



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!



Happy 100th Birthday to Rachel Linnell Wynn



Rachel L. Wynn, who founded the Linnell Family Association, will celebrate her hundredth birthday on November 11, 2018. Rachel was born in Wendell, Idaho in the basement of the local Presbyterian Church where her father, E.P. Linnell, was pastor. She was born on the day of the armistice that ended World War I. Rachel grew up in Petoskey, Michigan, a beautiful resort town on the banks of Lake Michigan in northwest Michigan. She attended The College of Wooster in Ohio, where she met her future husband, JC Wynn, who became a Presbyterian minister. Rachel was a high school teacher and guidance counselor in Rochester, NY, while JC was a professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Rachel became interested in Linnell genealogy while living in Rochester, and worked for years gathering information of the Linnell family. She traveled widely to many sites with family history, and wrote the book, The Descendants of Robert Linnell, which details the story of the Linnell family starting from the early days in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Using the information developed in writing the book, Rachel reached out to family members all around the country to start the Linnell Family Association and to initiate the first LFA reunion in Cape Cod in 1988. The reunion was a huge success, and led to the ongoing LFA reunions and activities. Rachel remained the LFA historian and newsletter editor for many years. JC was also very active in supporting the LFA, and was the leader of the infamous attempt of the Linnell family spouses to take over the LFA at the second LFA reunion. As punishment for this dastardly crime, the LFA attempted to actually make him the LFA chair, but the attempt failed. JC passed away in 2009. Rachel has three children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Linnell cousins are encouraged to send a birthday card to Rachel wishing her the very best on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Rachel's address is: Rachel L. Wynn, Apt. 523, 717 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD, 21228.

Letter From The Chairman



By Jerry Linnell

Hi my cousins.

I have two great topics on which I might spread my thoughts, that of our last LFA reunion in Salem, OR and Rachel Linnell Wynn's 100th birthday. No, you need not guess as to which one is most dear to me. Anytime you have known a woman such as Rachel you just have to count it as one of your many blessings; she is such a caring person but yet so focused on her thoughts and her mission, whatever it may be.

I first met Rachel at the U.S. Capitol back in 1997 after she had called me to ask if we might get together for lunch. Back in those days one who worked at that awesome fixture could get a table for two in the Senators' dining room, and after having met and lunched with Rachel, I found myself heading for Cape Cod for the 1998 LFA reunion. There Rachel and many others coaxed me into taking the position as chair of the LFA Steering Committee. From then on began my trek many, many times to visit Rachel and her wonderful hubby JC in Catonsville, MD. We would talk endlessly about the LFA and its importance to her. It was a labor of love for both of us to try to get as many cousins as possible interested and involved in our dear organization – a labor that at this very moment is still ongoing by the steering committee.

As is known by so many cousins, Rachel spent considerable time traveling the countryside to visit cousins and cemeteries to find a great deal of her historical information on the Linnell family – mostly in the good ol' USA but also conversing with people in Canada and across the Atlantic. And of course as a result of that she compiled her prestigious Descendants of Robert Linnell book and the Additions and Corrections attachment thereto. One need only see that work to realize she must have spent hour after hour, day after day, and month after month putting together such a tremendous compilation of names and stories, which would later become the cornerstone on which we might rely for lots more of our family history (by the way we still have some of her books available which you may purchase by contacting Scott Linnell in New Jersey) I am sure it would delight Rachel to no end to hear that we had sold out of her prized works.

I cannot but be overwhelmed at the thought of her tenacity in putting together her history on the family and the many reunions she helped engineer starting way back in the late 1980s and the first LFA reunion in 1988 in, yes, you guessed it, Cape Cod.

Oh, what joy it must have been to have her close family and cousins attending such an event – one which as we all know has been held every third year ~ in Massachusetts, then New York, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota (twice), and Oregon. Had it not been for Rachel's quest to bring the family together, we might know but half of the cousins with whom we now share a historical interest in our family.

What a pleasure it is to say Happy Birthday, Rachel. Thank you for all you have done for us over these many years. You are the best. Captain Eben has nothing over on you.

Well, now just a word on the 2018 LFA reunion. Those cousins in attendance from such far-away places as Elk River, MN, Maricopa, AZ, Nabarre, FL, Cotati, CA, and Orleans, MA, and so many more were enthusiastic all weekend long. I have to say THANK YOU to Lori Linnell, Dossie Elliott, and Marie Wells for their entertainment segments on Friday and Saturday nights. Lori led us off with her presentation on, of course, our Linnell family roots; Dossie with her stories of the Dust Bowl in Kansas which led to the migration of her family to the Far Northwest, and Marie on her presentation of the Orleans Historical Society's attempts to buy the Captain Linnell House on the Cape. There are too many others to name in their efforts for a successful adventure, but I want them to know their efforts are immensely appreciated.

Very importantly, we were very fortunate to have found several cousins to fill voids in our steering committee: Don Linnell will be our new secretary; Elinor Schott will be filling in the void created by our loss of Barrie Westerwick on the scholarship committee (subsequently we were able to get Norman Linnell, my younger brother, to also volunteer for the scholarship committee as a result of the loss of Maryan Ainsworth); and last but not the least Pam Swanson will be added to our ranks to be our newsletter editor (Thank you, Brian and Kathy, for all your work). I also say a huge thank you to Barrie and Maryan for their work over the years to help choose the best of the scholarship essays written by many of our younger cousins in an attempt to win the \$1,000 prize.

Well, that's about it for now, Cousins. From the ravaged areas of North Carolina, I close with a bon voyage; our ship is afloat and still sailing the ocean "dirty blue."

2018 Linnell Family Association Reunion

“A Good Time In Salem”

By Paul E. Linnell, Jr.

The following is a report of the recent “*2018 Linnell Family Association Reunion*” (the LFA), that was held at the Red Lion Inn in Salem, Oregon on June 22-24, 2018.



11th Generation—Dossie & Bonnie

We had forty-eight (48) attendees, representing thirty-two (32) different Linnell Families, from the States of Arizona (2); California (4); Florida (2); Massachusetts (1); Minnesota (3); Nevada (2); New Jersey (4); North Carolina (2); Oregon (12); Texas (3); and Washington (13). These attendees represented the 11th through the 15th Generations of the Linnell Family in North America.

We had a fantastic reunion and learned many things about our Linnell Family Cousins and their Families.

Our Reunion Activities included:

Friday Evening (June 22nd): We held a “*Meet and Greet Social*”. During this time, Lori Linnell (from Arizona) gave a presentation of how to utilize the LFA Genealogy Database on “*Rootsweb*”. I also presented a briefing on “*Linnell’s in the Military*” based on my detailed biography. I received many good comments about my detailed biography.

Saturday (June 23rd):

We held a Family Gathering on Saturday morning. During this time, we heard Reports from the LFA Steering Committee Members.

We also had a presentation prepared by Jason Jon Quick (from Colorado) and presented by Lori Linnell concerning Jonathan Linnell (DRL 11a, b1). When the DRL Records were established back in the late 1980’s, there was always a problem in determining who were the Parents of Jonathan Linnell (DRL 11a, b1 – Born circa 1723 and Died 9 June 1797). There was documentation presented and approved that accounted for approximately sixty-eight (68) years of missing Family History between the 3rd and 5th Generations. It resolved the issue of who are the Parents of Jonathan Linnell (DRL 11a, b1 – who is my 5th Great Grandfather). His Parents were Jonathan Linnell (DRL 117, 5) and his Wife, Abigail Phinney. My line of the Linnell Family (*those with a DRL Number of 11a, b1 series*) can now trace our Family back to Robert Linnell (*our First Ancestor*), who came to America from England in 1638, at the Age of fifty-four (54) years old.

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On Saturday afternoon, we had several local tours throughout the Mid-Willamette Valley, which included - - Places where Linnell Family Members lived; Where Linnell Family Members worked; Where they attended School; etc. - - Places where Linnell Family Members were buried - - Tours of the Oregon Coast - - and Tours of the Columbia River Gorge.

On Saturday evening, we had a banquet. After the banquet, we had a presentation by Marie Wells, from the Orleans Historical Society, Orleans, Massachusetts, about the Captain Linnell House and it's pending sale in Orleans, Massachusetts. The Captain Linnell House is named in honor of Captain Ebenezer Harding Linnell (DRL 117, 622, 43), a Clipper Ship Captain during the 1800's. He left London, England on April 17, 1855 and arrived in Hong Kong on July 10, 1855, after just 83 ½ days (a record that stands to this date). The Clipper Ship that he sailed from England to Hong Kong was called the "Eagle Wing".



Marie Wells



Dossie Elliot

We also had a presentation from LaDoska "Dossie" (Linnell, Reel) Elliott, my Aunt from Oregon, who spoke about the move of the Linnell Family Members from Kansas to Oregon during the "Dust Bowl Years" of the 1930's. Dossie is one (1) of



five (5) living Linnell Family Members who made this move. The others were Bonnie Joyce (Hughes) Linnell (from Oregon); Betty Evilo (Linnell, Gurney, Breslow, Wilkers) Thomas (from Oregon); Ralph Milton Linnell (from Washington); and Velma Irene (Lough, Sedivy) Graybeal (from Oregon). Aunt Dossie's stories were very informative.



On Sunday morning, we held a meeting, which included - - (1) To fill the vacant positions on the LFA Steering Committee. One (1) of these was my Selection as the New Membership and Vital Records Representative for the LFA. Another was to select the site for the next LFA Reunion. The next LFA Reunion (tentative dates of June 25-27, 2021) will be held on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The actual site will be published in the LFA Newsletters and on the LFA Website.

LINNELL'S IN THE MILITARY

During our recent LFA Reunion in Salem, Oregon (June 22-24, 2018), I displayed a biography entitled "Linnell's in the Military". I received many compliments on it.

I would like to expand on this biography for our next Reunion in June 2021. I would like to ask for the assistance of "ALL" of our Linnell Family Members in this endeavor. I am looking for information on Family Members (Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents, Brothers, Sisters, Children, etc.) that ever served in the Military (Active Duty in the U. S. Army; in the U. S. Army Air Corps; in the U. S. Navy; in the U. S. Air Force; in the U. S. Marine Corps; in the U. S. Coast Guard; and/or in their respective Reserves).

I have prepared a "Military History Worksheet" and I can forward it to any Family Member via E-Mail and/or Regular Mail. If you would like to help me in this endeavor, please send me an E-Mail, as shown below.

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LFA MEMBERSHIP AND VITAL RECORDS

Dear Cousins:

My name is Paul E. Linnell, Jr. (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 612). During our recent LFA Reunion (June 22-24, 2018) in Salem, Oregon, I was selected as the new Membership and Vital Records Representative for the LFA.

I am here to assist the LFA in building their Membership and in updating the DRL Records. Please send changes to me.

REMINDER: The Membership Year for the LFA is "January 1st through December 31st". The membership dues are \$20.00 for an Annual Membership and/or \$125.00 for a Life Membership. I hope that everyone will pay their dues.

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To pay your dues, please go on-line to the LFA Website at www.linnellfamilyassociation.com and click on "Membership", and complete one (1) of the following options:

Option One: Click on Membership Form; Print and Fill Out the Form; and enclose your Check or Money Order (payable to: "Linnell Family Association") and mail it to Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer.

Option Two: Fill Out and Complete the on-line form and pay your dues using "Pay Pal".

I would like to thank the following Linnell Family Members for paying their Membership Dues in 2018, which include:

Candice Crosetto, Eatonville, WA
Bonnie) Featherstone, Saint Paul, MN
Dorothy Johnstone, Albany, OR
Luella Jean "Jeanie" (Riggs) Linnell, Fallon, NV
Y'Vette Diyin Linnell, Fallon, NV
Velma Irene Graybeal, Salem, OR
Jason Quick Denver, CO
Julia Ann (Linnell) Arnold - Life Member Tracy, CA
Regina Gail (Linnell) Bochsler - Life Member Silverton, OR
Wendy & Robert MacDonald-Duxbury, MA

With regards to Vital Records, I have prepared a "Family Information Worksheet", to use in updating the DRL Records. If you would like a copy, please contact me via Regular Mail or E-Mail, as shown below, and I will send it to you.

If you have any questions concerning Membership and/or Vital Records, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards - Your Cousin,

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Linnell Family Record Update

Skylar Renay Jo Linnell 11a, b15, 514, 214, 131
Born on May 29, 2018. Parents are Thomas Lee
(11a, b15, 514, 214, 13) and Bri Linnell.

Elizabeth "Liz" Helen (Donnelly) Linnell 118, 241, 142, 315S
Died on April 18, 2018. She was 93 years old.

Richard Vaughn "Linn" Linnell II 11a, b15, 514, 312
Died on April 26, 2018. He was buried in the
Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, MO.

Larry L. Shepard 118,241,112,645,1
Died on May 27, 2018 in Grand Marais, MN.

David Lynn Echols (No DRL Number listed)
Died on June 10, 2018. He is the great grandson of
Lois Lucy Linnell 11a, b15, 515, 5

Leecille Mervree (Linnell, Gazley) Keasling
11a, b15, 7-10-1, 374
Married Michael Mertz—May 4, 2018. in Mount
Pleasant, Iowa.

Timothy Ray Linnell 11a, b15, 515, 621, 3
Married Taylor Ray Aydelotte - August 8, 2018 in
Bend, Oregon.

Harmony Joy McGorman , great granddaughter of
Catherine Augustus Linnell 11a, b12, 62-10, 6
Married Andrea Limoges Villeneuve—October 7,
2018 in Sterling, Massachusetts.

**Don't Forget—
A LFA Membership
Makes A Great Gift!**

Happy Holidays!!!

Editor's Note—We are in the process of updating the LFA website. This includes assigning new e-mail addresses for contacting the members of the Steering Committee. As you will note, some of the Steering Committee members listed below do not have an e-mail address assigned as of this date. Please check the LFA website for updates or contact another Steering Committee member with an assigned e-mail address.

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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