong Freemason.

Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund



(LFASF)



Attention: All high school seniors and current college students!

We invite you to apply for award of the Linnell Family Association 2010 Scholarship Fund. 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.

How do students apply?

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.

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: www.linnellfamilyassociation.com to download the scholarship application, view the complete scholarship rules and obtain further information about applying for the scholarship award.

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 sent by

April 15, 2011.

How are the essays judged?

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

How to send student essays and applications:

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

Ann Weaver
4208 Lantern Court
Mobile, AL 36693

2. Send one copy of your essay with all identifying names removed to:

Barrie Westerwick
11 Allocco Drive
Holmdel, NJ 07733

For questions, contact any LFASFAC member:

Maryan Ainsworth, Barrie Westerwick, Gail Wahlstrom at:

scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com

LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION (LFA)

Membership Dues & Contributions

To: Scott Linnell, Treasurer

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Enclosed is payment for my 2011 membership dues.

Single Lifetime	\$125.00	
Single Annual	15.00	
Family Annual	25.00	
<u>Membership Dues Enclosed</u>		\$ _____

Also enclosed is my contribution for the:

Gravestone Restoration Fund AND/OR LFA Scholarship Fund.		
<u>Contribution Enclosed</u>		\$ _____

I am interested in purchasing the following:
(Think of Holiday/Birthday gifts)

Book-Descendants of Robert Linnell	\$35.00	
Additions & Corrections to book "1994-1997"	10.00	
Linnell Family Golf Shirt (Size) _____	35.00	
Copy of the Eagle Wing Print*	35.00*	
<u>Amount Enclosed</u>		\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

* The LFA will need 10 or more requests for the Eagle Wing prints before the next block of 25 can be ordered.

Make checks payable to LFA. Remove and complete this form and mail it with your check to:
Scott Linnell
23 Liberty Knoll Dr.
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

From the Editors



Have A Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season and New Year!!!

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.

ALERT!!

If you are willing to read the LFA newsletter on the website versus a hard copy, please send an e-mail to Lori Linnell at membership@linnellfamilyassociation.com and inform her you no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. The money we save on printing and postage can be used for other worthwhile projects.

CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

Brad Johnson has taken over the maintenance of the LFA web site. The new LFA interactive webpage is now available at "www.linnellfamilyassociation.com" and you will find the most recent newsletters (pictures and graphics in color), 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!



Suggestions for Your "To Do" List

- ◆ VOTE on November 2, 2010.
- ◆ Send changes in your family, (births, deaths, marriages) to Pam Dittus, Vital Records.
- ◆ Send your 2011 LFA Membership Dues to Scott Linnell, Treasurer.
- ◆ Share a family story and pictures with the LFA Newsletter editors for publication in the newsletter.
- ◆ Hugged someone you love today.

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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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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