



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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NEW!!! EXCITING!!!



AMAZING!!!



We are delighted to share the NEW and IMPROVED Linnell Family Association website! Brad Johnson, in charge of the LFA website, has been very busy since the last LFA newsletter was published. He collected photos from Dan McConnell of the 2006 LFA Reunion in Cape Cod, MA and the 2009 LFA Reunion in Rockford, IL and loaded the photos on the LFA website for review. Also, Lori Linnell, Membership Chair, is working with Brad to scan all the previous LFA newsletters and to load them on the website. Changes on the website include:

- ◆ Photos from past reunions in 2006 and 2009were you there? If so, find yourself and others....and darn, a couple of us seem to have aged a little since then!!
- ◆ As of this date, the newsletters from 1989-1996 have been uploaded. Take a look at the 'newsletters', find a good story, and perhaps information on YOUR immediate family. Brad and Lori are working on loading the rest of the newsletters not currently on the website!
- ◆ Information on the upcoming 2012 Reunion in Grand Portage/Grand Marais, MN.
- ◆ Enhanced Genealogy with new listings in Linnell Family Record Updates.

All of this is in addition to our Scholarship information, Gravestone Project, Membership forms and the Store.

But...WE NEED FAMILY PHOTOS to add to the website. Please e-mail photos to [Brian Linnell](mailto:brian.linnell@lfa.com), Newsletter Editor. All pictures should be high-quality JPGs with the names and information about the picture in the text of the e-mail message. We will gladly add them to the FAMILY PHOTO site. Let's build this section of the Website for all to see .



“Never Too Late”

What a ride. Glendon and Martha Hadley of West Paris, Maine gave Orrell Linnell of Ledgeview Living Center, in West Paris a ride to Larry and Elaine Wilday's house to see their miniature horses. Orrell is 101.5 years young and has seen the development of motorcycles from their early stages. This was his first time on a motorcycle. Orrell is riding in a restored 1972 Spirit Eagle sidecar attached to the Hadley's 2003 Victory Tour Cruiser. Orrell said it sure made his day to be able to get out and enjoy the excellent August weather with good friends. He thoroughly enjoyed the ride and has a photo to prove it..

Grand???



What? Where? When?

What: Linnell Family Association 2012 Reunion

Where: Grand Marais/Grand Portage, MN

When: June 22–24, 2012

Mark Your Calendars!

More Information to come in 2012 newsletters.

Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Hello dear cousins.

It is with very mixed emotions that I write to you through my article here in the newsletter. Mixed emotions in that I have to tell you our LFA Historian, Dan McConnell, passed away very suddenly about a month ago. There is no need for me to go into the details other than to tell you I talked to his wife Betsy and at this point in her life, she is a lost soul. She tells me it helps her a great deal to have her grandson living with her. That helps her cope with the loneliness.

As you remember, Dan was not only the LFA historian, writing many articles for the newsletter, but he was also the main organizer of the last two reunions ~ (2009) Rockford, IL, and (2006) Barnstable, MA (the Cape). Dan had great talent not only as a writer but also as a facilitator. You could count on him to do what was necessary to make an event go off smoothly and, it seemed, effortlessly. I could go on and on about how I will miss him both personally and as such a key member of our steering committee. More will be written about him and you will be able to receive the benefit of the kind thoughts of others about Dan, his family, and his love of the LFA.

It is really hard for me to continue writing this article, but I know our activities must proceed. I only hope that somewhere, somehow, someone will step to the fore front and help us find another special person to try to fill Dan's shoes, not only as a cousin but our dedicated historian.

Also, Jim Swedberg throughout the years helped us in compiling, writing for, and sending out the newsletter. Jim also passed away this spring and his pioneering spirit for the LFA will not be forgotten. It is kind of fun to recall that Jim used to say he was not even a Linnell but he pitched in to do his part to help Kaye and the family. Needless to say, on behalf of the LFA, I express to both Kaye and Betsy our heartfelt condolences, well wishes, and many thank yous for what you and your husbands contributed to our family.

Now, my dear cousins, let's talk about our upcoming reunion next June in Grand Portage/Grand Marais, MN.

Becky Johnson of Brainerd, MN ~ [damjohnsons@yahoo.com](mailto:dammjohnsons@yahoo.com) ~ has agreed to be our reunion chair, so if you have any input you wish to share, Becky is your contact. Several others in the area ~ Sally Suck, Nona Smith, and Bonnie Featherstone ~ are also actively involved our efforts and are informative contacts.

There are a couple highlights of which I want to remind you. We are busily working on our Web site ~ linnellfamilyassociation.com ~ to make available much more information for you in regard to the 2012 reunion. It will be of great benefit and much fun if you would start gathering some of your family memorabilia that you might bring to the reunion and display during the weekend event. Old Bibles, newspaper articles, artifacts, pictures, and much more are so helpful in our further search for that lost cousin we heard much about but have never been able to locate or put in our database. And as I always say in the months leading up to this special occasion, now is the time to be talking to your immediate family members to get them involved in your own "mini-reunion" to coincide with the event next June. I talked for many years to the steering committee about what a wonderful place Grand Marais would be to hold a Linnell family reunion, and I hope you will help me to keep my promise knowing this would be one of the best reunions ever. I know you will be "Casey at the bat" and help Becky and the steering committee put together a phenomenal Linnell Family Reunion.

Best wishes from the Nation's Capitol.

Jerry Linnell

P.S. Gosh, am I slipping? Not one political commentary. You probably think I am as fed up with these no account politicians ~ on both sides of the aisle ~ as you are, but I have faith that this terrible political situation will pass and we will go on as a country to greater and greater heights.

----- Correction-----

In the June 2011 issue of the LFA Newsletter, the date for the 2012 LFA Reunion was incorrect. In the article "Circle the Dates", page 6, the date of June 24-26 was given. It should be, June 22-24, 2012.

Remember to Tell Family and Friends...

- ◆ If they're not a "Life" member or haven't joined the LFA in the last 3 years, they will no longer receive a hard copy of the LFA Newsletter;
- ◆ It is easy to join..... Just use the form here in the newsletter or go online at: <http://www.linnellfamilyassociation.com/>;
- ◆ Mark your Calendars for the next LFA Reunion being held in Grand Marais/Grand Portage , MN June 22–24, 2012;
- ◆ Send the editors a Linnell story or article for the next newsletter.....WE Need YOU!

Nelda Needs You!!



Check Your Old Photo Albums

The Linnell Family Association 2012 Reunion Committee is searching for any Linnell pictures or related family pictures taken at Mineral Center, MN before 1936.

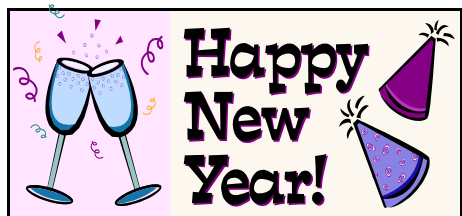
If you have any photos you are willing to share, you can scan the photos and e-mail them to Peggy (Smith) Peterson at harrypeg@northlc.com.

If you do not have access to a scanner you can send your pictures to Nelda at:

Nelda Westerlind
2736 County Road 7
Grand Marais 55604
Phone (218) 387-1437

Please let Nelda know if you want her to return your photos.

Season's Greetings to All!



A warm wish to each of you for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

See you in Grand Marais, MN in June

Linnell Family Record Update

Carol Jean Anderson, 118,241,112,6-10-1

Died Monday, July 12, 2010, in La Crosse, WI at the age of 67. She was active in the LFA, serving as Steering Committee Secretary and helping with the planning and organizing of the LFA Reunion held in Black River Falls, WI.

Violet Payne Volgamore 11a,b15,515,23

Died 8 March 2011 in Norton, KS at the age of 99.

Meagan Reel Warner 11a,b15,515,643,2

Divorced Anthony Warner 2008/2009
Married Andrew Erickson 23 April 2011

Albert Sedivy 11a,b15,515,93 xSp

Died 22 April 2011

Jacqueline Royanne Kesanen Clemens

118,241,116,5-12-2

Died 27 September 2011 of a car accident.
Virginia, MN

Marion E Cummings 118,241,121,214 Sp

Died 5 January 2011 in Houghton, NY.

Herbert Farguson 118,241,145,821

Died 3 February 2011. Burial at All Saints Cemetery in Lakeville, MN.

Dan R McConnell 118,241,186,623

Died 17 September 2011 in Hyannis, MA. Burial will be at Orleans Cemetery in Orleans, MA. Dan was Historian for the Linnell Family Association and will be sadly missed.

LaFern E Moe Linnell 118,241,231,124, Sp

Died 26 May 2011 while residing with eldest son, Mark, in Utah.

Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund (LFASF)



ATTENTION high school seniors and students of two and four year colleges:

We invite you to apply for award of the **Linnell Family Association 2012 Scholarship Fund**. One winning essay will be selected for the ***\$1,000*** scholarship award. 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.

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, 2012



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

Questions?

Contact any LFASFAC member:
Maryan Ainsworth, Barrie Westerwick, Gail Wahlstrom
at: scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com

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.

REMINDER!!!

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.

Take A Look

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

- ◆ Enjoy the fall colors!
- ◆ Send changes in your family, (births, deaths, marriages) to Pam Dittus, [Vital Records](#).
- ◆ Share a family story and pictures with the LFA Newsletter editors for publication in the newsletter.
- ◆ Circle June 22-24, 2012 on your calendar for the 2012 Linnell Family Reunion.
- ◆ Buy that special family member a 2012 membership in the LFA.
- ◆ Have a Happy, Safe, & Healthy Holiday Season.

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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Single Life Time — \$125.00 flat fee

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Family Annual — \$25.00 per year

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