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Letter From The Chairman

By Doug Roberts, Linnell Family Association Steering Committee Chair

HOWDY FROM TEXAS TO ALL LINNELL COUSINS AND LFA MEMBERS WORLDWIDE!

Though numbers were small, we had a great reunion this past June. Congratulations to Ms. Camryn Beisch, our 2022 scholarship recipient! She is attending Georgia Southern University. What a great young woman! See mentions in the main and scholarship articles in this newsletter. We are proud of all our scholarship winners! We celebrated the Linnell family contribution to the Coast Guard by recognizing family contributions to the organizations that lead to its formation: The US Life Saving Service and Humane Society before that. See Don’s main article in this newsletter for more detail. It was fabulous to see old family friends and make new.

The family business meeting was the best attended yet in terms of the portion of those attending the reunion. Among other business, the family elected steering committee members to serve the membership. It is with pleasure I introduce the newly elected steering committee board.

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- Scholarship Committee Members: Christina Roberts-Hargrove and Sheila Crosby McGorman

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming your new Steering Committee!

As mentioned in the article below, in addition to continuing the work of providing scholarships to family members, we will undertake a process designed to update the organization’s vision, processes, and activities to align with family desires and needs. We may reach out to members for thoughts during this process. Please keep an eye on your email and check phone messages.

Enjoy the fresh autumn air, family, and friends! It is our pleasure to serve.

LFA REUNION 2022 - THE LIFE SAVING SERVICE EXPERIENCE

HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS

24-26 JUNE 2022



The 12th Linnell Family Association (LFA) reunion was held in Hyannis, MA, 24-26 June, at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel. Delayed one year due to impacts from COVID, attendance lower than past reunions with 32 relatives, spouses, and friends at the Saturday evening banquet. Those present were 12th, 13th, and 14th generation members of Robert Linnell's descendants. The lower number did not prevent our cousins and the DoubleTree staff from putting on a Class-A event – the facilities, accommodations, and activities were outstanding.

Per custom, the reunion started on Friday with registration and the Meet & Greet Social. The Meet & Greet took place in the Family History Room and concluded with a spirited game of Jeopardy. Linnell family history constituted many of the game's answers, but they also included various facts from generally the New England area. Family members were divided into three teams, with a rules-twist allowing the game's host, Cousin Scott Linnell, to mix family members/friends across the teams. There was a question or two that stumped the teams: Without looking it up provide the question for the following answer: "Descendants of Thomas Linnell (117,6) trace back to this Mayflower man via Thomas' wife Thankful."

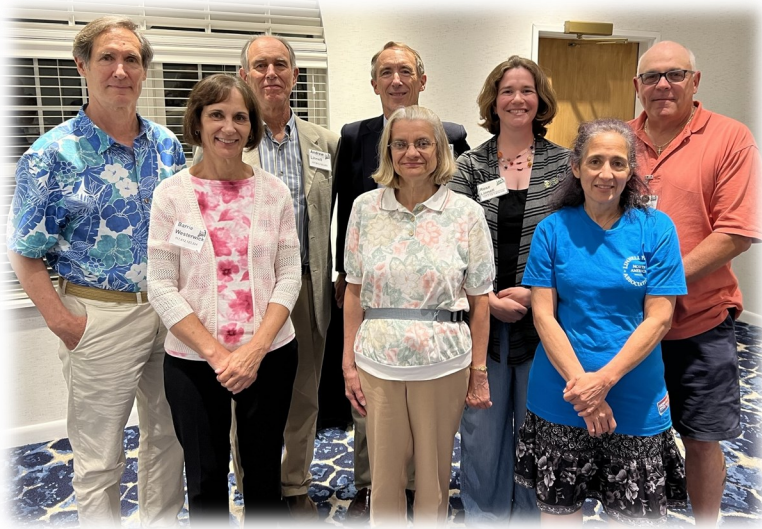
Registration continued Saturday morning and we had a family breakfast. After breakfast, the LFA Business Meeting was well attended. We discussed the organization's membership status and finances, elected the new Steering Committee members, and discussed options for the next reunion. Congrats to Doug Roberts on his election to Chairman of the Steering Committee, having held the position ProTem since Jerry Linnell's retirement in 2021.

The discussion on future reunions is of special interest. For those keeping track, there were four years between this year's reunion and the last in 2018. There is a feeling that every four years is best vs a three-year reunion interval given the decline in participation since the 2012 reunion in Grand Portage, MN. Intertwined with that discussion was the realization that 2038 marks the 400th



2022 Linnell Family Reunion Attendees

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12th generation descendants of Robert Linnell

anniversary of Robert Linnell coming to America. There is a strong desire to have a reunion, likely on Cape Cod, in 2038, 16 years in the future. Several different plans for getting to 2038 were discussed, with a consensus to schedule the next reunion for 2026, another four-year interval. After the 2026 reunion, we can revisit the intervals for getting to 2038 as the remaining 12-year gap supports intervals of either three or four years.

Saturday afternoon was the opportunity to tour nearby Linnell historical sites. Every trip to the Cape should include visiting the Captain Linnell House in Orleans, MA, originally the home

of Captain Ebenezer Linnell. No longer a restaurant and privately owned, a tour of the inside was not possible. Externally the stately manor remains much as it was in the 1800s. Other sites in Orleans included the Orleans Cemetery, the Solomon Linnell house, and the Centers for Culture and History in Orleans (CHO), formerly the Orleans Historical Society. Linnell sites in Barnstable included the John Linnell house (grandson of Robert Linnell), the John Lothrop house now the Sturgis Library, Robert Linnell's homestead area, and the Lothrop Cemetery where Robert, his son David, and David's son Jonathan are buried.

Although many reunions have been held on Cape Cod, this was the first year the CG 36500 lifeboat was available for touring, berthed at Rock Harbor, MA. Visitors to the boat were hosted by Dick Ryder, a former Operations Manager for the boat and our Banquet Keynote Speaker. Boarding the boat, Dick described the actions of the boat's crew while rescuing the personnel from the shipwrecked tanker SS Pendleton in 1952, off the coast of Chatham, MA. The rescue is memorialized in the movie, *The Finest Hours*. Dick's memories include being home sick from school and hearing the original radio calls for the SS Pendleton shipwreck. Hearing rescues on the radio was not unusual for families making their living on the seas. Dick was very involved with refurbishment of the CG 36500, found after it had been left outside, uncovered, for 13 years. Brought back to operating condition, the boat continues to make ceremonial trips and appearances to various ports and Coast Guard stations in the New England area.



13th generation descendants
of Robert Linnell

The reunion's capstone event was the Saturday evening banquet. The facilities were great, the food

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delicious, and priceless camaraderie. We kicked the evening off congratulating the 2022 Linnell Family Scholarship recipient, Ms. Camryn Beisch, who joined us via Zoom for her award presentation. Doug Roberts welcomed everyone to the reunion and banquet, thanked everyone for attending, and talked about the coming years and various Linnell activities. Cousin Sheila Crosby McGorman shared stories of her family on the Cape.

As noted above, Dick Ryder was our Keynote speaker. Dick is the author of the *“Seashore Sentinel: The Old Harbor Lifesaving Station on Cape Cod.”* Dick was born in Hyannis, MA, growing up in the Chatham area, where his father was a fisherman. After retiring from the Navy, Dick returned to the Cape volunteering with the CG 36500 and researching the history of the United States Life Saving Service (LSS). For his banquet presentation he provided a history of the numerous LSS stations that had been constructed along the Cape coast, including one in Chatham, MA, where the CG 36500 was berthed during the rescue of the SS Pendleton. He covered the early stations erected when our ancestor Samuel Linnell was named the first Station Captain, and the “Duluth” style stations, built in Duluth, MN, and transported to the Cape.



Long suffering spouses of Robert Linnell descendants

Following the banquet, the evening culminated with many cousins adjourning to the hotel’s fire pit area for spirits and continued revelry!



14th generation descendants of Robert Linnell

Sunday started off with another family breakfast, followed by the first meeting of the newly elected Steering Committee. After discussing what went well during this reunion, and those areas that could be improved, the Steering Committee coalesced on two main thrusts as the organization moves forward – reinventing the LFA to operate in the 21st century, and growing the membership of our younger sector, i.e., those younger than 50! Look for our thoughts and plans in future newsletters, plus where we’ll hold our 2026 REUNION!



LFA SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Camryn Beisch of Lawton, Oklahoma is our 2022 recipient of the Linnell Family Association \$1,500 scholarship award based on her outstanding high school academic record and her written essay about her great-uncle, David Linnell. Camryn is a National Honor Society member and an All-District soccer player at Cache High School, along with earning many other awards and achievements. Camryn is the daughter of Ervin and Maria Beisch and is planning on attending Georgia Southern University.

After the awarding the scholarship to Camryn, and along with the recent addition of two new Scholarship Committee members, Christina Roberts-Hargrove and Sheila Crosby McGorman at the 2022 LFA Reunion in Hyannis, Massachusetts, the LFA Scholarship Fund Administration Committee will soon begin plans for the award of the next LFA scholarship. The award is open to all high school seniors and current students of a college or accredited higher education program and has been funded through the years by numerous donations from generous LFA members. For further details regarding the LFA scholarship rules and provisions, please visit the Scholarship section on the LFA website - www.linnellassociation.com.

LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION GRAVESTONE PROJECTS

In 2001, the Linnell Family Association replaced the stone in Orleans Cemetery for Jonathan Linnell (#117). Since that time the Linnell Family Association has replaced both John and Ruth Davis Linnell in Lothrop Cemetery and Elizabeth Linnell, wife of Jonathan Linnell (#117). The last time a stone was replaced was in 2009, where Samuel Linnell (#118,24) received an updated stone in Belgrade, Maine. We are pleased to announce that we have received enough funding that we are currently working on two new projects. We anticipate more information to become available soon.

Replacing disintegrating stones and adding a stone for those Linnells who never had one is a project the Linnell Association finds important. To see the stones and history of the project visit our website at <https://www.linnellassociation.com/index.php/gravestone-project/> While you are there, consider donating to the Gravestone fund so we can continue this important work.

by Lori Linnell, Linnell Family Association, Grave Restoration

LINNELL FAMILY WEST COAST REUNION

The 2022 Linnell Family West Coast Reunion (LFWCR) was held on Saturday, July 23rd at Timber Linn Memorial Park in Albany, Oregon. There were 13 Linnell Family Members in attendance. One family member, Serena Marie (Wilson) Compton, traveled from Gilbert, Arizona to visit her parents, David and Donna (Reel) Wilson. It was wonderful that Serena came to join the reunion.



L-R: Bonnie Joyce (Hughes) Linnell and Ladoska "Dossie" (Linnell, Reel) Elliott

There are four living Linnell cousins that can tell the story of making the arduous journey from Kansas to Oregon in the 1930's according to reunion organizer, Paul E. Linnell, Jr. Two of those cousins, Bonnie Joyce (Hughes) Linnell, age 92, and Ladoska "Dossie" (Linnell, Reel) Elliott, age 94, were at this reunion. However, the other two, Velma Irene (Lough, Sedivy) Graybeal, age 93, and Ralph Milton Linnell, age 87, were unable to attend.

Plans are already in the works for the 2023 Linnell Family West Coast Reunion and information will be included in future Newsletters. More information is available by contacting Paul E. Linnell, Jr., LFA Membership & Vital Records Chairman. Paul's contact information will be found on the Steering Committee Roster on the last page of this newsletter. You may also email Paul directly – paulelinnelljr@yahoo.com



L-R: Regina Gail (Linnell) Bochsler; Micah Joseph Bochsler; Donna Jean (Reel) Wilson; Serena Marie (Wilson) Compton; Bonnie Joyce (Hughes) Linnell; David Albert Wilson; Paul E. Linnell, Jr.; Ladoska "Dossie" (Linnell, Reel) Elliott; Dorothy Marie (Linnell, Olin, Needham) Johnstone; Tamera JoAnne (Olin, Wolford) Brinson; Paula Marie (Needham) Stapleton; and Linda Diane (Satter) Heinsoo

LFA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME ABOARD to our New Annual Members!

As of the writing of this Newsletter, our LFA Membership for 2022 stands at 6 Annual Members and 154 Life Members.

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

- ♦ **Jo-Ann (Wallace) Adams** (DRL 117, 622, 318, 211, 1 – Pg 63 of the DRL)
- ♦ **Kenneth Linnell Bratt, Jr.**

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 Spring 2022 Newsletter.

BIRTHS

Lukah Benjamin Vasquez, born on 26 April 2022 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia to Kathryn Fae McNamara (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 363, 2 – Page 238 of the ACB) and Jorge Alcides Vasquez.

MARRIAGES

Jessica Lynn Heinsoo and Anthony “Tony” Polaco on 14 May 2022 in Salem, Marion County, Oregon. Jessica is a Daughter of Linda Diane Satter (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 635 – Pages 226 and 236 of the DRL).

Adison Al Cramer and Emma Lehua Thunell on 23 July 2022 in Logan, Cashe County, Utah. Adison is a son of Lisa Gaye Burchard (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 383 – Pages 228 and 238 of the ACB) and Jeffery “Jeff” William Cramer.

DEATHS

William Henry Linnell (FAG 36073758), died on 12 May 1968 in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey. William was born on 18 April 1914 in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey to the late Harry Linnell (FAG 186987397) and to the late Margaret Theresa O’Donnell (FAG 186988497).

Anna Rita (Dietz) Linnell (FAG 36073249), Wife of the late William Henry Linnell (FAG 36073758), died on 6 June 1980 in Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Anna was born on 16 February 1917 in New York to the late Nicholas Joseph Dietz (FAG 186986496) and to the late Catherine Mary Dolan (FAG 155012367).

Christina Marie Linnell (FAG 186985474), died on 7 October 1980 in Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey. Christina was born on 13 May 1980 in Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey to the late Joseph Michael Linnell (FAG 240134452).

William “Billy” Nicholas Linnell (FAG 186816143), died on 13 January 2008 in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey. William was born on 18 May 1946 in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey to the late William Henry Linnell (FAG 36073758) and to the late Anna Rita Dietz (FAG 36073249).

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DEATHS

(PVT) Robert Payton Bivins (*FAG 109745970*), Second Husband of Connie Lee (Boatman, Cure) Bivins (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 531 – Page 225 of the DRL), died on 11 June 2010 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado. Robert was born on 11 October 1946.

Kelly Lynn (Fentress) Fox (*FAG 172179232*), died on 8 August 2013 in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska. Kelly was born on 9 August 1974. Kelly is a Granddaughter of the late Virgil Leroy Boatman (DROL 11a, b15, 515, 51 – Page 219 of the DRL and Page 219 of the ACB – LFA Database # 32 – *FAG 74258618*).

Myrine (Longsine) Boatman (*FAG 231005649*), First Wife of the late Wayne “Johnny” Leslie Boatman (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 52 – Pages 219 and 225 of the DRL), Died on 22 September 2014 in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Myrine was born on 20 May 1927 to the late Edward D. Longsine (*FAG 107759651*) and the late Agnes M. Petitjean (*FAG 107759901*).

Betty Arlene (Schroeder) Linnell (*FAG 158173932*), Wife of the late William Robert Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 142, 315 – Pages 379 and 419 of the DRL), died on 15 November 2014 in Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona. Betty was born on 22 June 1924 in Saint Edward, Boone County, Nebraska.

Catherine “Cathy” Rita (Linnell) Lightbody (*FAG 184642713*), died on 16 October 2017 in Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey. Catherine was born on 22 February 1951 in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey to the late William Henry Linnell (*FAG 36073758*) and to the late Anna Rita Dietz (*FAG 36073249*).

George “Big Poppa G” M. Lightbody, Sr. (*FAG 193680693*), Husband of the late Catherine “Cathy” Rita Linnell (*FAG 184642713*), died on 29 September 2018 in Chatsworth, Los Angeles County, California. George was born on 17 December 1951 in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York to the late Robert Lightbody (*FAG 30199888*) and to the late Della Emily Rayner (*FAG 30199755*).

Dale Oliver Grose (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 121 – Pages 223, 230, 231 of the DRL – *FAG 220834637*), died on 5 January 2021 in Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma. Dale was born on 8 March 1936 in Almena, Norton County, Kansas to the late Purl Oliver Grose (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 12 - Pages 219 and 223 of the DRL - *FAG 34163391*) and the late Ruth Zella Conrad (*FAG 35426753*).

Asah Nadeau, Husband of Denise Linnell, died on 11 August 2021 in Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia.

Lois Iona (Dixon) Grose (*FAG 234652402*), Wife of the late Dale Oliver Grose (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 121 – Pages 223, 230, and 231 of the DRL – *FAG 220834637*), died on 2 December 2021 in Aspermont, Stonewall County, Texas. Lois was born on 18 July 1935 in Hillsboro, Marion County, Kansas to the late William Gordon Dixon and the late Mary Gladys Powell (*FAG 230194147*).

(GySgt) Joseph Michael Linnell (*FAG 240134452*), died on 26 May 2022 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Joseph was born on 11 August 1953 in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey to the late William Henry Linnell (*FAG 36073758*) and the late Anna Rita Dietz (*FAG 36073249*).

Patricia “Patty” Loyce (Linnell, Scoles, Zeno) Larsen (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 33 – Pages 221 and 228 of the ACB), died on 12 July 2022 in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. Patricia was born on 13 January 1933 to the late John Henry Linnell, Sr. (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 3 - Pages 215 and 221 of the ACB) and to the late Beulah Eunice Carlson.

Ronald Lynn McKiernan, Husband of Jane Marie (Linnell, Murphy, Ballentine) McKiernan (from Lebanon, Oregon), died on 8 August 2022 in Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon. Ronald was born on 24 January 1953. Jane is one of our many Linnell Family Members on Facebook that are not listed in the DRL Records.

LFA MEMBERSHIP 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.

Membership Dues may be paid one of two ways by going to the LFA website -

- ◆ 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,
- ◆ Click on “Membership” – Fill out the on-line form and pay your dues 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.

~LET US KNOW~

All Members are encouraged to keep the LFA informed of their current contact information to ensure that you continually receive LFA newsletters and important announcements.

**Please provide all updates to
Paul E. Linnell, Jr.
LFA Membership and Vital Records
Chairman.**

You can also go on-line to the LFA Website,
www.linnellfamily.com
Click on “Membership” and complete the
Address Update Form.

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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