

**Darla Kizer**

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**From:** <rahnphoto@aol.com>  
**To:** <dkizer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2006 1:28 PM  
**Subject:** connect

Darla, Don't fall off your chair but this is a response to your many letters and an apology for not replying; I think there may be a defective communications link in the/ my gene pool. The inclusion of your email address has helped make this person put fingers to keys which is difficult as I never learned to touch type and spend as much time correcting as going forward in a letter. Typing class was for girls when I was in school and do I ever regret not learning somewhere along the line; especially now that digital photography is a big computer / keyboard involvement. .... I am only able to take this short moment to write / make the connect right now as I am trying to organize a small photo shoot as well as start the annual income tax preparation. If I knew how difficult and all consuming self-employment would be I might have chosen to work behind a city desk somewhere but then that ability / bueaucrate (sic) gene doesn't seem to be in the pool either. I still have all you letters and will try to fill in the gaps as soon as possible. ... The Terry Shinn in your newspaper clip is in fact my half brother and we suffer the same defective gene of communication but he did send me an invitation so I don't know who is worse, I do need to reestablish contact as I have a lot of family information to pass on to him. I to have been on a geneology trek in the last few years re: the Shinn line as my life / childhood events left me a bit empty from a family connection perspective. I have traced, via the internet, my fathers, whom I never met, lineage back to 1520 in England. The Shinns were Quakers and kept very diligent records of what went on in their lives. The first Shinn apparently came to this land in 1677-1680. There is / was a geneological book created for this family; parts of which are on the internet. I also learned I / we are part Cherokee (sic). My fathers sister still lives in Sarasota and her name is Nellouise Quigley. Her Husbands name is Richard. The Shinns were apparently some of the original Sarasota settlers as my Great Grandfather Norman Thompson was the manager of and created the Ringling Bros. winter quarters there. The Ringling Bros. museum and mansions are on my Grandfathers original lands. ....As a somewhat wandering soul this geneology has given me a small sense of worth or place in the universe and in the human event on this planet. .... I have two sons who are both in the "arts"; God or somebody help them. The oldest ( 24) is one of the busiest young musicians in Seattle Wash., where he went to school (Magna Cum), and the younger is still in school / university here in San Francisco (pretty much staight A), with a year to go fo his BA. ....I am just trying to keep my photo business going for a few more years until I can sell my 5000 sq. ft. studio to some wealthy excentric for millions and go watch lots of landscapes; not to photograph, just watch the sun move and enjoy the colors. I have spent most of the second half of my career in the studio mode which was kind of an

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accident but,.....sometime you just have to follow the money.  
...Well, I've gotten more in than I had thought possible so I will hit  
the send keys and hope this finds you well.....

I have tried to find some link to my wonderful Grandfather Fred Klamer  
but seem unable to get beyond him and Nokomis, Ill. I have my mothers  
sister with us yet, in Indianapolis, but she doesn't seem to remember  
much of the family history. How strangely uninterested we Americans  
became when "the old country" was left behind. I am married to a  
Japanese lady, from Japan, now and her birth certificate records her  
family lineage back to the 1100's; and even she doesn't seem to care  
much.

Steve Rahn / Shinn,....still want to change my name back to the correct  
lineage. (this took so long I lost my connection and had to reconnect  
to AOL.)

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## WEDDINGS

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### Falde-Shinn

Kathleen L. Falde of Sarasota and Terry N. Shinn of Sarasota were married Nov. 11, 2005 at 5 p.m. at Selby Gardens in Sarasota.

The bride is the daughter of the late Carl and Marie Shafer.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Norman and Alice Shinn.

Matrons of honor were Heather Horn and Rebecca Oliver, both of Sarasota. Flower girl was Natalie Jackson of Sarasota.

Best man was Chico Johnson of Sarasota. Groomsman was Troy Shinn of Punta Gorda. Ring bearer was Jamie Myers of Sarasota.

After a wedding trip to Northern Italy, the couple will reside in Sarasota.

**From:** Pat Chapman  
**Date:** 04/21/06 13:02:28  
**To:** [dkizer@comcast.net](mailto:dkizer@comcast.net)

**Subject:** Re: Larges form Laois Co Irl to Noble Co Oh to Il

Hello, your reference to Doris Livingston in relation to the Large family interests me, because my Nancy Jane Large married my William Warren Livingston, my great-great grandparents, in the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania. If this rings any bells for you, I've lots more background information on the Large and Livingston families. Can you tell me if Livingston is Doris' maiden or married name? Nancy Jane's parents were Isaiah and Margaret Large. There's a Hiram who ran a large iron factory outside of Pittsburgh, and there are twins in that family. Isaac was born in 1785 and Margaret in 1788.

Please let me know if there are any connections -- [patchapman01@charter.net](mailto:patchapman01@charter.net)  
 Thanks, Pat Chapman

----- Original Message -----

**From:** <[dkizer@comcast.net](mailto:dkizer@comcast.net)>  
**To:** <[LARGE-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:LARGE-L@rootsweb.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2006 12:33 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Larges form Laois Co Irl to Noble Co Oh to Il

- > This is a Message Board Post that is gatewayed to this mailing list.
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- > Surnames: Large, Guiler, Cole, Knerr, Cumiskey
- > Classification: Query
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- > Message Board URL:
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- > <http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec/msg/an/Uap.2ACIB/341.387.1.1.1.1>
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- > Message Board Post:
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- > I guess we are distant cousins. I have been to the Noble Co., Ohio
- > cemetery several times and taken photos of the headstones trying to piece
- > this family together. A cousin, Doris Livingston, has given me some of
- > the background plus what my Mother had given to me. I think that Doris
- > gave me a paper by a "Tarbell" listing the family members of George and
- > Eliza Large. I have also been to Christian Co., Ill and done research
- > there at the cemetery and Historical Society grounds.
- > My Grandmother had said that George was buried near Niagara Falls, but she
- > didn't know if it was on the Canadian or U.S. side of Niagara Falls.
- > I would like to talk more with you and fill in some of the blanks that I
- > have. You can contact me direct at: [dkizer@comcast.net](mailto:dkizer@comcast.net).
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