



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Rachel Linnell Wynn, Founder and Historian Emeritus

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## Letter From The Chairman

By Doug Roberts, Linnell Family Association Steering Committee Chair

Ready! Aim! Fire! The sound of rifles fired by American Servicemen in the cool morning air has my full attention. The crack of gunfire sounds three times followed by mournful Taps. Lastly there is the quiet dignified folding of the American flag. It is September 9th, 2023 and I am in a rural cemetery in northern New York state at a tribute for our ancestor Samuel Linnell. He served in the War of 1812 (Second) battle of Sackett’s Harbor. He was captured, injured, and mistreated such that he never fully healed.

Samuel’s sacrifice and service to his family, community and nation give us pause to reflect. His service is a small but vital part of our national tapestry. On Veteran’s Day November 11 we thank those who lay their lives on the line protecting our freedoms and fight wars in faraway lands to keep us safe. Many Linnells have served in Militias and the Armed Forces over the centuries, beginning with Robert himself. Thanksgiving Day November 23 this year we thank our ancestors who, given the choice of imprisonment and death or emigration, came to America and forged a new life and government. The Mayflower Compact is a forerunner of our

country’s Constitution. We thank the indigenous peoples, without who’s help, the struggling village would almost certainly have perished. Samuel’s story is contained in the article within. A video of the ceremony can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/SamuelLinnellTribute>

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We also pause to reflect on the passing of Rachel Linnell Wynn, our founder and grand madam. While it has been more than a decade since she was involved in LFA business, her legacy lives on in the DRL book and subsequent Tribal Pages online where the continually expanding family tree is documented. Your little association continues to expand our family history and knowledge. I believe old Robert would have been proud of his family and the legacy he began. We seek to serve your interests. Perhaps you are interested in holding a reunion in 2026. Please let us know.

As we move into 2024, let us continue to cultivate an attitude of gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Consider renewing or giving a membership in the Linnell Family Association as a gift this Christmas season. Annual membership is \$20. Lifetime membership is \$125.

## THE LFA PLACES ANOTHER GRAVE STONE

At the Linnell Reunion in Alexandria Bay, NY in 2000, the Linnell Family Association voted unanimously to replace the gravestone of Jonathan Linnell in the Orleans Cemetery on the Cape. This was the first project for the Linnell Family Association. Now twenty-three years later, the Association has returned to Jefferson County, NY to place a gravestone for Samuel Linnell (118, 241,1) son of Joseph Linnell and Sarah Lombard of Maine.



Samuel Linnell was involved in a brutal capture at Sackets Harbor and held prisoner for a year and a half. This story can be found on the Linnell Association Website. When Samuel returned, he never fully recovered and was denied a pension. As part of the LFA's gravestone project we decided it was about time Samuel received a gravestone he so rightfully deserved. This took place this year, one hundred and seventy-six years after his death. He now has a proper Veteran gravestone next to his wife Eunice Mosher Linnell along with his son, Charles, and grandchildren in the Clayton Center Cemetery.



The gravestone was set in July and four members of the Association traveled to Jefferson County, NY in September for a dedication. The ceremony was truly a success and without a doubt the organization of the event by Jean Davis of Cumming's Funeral Home was exceptional. Jean invited the Press, Councilmen, County Historian and others to this event but the biggest surprise was that she arranged with Fort Drum for a 21-gun salute, taps and a flag folding. A perfect tribute to our ancestor.



Samuel's oldest daughter, Sally Linnell married Thomas Cummings. The owner of the funeral home, Water Cummings, is also a direct descendant. Due to a front-page article in the local paper a few days prior, other Cummings descendants showed up for the event along with a few locals. Two more articles showed up after the event, making the front page again.





The ceremony started with an invocation from LFA Chairman, Doug Roberts, a 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandson. Then LFA Historian, Jason Quick a 6<sup>th</sup> great grandson, gave a brief history of Samuel Linnell and his capture on May 29, 1813. Following his remarks, the Military of Fort Drum proceeded with a 21-gun salute and a rendition of Taps. Our focus then went to Samuel's gravestone where soldiers folded a flag in his honor. Thomas Linnell, another 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandson, received the flag.



For those descendants of Samuel Linnell, Jefferson County, NY offers several sights to view. Linnell Island where Samuel and Eunice lived is not far from Clayton Center. There is also the historic site of Sacketts Harbor where one can learn of this battle and capture in the war of 1812. The cemetery at Clayton Center has both Samuel and his wife, Eunice, son Charles and a few grandchildren. Over on Grindstone Island there are sites of the Cummings Family. Then you can visit the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum in Watertown where there is a memorial to Samuel which includes the flag from his dedication. The LFA has now left physical memorials of Samuel Linnell in this area of New York. A special thanks goes to all who have contributed to the LFA Gravestone fund.



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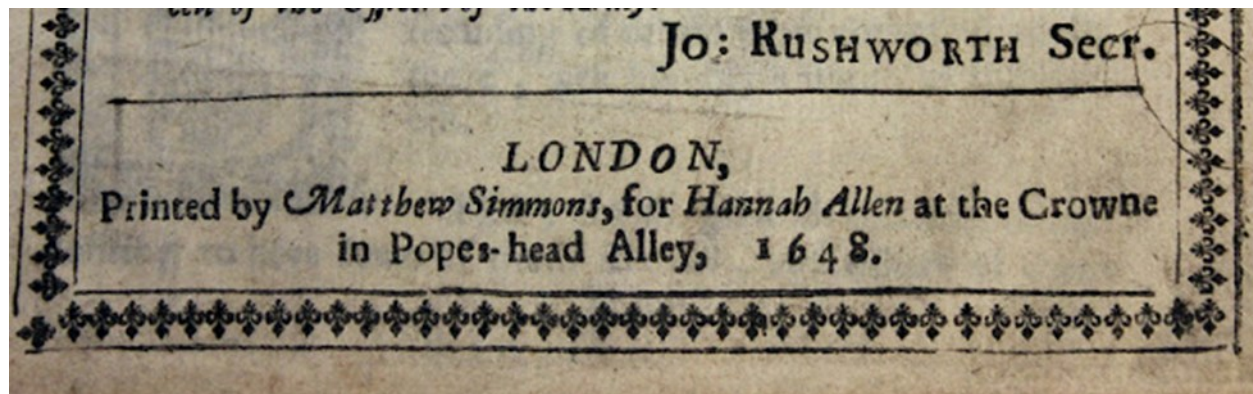


*Editor's note: This is part three of a multi-part article on the life of our ancestor Robert Linnell leading up to his departure from England. The author is our historian Jason Jon Quick.*

*Review: In the first two installments we learned what is known about Robert Lynnell in England. Then we began learning about the family of Penninah Howse-Linnell, Robert's second wife. In this installment we continue learning about the Howse family.*

## THE LIFE OF ROBERT LINNELL - PART 3

**Hannah Howse** - *"The 1652 will of Elizabeth (Checkett) (Howse) mentions "my sister Hanna Chapman" Hannah had multiple connections with John Lothrop's congregation. Her first husband, Benjamin Allen was apprenticed to his master, John Bellamie, Bellamie was a member of the semi-separatist congregation founded by Henry Jacob. 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 Leiden to arrest Benjamin, who had "lately fledd 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".*

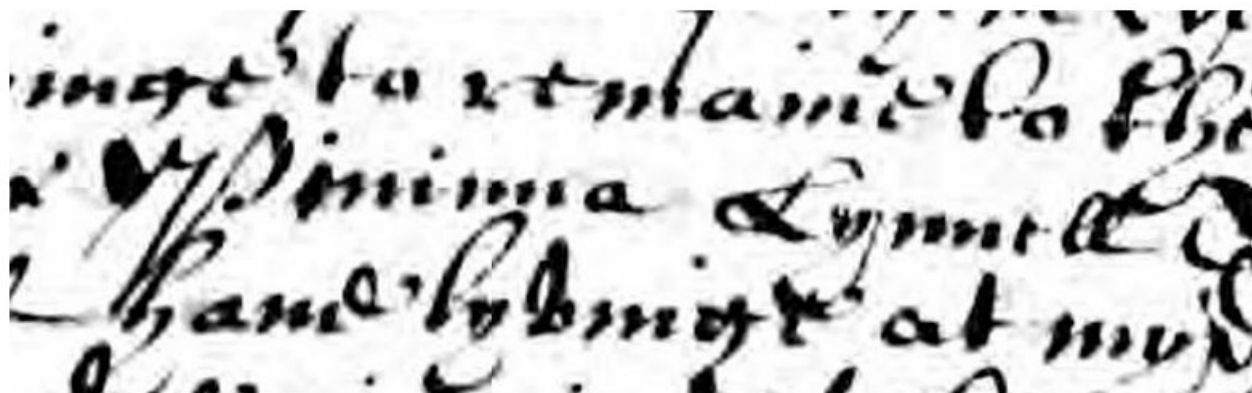


**Thomas Howse** - *"Thomas was living in London by 1623 at 14 when he was apprenticed to Garret Falcon of the Brown Bakers Company. He was admitted a freeman by 1630 and bound his brother Henry Howse as an apprentice. In 1640 Thomas became an apprentice clockmaker. Thomas and his family lived in the area of St. Stephen Coleman St. and was friends with religious non-conformists: John Goodwin, William Granger, Praise Barbone, and Samuel Highland. Elizabeth appears to have fit very well with Thomas's other family and friends. She remained friends with Thomas' friend, Praise Barbone, throughout her life. In addition, like Thomas's siblings and brother-in-law, both Elizabeth and her father were arrested by the Court of High Commission. "Elizabetha Chequett" first appeared in High Commission court records on 12 June 1634. Although there is no evidence that Elizabeth was a member of Lothrop's congregation, three other cases involving members of Lothrop's congregation were listed on the same day. One of these other*

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*cases involved Lothrop himself, who was ordered to be attached [arrested] if he did not appear on the next court day. On 19 June 1634, the High Commission ordered that “Elizabetham Checquell al[ia]s Howse” of All Saints parish be released from prison on bond. On the same date, Lothrop was ordered to be arrested because he had not appeared in court. Elizabeth next appeared in court records on 9 October 1634 as “Elizabetha Chequett al[ia]s Howse.” Another entry involving Lothrop’s congregation was listed on the same date: John Lothrop and Samuel Eaton were ordered to be arrested and committed. The last two times that Elizabeth’s name appeared on High Commission records, 16 October and 23 October 1634, she was simply listed as “Elizabetha Howse,” with no mention of her maiden name. By the last date, Elizabeth had taken the self-incriminatory ex-officio oath to answer the articles against her. “*

Thomas Howse left a will dated October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1643, proved December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1644, mentioning wife Elizabeth (to be sole executrix); children Samuel and Elizabeth; brothers John and Samuel; sisters Pininna Lynnell and Drucilla Player. Overseers were to be brother-in-law Symon Player and Prayse Barbon. Elizabeth (the mother) left a will dated October 14<sup>th</sup> 1652, proved October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1652, mentioning children Samuel House, Elizabeth House, Robert Smith, Hanna Smith, and an unbaptized daughter not yet named.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text is somewhat faded and difficult to read, but the name 'Pininna Lynnell' is clearly visible in the center. The handwriting is dark ink on a light-colored paper.

Peninna Lynnell mentioned in her brother’s will

**Samuel Howse (House)** - *“Ship carpenter His brother in England “Thomas also bequeathed money to his two siblings who had moved to New England. Thomas left £20 to his brother Samuel Howse, £10 to his sister Peninnah Linnell, and fifty shillings to each of their children.” Like William Granger and Sara Barbone (wife of Praise), both Samuel and Peninnah had been imprisoned when Lothrop’s congregation was raided by Richard Tomlins (alias Tomlinson), a pursuant, or heretic hunter, working for William Laud, who was then Bishop of London. Peninnah was identified as Penninah Howse, “a maid,” when she appeared before the Court of High Commission to be tried for attending a religious meeting in a private home. Sometime after her appearance in court, but evidently before moving to New England, she married Robert Linnell as his second wife. Samuel came to Plymouth Colony in 1634 and was admitted to Scituate church 8 January 1634/5. On 20 July 1649, “Samuel Howse of Scituat shipwright” made a letter of attorney to “Tho[mas] Tarte of the same merchant ... to ask &c. of the executor &c. of the last will & testament of Thomas House late of Lond[on] watchmaker; all such legacies as due unto the children of the said appearer by virtue of the said last will”.*

# 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 Summer 2023 Newsletter. There were no births or marriages reported.

## DEATHS

**Arlie Mary “Maria” Gorman** (DRL 118, 241, 121, 211 – Page 416 of the DRL – *FAG 1727110785*), died 24 February 2015 in Ogdensburg, Saint Lawrence County, New York. Arlie was born 11 October 1940 in Potsdam, Saint Lawrence County, New York to the late Gerald A. Gorman (*FAG 127936395*) and the late Arlie Frances Cummings (*FAG 172709136*).

**Darrin Gene Bowden** (*FAG 161655126*), Husband of Angel M. (Linnell) Bowden, died 24 SApril 2016 in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee. Darrin was born 25 December 1968 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois to the late John C. Bowden, Sr. (*FAG 145460439*) and the late Margaret “Marge” Elsie Hahn (*FAG 145460514*).

**Rufus Andrew Poche** (*FAG 167979054*), Husband of Frances Ann (Roberts) Poche (DRL 118, 241, 116, 216, 3 – Page 404 of the Additions and Corrections Booklet – LFA Database # 565), died 4 August 2016 in Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Rufus was born 11 November 1943 to the late Rufus Poche and Ludivine Unknown.

**Thomas Allen Shadix** (*FAG 185447920*), Husband of Paulette Fay (Walker) Shadix (DRL 118, 241, 112, 655, 2 – Pages 397 and 441 of the DRL), died 10 December 2017 in Pleasant View, Cheatham County, Tennessee. Thomas was born 23 April 1939 to the late John William “Willie” Shadix (*FAG 126949899*) and the late Clara Wright (*FAG 126926967*).

**Milton Bradley Gomez, Jr.**, Husband of Deborah “Debby” Marie (Roberts) Gomez (DRL 118, 241, 116, 216, 5 – Page 404 of the Additions and Corrections Booklet – LFA Database # 569), died 11 August 2018 in Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Milton was born 16 August 1924 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana to the late Milton Bradley Gomez, Sr. (*FAG 109673181*) and the late Clara Bernard (*FAG 22005450*).

**Joseph Walter Trahan** (*FAG 209385414*), Husband of Sherry Lynn (Roberts) Trahan (DRL 118, 241, 116, 216, 4 – Page 404 of the Additions and Corrections Booklet – LFA Database # 568), died 21 April 2020 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. Joseph was born 13 June 1941 in Morse, Acadia Parish, Louisiana to the late Walter J. Trahan (*FAG 6748196*) and the late Anniss Istre (*FAG 209387705*).

**Dale Earl Roberts** (DRL 118, 241, 116, 216, 7 – Page 404 of the Additions and Corrections Booklet – LFA Database # 571 – *FAG 255221339*), died 6 August 2020 in Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Dale was born 10 June 1959 in Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana to the late Frank Benjamin “Bayamin” Roberts (*FAG 151862399*) and the late Leola Rita Duvic (*FAG 144493777*).

**William “Bill” Thomas Hensley** (*FAG 231066200*), Husband of Rose Anne (Linnell) Hensley, died 20 August 2021 in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee. William was born 28 April 1948 in Lincoln County, Tennessee to the late Clifford Cotty Hensley (*FAG 78810243*) and to the late Mayme Massey (*FAG 59362309*).

**James “Jim” Edward Linnell** (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 28 – Page 217 of the DRL and Pages 217 and 222 of the Additions and Corrections Booklet), died 28 December 2022. James was born 16 April 1931 in Saint Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas to the late Seth Taylor Linnell (*FAG 89089379*) and his Second Wife, the late Margaret Katherine (Hanley) Gregory (*FAG 89089351*).

**Margaret “Peggy” Louise (Linnell) McCray** (DRL 11a, b12, 62-10, -10-1), died 30 July 2023 in Orleans, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Margaret was born 27 December 1937 in Hyannis, Barnstable County, Massachusetts to the late Charles Henry Linnell (DRL 11a, b12, 62-10, -10 – Pages 178 and 187 of the DRL – *FAG 72990144*) and the late Elisabeth Prescott (*FAG 144476705*). Margaret grew up on Linnell Road in East Brewster, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Margaret was laid to rest next to her Husband, William McCray and their Infant Daughter, Bette Marie McCray, in the Orleans Cemetery in East Orleans, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

*The date of death and the date of birth for **Florence Louise Daniels** were reported incorrectly in the last newsletter. Correction: Florence died 10 April 2023, Florence was born 14 August 1947.*

## LFA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of this Newsletter, our LFA Membership stands at a total of 145 members. Welcome to our New/Renewal Annual Members:

**Kenneth Linnell Bratt, Jr.** – Renewal Annual Member (LFA Database # 760)

**Dana Gay Huddleston** – New Annual Member (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 913 – Pages 227 and 237 of the DRL – LFA Database # 769). Dana's mother, the late Serena Marie Lough (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 91 – Pages 220 and 227 of the DRL – LFA Database # 141 and her third husband, the late Ralph George Hickman were both LFA Life Members.

## LFA 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.

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

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