



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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An Apology from the Editor

To all LFA members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to apologize for missing the 2014 Summer edition of the newsletter. This last spring, I unexpectedly made a major career change. At 47 years of age I did not expect to be at this type of cross roads in my life. Unfortunately this became much more overwhelming than I had expected.

However fortunately I have overcome the challenges and am extremely glad I made this change. My new career is rewarding and very exciting.

I again apologize and have made sure that any relevant content from the summer newsletter is included in this edition. Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at petersen.lynne@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Lynne M. Petersen
LFA Newsletter Editor



The Tenth Linnell Family Association Reunion

The LFA Steering Committee invites you to join us,

June 26-28, 2015 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel

Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

We will have additional updates posted on line as soon as they are available and all final reunion details will be published in the February LFA Newsletter.

As always any questions can be directed to the steering committee.

Contact info available on page 5 of this Newsletter.

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Letter From the Chairman

Greetings Cousins, from our Nation's Capitol:

You must be wondering what crazy political idea does he have in mind today. Well, really, the only politics you probably want to hear about are somewhat related to our own LFA. Ahhhh, care to share, Jerry. Of course. Of course.

You know how political organizations have to select a site to hold their convention every four years, correct. Well, so too does the LFA.

You might say: Well, that's really not politics, Sir.

Yes and no. You see, there are always choices and decisions to make about what will your members may or may not like. For instance, would they like a place to meet that is close to the water – since we are going to be on Cape Cod next year. Would they like a place closer to the old family landmarks and not have to travel as much, especially on a very compact peninsula. Does the motel/hotel site have to be on one level? Does it serve vegan or vegetarian or gluten-free meals? Obviously, the list goes on and on.

Well, in an attempt to answer some of these questions, Doug Roberts, Jamie Linnell, and myself ventured to the Cape the first weekend in June to have a look see, as they say in good ol' Minnesota – and elsewhere, of course. We found two sites that we thought would answer most of our questions in the affirmative. We will be making our decision shortly and hopefully more information will follow in this newsletter.

As your chairperson, I want to advise you that as much and as hard as we try to keep expenses down, going to Cape Cod in June is not an inexpensive undertaking. It is my thought that some of you will plan ahead as much as possible so as to defray some of the cost – you know, could I/we travel together or could we book flights far enough in advance that we get a better rate or could we combine the trip with other vacation plans. Needless to say, whatever you decide to do to get there, you will not be the least bit disappointed as the Cape is one heckuva place and you will come away saying: No wonder Captain Ebenezer and so many other of our ancestors lived in this historical setting and labored very hard to keep it so nice.

Enough said, Jer. You will talk more people into going than we can accommodate.

Well, OK. I just want us to have as wonderful a turnout in 2015 as we had in 2012. Here's hoping you will begin to talk it up with family to be able to plan a wonderful trip to a wonderful place to see wonderful people. And I promise, no politics involved – except of course when it comes to choosing and voting for another slate of officers to the LFA Steering Committee.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, my precious cousins. Good health to you all.

Love, Jerry



Kind words from Senator Benjamin L. Cardin about Cousin Jerry Linnell's Retirement

“Mr. President, on more than once occasion, I have talked about the hardworking men and women who toil mostly in anonymity here in the Senate. Today, I thank one such individual Jerry Linnell, for 32 years of exemplary service to the Senate and the American people. After several years in Baltimore and at one point passing in one test session 8 of the 9 highest testing requirements set by the National Court Reporters Association, Jerry joined the staff of the U.S. Senate's Official Reporters of Debates. Jerry is retiring at the end of the month. Jerry joined the staff of the U.S. Senate's Official Reporters of Debates in 1982 and became the Chief Reporter of Debates in 1999.”



“Mr. President, in all seriousness, we are fortunate to have men and women of Jerry's caliber devote their time and talent to the U.S. Senate. Jerry is an outstanding public servant. While we will miss him--and his trademark suspenders--he certainly has earned a well-deserved retirement and on behalf of the Senate, I thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best for the future.”

Along with the senators' comments and a sad farewell from a loving staff, Jerry received a heartfelt hug from Vice President Joe Biden.

Family Statistics



Delia Paige Reel

11a, b15, 515, 641, 11

Born 4 April 2014 in Silverton, OR,
to Dan & Wendi Reel.

Faye Bernice Linnell Johnson

118, 241, 112, 611, 1

Died 11 March 2014 in Anoka, MN.

Karri Johnson

118, 241, 112, 611, 1, 2

Married Gloria Rocha 19 Sept 2014 Ham Lake, MN

Don Graybeal

11a, b15, 515, 93

Died 21 June 2014 in Salem, OR

LFA Scholarship Fund



We invite you to apply for award of the Linnell Family Association 2015 Scholarship Fund.

One winning essay will be selected for the \$1000 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.

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, 2015.

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.

Questions? Contact an LFASFAC member: scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com

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.

How to send student essays and applications:

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

Sue Dittus
219 11th Avenue West
Grand Marais, MN 55604

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

Barrie Westerwick
11 Allocco Drive
Holmdel, NJ 07733

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.

A Family Story from Gail Walstrom

Talking with some close cousins lately, I began to think of our "Family" and all the fun we had as kids; living close by one another as we grew up. Cousins were our best friends; all the families got together for important occasions, but we also looked for any excuse to have a pot luck dinner and impromptu visits. Did we ever call ahead? Never! We knew we'd be welcome, and usually when we decided to stop by, there would be another Linnell family there already, and the party would begin. Ah...the memories. It made me think about being a kid in those times, and how very safe I always felt. I knew, without a doubt, if for some reason my Mom and Dad weren't able to help if I needed it, I could go to anyone of my Linnell families and they'd take me in, without a second thought. They all loved me...how incredible is that?

I started to think about the changes in this life, since those times...we are scattered, some of us thousands of miles apart...our kids don't even know one another...and we have become strangers. I am so sorry about this. (I have to add here: when we do get together, rarely, it's as though no time has passed, at all.) How I wish my children could have grown up with all of their cousins and continue to have that close relationship today, which I was blessed with. It was my fault...I'm the one who left for "greener pastures."

I imagine how it will be when I am gone; will the future "Linnell's" slowly become unaware of the name Linnell, when it has married away...will they be total strangers to one another, in this busy world of today?

These thoughts sent me to our family bible, "The Descendants of Robert Linnell." I felt the need to get to know some of my ancestors, and keep them alive in my mind's eye, one last time...meet new ancestors for the first time and get to know their stories. I won't bother you all with the tedious family identification numbers, or even what line of family they were part of.

What I wanted to share is simply some truly interesting and fun stories of these long-ago family members, and maybe prick your curiosity to get excited once again about being part of this lovely clan we're all part of; The Linnell's.

The initial story, I found within the first few pages of the book. There was a photo of a gravestone with the inscription:



Thankful wife
of Uriah Linnell
died Feb 20
1831



I assumed, reading the words, that women in that era were so insignificant that their gravestones did not warrant a name. Was this woman simply so grateful, just to be married to her husband Uriah? Reading further, I found out "Thankful" was her name! I can't relate how much that tickled me.

I was hooked. I searched for more stories to fill that need I mentioned earlier.

The next stop on my journey took me to Ebenezer Harding Linnell, born 1811. I think many of you have heard of this famous ancestor. He was captain of "The Eagle Wing" and sailed to exotic places (Chile, Hong Kong, Singapore, San Francisco) buying sterling and teas; suffering near death in typhoons and hurricanes. At one point he was gone from his home for over two years! (However was he able to have seven children? Three did not survive.) In 1860 he asked his father-in-law to build his family a French style villa; it was a duplicate of a house he had seen in Marsailles, France. He was delighted with their new home. That structure still stands today in Orleans, MA. As a matter of fact, several years ago those that attended the reunion had the weekend banquet in that house, now known as "The Captain Linnell House Restaurant."

The next fella who caught my eye, was Reuben Rose Linnell, born in 1814. He served in the Civil War as a sharp shooter, but he was best known for his testy temperament. He fought with his neighbor and his cousin Lemuel Rose, to the point that their disputes had to be decided by the church!! I wish they'd said who came out the victor!

Another ship's captain I found in the pages was Allen Higgins Linnell born in 1828. He also sailed to exotic places such as Chile and Calcutta. See? Those who came before us were not all lowly farmers who scratched parched earth for a living. (What am I saying? I'd love to live on a farm!)

Many families started emigrating further north and west from the Cape Cod/Barnstable area. I read a poignant letter written by Joshua Linnell's wife Sally, professing her loneliness and longing to be back with her family. She knew in her heart it was never going to happen, but she kept "pretending" that some day it just might. Broke my heart, Joshua was a furniture maker and died early of consumption from the paint. Sally died just over a year later, never seeing her parents and siblings again.

Not all Linnell's were honorable; maybe we shouldn't talk about those? In one family the parents were noted as "very respectable", while the 8 children were "the laziest among the lazy who in humor "took no offense when reproved for their slothful and vagrant habits."

So many of the Linnell men of those times were described as very large men, 6-7' tall. I know my grandfather; Peter Maroni towered over all of his sons. He was at least a head taller, even though several of his sons stood 6'.

I could go on and on, with story after story. I send this on, hoping it might whet the appetite for others coming up in the Linnell ranks, to be interested and take part in the years to come. Let's not forget each other; enjoy our colorful pasts and love each other still.

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2012-2015 Steering Committee

2014 Linnell Family Scholarship Essay Contest Winner

Erica Jacqueline Linnell

117,612,123,225,2

Daughter of

James Scott Linnell and Susan Linnell

Colts Neck, NJ.



Excerpts from the Essay and Background about Erica by Barrie Westerwick

Erica is currently a first year medical student at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ. Erica graduated with Cum Laude Honors from Vanderbilt University in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts as a Neuroscience Major and with a Biology Minor. Her other honors include President's List Honors, Dean's List Honors, Order of Omega Leadership Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Honors Fraternity, and Golden Key Honor Society.

During her college years, Erica was not only a dedicated and hard-working student; she was involved as a Researcher at both the Vanderbilt Institute for Integrative Biosystems Research and Education and at the Vanderbilt Psychology Department. Erica's mentor during her research project at Vanderbilt University noted in a letter of recommendation how "she did a fantastic job on her research project" which analyzed "the effectiveness of chemotherapeutic drug therapies on breast cancer under hypoxic conditions". He further described her as "a very friendly, caring, and optimistic person", which is evident in the many volunteer activities she has been involved in over the years.

She has volunteered as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority organizing fund raising events, as an AED Medical Volunteer in Honduras for a week, tutored underprivileged children as a Fannie Battle Volunteer and helped to refurbish houses during a Mission Trip to Washington D.C. She also served as a Resident Assistant for two semesters while at Clemson University where she spent her first two years as an undergraduate. Erica is currently a Student Admissions Representative at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, leading tours for prospective medical school candidates and teaches nutrition and dance to local elementary school students at after-school care.

Dance has been a passion of Erica's for many years, having taken lessons from an early age through her high school years. Her achievements in dance made it possible for Erica to be accepted as a member of the Vanderbilt Dance Team, a competitive dance team comprised of 15 members that cheer during athletic games and events at the university. Erica has shared her dancing skills as a Camp Counselor with Camp Weequahic in Lakewood, PA where she has been employed as a dance instructor for children during the summer months.

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AN UPDATE FROM THE ASSOCIATION



Due to a limited response to The LFA Online Store, the online ordering option is no longer available.

All merchandise from Reunions will now only be available by attending the reunion.

If you are interested in the Eagle Wing Print or the Descendants of Robert Linnell Book you can still contact treasurer@linnellfamilyassociation.com for details regarding availability.

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Scholarship Winner continued...

In her winning essay, Erica put her research skills to work, tracing back through the centuries of her own Linnell family history, beginning with Robert Linnell and concluding with her father, James Scott Linnell. She states, "The tale of the several centuries of family history that I uncovered between Robert and James Scott is, to my delight, one filled with excitement and adventure." Later in her essay, she reflects on what she has learned, saying, "Without a doubt, I have great footsteps to fill to continue the incredible legacy set forth by my forefathers (not to mention the accomplishments of my foremothers as well.) Ambition, courage and the pursuit of a greater good all appear to run prominently through my paternal bloodline dating back to Robert Linnell.

As a medical doctor, it is my hope that I will at least knock on the doorstep to the great accomplishments of my ancestors. Whether a neurosurgeon or an oncologist, I will have the potential to leave a widespread impact not only on my patients, but in research and medical advancement. I hope to have the fearlessness of Robert Linnell (I) to explore the unknown territories of modern medical knowledge. I hope to exhibit the bravery of David Linnell (II) in challenging our societal norms where it may be necessary. I hope to find the determination of Jonathan Linnell (III) and of his sons to follow through with my goals and ambitions until they are realized. I hope to show the courageousness of Joseph Linnell (117,612) to fight for my beliefs and to seek out new opportunities. I hope to follow the ingenuity of Elkanah Linnell (117,612,1) to pioneer new solutions to health complications. I hope to work towards the brainpower of Albert Paul Linnell (117,612,123,22) in continuously seeking to expand my scientific intelligence through research. I hope to have the perseverance and endless pursuit of knowledge of James Scott Linnell (117,612,123,225) in all of my medical studies and future profession. In essence it is my hope that I will build upon the great virtues and characteristics set forth by my Linnell ancestors to continue our legacy as a driven, passionate medical doctor."

With all that Erica has achieved, we have no doubt that Erica will obtain her goal of becoming a great medical doctor and will surely be an asset to the medical research community in the future.

Congratulations Erica, The LFA Scholarship Committee