



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie Sunde Winner of the 2012 LFA Scholarship!

By Barrie Westerwick

The LFA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Jamie Sunde (118, 241, 116, 231, 331) is this year's winner of the \$1,000 scholarship award. There were several good essays submitted this year, making the selection process competitive.

Jamie is the daughter of Bruce and Sharon Sunde (118, 241, 116, 231, 33) and the granddaughter of Glen (& Marcia) Roberts (118, 241, 116, 231, 3), a descendant of Robert Linnell.

She is currently a non-traditional student attending the University of Minnesota-Morris, working towards completing her biology degree and pre-pharmacy requirements. She ultimately anticipates receiving her doctorate through the School of Pharmacy at either Fargo, North Dakota or Duluth, Minnesota. She is the mother of a 3 ½ year old son and enjoys playing Legos and having Star Wars battles with him. On her own, her hobbies include singing, reading, puzzles, gardening, board games, card games, and being outside. She is currently the Assistant Manager at the campus convenience store and is involved with the Circle of Nations Indigenous Association as well as the American Indian Science and Engineering Society at UM-Morris. Jamie was the very first recipient of the LFA Scholarship award when the contest began in 2003. She is VERY thankful to have been awarded this year's scholarship and is excited that she will join us at the Linnell Family Reunion this summer in Grand Portage! See excerpts of Jamie's award winning essay on Page 4.

2012 LFA REUNION

Great News - The "Early Bird Discount" has been extended to **JUNE 10**.

The means you can still save money on the Registration Fees for the Linnell Family Association 2012 Reunion in Grand Portage, Minnesota, June 22–24. The Linnell Family Association reunion only occurs every 3 years. Signing up is easy! Make your plans NOW!

Remember :

- ◆ You need to Pre-Register - There are a variety of options to fit your needs;
- ◆ Banquet Costs are separate from Registration Fees;
- ◆ Find the registration form and all the details at www.linnellfamilyassociation.com

See the "Schedule of Events" for the reunion on Page 4.

We need a count for the Resort, so please let us know if you can join us **JUNE 22-24, 2012**.

Editor's Note: Below are a few of Glen Roberts' stories while growing up in the Mineral Center area, where the 2012 LFA Reunion is being held. We're unable to publish all of Glen's stories in this issue. We'll publish more of his stories in future newsletters.

STORIES FROM THE TIP OF THE ARROWHEAD

By Glen Roberts (118,116,231,3)

At the beginning of the settling of the Mineral Center area, there was no road down the shore. All supplies for the Grand Portage/Mineral Center area came by ship into the Grand Portage harbor. The bay near the town was too shallow for ships to come in, so Pete Gagnon built docks and store houses on Grand Portage Island. All of the supplies, people, livestock, etc. were unloaded at the island and then moved to the mainland by motor launch. Father, Lyman, used to talk about Pete Gagnon every now and then.

("Stories from the Tip of the Arrowhead" Continued on Page 3)

Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Oh, my dear cousins.

Surely you would have called the Grand Portage Lodge at 1-800-543-1384 or gone to their web site at GrandPortage.com and reserved a room for the upcoming June 22-24 LFA reunion; and then emailed Scott Linnell at linnells@optonline.net to register (the form is on the LFA web site at linnellfamilyassociation.com) for that most nostalgic and joyful weekend of reminiscing and storytelling.

We so look forward to seeing you and your family in this most amazing part of the good ol' U.S. of A. Since I have been attending these reunions the last 12 years, I think I can safely say that between Duluth, MN and on up Lake Superior to Grand Marais, and then to Grand Portage, there is no more scenic route that I have travelled to get to any of the previous reunions. Mother Nature spared nothing in her desire to make you believe you might be on your way to heaven while in route to Grand Portage. Of course, to those of us who live or have lived a great portion of our lives in that "neck of the woods," we believe that it certainly is mighty close to what the Good Book tells us.

We are planning a wonderful reunion, which we hope garners lots of laughter and just plain old fun. We will have entertainment at almost every moment of the weekend. And for those of you who plan to stay longer to visit, vacation, shop, or search out old cemeteries, old Linnell homes, or just relax and enjoy the scenery, you will truly be uplifted and rested for your journey home.

We will have the LFA store open so that you might purchase a reunion shirt, a "Descendants of Robert Linnell" book, order a print of the Eagle Wing, or maybe buy the newest item: a LFA apron. There will also be a silent auction for items such as a framed picture of the "America," the ship that brought most of our cousins to the north woods. Silent auction Gift baskets will have a special accumulations of local items, and other goods. There will be a special table set aside for you all to bring any family heirlooms that you wish to display, plus a Saturday night dance, a music party, a historic tour, hopefully a round of golf, and much more.

If I might make one other request of you, please bring your latest mailing and emailing materials so that we can update our family tree information. The more up-to-date information we have on the family, the more easily the association can be in contact with as many of our cousins as possible.

Well, I have rambled enough. I am going to spend the rest of my day digging up tidbits of information about our generations past so that you might get stumped when it comes to answering questions during our "So You Think You Know" game on Friday evening of the reunion. Please travel safely and, as I hinted at the outset, it is time to turn off the "procrastination button" and get registered for a good time in God's country at the Grand Portage Lodge and Casino the weekend of June 22-24, 2012.

Many hugs to all of you.

Jerry

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering to serve on a committee of the Linnell Family Association. The rewards are numerous: satisfaction in knowing you're involved with such a worthy association; a chance to visit with other cousins from across the country a few times a year; learning more about the different branches of the Linnell family – just to name a few.

If you are attending the 2012 LFA Reunion in June, we will be discussing the vacancies during the morning meetings on Saturday & Sunday and you'll have a chance ask questions and sign up. If you won't be attending the 2012 LFA Reunion and are interested in helping, please contact one of the Steering Committee members listed on Page 5 of the newsletter.

We can use your help so please seriously consider volunteering. The hours are short and rewards HUGE.



(Earl Roberts Family—Earl, Amelia, Alton, Spencer, Cyril)

After the move to the 2nd homestead, the family would “camp” at the 1st homestead every summer while hay was cut from the fields and “put up”. I guess this would take a couple of weeks. One summer while camped at the 1st homestead when Uncle Everett was five years old, he took sick with “summer fever” and died. His gravesite is at the Mineral Center Cemetery. After that, grandmother, Marguerite, refused to ever go back to that homestead so grandfather, Clyde, and father, Lyman, had to “batch it” while the haying was being done on that site each summer.

Mount Josephine blocked access to the Wausaugoning (Father, Lyman, pronounced it Washwanigan) and Teal Lake area until the roadway was blasted through the mount during highway construction before the highway was completed in 1966. Prior to that time, the area east of the old highway 61 crossing of the Pigeon River and Lake Superior and north of Mount Josephine was land locked with the only access by boat. I understand that grandfather, Clyde, logged in the Wausaugoning Bay area during the winter of 1912-1913. Father, Lyman, would have turned three years old at that time. All of the horses, men, equipment, food for livestock and people, medical supplies, etc. had to be boated from Grand Portage around Hat Point before Lake Superior froze up in the fall. Once the Lake froze, there was no communication with the outside world until after Lake Superior thawed in the spring except for a couple of dog sled runs around Hat Point during the winter. It seems to me that there would have been a feeling of isolation for the men at the camp and for the families of the loggers that were on the outside.

Along Grand Portage Bay Road there was a log cabin

that had some family history attached to it. While grandfather, Clyde, lived at the 1st homestead, he contracted with a fellow to provide the logs for a house to be built on the shore of Grand Portage Bay. Father, Lyman, was not very old at the time. It would have had to have taken place before the move to the 2nd homestead in about 1918 or 1919. Grandfather, Clyde, would select trees to be cut and then drop them. Then while grandfather, Clyde, hauled a load of logs down the Grand Portage Trail to the bay, father, Lyman, would trim the trees to get them ready for hauling. When grandfather, Clyde, got home in the evening, he would select the next days trees for cutting and drop them. The next morning he would load the wagon for another trip down The Trail. The log house was still standing into the 1970s. At that time, it was not occupied and was sagging quite a bit. The logs were long and straight and mostly about five or six inches across at their base. I have not tried to find the location of the log home since then.

Farther north is the road to Mount Maude. The hill is named after cousin Maude Linnell who, it is reported, was the 1st white woman to have climbed to the top. Her husband, Malcolm Linnell is my second cousin twice removed. Malcolm and Maude’s son, Mahlon, was born a few months before father, Lyman, and the two were close friends. They were third cousins. I have visited with Mahlon many times. He married Bernice Peterson, a sister of Gertrude Peterson Linnell, so there was always a close family tie. There is an interesting story in the Linnell Family Association book that I would like to quote here about that family. “Malcolm was the first of the Linnell family to move to the northeast section of Minnesota that came to be known as Mineral Center just six miles from the Canadian border. He was a woodsman and surveyor and set out with Earl and Clyde Roberts, his second cousins and sons of Satilda Linnell and Frank Roberts, to find a homestead. His family lived in Hovland the first year, but moved into their log cabin in January, 1911. To build and rudely equip their cabin Malcolm had carried everything except the logs, roofing and boards on his back from Hovland 14 miles away. Even his cook stove was carried in this way. Other friends and relatives arrived during the next year: Peter M. Linnell, his cousin was one. A school was built, and the population of the area gradually increased. Malcolm remained there until the government bought back the land to make it a reservation for the Indians of that region. He then moved with his family to Grand Marais, while others moved to Duluth and other areas.” I recall father, Lyman, mentioning Malcolm carrying the cook stove on his back a number of times through the years.

Excerpts of Jamie Sunde's Winning Essay

"... In my quest of searching for careers that the descendants of Samuel Linnell have chosen, the medical field, I found that there were in fact many who have chosen this path of medicine. The first account that I encountered involving a pharmacy was Lewis Thomas Linnell, who bought a drug store and then sold it in 1878 (Page 345). Another of our descendants is Bird McPherson Linnell. He was a man to be greatly admired in many areas, and one of the areas that he excelled in was medicine. Bird earned his medical degree from the Rush Medical College in Chicago. If I were able to give him a title, it would be "A Christian Leader of Medicine and Invention". He invented a blood pressure recorder. He started the first Presbyterian settlement and church social work, not only in Chicago but in the nation! This does not even begin to recount all of the positions of leadership that he held in the medical community and within the church. I have to admit that I read his page a half dozen times and was left wishing that there was more information and a documentary made of this man.

There were many others who were involved in medicine and were accomplished. For example, Zenos Linnell graduated from Harvard College and received his MD from Boston University School of Medicine. He did not stop there, but continued his training and is now in private practice in addition to being on staff at a hospital in Maine. He also researches and evaluates the cutting edge of his specialty for new models of psychoanalysis (Page 385)! Joanna Townsend was a licensed practical nurse, but again we see that the Linnells cannot seem to stay away from positions of leadership. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Girl Scout Counselor (Page 400). Robert B. Linnell was a medical nurse who dedicated his service on Long Island, New York (Page 417). Douglas Rex Linnell was a PHM medic first class and served in the Navy. Douglas was involved in the Invasion of South France and his unit received commendations for the honorable work they accomplished there (Page 418). Donald Wesley Swanton earned his PhD at Northwestern University and was a Chairman of the Department of Finance at Roosevelt University. Not only is he in the medical profession, but his wife Margaret is a certified nurse practitioner (Page 429). And related by marriage is Andrew Ulrichs who is a pharmacist (Page 378). Arthur Thomas Just was an accomplished man who graduated with honors and became a pharmacist from Oklahoma University. He was also named one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1981" (Page 429)! I also found people who were in the medical fields but not within Samuel Linnell's direct lineage."

The Linnell Family Association

2012 Reunion

Grand Portage Lodge & Casino

Grand Portage, MN

June 22 - 24, 2012

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 22

1:00-8:00 pm Registration - **Dinner on own**
7:00 pm Welcome Reception and Overview

Saturday, June 23

8:00-9:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:30-11:30 am LFA Business Meeting
11:30 am Free Time - **Lunch on own**
12:00-4:00 pm Guided Tour of Hovland and Mineral Center Areas
5:00 pm Cocktail Hour
6:00-9:00 pm Dinner and Program
9:00 pm Dance

Sunday, June 24

8:00-9:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:30-10:00 am Next Reunion, Wrap-up, & Farewells

Other Sunday Activities

1:00 pm "Linnell Best Ball Golf" - Gunflint Hills
If interested contact Becky Johnson @ (218) 838-0149
5:00 pm Pike Lake Music Party - More information at Saturday meeting



Suggestions for Your "To Do" List

- ◆ Spread the Word" about the 2012 LFA Reunion to other family members. June 22-24, 2012
- ◆ Complete and send your registration form for the LFA 2012 Reunion. (Form on LFA Website)
- ◆ Send a check for your 2012 membership in the LFA, if you've not already done so.
- ◆ Send changes in your family, (births, deaths, marriages) to Pam Dittus, Vital Records.
- ◆ Seriously consider **VOLUNTEERING** – We need you!

Linnell Family Record Update

Richard Linnell Hinchey 117,662,1-10-7,21

Died 31 March 2011, in Reston, VA at the age of 90.
His ashes were scattered on the family plot in
East Orleans, MA.

Jean Muriel Trauth Hinchey Schneier 117,662,1-10-7,21 xSp

Died 15 January 2011, in Huntington, NY at the age of
88. She is buried in the Trauth family plot at Evergreen
Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY. Jean's husband, Arthur
Schneier, passed away in 2010.

Christopher Jon Crosetto 118,241,112,638,11

Married Karen Frances Tadeo Franco on 8 October
2011, in Kirkland WA.

Colin Robert Andert 118,241,145,131,511

Born 25 June 2008, in St Paul, MN. Parents are Marjorie
Beldo Andert and Kevin Andert.

Livia Marlys Beldo 118,241,145,131,521

Born 26 April 2008, in Fargo, ND. Parents are Eric and
Casie Beldo.

Finn Everett Beldo 118,241,145,131,522

Born 28 November 2011 in Maple Grove, MN. Parents
are Eric and Casie Beldo.

Editor's Note - I never really understood what someone meant
when they said I was their 2nd cousin "once removed". Becky
(Bystrom) Johnson, Chair of the LFA 2012 Reunion Committee,
sent me the information below. Thanks Becky

"ONCE REMOVED" ?????

The non-sibling with whom you share a grandparent is
your first cousin. If you share a great-grandparent, but
not a grandparent or parent, it's your second cousin. The
child of your first cousin is your first cousin "once re-
moved," indicating the number of generations separating
you from each other. "First cousin once removed" and
second cousin are not the same thing!

Okay, now go find your cousin "once removed".

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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