



LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Letter From The Chairman

By Doug Roberts, Linnell Family Association Steering Committee Chair

Howdy to all fellow Linnell cousins! Happy Holidays to all!

“... —That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation ...“

President George Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation October 1789

I am thankful for all Linnell family members around the world and especially for the Linnell Family Association members. Without you, our little organization would not exist. I am thankful for our steering committee and all the work constantly in progress to locate and categorize family members, placing them in our family tree, and discovering and unraveling family mysteries.

As we approach Christmas, here are reminders of how you can bless family members at this Christmas time:

- Membership: Renew your annual membership or becoming a life member. The physical form is on the back of the printed newsletter. Annual membership is \$20, lifetime is \$120.
- Linnell Family Scholarship fund: The next scholarship is targeted to be announced at the 2026 reunion.
- Gravestone project: Last year, we were able to dedicate a stone to Samuel Linnell, a veteran of the War of 1812 (second) battle of Sackett’s Harbor.

The online link to make any of the above gifts is: <https://www.linnellassociation.com/index.php/support-the-lfa/>

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Alternatively, you may send a check or money order made to the Linnell Family Association with your designation to:

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We have steering committee openings for Secretary and Vice Chair. If you have an interest, please send your nomination to the physical address above or email chairman@linnellfamily.com.

STEVE HANSEN, NATIONALLY KNOWN ARTIST

by Paul E. Linnell, Jr. LFA Membership and Vital Records Chairman
Images included with consent of Steve Hansen

A bent license plate. Commercial and road signs formed into a tower. But wait. Upon closer examination, they are made of ceramic, not metal!

Meet cousin Steven Lee Hansen, son of Martha “Marti” Ann (Roberts) Hansen (DRL 118, 241, 116, 231, 7 Page 404). Steve is a nationally known artist. His work has been included in a vast number of Art exhibits – even in permanent collections.

Steve is a ceramic artist living in Wisconsin. He recently retired from his position as Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Before that role, he worked as the Dean and Chief Academic Officer at Pratt Munson in Utica, New York and Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design at the University of Central Oklahoma. His academic career began with a 30-year tenure as a Professor at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he taught an array of courses including Ceramics, Sculpture, and Art History. While at Andrews University, Steve earned the Rank of Research Professor, and the Siegfried H. Horn Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship. He loved the fact that he could visit important Linnell Ancestral Sites in each of the States where he worked.



Steve has worked as a Professional Ceramic Artist since 1994. In addition to being included in nearly 100 exhibitions, Steve’s work has been published in *Ceramics Monthly*, *Ceramics: Art and Perception*, *American Craft*, and *American Style* magazines. His work has also appeared in a pair of books, *“the Teapot Book”* and *“the Extruded Ceramics”*. Steve’s work is included in the permanent collection of the Fuller Craft Museum, the American Museum of Ceramic Art, and the Midwest Museum of American Art.

Steve grew up in rural Minnesota, Iowa, and Michigan where he frequently explored decaying cars, barns, fields and fence crows. He feels a strong bond to the rural landscape and his salt-of-the-earth ancestors who worked as farmers, blacksmiths, and mechanics. In his artwork, he attempts to maintain a connection to the visual language of farm tools, old signs, and the license plates that you might observe covering a hole in a barn wall. Most of his work includes elements of trompe l’oeil (*fool the eye*), where ceramic elements are made to look like angle iron, weathered metal, nuts, and bolts.

The images Steve uses in his work are frequently gathered from vintage advertising, logos, and popular culture. For many years, Steve used these images to imbue his work with a sense of nostalgia, and to draw attention to the ways that advertising images and language have sometimes been used to project negative stereotypes about race and gender roles. His most recent work is focused on making mugs with images referencing music and culture from 1952-1992. Steve says, *“my favorite pieces are the ones that people fall in love with and use every day.”* Since retiring last April, Steve is enjoying working in his basement studio full time. He prefers to refer to himself as *“self-employed”* rather than *“retired.”* His work will appear in the Annual Americano Exhibition at the Akar Gallery in December, where you can see it online. He also posts frequently as *@clayprofessor* in Instagram, where you can follow his process.



This is part 6 and the final portion of our historian, Jason Jon Quick's, history of Robert Linnell. So far we have seen the connection of Robert to the Howse family and to John Lothrop. After agreeing to emigrate to America to avoid or get out of prison, Robert settles in what is now Barnstable MA and becomes a land surveyor. The marriages of several of his children and will are within. Enjoy!

THE LIFE OF ROBERT LINNELL - PART 6

The next town-meeting of which we find any record is in 1641, in relation to the laying out of lands. Mr. Thomas Lothrop and Bernard Lombard were appointed "*measurers of land*," and authorized "to layout all the lands that the several inhabitants are to have laid out, and to bound them with stakes." They were to have for this service 1d. per acre for upland, and 2d. per acre for salt marshes. It was further ordered " *that the parties whose land is to be laid out, shall accompany* "the surveyors.

Robert Linnell's holdings it is said to have been, "*His houselot containing ten acres was bounded northerly by the harbor, easterly by the lot of Thomas Lumbard, southerly by the highway, and westerly by the homelots of William and John Casely. He also owned three acres of planting land in the Common Field, three acres of meadow at Sandy Neck nine at Scorton, a great lot containing sixty acres, and rights to commonage.*"



Feb 17th 1640 - Birth "*Bethia daughter of Robert Linnell*"

Aug 1643 "*The Names of all the Males that are able to beare Armes from xvj. Years old to 60 Yeares, within the seu'all Townshippis. * Barnstable Robte Linnett,... David Linnett*"

Oct 18th 1643 - Thomas Howse will dated Oct 18th 1643, proved Dec 23rd 1644 "*Thomas left £20 to his brother Samuel Howse, £10 to his sister Peninnah Linnell, and fifty shillings to each of their children.*"



March 15th 1648 - Marriage "*John Davis and Hannah Linnett married att Nocett by Mr. Prince*

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June 6th 1649 - At General Court held at Plymouth before Gov. William Bradford to nominate commissioners **“Survayors of Hiewayes ... Barnstable Thomas Lumbert, Mr. Lennit.”**

October 15th 1649 - Marriage **“Richard Childe and Mary linnett married the 15th day of October by Mr. Collier at my Brother Linnett’s house.”**

May 1650 **“Joshuah Lumbert and Abigail Linnett married the latter end”**

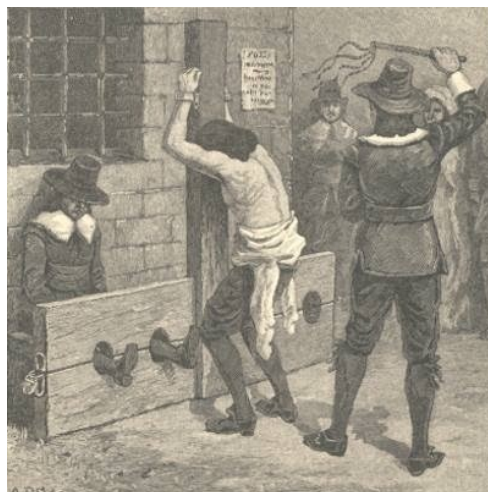
March 9th 1652 - Marriage **“David Lynett and Hannah Shelley married by him”**

June 3rd 1652 - Court Order **“David Linnet and Hannah Shelley, for vncleane practises eich with other, are**



sentenced by the Court to bee both publickely whipt at Barnstable, where they liue”

June 8th 1652 – Sentencing **“David Linnell & Hannah Shelley beeing questioned by the church upon a publique ffame touchng carnall & uncleane carriages betwixt them tow, beeing in ye congregation confessed by them, they were both by the sentence & joynt consent of the church, pronounced to bee cutt off from that relation wch they hadd formerlye to the church, by virtue of their parents covenaut, acted & done by ye church, May 30, 1652. —They both were for their ffaults punished with Scourges here in Bernestable by the Sentence of Magestracye Jun. 8, 1652”**



Jan 23rd 1662-63 - Mr. Robert Linnel in his will dated 23rd January, 1662-3, gives to his wife Jemimah Linnel the use and improvement of his house and homelot so long as she remains a widow, and his furniture, a plow, a cart, and two cows and a calf forever. Thomas Lothrop deposed to the will before Mr. Thomas Hinckley,

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Justice of the Peace, March 12th 1662-3, and in his testimony, he swears that the words “and a calf “were put into the will after the decease of Mr. Linnel on the 27th of Feb 1662-3.

To his son David he gives his lot on the south side of the road containing four acres adjoining John Caseley's land, three acres of marsh at Sandy Neck, and his house and homelot, including the Swamp he bought of Thomas Lewes after the death or marriage of his wife. To his daughter Abigail three acres of upland and meadow in the common-field on the north-westerly side of Mattakeese pond. To John Davis (who married his daughter Hannah) his two oxen, on condition that he provided his wife with wood, plowed her grounds, and mowed her meadow two years, if she remained a widow so long, if not, then to be free. To his daughter Bethia one cow, “*to have it when my wife will.*” The Home Lot, dwelling-house, and some articles of personal estate, were appraised by Thomas Lothrop and Thos. Lewis at £55,4,6 He owed Mr Thomas Clark £1,10 shillings and some other small debts.

March 3rd 1662-3 Court Order - “*Mr. Hinckley is appointed by the Court to adminnestor an oath to such as are to take their oaths to the will and inventory of the estate of Mr Robert Linnell, deceased ; and that Joseph Laythorp and Nathaniell Bacon bee aded to the widdow Linnell to bee healpful to her in seeing the debts payed either out of the whole or pte of the estate.*”

June 5th 1665 Court Order - “*In reference vnto the estate of Thomas Ewer, the Court haue appointed Thomas Laythorp and Shuball Linnitt to take his estate and adminnester thereon, and to be gaurdians alsoe to the children.*”



October 29th 1669 Court Order - “*In reference vnto the complaint of Penninnah Linnitt, widdow, against David Linnit, that hee hath possessed himselfe of her house and land giuen her by the will of her deceased husband, Robert Linnitt, and giueth her noe satisfaction for the same, the Court haue ordered, that if hee doe not giue her satisfaction about the same betwixt this and the next March Court, that then the Court will take course that hee shalbe dispossessed therof.*”

July 7th 1681 Court Order - “*In reference vnto Hannah Linnett her light behaiour with Joseph Randall att Barnstable, the Court haue ordered, that shee appeer before Mr Barnabas Laythorp, to whom the case is refered, that incase shee pay, or cause to be payed, the sume of twenty fiue shillings, then shee is to be freed, or otherwise to be whipt.*”

This concludes Jason's article. If you wish to see it in its entirety, go to <https://linnell.quickgen.net/p/robert-linnell.html>. We hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have, preparing and presenting it to you!

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. Following are the latest updates to our LFA Family Records since the Fall 2024 Newsletter, no births or marriages were reported. *FAG = Find A Grave ([findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com)), a website that provides pictures of graves with obituaries and contextual information on the buried person and location.*

DEATHS

Bonnie Joyce (Hughes) Linnell, wife of the late Daryl William Linnell, Sr. (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 62 Pages 220 and 225 and Page 225 of the ACB), died 7 November 2024 in Mount Angel, Marion County, Oregon. Born 6 December 1929 in Clayton, Norton County, Kansas to the late Joseph C. and the late Hulda Regina (Halliger) Hughes. Bonnie and her Hughes family members moved from Clayton, Kansas to Salem, Oregon in the 1940's. Bonnie; her son Daryl, Jr. and his wife Tina; her son, Joe and his wife, Peggy; and her daughter, Regina, attended the 2018 LFA Reunion in Salem, Oregon. Bonnie is seated in the center of the front row in the photo below. She would have been 95 years old on 6 December 2024.

Dennis Dee Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 85 Pages 218 and 223), died 8 November 2024 in Soldotna, Kenai Peninsula County, Alaska. Born 17 July 1937 in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon to the late Simeon Stillman Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 8 Pages 211 and 218, Page 210 of the ACB, *FAG 39805879*) and the late Lena Lavina Hobbs (*FAG 39805942*). Simeon and his family moved from Kansas to Oregon in the late 1930's and Dennis was born after they settled in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon. His brother, Ralph Milton Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 84 Pages 218 and 223), age 90, is one of the three living Linnell family members that migrated from Kansas to Oregon in the 1930s and 1940s.

2024 LINNELL FAMILY WEST COAST REUNION (LFWCR)

The latest Linnell Family West Coast Reunion (LFWCR) was held on Saturday, 3 August 2024 at the home of Linda Diane (Satter) Heino in Albany, Oregon. There were 21 family members from the 11th through the 16th generations of Linnells in attendance. A wonderful time of sharing and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The next LFWCR will be held on either Saturday, July 26, 2025 or Saturday, 2 August 2025, at a site to be determined. Contact Paul E. Linnell, Jr. for more information on the LFWCR.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of this Newsletter, the LFA Paid Membership stands at a total of 142 members. Since our last issue, we have gained one new Life Member:

Jordan Smith Son of Gregory “Greg” Alan Smith (DRL 118, 241, 112, 652, 2 Page 397, LFA Life Member since 2013). Gregory gifted Jordan with an LFA Life Membership.

HELP WANTED

Please help the LFA by keeping us apprised of your current mailing address. You can go on-line to <https://www.linnellassociation.com> – Click on “*Membership*” and submit the on-line address update form. You may also provide address updates to Paul E. Linnell, Jr., LFA Membership and Vital Records Chairman.

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 “*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

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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