



Pictured above: Cape Meares Lighthouse, located west of Salem, Oregon; Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach, located northwest of Salem; Multnomah Falls, located northeast of Salem

OREGON FEVER!

Join us the weekend of June 21-24, 2018 in Salem, Oregon for Family and Adventure

In 1850, newspapers in the East read “Oregon Fever!” People were being drawn to Oregon for the lure of land, gold, and adventure. In 2018, it’ll be “Oregon Fever” again as the Linnell Family Association holds its national reunion for the first time in the West. Come meet new cousins and discover more of your Linnell origins. Learn about the Linnells who went west and what possessed them to settle in this area. Save this date and start planning your adventure!

Salem, the capitol of Oregon, is situated in the Willamette Valley and offers its own adventure. Visit Linnell sites and venture off to the Willamette Heritage Center. There are numerous hiking trails and parks. The scenery from Salem to the coast is not to be forgotten anytime soon with its fishing towns and the Yaquina Head Lighthouse and Nature area. Remember Oregon City was the end of the Oregon Trail and you can visit the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Center to learn all about these pioneers.

If you have the time, make it a family vacation. There are several day trips from Portland. To the West is more beautiful coastline including towns such as Cannon Beach. Then head south to Tillamook and take a tour of the cheese factory.

To the east, follow the Columbia River outside Portland with over 26 waterfalls. While some are accessible along the road, others are reachable via great hikes. Have lunch at the famous Multnomah Falls and be sure not to miss Elowah and Horseshoe Falls. Stop and take in the view of the gorge at Crown Point. It’s a must to stop at the Oneonta Gorge, where massive rock walls on each side of Oneonta Creek lead straight to the Lower Oneonta Falls. It’s a short, flat trek along the creek to the falls, with plenty of opportunity to get wet.

Whether you decide to come for the weekend or stay a week or two, there is plenty of beauty and adventure in Oregon. Start planning now! It promises to be a wonderful time.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Jerry Linnell

Hello, cousins.

Did you ever take a trip into the boonies? Did you ever wonder if you were ever going to “get there?” Well, that’s exactly what Paul Linnell, Scott Linnell, Doug Roberts and myself were wondering while attending the LFA planning meeting just a few weeks ago. The purpose of our trip—including Lori Linnell and her hubby Tom—to the Salem area of Oregon was to scope out the sites which would be suitable to accommodate so many (we hope) cousins at the June 2018 LFA reunion. We arrived in Salem with the hopes of not only finding a good fit for us for the reunion but to meet a some cousins who just happen to live pretty close to where we were conducting our evaluations.

As you might expect, there are lots of questions to be asked and answered as to accommodations for a large crowd of people expecting to join us for reunion weekend: How much will the rooms cost? How much will it cost to use the motel’s meeting rooms for our Saturday night banquet, our memorabilia room, etc etc. How far is it from the nearest airport? What historical and exciting sites would be of interest to our attending cousins? The list goes on and on and the answers can sometimes be disappointing, especially when it comes to keeping the cost as reasonable as possible so that more cousins will be able to attend.

Well, we think we have the site determination pretty much settled and, of course, we will be sending more information to you in the many newsletters that you will receive before 2018’s LFA reunion.

As for the cousins we met, Paul Linnell was not well known to many of us easterners before our meeting, but we certainly fixed that quickly as Paul is a fountain of knowledge when it comes to Linnell family history and west coast reunions so we became joined at the hip rather easily. And then, of course, who else did we meet but none other than Dossie Elliott, whom I guess you could say is the Rachel Linnell Wynn of the West Coast; she is that same bubbly personality and friendly person whom we

know in Rachel. What a pleasure it was to see and meet her and grab a bite with. I know I look forward to seeing her again soon.

And now for the boonies trip. As many of you know, Dave and Gail Wahlstrom live somewhat close to Salem—actually at the mouth of the Columbia River and the Pacific. We contacted Gail and she led us, no kidding, into the boonies, only to discover their wonderful home tucked along the shores of the vast waters that lie at their feet. They were most accommodating and Gail treated us to some wonderful homemade pie—delicious to say the least—and some interesting history of their trek westwardly many years ago. Unfortunately, we could not spend too much time with them, but it was worth the drive from Salem to see them along with the many timber operations and sod farms and the picturesque views of the countryside.

Jane and I hope to see many of you this summer in good ol’ Grand Marais. Safe travels in the meantime, my hardy cousins.

Jerry L

CONGRATS TO OUR 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!



Emily is the great-great-great granddaughter of Abigail Doan Linnell. Emily has won the 2017 Linnell Family Association Scholarship \$1000 prize! We’ll be sharing more about Emily in our next newsletter.

LINNELL FAMILY RECORD UPDATE

Chloe Collette Linnell Roybal—118,241,142,315,112

b. 5 April 2015

Elijah Ray Roybal—118,241,142,315,113

b. 28 February 2017

Parents are Jessica Linnell and Ray Roybal

Luke Julian Hartgrove—118,241,116,231,311,3

b. 3 May 2016

Parents are Rachel (Roberts) and Matthew Hartgrove

Lyle Duane Linnell—11a,b15,514,24

d. 21 December 2016 in Coeur D’Alene, ID

Gerald Dean Gutzman—11a,b15,515,81

d. 21 January 2017 in Carlsbad, CA

Ida May Alva (Ellis, Howe) Epps—11a,b15,515,62

d. 21 March 2017 in Salem, OR

2017 WEST COAST REUNION

The date is drawing near for the 2017 Linnell Family West Coast Reunion. It will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in Albany, Oregon.

During the Reunion, we will be discussing our 2018 Linnell Family Association Reunion in Salem, Oregon and we will be laying out a game plan for making the 2018 Reunion a huge success.

Please save the date on your calendars and plan on attending a wonderful Linnell outing, particularly those in the ten (10) Western States.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the flyer (with directions and other information), please feel free to contact me (via Regular Mail, via E-Mail, and/or Message me on Facebook), as shown below.

Hope to see as many Linnell Cousins as possible in July 2017.

Best Regards – Your Cousin,

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