



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## Letter From The Chairman

By Doug Roberts, Linnell Family Association Steering Committee Chair

Greetings cousins!

The steering committee continues to do much work for your little association. In addition to work, there is recreation. Our Vice Chair scored a Hole in One this past January. And it's not even his first! See the article inside.

We await information from the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society as to when the stone laying ceremony for Samuel Linnell (war of 1812 veteran) will be held in Clayton County, upstate New York. Your little association will provide more information when it is available.

We are embarking upon expanding the information known about good old Robert. Our historian Jason Jon Quick has written an essay on what is known about Robert leading up to his departure from England. It is well

written and researched. The persecution of the state against our ancestors was extreme. Robert and his household were members of John Lothrop's congregation. By holding to their beliefs in the Bible over the teachings of the Church of England, they were exiled to America. The convictions of these people are impressive. The history of the Linnells in North America is inextricably linked to John Lothrop.

We continue discussions on where to hold the next reunion. Our vice chair Don Linnell has written a discussion on the migration of our family west and likely locations. We hope it will spark interest among a group of family members willing to organize a reunion.

Paul Linnell is holding his annual West Coast reunion this summer. Please consider attending. We will have a future article on all Paul has done and is doing for the association.

Please consider gifting Linnell Family Association Memberships to fellow family members. It is a great way to introduce younger generations to our family history and happenings. An annual membership is only \$20. See the membership form on the back of the hard copy newsletter or the link in the electronic version.

Onward and upward!

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*Editor's note: This is part one of a multi-part article on the life of our ancestor Robert Linnell leading up to his departure from England. The author is our esteemed historian Jason Jon Quick. Enjoy as we unveil what is known about good old Robert in "merry old England".*



View of Billingsgate Ward and St. Andrew Hubbard in 1682

## **ROBERT LINNELL (LYNNELL)**

On Dec. 7th, 1623, Susan Lynnell, was baptized at St Andrew Hubbard Eastcheape in Billingsgate Ward mentioning parents' "**Deacon**" Robert Lynell and his previously unknown first wife Susan. This new information was mentioned in a tract published by John Bellamie in 1646.

At the time Anglican deacons were permitted to marry before or after ordination, as were Anglican priests. Most deacons were "transitional", that is, preparing for the priesthood and they were usually ordained priests about a year after their diaconal ordination. There were some deacons who did not go on to receive priestly ordination and were called "permanent deacons". After the successful conclusion of their training, the ordained is made deacon to serve in a specific parish, usually for a three-year appointment. Deacons cannot, in fact, be made deacon without the promise of a post in a parish, and to serve title there. After a year of such service, during which a Deacon goes through post-ordination training, they will become an ordained priest and will continue in the same parish until their period of contract is completed or extended. In their first year as Deacon, the curate (1st year Deacon) is not authorized to preside at a service of Holy Communion. It would be safe to assume that Deacon Robert Lynell was likely college-educated due to the rigorous education needed and would be

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bestowed the title "Mr." which would indicate he had a master's in divinity.

Susan Lynnell's baptism is the only concrete record we have of Robert Lynnell living in London before his association with the Howse and Lothrop families. The great fire of London in 1666 destroyed the Church of St. Andrew Hubbard along with some of its records. Finding records from this period in London are scarce.



[Old St Andrew Hubbard Parish](#)

Robert Lynnell was Deacon at St. Andrew Hubbard during the time John Randall was rector. John Randall was a staunch Calvinist puritan and was known for his moving sermons. John died June of 1622 and was buried at St Andrew Hubbard and was followed by Rectors: Richard Chambers, Nathaniel Ranew, then William Holbrooke in 1628. St. Andrew Hubbard was a hot-bed of reformative church thought and in 1624 when Congregationalist Henry Jacob returned from Virginia, he shortly died and was buried there and it is said that Jacob's church merged into the 1621 church of Hubbard, at some date soon after 1632.

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Old London Bridge - 1632 by Claude de Jongh

The association with John Randall and possibly Henry Jacob, while Robert was a deacon, could be the start of Robert's transformation away from the Church of England. At this time Robert met John Lothrop who took over Henry Jacob's Church in London in mid-1624. In 1625 Charles I became King and tolerance for independent Churches quickly came to an end. By 1634, Robert is recorded being a member of John Lothrop's Southwark congregation in London. **"At last there being no hopes y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lathorp should do them further Service in y<sup>e</sup> Church" he having many motives to go to new England if it might be granted After the Death of his Wife he earnestly desiring y<sup>e</sup> Church would release him of y<sup>t</sup> office w<sup>ch</sup> (to his grief) he could no way performe, & that he might have their consent to goe to new England, after; serious consideration had about it it was freely granted to him. Then Petition being made that he might have Liberty to depart out of y<sup>e</sup> Land he was released from Prison 1634, about y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Month called June, & about 30 of the members who desired leave & permission from y<sup>e</sup> Congregation to go along with him, had it granted to them, namely, M<sup>r</sup> Jo: Lathorp, Sam. House, John Wodwin, Goodwife Woodwin, Elder & Younger, Widd: Norton, & afterwards Rob<sup>t</sup> Linel & his Wife, M<sup>r</sup> & Mrs Laberton, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamond, M<sup>rs</sup> Swinerton."**

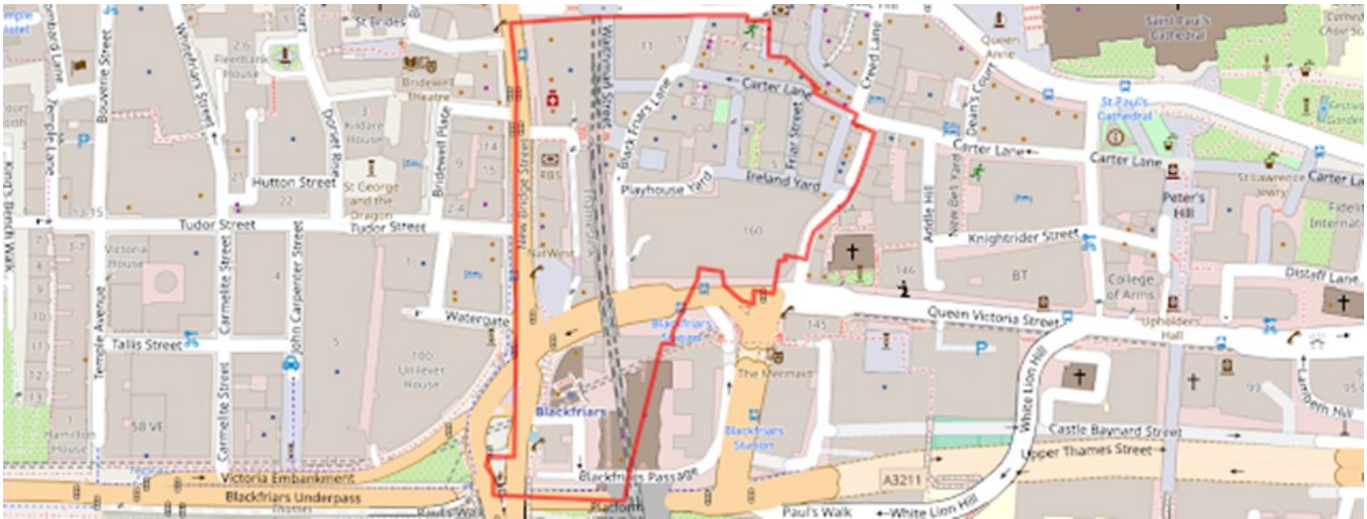
Robert's first wife Susan died about 1636 and he re-married about 1637-8, Pennina Howse, which made him the brother in-law of John Lothrop. Pennina was at one time a maid and was arrested for being part of an illegal assembly of John Lothrop's congregation in Blackfriars London with her brother Samuel Howse in 1632. Some of Pennina and Samuel's testimony is as follows **"Samuel Howes!" saith the KINGS ADVOCATE, "you are required by your oath to answeare to the articles." Howe "I have served the King both by sea and by land, and I had been at sea if this restraint had not been made upon me. My conversacon I thank God none can tax." REGISTER. "Will you take your oath?" Howe. " I am a young man and doe not know what the**

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**oath is." KINGS ADVOCATE. "The King desires your service in obeying his lawes." "Then P (enuinnh) Howes was called and required to take her oath, but she refused. LONDON. "Will you trust Mr. Latropp and believe him rather than the Church of England?" Pennina. "I referre myself to the Word of God, whether I maie take this oath or noe."**



[St. Anne Blackfriars Parish](#)

Pennina Howse the sister of Hannah House, had multiple connections with John Lothrop's congregation and the Printers and Stationers Company of London. Hannah Howse's first husband, Benjamin Allen was apprenticed to, printer John Bellamie. Bellamie was a member of the congregation founded by the previously mentioned Henry Jacob and printed the tract that mentioned Robert Linnell's (Lynnell) first wife Susan in 1623.

A brief summary of Benjamin Allen is as follows **"Benjamin Allen published two pamphlets by Praise Barbone, whose wife was a member of Lothrop's congregation. When the congregation previously led by Lothrop split in 1640, half of the congregation followed Praise Barbone, while the other half followed Henry Jessey. After Benjamin's death, both Hannah and her second husband, Livewell Chapman, published works by Jessey. Hannah's family also published materials by Samuel Highland, and John Goodwin. Both of Hannah's husbands had run-ins with the law. Benjamin appeared in High Commission court records three times in 1634 and 1635. In February 1637/8, the English ambassador to Holland sent instructions asking local officials in**

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*Leiden to arrest Benjamin, who had “lately fled out of England.” Seven years later, Parliament declared a book published by Benjamin to be heretical and ordered it to be burned by the hangman. Benjamin died the following year, and Hannah ran the publishing business from his death until her remarriage in 1651. Hannah freed her apprentice, Livewell Chapman, from his apprenticeship in 1650 and married him by September 1651. During the five years that Hannah ran the business, she published at least fifty-four books and pamphlets and extended the business in a radical direction. Hannah lived in the area of St. Stephen Coleman Street, London”, she published at least fifty-four books and pamphlets and extended the business in a radical direction. Hannah lived in the area of St. Stephen Coleman Street, London”*



Praise Barbone

Article to be continued ...

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

### NEVER TOO EARLY TO BEGIN

For those Linnells currently in high school and planning to attend college or other accredited higher education program, or with years remaining in their pursuit of a college or post-graduate degree, it is never too early to begin planning to apply for the next Linnell Family Association scholarship award. You will need to be periodically checking the Linnell Family Association website for the next award date, which is currently tied to the date of the next LFA convention. Past awards have ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000, so you will not want to miss out on this opportunity to help finance your further education. Please check the Scholarship section of the LFA website for further application requirements.

# 2026 LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION NATIONAL REUNION

## PART I - PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REUNION AND BEYOND

The 2026 Linnell Family Reunion will be here sooner than you think. While you chortle at that statement, let's review some discussion points from the 2022 Linnell Family Reunion.

The first topic of discussion was the year 2038 which will be the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Linnell's journey to America. The desire for a 2038 reunion was unanimous, as was the recommended location – Cape Cod. Your Steering Committee cannot imagine doing otherwise. At the time, that date was 16 years hence, not evenly divisible with 3-year intervals between national reunions. Also, attendance at the 2022 reunion was very low, a trend observed over the last few reunions. The consensus was switch to a 4-year reunion cycle, hoping the extended interval would generate more interest and participation. The year for the next reunion was set – 2026. Coincidentally, the 12-year gap from 2026 to 2038 supports intervals of 3 or 4 years for subsequent reunions, so we could switch back to 3 years if there is enough interest.

With 2026 chosen for the next reunion, the discussion turned to where it will be held. Several places were mentioned, Maine and Kansas more so than any other location. Unfortunately, no cousin stood up and said, "I'll help organize the event if we hold it here." At past reunions, we've had someone offering to host the next reunion close to where they live, solving a major logistical issue – having someone *local* to the reunion and taking ownership in helping plan it. We can't stress how important it is to have someone locally helping with the reunion. Be forewarned, once a locale is set for 2026, your Steering Committee will be searching for someone to be our "boots on the ground." Do they have to do everything? Absolutely not, and their first task is finding other locals to help them. There's no heavy lifting, overnight trips, fights to avoid, or midnight acquisitions, we just need someone to help us coordinate with the local populace. Keep in mind, volunteering to help is the best way to try and influence the steering committee's decision!

Let us know your thoughts. Email any of the committee members, our addresses are listed on the Linnell Family Association website.

*(This is the first of two articles discussing the logistics of planning the next Linnell Family Association National Reunion. In the next newsletter – Part II Choosing a Reunion Location.)*



## A MIRACLE ON THE COURSE

The world is full of small miracles. One of our cousins recently had such a miracle while playing golf, a hole-in-one (HIO). This year, on January 21<sup>st</sup>, Don Linnell was playing his home course, The Club at Hidden Creek, in Navarre, FL. Hole #7, a par 3 across water, was playing 160 yards that day. Don used a 4-hybrid off the tee, which turned out to be the right club! The tee box and pin placement are indicated by the red circles on the bird's-eye-view picture below. The other picture is Don taking the ball out of the cup.

When the ball was in the air, Don knew that was the best hit he'd had that morning. He also claims he wasn't thinking of a HIO. We might believe him as this was his second HIO, the first was in 1995 at the Pease AFB, NH, golf course. Don knows most golfers never get one HIO, let alone two. If he's lucky enough to get another, let's hope the wait isn't as long, he'll be 93!





## NEW LINNELL FAMILY TREE WEBSITE

In August 2022, Lori Linnell set up a new Linnell Family Tree on Tribal Pages.com. The LFA started this family tree with 10, 622 names and 96 Photos. As of this issue of the LFA newsletter, the family tree has increased to 11, 086 Names and 124 Photos.

Since August 2022, Paul E. Linnell Jr., LFA Membership & Vital Records Chairman, has been adding family members, correcting errors, and adding information on family members who are not listed in the published DRL Records. Paul has added 464 new names to the Tribal Pages Linnell Family Tree and is updating it as new information is received.

You can access this Linnell Family Tree by going to [linnellassociation.tribalpages.com](http://linnellassociation.tribalpages.com) and clicking on “Security” then on “Request Invitation” and Lori Linnell will get in touch with you. You must have an email address for access to Tribalpages.com.

If you do not have an email address or internet access, please contact Paul and he will provide you with information about your family on the new Linnell Family Tree. Paul’s contact information will be found under Steering Committee on the last page of this newsletter.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADDRESS UPDATES

The assistance of all members is requested to keep the LFA up to date when you relocate. Since 2020, we have been sending 50+ hard copy newsletters to members who do not have an email address and we are receiving 5 – 10 newsletters returned, marked “Return To Sender – Undeliverable As Addressed”; “Return To Sender – Moved Left No Forwarding Address”; “Return To Sender – Unable To Forward”; “Return To Sender – Temporarily Away”; etc. The U. S. Postal Service will not forward newsletters mailed to an incorrect address. Instead, they are returned and the LFA must pay additional copying and postage costs to send them out again.

Please help the LFA by keeping us apprised of your current mailing address. You can go on-line - [www.linnellassociation.com](http://www.linnellassociation.com) – Click on “*Membership*” and submit the on-line Address Update Form

If you do not have access to the Internet, please provide your address updates to Paul E. Linnell, Jr., LFA Membership/Vital Records Chairman. Paul’s address and contact information will be found under Steering Committee toward the end of this Newsletter.

## LINNELL FAMILY WEST COAST REUNION NEWS

Plans for the 2023 Linnell Family West Coast Reunion (LFWCR) are underway. The reunion will be on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Timber Linn Memorial Park, in Albany, Oregon where it has been held for the past few years. More information will be provided in future newsletters and on Facebook.

Invitations will be forwarded to Linnell Family Members who reside in the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, and Nevada. By the way, there are approximately 1,000-plus Linnell Family Members in those states. The LFWCR is a gathering of West Coast Linnells. However, any and all Linnell Family Members are encouraged to attend.

If you would like to receive information about the LFWCR, please contact Paul E. Linnell, Jr., Paul’s contact information will be found on the Steering Committee Roster on the last page of this newsletter. You may also email Paul, the LFWCR Coordinator, directly – [pauelinnelljr@yahoo.com](mailto:pauelinnelljr@yahoo.com).

# LFA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Linnell Family Association closed out the 2022 Membership Year (December 31, 2022) with 6 Annual Members and 145 Life Members for a total of 151 members.

The LFA Steering Committee welcomes our New and Renewal Annual Members as well as our New Life Members (since our December 2022 Newsletter), which include;

**New Life Member Sharon J. (Linnell) Kautz** (LFA Database # 767) –Sharon is a daughter of Robert Charles Linnell (DRL 11a, b12, 62-10, -10-1 – Page 187 of the DRL - LFA Database # 531).

## LFA RECORDS UPDATES

Many thanks to the family members who provided important records updates. If you have any Births, Deaths and/or Marriages within your respective Family Lines, please furnish the information to Paul E. Linnell, Jr., LFA Membership/Vital Records Chairman. The following are the latest updates to our LFA Family Records since the December 2022 Newsletter.

### BIRTHS

**Riley Marie Borzea**, born 16 December 2022 in Draper, Utah to Kenny Borzea and Leshae (Linnell) Polluck.

**Oliver William Albee**, born on 15 February 2023 to Amber Rose McNamara (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 363, 4) and Douglas Nolan Albee. Amber is a daughter of Veronica Mae Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 363 – Pages 228 and 238 of the ACB) and Timothy Joseph McNamara.

**Aiden Michael Dietrich**, born on 18 February 2023 in Salem, Oregon to Jacqueline “Jacquie” Bell Heinsoo (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 635, 1 – Page 236 of the DRL) and Michael Dietrich. Jacquie is a daughter of Linda Diane (Satter) Heinsoo (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 635 – Pages 226 and 236 of the DRL).

**Ariel Roslyn Curry**, born on 19 February 2023 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Dawson Kyle Curry and Autumn Markum. Dawson is a son of Rachel Ann (Linnell, Curry) Molet (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 214, 3 – Pages 229 and 238 of the ACB).

### MARRIAGES

**Christopher Michael Needham** (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 611, 3 – Page 234 of the DRL) and his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Tammy Lea Maher were married on December 7, 2021 in Shedd, Oregon. Christopher is a son of Dorothy Marie (Linnell, Olin, Needham) Johnstone (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 611 – Pages 225 and 234 of the DRL and Page 234 of the ACB) and her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, Paul Warner Needham, Jr.

### DEATHS

**Shirley Nadine (Shaffer) Reese** (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 421 – Pages 224 and 233 of the DRL – LFA Database # 366 – *FAG 242255119*), died on 15 May 2019. Shirley was born on 3 June 1936 in Cope, Colorado to the late Naida Leona Rountree (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 42 – Pages 219 and 224 of the DRL – *FAG 158816452*) and the late Raymond “Ramon” Shaffer (*FAG 19618439*). Shirley was cremated and the location of her ashes are unknown.

**Richard “Dick” Woodson Reese** (*FAG 242254853*), Husband of the late Shirley Nadine (Shaffer) Reese (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 421 – Pages 224 and 233 of the DRL – LFA Database # 366 – *FAG 242255119*), died on 28 March 2021 in Merriam, Kansas. Richard was born on 26 November 1930 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Samuel Woodsen Reese (*FAG 40027123*) and the late Dorothy Diane Dare (*FAG 242254767*). Richard was cremated and the location of his ashes are unknown.

# LFA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & DUES

The Linnell Family Association of North America is a membership organization that relies on timely payment of dues. Annual Membership Dues are \$20.00. Life Membership is a onetime dues payment of \$125.00.

To register a new member and/or pay membership dues -

Go on-line to [www.linnellassociation.com](http://www.linnellassociation.com) –

- Click on “Membership,” complete the on-line form and pay your dues by using Pay Pal; or,
- Click on “Membership” and print the Membership Form – Fill it out and mail it, along with your Check and/or Money Order (payable to “Linnell Family Association”) to Scott Linnell, LFA Treasurer, at the address shown on the form; or,
- Complete the membership form you will find on the back of this newsletter and mail, along with payment of dues, as directed. by using Pay Pal.

Annual Membership is from January 1 through December 31 of each year. If you are uncertain about the current status of your membership, please contact Paul E. Linnell, Jr., LFA Membership and Vital Records Chairman.

The Linnell Family Association is looking to get our younger Linnell Family Members (ages 20 to 50) to become Members. Our current LFA Membership has an average age of 65 to 85 and older. Please consider giving the gift of an Annual Membership or Life Membership for a Birthday, Graduation, Anniversary, Christmas, or other special event to your children, grandchildren and other family members.

## THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

### Steering Committee 2022-2026

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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## Linnell Family Association Membership Registration and Renewal

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