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# Letter From The Chairman

By Doug Roberts, Linnell Family Association Steering Committee Chair

The September 2023 ceremony in northern New York state continues to resonate. At that ceremony a headstone for Samuel Linnell, provided by the US Veteran's Administration, was dedicated with full military honors for his service to our country in the (second) battle of Sackett's Harbor as part of the War of 1812. In addition to making the front page of the Watertown Daily Times before and after the ceremony, a following article appeared in the Thousand Islands Sun on September 20, 2023. A column for the Thousand islands Museum News carried the story in a half-page article as well. The Linnell Family Association thanks the local newspapers for their coverage honoring our ancestor.



The story was picked up by Yahoo News online: https://www.yahoo.com/news/headstonededicated-war-1812-veteran-221800337.html. It was also picked up by Veterans Network of Care: https://veterans.networkofcare.org/beaver-pa/CommunityResources/News/Article?articleId=146972. You may watch the ceremony online on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-w1Kua8He88 Video can also be found on our website: https://www.linnellassociation.com/index.php/2023/11/23/samuellinnell-tribute-ceremony/. Enjoy!

In this edition of your little organization's newsletter, is an article about Linnells on the World Stage. Did you know we have cousins who are famous Rockstars? See Don Linnell's article inside.

This newsletter continues with Part 4 of the story of our Linnell connection to Robert Howse. In this installment we learn of Mr. Howse's death and our Robert's marriage to Peninnah, making Robert the brother-in-law of John Lothrop. The article does a good job of following the complex story line that

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resulted in the forced emigration to New England of Lothrop and his congregation. Did you know that our Robert was released from prison to flee to America? Our family's story is America's story.

Your steering committee continues to search for an area of the country for our next reunion. Currently, the locations under consideration are northeastern New York State, Maine, and Michigan. New York State would again take us to the Alexandria Bay area where a previous reunion was held in 2000 and where Samuel's headstone has been placed. Maine fills in a portion of the family's migration route from Cape Cod to New York. Michigan also would begin the process of filling in the migration route from Granville Ohio to Michigan then Kansas and on to Oregon for the West Coast Linnell group. Please provide feedback on any of these areas. Editor's note: This is part four 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 three 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 4**

**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 as 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 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 18 October 1643, proved 23 December 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 14 October 1652, proved 23 October 1652, mentioning children Samuel House, Elizabeth House, Robert Smith, Hanna Smith, and an unbaptized daughter not yet named.

**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".

# The Lothropp Family and their Connections to Robert

John Lothropp son of Thomas Lothropp of Cherry Burton and Etton, Yorkshire, was baptized 20 December 1584. He matriculated as a commoner's son 15 October 1602 in the University of Oxford from Christ

Church, where he was Vicar to Dr. John King, who became Dean of Christ Church in 1605. Lothrop removed to Cambridge and took his B.A. from Queens College in 1607; ordained the same year and took his M.A. 1609. Deacon, Chaderton, Kent 1607, Curate, Benington, Lincolnshire 1607. Curate Little Chart and Edgerton, Kent 1610.

John married Hannah Howse 10 October 1610, probably in Eastwell, Kent. Having been suspended from his office in Edgerton, John moved to London about 1623 and renounced the church. Mr. Henry Jacob had established the first independent congregational church in England in 1616, apparently following Robinson's plan of organization at Leiden in Holland (which, of course, is where the Pilgrim Fathers had fled a few years earlier). At this time, persecution seems not to have been too severe and the congregation



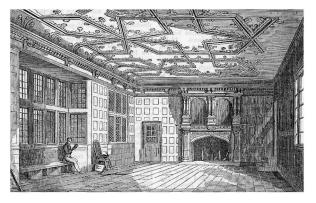
The Borough House 1833, owned by Brewer Henry Thrale was located on the side of the first Independant Church in London, 1616. The address was Deadmans Place, so called because of the pest-houses established there during the great plague, now known as Park Street in Southwark, London. Current Location

practices, which he called "heresy". Apparently Lothropp's congregation worshipped under these conditions for at least eight years. Indeed, it would seem that Laud tried for some time without success to locate the meeting place of the dissenters, but finally in late April 1632, a group led by Tomlinson, Laud's warrant officer, raided a meeting at the house of Mr. Humphrey Barnet, a brewer's clerk, in Blackfriars and forty-two persons were seized, only eighteen escaping. A trial was held in the Court of High Commission, i.e., Star Chamber, in the Palace of Westminster and Lothropp and his followers were convicted. As a result, each defendant was reportedly sentenced to serve two years incarcerated in Newgate Prison, then known colloquially as "The Clink" and a place feared by even the most hardened criminals.

Sadly, during the time of John's imprisonment, Hannah Lothropp became seriously ill and it may be supposed that as a charitable act her husband was given permission by the bishop to visit his wife before her death. On this occasion, it is reported that he commended her to God in prayer, after which she soon died, leaving their family without care or funds. Moreover, it has been further reported (with, perhaps, some embellishment) that following his wife's death and

apparently met without fear in Union Street in Southwark, south of the Thames (a burial lot attached to this location seems to have been later known as Deadman's Place). Subsequently, in 1624, Mr. Jacob emigrated to Virginia and, therefore Mr. Lothropp became his successor in London.

After the accession of King Charles I in 1625, official insistence of religious conformity steadily increased. Accordingly, independent congregational meetings were necessarily held in secret to avoid trouble with royal and ecclesiastical authorities, in particular, Archbishop William Laud, who zealously desired to extinguish all nonconforming



Court of the Star Chamber



West view of Newgate Prison

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when he was to return to prison, John himself or, as is more likely, some of his fellow congregants and friends, took all the Lothropp children dressed in their "Sunday best", presented them to Laud and inquired as to who was going to care for them. Similarly, petitions were sent to the government requesting Rev. Lothropp's release due to family hardship, but these were rejected because as an influential nonconformist clergyman he was considered to be too socially and religiously dangerous to be set free, unless he would agree to leave England. To this it would seem he consented and, consequently, he was released on 24 April 1634, with the understanding that he was on bail, that he was not to officiate or even to be present in any private meetings, and that he, along with some fellow prisoners, would expeditiously leave the country. Even so, while making preparations to leave, Rev. Lothropp became more adamant that "idolatry, liturgy, and symbolic sacraments were more important in the Church of England than simple worship of the Lord."

Lothropp was told that he would be pardoned upon acceptance of terms to leave England permanently with his family along with as many of his congregation members as he could take who would not accept the authority of the Church of England. Lathrop accepted the terms of the offer and left for Plymouth, Massachusetts. With his group, he sailed on the Griffin and arrived in Boston on 18 September 1634. The record found on page 71 of Governor Winthrop's Journal, quotes John Lothropp, a freeman, rejoicing in finding a "*church without a bishop. . .and a state without a king.*" Lothropp did not stay in Boston long. Within days, he and his group relocated to Scituate where they "*joined in covenaunt together*" along with nine others who preceded them to form the "*church of Christ collected att Scituate.*" The Congregation at Scituate was not a success. Dissent on the issue of baptism as well as other unspecified grievances and the lack of good grazing land and fodder for their cattle caused the church in Scituate to split in 1638.

Lothropp petitioned Governor Thomas Prence in Plymouth for a "*place for the transplanting of us, to the end that God might have more glory and wee more comfort.*" Thus, as Otis says, "*Mr. Lothropp and a large company arrived in Barnstable, 11 October 1639 O.S., bringing with them the crops which they had raised in Scituate.*" There, within three years they had built homes for all the families and then Lothropp began construction on a larger, sturdier meeting house adjacent to Coggin's (or Cooper's) Pond, which was completed in 1644. This building, now part of the Sturgis Library in Barnstable, Massachusetts is one of John Lothrop's original homes and meeting houses and is now also the oldest building housing a public library in the United States.

John Lothropp b. 20 Dec 1584, Etton, Yorkshire, England d. 8 Nov 1653 Barnstable, Plymouth Colony m. 16 Oct 1610, Hannah Howse who died in 1633 in London, England while John was in Prison. They had: 1. Thomas b. abt. Feb 1612/3 Eastwell, Kent, England d. bef. 10 Aug 1653, Barnstable, Plymouth Colony m.

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- 11 Dec 1639, Sarah Learned Ewer, daughter of William Learned and widow of Thomas Ewer.
- 2. Jane b. abt. 29 Sept 1614, Egerton, Kent, England
- 3. Anne b. abt. May 1616 Egerton, Kent, England d. abt. April 1617 Egerton, Kent, England
- 4. John b. abt. Feb 1617/8 Egerton, Kent, England d. aft. 1653 England
- 5. Barbara b. abt. Oct 1619 Egerton, Kent, England
- 6. Samuel b. abt. 1621 Kent, England
- 7. Joseph b. abt. April 1624 in Eastwell, Kent, England
- 8. Benjamin b. abt. Sept 26th Eastwell, Kent, England

John married second Ann (not the daughter of William Hammond) bef. 14 June 1635. They had;

- 1. Barnabas b. abt. June 1636 in Scituate, Plymouth Colony
- 2. Unk. Daughter Lothrop d.30 July 1638, Scituate, Plymouth Colony
- 3. Bathshua b. abt. Feb 1641/2 Barnstable, Plymouth Colony
- 4. Elizabeth b. about 1643 Barnstable, Plymouth Colony
- 5. John b. abt. May 1645 Barnstable, Plymouth Colony
- 6. Unk. Son. 25 Jan 1649/50

# **LINNELLS ON THE WORLD STAGE**

"All I wanna do when I wake up in the morning is see your eyes." What a great lyric and opening to a song, the scene it paints so clear and moving.

"*I hear the drums echoing tonight*." Another great opening, the beginning to a fantastical description of a place never visited, seen only through photos.

Two defining songs of the early 1980s, <u>Rosanna</u> and <u>Africa</u>, both sung by Toto, an American rock band. The former written by David Paich and the latter by David Paich / Jeff Porcaro, two founding members. Jeff (drums) was joined in the band by his brother Steve (keyboards), and eventually by his brother Mike (bass). Anyone listening to music heard these songs, as well as others by the band, as they garnered 6 Grammy awards and over 40 million records sold worldwide.

Sadly, Steve is the only surviving Porcaro brother, with Jeff passing in 1992 and Mike in 2015. What most of us did not know then are the Porcaros were our cousins. Their mother, Eileen Frances Linnell (DRL# 117,7-10-1,42-11,2) married Joe Porcaro in 1953, a well-known session drummer in his own right.

Do you know of other Linnells on the World Stage, or perhaps a slightly smaller stage? Famous or infamous, let us know and we'll include an article about them.

# **2023 LINNELL FAMILY WEST COAST REUNION**

The 2023 Linnell Family West Coast Reunion (LFWCR) was held on July 23, 2023 in Albany, Oregon. There were 21 Linnell family members in attendance.

During this Reunion, we found that the City of Albany was designated as the first Purple Heart City in the State of Oregon on February 5, 2014 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Albany is the County Seat for Linn County, Oregon and within the limits of Linn County, there are more recipients of the Purple Heart than in any other County in Oregon. You can learn more about the Purple Heart by going online to Wikipedia and/or *www.youtube.com – City of Albany, Oregon*.

The next LFWCR will be on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at the home of and hosted by Linda Diane (Satter) Heinsoo and her family. 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 – paulelinnelljr@yahoo.com.





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# 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 Winter 2023 Newsletter. (*FAG = Find A Grave (findagrave.com)*. A website that provides pictures of graves with obituaries and contextual information on the buried person and location.)

# Births

**James Eric Bolduc** born 14 March 2017 in Waterville, Kennebec County, Maine to Sarah M. Linnell and Jay Paul Bolduc. Sarah is a granddaughter of the late Bernard "Bunny" Edward Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 236, 124, 3 – Page 315 of the DRL) and Wyone Edna Carter.

Adaline Hallee-Lee Bolduc born 7 June 2019 in Waterville, Kennebec County, Maine to Sarah M. Linnell and Jay Paul Bolduc. Sarah is a granddaughter of the late Bernard "Bunny" Edward Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 236, 124, 3 – Page 315 of the DRL).

**Piper Anne Whittemore** born 24 March 2021 in Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine to Casey James Whittemore and Kaitlyn A. Linnell. Kaitlyn is a Granddaughter of the late Bernard "Bunny" Edward Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 236, 124, 3 – Page 315 of the DRL).

# MARRIAGES

**Triston Caide Bierly** and Francesca (surname unknown) married 14 February 2024 in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon. Triston is a grandson of Ronald "Mickie" George Gurney (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 811 – Pages 222 and 229 of the DRL).

# DEATHS

**Richard Phillip Linnell** (DRL 118, 241, 142, 312, 1 – Pages 418 and 456 of the DRL – *FAG 240117086*), died 12 January 2016 in Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. Richard was born on 3 November 1940 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota to the late Richard "Gus" Emerson Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 142, 312, 1 – Pages 379 and 418 of the DRL – *FAG 70794022*) and the late Dorris Elizabeth Smith (*FAG 104318577*).

**Dean Linnell** (*FAG 260755675*), died 22 March 2023 in Crystal, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Dean was born on 5 April 1958 in Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota to Charles Linnell and Esther Linnell. (Note: Unable to locate Dean and/or his Parents in the DRL Books and/or Tribal Pages.)

**Brenda Leigh (Linnell) Shields** (DRL 117, 7-10-1, 424, 62 – Pages 143 and 151 of the DRL – *FAG 259933321*), died 20 September 2023 in Scarborough, Cumberland County, Maine. Brenda was born 20 September 1942 in Rumford, Oxford County, Maine to the late Claude Carroll Linnell, Jr. (DRL 117, 7-10-1, 424, 6 – Pages 134 and 143 of the DRL – *FAG 129149766*) and the late Mary Madeline O'Brien (*FAG 131897821*).

**Bruce Linnell Heilig** (DRL 118, 241, 145, -10-25 – Pages 382 and 425 of the DRL – *FAG 260018063*), died 21 September 2023 in Chisago City, Chisago County, Minnesota. Bruce was born on 25 January 1942 in Hastings, Dakota County, Minnesota to the late Percy Mac Lee Heilig (DRL 118, 241, 145, -10-2 – Pages 360, 382, and 383 of the DRL – *FAG 36632529*) and the late Ethel Bernice Daley (*FAG 36632528*).

**James Brian Cleveland** (DRL 117, 7-10-2, 132, 131 – Pages 155, 159, and 160 of the DRL – FAG 260403735), died 30 September 2023 in Bridgton, Cumberland County, Maine. James was born on 5 April 1947 in Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine to the late Evelyn Mae (Greenlaw) Cleveland (DRL 117, 7-10-2, 132, 13 – Pages 145, 155, and 156 of the DRL – FAG243516067) and the late James Freeman Cleveland (FAG 121484236).

**Diane Lynn (Huggins) Linnell** died 5 December 2023 in Chandler, Maricopa County Arizona. Diane was born on 13 May 1947 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota to the late Alvin Lyle Huggins (*FAG 3454034*) and the late Jeanette Loretta Sands (*FAG 231748405*).

**Harry Taylor Burchard** Husband of Laraine Deanna Linnell Burchard (DRL 11a, b15, 7-`10-1, 38 – Pages 221 and 228 of the ACB – LFA Database # 49), died 12 February 2024 in Pioneer, Amador County, California. Harry was born on 23 January 1939 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California.

# **Membership Matters!**

The LFA would like younger Linnells to become members and get involved in the LFA. Our current LFA paid membership has an average age of 65 to 85 and older.

Have you considered giving the gift of an Annual or Life Membership to your family members? Birthdays, weddings, graduations are a few of the great occasions to gift someone with a membership.

## **Membership Report**

As of this Newsletter, our LFA Membership stands at a total of 144 members. We welcome our newest Life Member:

Jessica Marie (Linnell) Price DRL 11a, b12, 753, 124, 2 – Page 196 of the DRL, LFA Database # 770.

# 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 -

- Click on "<u>Membership</u>," 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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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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