

And Good Time Was Had By ALL!!

by Doug Roberts

The recent 2015 LFA Reunion on Cape Cod was a resounding success! A grand time was had by all, investigating our seafaring ancestors on the Cape. On Saturday afternoon, during free time, we were able to visit the Orleans Historical Society where Diane Leonard and Bonny Snow had set up a special Linnell display with an actual dress worn by a Linnell ancestor, Linnell silverware, period china, and portraits of Ebenezer Harding Linnell (117,622,43) and his wife Rebecca. The rest of the museum had displays about Cape Cod and the sea, including the Rescue Station where Ebenezer's father Solomon Linnell (117,622,4) was the first Captain.



Attendees enjoyed a presentation on the Seafaring Linnells provided by Linnell Cousin Marie Wells (RLW#).

Marie illuminated the Cape Cod Linnell's relationship with the sea. Of course, the first seafaring Linnell was our common ancestor Robert Linnell himself. It took nearly two centuries before the Linnells took to the sea again. As late as 1775 the

population was still concentrated on the coasts.

The soil on the cape was unsuitable to farming. Once the trees were cut down for buildings and fire wood, people turned to the sea. John Wesley Linnell (118, 314, 7)

was one of the first who went to sea. Four of his sons followed him. Allen Higgins Linnell (11a,b126,11) was the first Linnell Clipper ship captain in the early

mid-1800's. He owned his own ship, unusual since there was no harbor on the cape other than Provincetown in which it could take harbor.

Marie then spoke of the experience of Dean Gray Linnell (117,611,-10) who was head of the volunteer rescue service that later became the Coast Guard. He and his crew saved many from the wreck of the Orissa. Dean took the rescued Captain Sears to his home to recover. While there, they fell to discussing



a name for Dean's about-to-be-born daughter. Captain Sears suggested that Dean's daughter be named in honor of his lost ship. The story of Orissa Linnell (117,611,-10-9) is sad and can be found in *The Descendants of Robert Linnell*. A few years later, Solomon Linnell (above) and a rescue service colleague discovered the remains of the Sparrow Hawk wrecked in 1627, during the Mayflower era. It had been lost for over 200 years.

The famous Ebenezer Harding Linnell of the clipper ship Eagle Wing was at least a second generation seaman, following after his uncles and cousins. In addition to being an outstanding ship captain, he was a bit of a show off. He dressed well, drove his coach and horses hard, and was noted for having thrown a splendid party at Thanksgiving time in 1858. To this day the Eagle Wing under Ebenezer's captainship holds the world record for a clipper ship from Downs England to Hong Kong in 83 ½ days!

By 1869 with the completion of the Panama Canal, steam-driven ships and the rail road, the wind-driven seafaring economy collapsed. Mariners faded into retirement. The golden age of seafaring clipper ships came to an end. But Cape Codders were, and are to this day, resilient. Some turned to fishing, some to farming, others to trade.

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Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Dear Cousins.

You know as well as I do that when you get many Linnell cousins hanging out together there is going to be joy and merriment in abundance. Well, such was the case this past June when approximately 40 of us joined to attend the LFA 2015 triennial reunion at Cape Cod in Massachusetts. Yes, it was a rather small gathering but the activities provided us with many interesting focal points -- the grandest of which was the Captain Ebenezer Linnell House which is now a rather posh dining facility with an owner who works assiduously to keep the grounds and establishment in a state of beauty that I am sure Capt. "Eben" would love to see. As is usually the case, many of us went to see homes that were once Linnell occupied, the Sturgis Library, the Orleans Historical Society, graveyards with many of the oldest Linnell stones one can find, no less than Linnell Beach, and much more.

We started on Friday, after meeting and greeting and registration, with a game of Linnell trivia, contested by teams of 3 from amongst all in attendance. It was chaired by Andrew Linnell who was very ably assisted by his lovely wife Natasha. What a great hour of entertainment.

On Saturday, after a continental breakfast provided by the hotel, we met as a group to discuss the future of the LFA. One of the topics was the LFA scholarship. After considerable discussion, it was decided that there would not be two scholarships awarded, nor a more lucrative one, next year because of there not being an awarding of the scholarship this year. In other words, keep the status quo. (ALL OF US have to have a much better focus on this yearly event so that some of our youngsters will enter this scholarship challenge by writing about a certain family member whom they think all of us would be interested in hearing a little more about. I plead with all of you to encourage your families to make a concerted effort to talk about and take part in this wonderful scholarship "sail")

There was a general discussion of the current website and the newsletter and what could be done to make them more timely and up to date in distribution and information.

Doug Roberts distributed information regarding the sites of interest for the upcoming afternoon solo activities. Many of us subsequently car pooled to our visitations.

One of the heartening aspects of the gathering was the attendance of several cousins of the younger generations with several cousins from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We dearly hope they will stay in touch and become a greater part of the association.

It was also decided as to the next LFA reunion -- that being 2018 -- that contacts would be made with West Coast cousins to help find a place to host such a gathering. And we are already working to make that happen. Doug Roberts, Paul Linnell, Jr and Brian Linnell -- with others, hopefully -- will share coordination of the efforts to make that experience a truly awesome one.

Unfortunately, we have lost our secretary Sue Dittus from the steering committee and we were not able to fill that vacancy by the time we departed the Cape. We will be attempting to find someone to earn the high-paying wages of that office.

Thank you, Sue, for all your efforts over the past years to make our association a better one for all who care so much about it and its survival.

Our steering committee board will stay the same, with Doug Roberts taking the position of Vice-Chairman/Reunion. I also take this opportunity to thank Doug for his many contributions to the success of the Cape reunion. He worked long and hard to get as much information to his cousins as possible to use on that weekend and for many years to come. As usual, he had done his homework and was able to answer many questions about the Linnell prowess in their shipping captaincies and experiences.

While I am thanking people, I am proud to once again have been in the company of my "brother" Scott Linnell, our treasurer. He was stalwart in his actions as our registrar, treasurer, and go-to guy with any questions about our stay at the Sheraton Four Points in Eastham.

Then of course there was Lori Linnell who did so much work for us, not all of which I will attempt to describe except to say that she provided a "picture studio". We all enjoyed a picture or two with the props she brought along to make us believe that we too were once seafaring Linnell captains of old. She designed and brought with her not only the placemats for the Saturday evening dinner but the centerpieces for the tables. Then to top it all off she designed and had printed a shoulder/couch throw that was auctioned off and won by Scott. And finally, she brought with her several of her family members to join us for the weekend.

And, oh, yes, I cannot forget Vicki Sanfelipo and her two grandkids Dustin Lyman and Kayla Huggins for their help in staffing our store and earning us a fine piece of change with the sale of shirts, CDs, books, and aprons. Plus a big thank you to Pam and Sue Dittus for their attendance and help during the weekend activities. Although she was not in attendance, Jamie Linnell had the year before joined Doug and I in our trip to the Cape to uncover as much detail as possible for the 2015 reunion. And a special thank you to Mark Wynn for sharing with us on Saturday evening a very warm welcome letter from our dear founder and long-time historian Rachel W. Linnell. Best wishes to you, dear Rachel.

Last but certainly not least, a big THANK YOU to cousin Marie Wells for her Saturday evening historical rendition of Cape life during the shipping days of Captain Ebenezer Linnell and the many other Linnell sea captains of that era. She definitely kept us entertained with her great smiles and theatrical abilities in making her presentation to us. She capped off a wonderful evening dinner. Quite the lady.

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“Linnell surname Theory “

By Jason J Quick 118,241,116,911,11 – Grandnephew to the late Dick Linnell

In the following four paragraphs I am presenting a brief summary of my theory that connects our Robert Linnell to Robert de Breherval Lord of Breherval & Yvery, who invaded England with William the Conqueror. This is by no-means 100% provable but just my opinion of scores of historical information I have collected. What do we know of Mr. Robert Linnell born circa 1584 married to Penniah Howes? According to the Amos Otis papers, Robert was born in London of an ancient English family. Otis also noted that Robert Linnell was called Mr. Linnell and he was a man of some wealth and consideration in his native land. The prefix Mr., like Sir, once indicated a social status only applied to gentlemen or persons at or above one's own station as a mark of respect. It would be safe to assume Robert Linnell was a man of high status or minor nobility in England before he came to America. Penniah Howes was the daughter of Rev. John Howes who was a graduate of St John's in Oxford. Various sources indicate that John Howes' father was Thomas House of Eastwell, Kent. Unfortunately there is no written historical evidence to link the two but the possibility is there and has not yet been disproved. If the link can be proven it is worth note that Thomas House's mother, Margery (Corbett) is a direct descendant of King Henry I.

A few hundred years of lineage aside, records show the highest concentration of Linnell's are from west Northampton and east Warwickshire. David Linnell writes in his book, *The Life of John Linnell*, that the Linnell surname comes from the Lunell family in Northamptonshire. In George Baker's book, *The History & Antiquities of Northampton*, written in 1822 the Lunell family traces back to the manors of Farthingstone, Kislingbury, and possibly Snoscombe. Baker states the Lunell name is also referenced as Luvell because the letters “v” and “n” were commonly transposed so the name was also spelled differently depending on the discretion of the transcriber. The English surname Lovell is also spelled Luvell in early documents that mimic the Lunell surname with a “v” mentioned by Baker. It is my belief that the Lunell family was actually a branch of the Lovell family and history has left us a few links. The first link, other than the surname itself, is the now extinct Manor of Snoscomb in Northamptonshire. The Manor of Snoscomb adjoined the Manor of Farthingstone and an early Lord of this manor was John Luvell who had a half-brother, another John, Baron John Lovell Lord of Tichtmarsh.

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A blanket with the image of a clipper ship was auctioned off. Proceeds went to the scholar ship fund. Speaking of the scholarship fund, there was no recipient this year because no one applied! This is the easiest scholar ship money

the child of a Linnell Family Association member can get. Let's get those applications in!

In the back of the banquet hall cousin Lori Linnell provided opportunity for pictures with seafaring props. What fun!



Sunday evening, those who had the good fortune to be able to stay and join, a dinner was held at the Captain Linnell House restaurant. This restaurant is harbored by the house that Ebenezer built to recognize a man of his stature. After his daughters aged and died, the house fell into disrepair. It was rescued some 25 years ago by the Cooper family. They have spent large amounts of money and time reclaiming the house to its former glory.



Sunday morning, at a vote of the members present, the association agreed to meet in 2018 on the West Coast.

Editor's Note— Below is a letter from Rachel Wynn to the LFA and read by Mark Wynn at the Cape reunion. I've also included a picture of Rachel Wynn at the LFA 2006 Reunion.

To: **LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION AT TENTH HISTORIC MEETING**

June 26-28, 2015

Sheraton Four Points Hotel – Eastham, MA

How wonderful that you are gathered here for the 10th Linnell Family Association reunion at the very place – Cape Cod – where our ancestors landed and where we met for the first time in 1988! I never imagined when I took up my Aunt Mary's genealogical studies as a retirement activity around 1980 that it would eventually lead to the publication of a book about our American Linnell Family entitled **The Descendants of Robert Linnell**. I also never imagined at the outset what joy I would derive from meeting so many cousins for the first time and hearing their rich and varied stories. I knew that others would want to share this same experience, so with the help of a number of you, the first family reunion on Cape Cod was celebrated.

It was a rather tentative group of Linnells that gathered in August of 1988 at the Sheraton Hotel to consider a future association of Linnells based on the first edition my book. Dick Linnell of Orangeville, Illinois; Ladoske Elliott of Harrisburgh, Oregon; and Robert Linnell of Providence, Rhode Island had given courageous approval. And my family, especially my dear husband J.C., had determined to help make it happen. Almost 100 people arrived with eager anticipation to meet each other at dinner and casual mixers, to hear about the Linnells on the Cape, and to consider other times to get together. Cousins in St Paul, Minnesota immediately proposed a next event in three years and we were under way.

Both the membership and its organizational structure had their growing pains. We realized that there were legal matters to attend to and important procedures to be defined. Robert Linnell of Selah, Washington, advised on these issues. Cousins volunteered to take part and to host gatherings in different locations all over the country: in addition to Cape Cod, where we would meet every third reunion, in Ohio, New York, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In 2006, at age 88, I realized that it was important to find a more permanent home for all of my research material from the publication of **The Descendants of Robert Linnell**. I was thrilled when the Sturgis Library at Barnstable on Cape Cod agreed to properly house these files in perpetuity. The papers had come home to a place that had special meaning, for Linnells were among the founders of the town. At the 2006 reunion at the Cape, I turned over to Jerry Linnell all other important materials from the inception of our organization. This was the final meeting I was able to attend. Since then, and with the help of a great group of officers, Jerry has continued to enable the development of our organization.

Now I see the continuing development of the 117,612,123,21 and 117,612,123,22 lines of our history and the growth of your many new lines across the country. I delight in your support of our history as part of the growth of our country and especially in your support of our youth through education. May the Linnell Family Association long continue as well as your own joy in it.



Linnell Family Record Update

Terek Thomas Bochsler 11a,b15,515,623,12
b. 5 May 2015 in Silverton, OR.

Lily Belle Reel 11a,b15,515,642,12
b. 24 June 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT

Ali Lisa-Marie Vincent-Lough 11a,b15,515,911
d. 21 August 2015 in OR

Spencer Jonathan Wilson 11a,b15,515,644,31
b. 20 Oct 2015 in Corvallis, OR

A Special Thank You!

We want to give recognition and a very special **THANK YOU** to **Brad Johnson, Lynne Petersen, and Sue Dittus**. All three are stepping down from the Steering Committee. Brad has been in charge of the LFA website for the past seven years and instigated a variety of changes and upgrades. For the last three years, Lynne has served as editor of the LFA Newsletter and worked hard to attract and involve younger 'cousins'. Sue has served faithfully as Secretary of the LFA Steering Committee via conference calls, reunions, and business meetings. We want to thank them for all the time and effort they have given to the LFA.

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Well, enough for now. Since the next newsletter will not be out until February 2016, my wife Jane and I send out a heartfelt "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." May your family gatherings be half as much fun as Jane and I had at the Cape Cod reunion of 2015.

Jerry Linnell

Oh, gosh, a PS. I have 3 dozen aprons, 3 large white, and 3 medium lady polo shirts, plus a dozen CDs made by KC Linnell for the 2012 Minnesota reunion, all available for the great price of \$10 each. If you write to me at Jerl@aol.com and order whatever you wish -- maybe as a Christmas gift -- I will be happy to send them on to you ASAP free of charge.

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION Steering Committee 2015

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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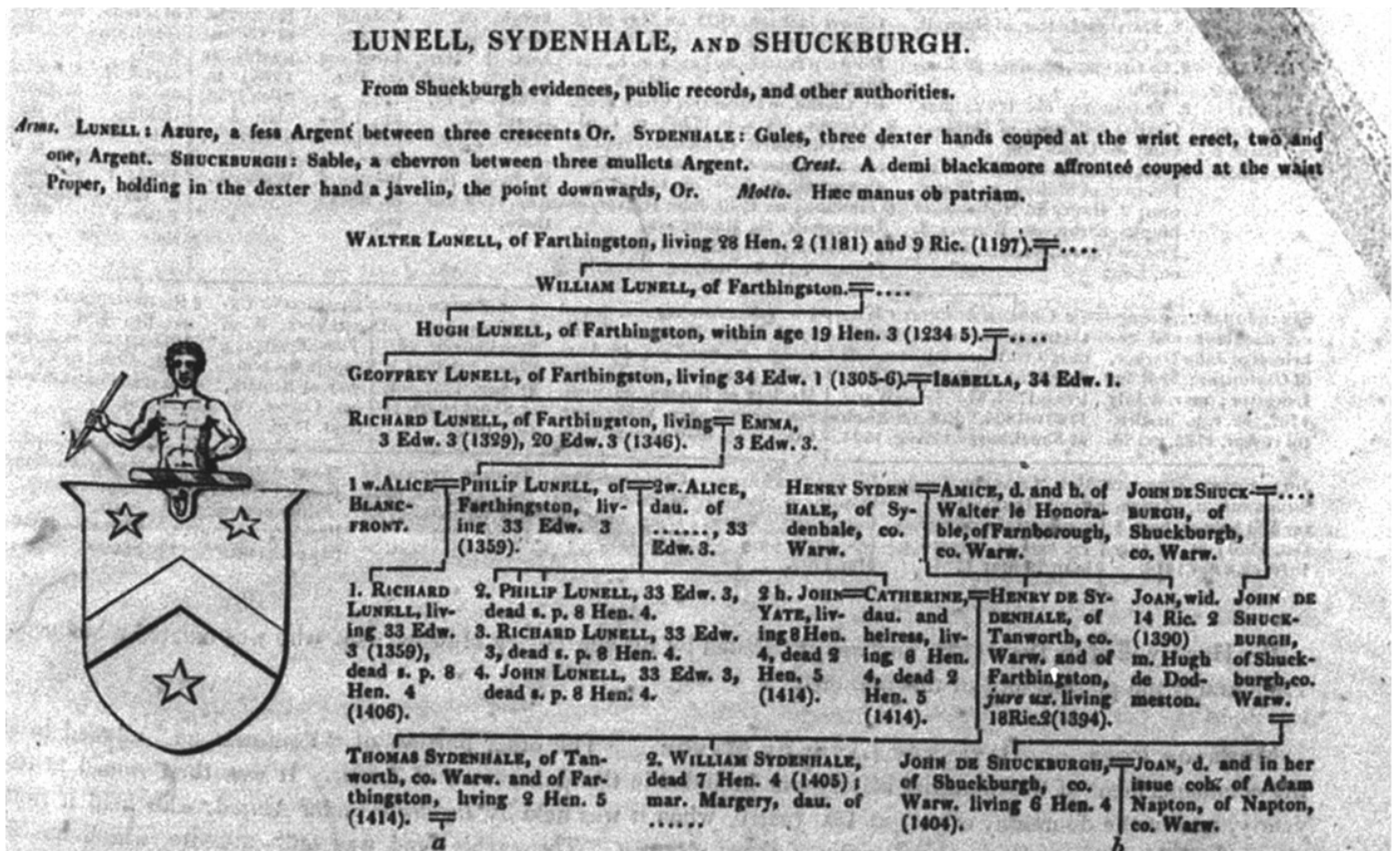
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The manor of Snoscomb was then later merged into the Manor of Everdon.

A second link from *Baker's History of Northamptonshire* references a Richard de Luvell Lord of Farthingstone in 1315. The "de" means "of" in French and in 1315 both the Luvell and Lovell name had been in England for almost 250 Years. De Luvell was most likely a surname coming from an English village named after another Lovell manor. A few villages that took the Lovell name are Luppellston (now North Cornelly), Minster Lovel, and Stockland Lovel. It is worth note that the same Richard de Luvell was called Richard Lovell in *The History of Northamptonshire* by Francis Whittaker in 1874. A third link is the Lunell and Lovell coat or arms. One version of the Lunell coat of arms from the Visitation of Warwick 1619 is Azure (blue), a fess Argent (silver) between three crescents Or (yellow), a mullet for difference. In *Papworth's Dictionary of Arms* there is a reference to a Lovell crest that is Azure, fess between three crescents Argent, a mullet for difference Sa (black).

How did the Lovell name originate? The first of this family that came into England was Robert Lord of Breherval in Normandy a younger son of Eudes sovereign Duke of Brittany. This nobleman accompanied William the Conqueror in 1066 and was rewarded with the lordships of Cary and Harpetre in the county of Somerset. Robert returned to Normandy and he became a monk in the abbey of Bec and died in 1063. Robert left three sons, of whom the eldest was Ascelin Goel De Perceval, Earl of Yvery. Ascelin was known for his violent temper in battle and was called Lupus or the wolf. His son William was surnamed Lupellus or little Wolf which was softened into Lupel, Lovel and then Lovell. William was lord of Yvery in Normandy and founder of Castle Cary and Somerset County. He conspired against King Henry I of England in 1123 and against King Stephen in 1158. William died between 1153 and 1159. It is from this William that I believe our Linnell ancestors descend, most likely through his son Henry Lovell the Lord of Castle Cary.

From the Shuckburgh Pedigree chart from Baker's History of Northampton



CALLING ALL high school seniors and students of two and four year colleges:

We invite you to apply for award of the **Linnell Family Association 2016 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, 2016**.

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:

Brian Linnell
18645 2nd Ave SW
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2. Send one copy of your essay with all identifying names removed to:

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Contact any LFASFAC member: Maryan Ainsworth, Barrie Westerwick, Gail Wahlstrom
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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.

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Lunell Coat of Arms from above Description---: Azure, a fess Argent between three crescents Or.



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