



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Westward Ho, the Wagons!!



and the SUVs, the RVs, the Trains, and Planes



Think about yourself in Oregon next June enjoying the mountains, seaside, and especially seeing and visiting with all the Linnell Cousins. Now is the time to start planning to attend the Linnell Family Association (LFA) 2018 Reunion in Salem, OR June 22–24, 2018.

The 2018 LFA Reunion registration forms are posted on LFA Facebook page and LFA web site . We've also included a copy of the registration form in this newsletter . Be sure to register early!!

Family events will be held at the Red Lion Inn, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem, OR 97301 (<https://www.redlion.com/salem>). You can call the hotel at (503) 370-7888 to reserve your room at a preferred block rate. To get the reduced rate mention the "Linnell Family Reunion" when you make your reservation.

For those who wish to camp or RV, there are several parks nearby. No block reservations have been made, so call and reserve your spot today.

- ◆ Phoenix RV Park; 4130 Silverton Road, NE; Salem, Oregon 97305; Phone: (503) 581-2497; Website: <https://phoenixrvpark.com>
- ◆ Salem RV Park; 4490 Silverton Road, NE; Salem, Oregon 97305; Phone: (503) 364-5490; Website: <https://salemrvpark.com>
- ◆ Premier RV Resort; 4700 Dallas Highway, NW; Salem, Oregon 97304; Phone: (503) 364-7714; Website: www.premierrvresorts.com
- ◆ Salem Campground and RV's; 3700 Hagers Grove Road, SE; Salem, Oregon 97317; Phone: (503) 581-6736; Website: www.salemrv.com

We will be celebrating the hardy souls who braved the Oregon Trail - literally and figuratively - migrating via automobile during the dust bowl years and those returning home and settling after military service.

Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



Greetings from North Carolina, my fine cousins.

It is good to be back in touch with you; 2018 promises to be a big year for our family what with the reunion in June in the capital city of Salem, Oregon.

It seems as if the West Coast family ought to face a challenge or two in regard to this upcoming function as it is a “big deal” every 3 years for our little LFA. The steering committee is busily at work trying to put out the right carrot to hook the gang into getting in touch with the Red Lion Inn to secure your reservations as soon as possible so that we might be able to better plan our festivities that delightful weekend.

So my first challenge is that the west coasters ought to see if they can gather as many cousins as, say, the reunion in Grand Marais/Mineral Center/Grand Portage, MN, in 2012—a whopping number of approximately 175 cousins enjoying meeting and greeting so many families, many of whom they were seeing for the first time and many others whom they had not seen in years and others just the day before. The locals at that time did a marvelous job of meeting and greeting everyone and entertaining us as well. Oh, to have such an experience in June for all of us.

There will be many sites and venues for you and your family so you might want to plan to stay a day or two longer in order to cram as much summer vacation into a short time period in Oregon and its environs.

Secondly, who will travel the furthest to attend? I have an idea there will be many attendees from far away places.

Between this newsletter and the publication of another in May-June you will have all the information you need to make plans ASAP to have perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you and your immediate family to converse with someone you may have heard about over the course of your lifetime but just never had the opportunity to do so

Well, I am going to cut it short and hope you will take time to peruse all the material – and perhaps some of your own that you may Google – we will supply you to help make your visit a tremendous experience and a record-breaker. Come on, Cousins, let’s fill up the Red Lion or one of the nearby campgrounds and have a grand old time. Do not hesitate to write me (jerl@aol.com) and others on the steering committee regarding family heirlooms you should plan to bring with you to put on display or contribute to the silent auction as a way to support our scholarship and grave site endeavors, to name just two.

Do not hesitate to use the information we have provided you in this newsletter to register for our big event June 22-24. Talk to you again in May. Have a wonderful time talking to your family and cousins in preparing for your trip to the beautiful Northwest.

Be safe and well. Jerry

The WEST COAST LINNELLS – Hosts of 2018 Reunion

Let me introduce myself. I am Paul E. Linnell, Jr. (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 612). A couple of years ago, I was asked to help in setting up our West Coast Linnell gatherings. You can find information and photos about our West Coast gatherings on Facebook, on my Linnell Family Closed Group. The LFA also has a Facebook Group under Linnell Family Association. This year, our West Coast Linnell’s will be hosting the LFA for their tri-annual gathering in Salem, Oregon. At this gathering, we will be celebrating several aspects of the West Coast portion of the Linnell Family. One of them is our tradition of Military Service.

At the reunion we will have information on some who have served in the military, including their Descendants, from those that made the Dust Bowl Trek from Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma to the American West Coast. These family members have a storied and historic Military History. During our gathering in Salem, Oregon, you will be able to see additional history on these heroes and visit some of their grave sites.

PURCHASE OF THE CAPTAIN LINNELL HOUSE

Marie Wells

LFA member and Orleans Historical Society volunteer



It is perhaps the most significant existing property in Linnell family history, built by inarguably the most prominent Linnell since our founding ancestor, Robert himself. Listed on the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places, the Captain Linnell House in Orleans, has stood near Cape Cod Bay for nearly 170 years. The building has played a prominent role in the town's past, and history is about to be made again: the current owners of the Linnell house have entered into an agreement to sell the property to the Orleans Historical Society (OHS).

Why now, and why the OHS?

First, a brief history of the property.

Renowned clipper ship captain Ebenezer Harding Linnell fell in love at least twice in his life. First, with the comely Rebecca Crosby, whom he married in 1835. He fell in love again in 1850 when he saw the opulent home of his shipping agent in Marseilles, France. When he returned home with the building plans in hand, he commissioned his father-in-law, Edmund Crosby, to build an exact replica of the neo-classical mansion next to the more humble Cape style home he'd built for his bride on the 35 acres he owned alongside Cape Cod Bay.

Captain Linnell was not to enjoy his dream home for long. For all of his sailing prowess (he set a record for travel under sail from London to Hong Kong that was never beaten), fate caught up to him in a storm off the coast of Brazil in late January 1864. Dashed against the wheel, he died of his injuries a few days later.

He and Rebecca had seven children together, but all four of their sons died in infancy. Their oldest daughter, Helen Crosby Linnell, married Joseph Cummings. Their second son was Henry Knowles, "H.K." Cummings, born just a year after his grandfather perished. H.K., so prominent in town that he was referred to as "Mr. Orleans," grew up in the home, but moved out when he married in 1888. Over the next century, the property passed through many hands, until Bill and Shelly Conway acquired the run-down property in July 1988. Over the next three decades, they lovingly turned the Captain Linnell House into one of Cape Cod's finest dining and special event facilities.



(Purchase of the Captain Linnell House-Continued on Page 6)



Reminder for All High School Seniors & College Students

How does the chance to win \$1000 towards your college education sound?

If you are a current high school senior or student of an accredited higher education program and a descendant of Robert Linnell, you can apply for our **\$1,000 scholarship award!** As an added bonus this year, we will announce and award the scholarship winner during our Linnell Family Reunion at Salem, Oregon, June 22-24! So, start researching your Linnell family history and planning your essay now!

The deadline for all scholarship applications this year is April 15th!
You must have all required material submitted and postmarked by then.

How to apply: Visit our website: linnellfamilyassociation.com and click on “Scholarship Project” to download the application, view information about the scholarship rules, and see where to mail the application.

Questions about the scholarship can be emailed to: scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com.

You can also find the **Linnell Family Association** on [facebook!](https://www.facebook.com/linnellfamilyassociation)

Note: Not a college student or high school senior, but know of Linnell relatives who are? Let them know about the scholarship contest! They may be unaware of this opportunity to win \$1000. The scholarship will not only help to relieve the cost of their college education, it will provide the opportunity for the student to learn more about their Linnell family history! Now, that’s a winning combination!



Justin L'Amie exhibits new paintings at PDX Contemporary Art Gallery, Portland OR



We are honored to acknowledge Justin L'Amie's contribution to the art world and his heritage with the Linnell family. His creative capacity and skill is readily visible in his new collection, "Midnight Florist" on exhibit at the PDX CONTEMPORARY ART Gallery in Portland, Or. Justin L'Amie (118,241,116,592,12) is the grandson of Dave and Gail (Linnell) Wahlstrom (118,241,116,592) of Rosberg, WA.

“Midnight Florist” will feature a series of enchanting still lifes inspired by a similar series of floral studies painted by acclaimed American painter Morris Graves. Followers of L'Amie's work will recognize his lyrical approach to nature in his decorated moths and vibrant foliage. Although the subjects are clearly drawn from L'Amie's imagination they are familiar to us all, deeply grounded in the plants and animals in the natural world around us.

In 2016 L'Amie was awarded a residency at the Morris Graves Foundation, a private retreat that invites select artists to live and work at Mr. Graves' final home. He has also been selected for a solo exhibition at the Morris Graves Museum of Art in Eureka, CA. Select works in “Midnight Florist” will travel to the Museum exhibition this spring from April 21 - June 10, 2018.

Justin L'Amie received a BFA from the Cornish College of the Arts in 2007. He has exhibited throughout the Pacific Northwest and in New York, Houston, and Miami in a number of solo and group exhibitions including the forthcoming solo exhibition at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

Congratulations Justin!

Linnell Family Record Update

Erich Anthony Donner 117,612,123,221,1
married Lily Zhang - 11 November 2011 in Dana Pt, CA

Max Zhang Donner 117,612,123,221,11
b. 28 August 2016 in Pasadena, CA - Parents are Erich & Lily Donner

Albert Paul Linnell 117,612,123,22
d. 20 January 2017 - Albert and his wife Ann were co-chairs of the 1994 LFA Reunion in Granville, Ohio.

Dean Edward Smith 118,241,112,673
d. 25 November 2017 in Dover, N.H.

Suzanne Joelle (Linnell) Brillat 11a,15b,7-10-1,341
d. 18 December 2017 in Estacada, OR



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★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

We extend a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ida Henrietta (Dale, Hopkins) Linnell (11a, b15, 515, 61S).

Ida celebrated her 100th Birthday on February 1, 2018. Best wishes Ida and congratulations on your milestone birthday!

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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Second, a bit about the Orleans Historical Society.

Founded in 1958, the society's mission is to bring: "... history and culture to life... [and] inspire a shared sense of community and pride in the rich heritage of the Town of Orleans." Housed in the 1834 former Universalist Church - of which Ebenezer Harding Linnell was a founding member - that the OHS purchased in 1972, the organization found itself at a crossroads a number of years ago. Without ADA compliant access and bathrooms, the historic meeting house is inadequate to hosting all but the most intimate of functions. Space is at such a premium that only about one third of its artifacts and archives can fit into the building. The society's several-years-long search for a suitable property in Orleans through which it could expand its services to the community was well known around town.

Not quite as well known was the Conways' growing desire to take a break after nearly three decades of bringing the Captain Linnell House back to glorious life. With a stellar reputation for serving some of the finest food on Cape Cod, the Conways hoped to find a buyer who would respect the legacy of the building and its history. After approaching the Orleans Historical Society in late 2016, the complex negotiations were finally completed, and the Purchase and Sale Agreement was signed in late October 2017. The parties intend to close the sale in October 2020.

The basics of the plan are these: the Orleans Historical Society will use the current dining rooms in the Linnell house as a sea captain's museum space. The upstairs area will become archive, preservation, and staff/volunteer workspace. As the 1600-square-foot function room has become a very popular venue for weddings and special events, the OHS will continue to offer it as such, with the Conways offering their three decades of experience as top-notch caterers to help facilitate romantic bayside weddings and other memorable events. The Meetinghouse will continue as the local venue for special exhibits, local history lectures, and unique musical concerts.

Linnell Family Association members who want to learn more about the purchase plans are invited to go to www.OrleansHistoricalSociety.org or call (508) 240-1329 for further details. It is our hope that LFA members who live on or near the Cape - and those traveling to Cape Cod - will take the opportunity to meet personally with OHS board members to learn more about this exciting project. Personalized tours of both the Meetinghouse and the Captain Linnell House can be arranged.



The one vision of preserving two important Orleans landmarks - the Captain Linnell House and the 1834 Meeting House - by the Orleans Historical Society is a once in a lifetime opportunity that must not be ignored. We hope that LFA members will support the purchase enthusiastically both in spirit and financially. More details about specific fundraising efforts will be available soon.

REGISTRATION FORM

Eleventh Linnell Family Reunion
June 22-24, 2018
Red Lion Inn
Salem, Oregon

NAME _____

SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN ATTENDING (Names & Ages) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

I/We are coming to the 2018 Linnell Family Reunion and enclose payment as follows:

Registration Fee

	Full Weekend	Saturday Only	
Family*/Couple	\$90 [\$100 after June 1]	\$50 [\$60 after June 1]	\$ _____
Single	\$50 [\$55 after June 1]	\$25 [\$30 after June 1]	\$ _____

* [Family means one or both parents and dependent children]

Full weekend fee covers Friday Evening refreshments (no meal will be served Friday Evening), Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfast, conference facilities and souvenirs.

Saturday only fee covers Saturday Continental Breakfast, conference facilities and souvenirs.

Saturday Box Lunch @ \$15.50 per box \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet - Please indicate entrée choice and number of each at \$34.00 each. *Must receive dinner orders by June 15!*

Salem Herbed Chicken _____ Portland Flank Steak _____ \$ _____

Astoria Seafood Fettuccine _____ Eugene Vegetarian _____

Children under 10 can choose the Children's menu @ \$16 each. _____ \$ _____

◆ *Please indicate if you require a gluten-free version of your meal.*

Total Amount Submitted \$ _____

Mail this form and check to: Scott Linnell, Treasurer
23 Liberty Knoll Drive
Colt's Neck, NJ 07722

HOUSING

You are responsible for your own hotel reservations. Call the Red Lion Inn, Salem, OR, (503) 370-7888, and ask for the Linnell reunion rate. Cut-off date is **June 1**. Special rate for the Linnell Reunion is \$109 (before tax) per night for a single king-sized bed and \$119 for two queen beds.

SEE YOU IN SALEM JUNE 22-24, 2018

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