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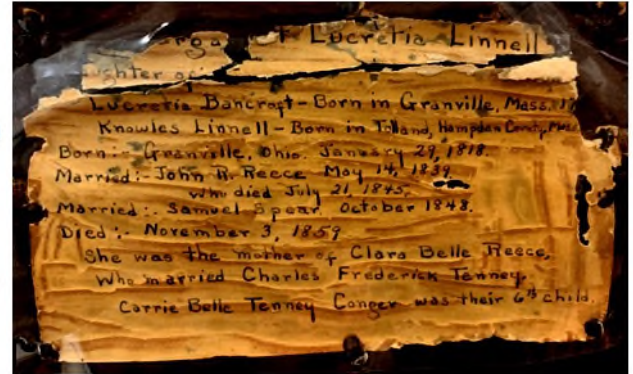
A Rare Portrait of History Donated

Last month the Granville Historical Society became the recipient of a large 19th century American portrait oil painting donated by Dr. David R. Reich, of Westerville. We hope you enjoy reading about the woman in this portrait and recognize a few names and places in the description provided.

Margaret Lucretia Linnell, born 1818, was the eldest of several daughters of Knowles Linnell and Lucretia Bancroft of Granville Ohio. Knowles Linnell owned a farm near Alexandria and that was possibly Margaret's birthplace. When she was about seven years old Knowles established a clock factory on his farm and hired craftsmen to actually make the clocks. The two craftsmen soon took over the factory and moved it to downtown Granville.

Within a few years the Linnell family moved into the village also, buying the lot at the corner of East Elm and the library alley. The house on that lot is known as the "clockmaker's house" even though Knowles Linnell probably didn't actually make clocks.

Nevertheless, Margaret probably spent part of her teen-age years there. She attended the Granville Female Academy in 1835. Margaret married John Reece in 1839 and had three children before Reece died in 1845. She married again in 1848 to Samuel Spear, and had at least one more child. She died in Findlay, Ohio in 1859. The dress Margaret is wearing in her portrait is possibly mourning attire after the death of John Reece.



For The Love of Animals

The Christmas Candlelight Walking Tour is always a favorite event to kick off the holiday season. This year the Historical Society will be open from 1 - 7 and displaying vintage photographs and Christmas cards featuring pets. We hope to see you!

Annual Meeting Set

The Granville Historical Society Board has set this years Annual Meeting for November 30, 2021.

The meeting will be held in the Robinson Research Center and will be followed by a program that has yet to be determined.

More details coming soon.

Museum Hours

Saturday and Sunday 1 - 3

Services Provided

We are continuing to provide research assistance through correspondence via email, snail mail, our website and phone calls. All in person appointments will follow Covid-19 protocol for the safety of everyone

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