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Manor House at Tanglewood

## **THIS IS ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Plans for the Linville Family 305th Anniversary Reunion are well under way with GLORIOUS reason to celebrate. The marriage record of Richard Linvill, the progenitor of all known Linvilles in the United States, has finally been found! While most of you know that Richard, in all likelihood, died in the journey to Penn's Colony in 1682, his wife Mary, raised the two boys John and Thomas Linvill, from who we all descend, and remarried Thomas Baldwin in Penn's Colony [See *Linville Family in America*, 1982, p. 1-5]. For twenty years, her maiden name and ancestry has been searched for by both Baldwins and Linvilles.

This past spring, Dr. Frank Allison Linville of California, who attended our last fabulous national reunion in Pennsylvania, was working in the British Isles and visited the Fletching Parish to talk with the vicar, Rev. John Elson. Later, Rev. Elson, "while searching in our vestry cupboards" discovered a copy of the parish registers from 1609-1667. He found only the reference for the baptism of Cassandra

daughter of Thomas Linvill, Aug 18, 1653 (the date 18 has been read as 20 in the microfilm copy). The vicar was most interested in being of help. In the meantime, Dr. Frank Linville corresponded with me about what needed to be researched in Sussex. Through his interest and generosity a researcher was hired in Lewes, Sussex, England to trace our family there. I have been working with her over the last two months.

In mid-October, just after my return from the North Carolina annual reunion, I received a call from the researcher, Louise Mestal, with wonderful news. The more complete report will follow in subsequent "Linville Roots" after her written report has been received. But she had found Mary's ancestry, was fascinated to have the copy of the Richard Linvill land deed, and had been able to trace the surname of Wickersham, ancestors of Richard's mother Elizabeth Wickersham back to the 1200's! With regard to the land deed, I had asked her to try and pinpoint that piece of land on a map. In the process of doing so, she discovered that the Linville land in Sussex is now part of Danehill, one of the only parish Historical Society properties in England. More about the Linvilles and their relatives in Sussex will be in the Feb 1987 issue of "Linville Roots."

**RICHARD LINVILL married MARY HART**  
**Maresfield, SUSSEX**  
**Jan 28, 1672/3**

Mary Hart was baptized in Horsted Keynes on Sep 2, 1653, which is well in keeping with the family note on her birth as having been Aug 24, 1653. Her father was Thomas Hart, a hempdresser by profession, and her grandfather, Thomas Hart, laborer of Ardingly, SUSSEX.

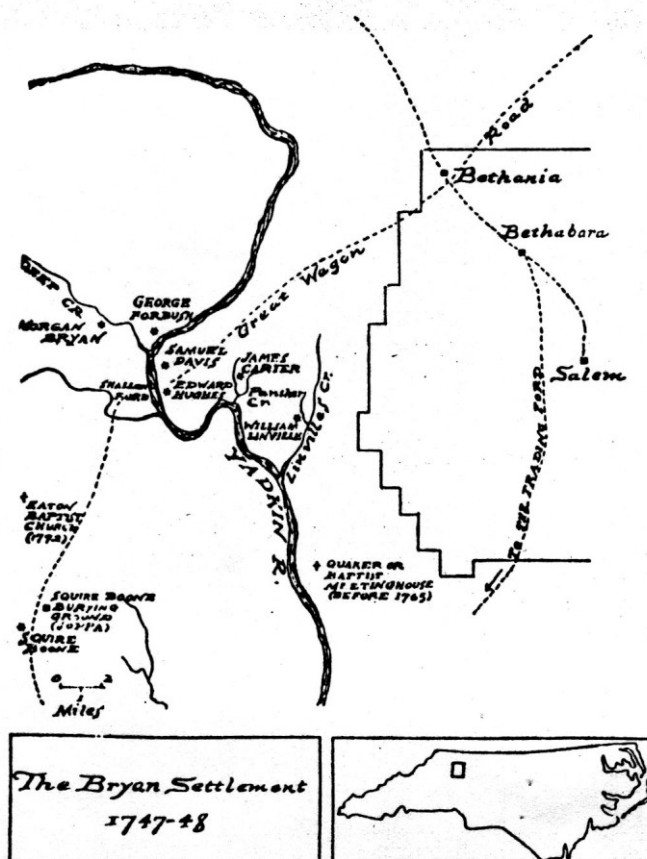
The second wonderful reason to celebrate is the incredible coincidence we discovered in looking for a place to hold the family reunion in North Carolina which would provide many of the amenities that the wonderful location of the Linvilla Orchard's provided in 1982.

We are indeed proud to announce that the 1987 Linville Family Anniversary Reunion will be held Fri. Aug 7 - Sun. Aug 9, 1987 at Tanglewood Resort in Clemmons, NC twelve miles west of Winston-Salem.

Along with Mike Linville from Kernersville, NC (who attended the 1982 reunion) and his brother Dan, I surveyed the park with its incredible facilities (family camping, manor house and lodge housing, swimming, golf, picnicking, etc.). We were overwhelmed by the incredible beauty of the facilities, but as we walked out of the Manor

House, with its beautifully appointed rooms (including some with four poster canopy beds), I remarked that just like in Pennsylvania and Virginia, Linvilles seemed always to be able to find the most beautiful places to settle in the country, but never had the money (or inclination ) to stay there.

We all knew you would love Tanglewood and feel that it was close enough to Linville territory, being just 15 miles west of Winston-Salem. Then, we looked at the brochures which we collected to send to all of you. Much to our amazement we read that "part of what was Tanglewood Park, was deeded to the Ellis family by Lord Linville" (emphasis added). We started laughing - yes, the present County Commissioner was a Linville, and everywhere you drive you can see the name Linville in that area, but I was sure that it was a misprint and it meant to say Lord Granville who granted North Carolina land to settlers in the 1700s. But, we called the park again and inquired. The park officials insisted that the land was Lord Linville land long before the Reynolds family bequeathed this beautiful property to Forsyth County. Linvilles, apparently, owned this square mile of land at the time of the first white settlement of the Yadkin River Valley in the mid-1700's.



I didn't know how that was possible. First, there was no Lord Linville. And, I thought that the records in North Carolina had been thoroughly searched for early land deeds by both myself and another researcher. I sat down to put together this issue of the newsletter, I opened up the above map which appeared in a newspaper article about William Linville last year in preparation for the dedication of the Linville Falls Visitors Center. There, the claim of William Linville was mapped out. I ran to get my more detailed map of North Carolina. Sure enough, it seemed to be Linville land (but not "Lord" Linville land). The curve of the Yadkin River along which one of William Linville's seven Lord Granville Grants paralleled precisely the land marked as the Tanglewood Resort and that grant included "Linville's Old Cabin" in 1753.

William Linville was never a Lord, as suggested in Tanglewood's brochure, but it appears he did settle this same spot when the Linvilles moved down the Great Wagon Road (now U.S. 158 and Interstate 1-40) with the Bryans in 1747. Thomas Linville disappears from the Virginia land records in the same year and reappears in Dan River District (now Belews Creek, Forsyth Co., NC in 1751). It is very probable that brother Thomas Linville and his family first lived on the same land with his brother William, who was killed by Cherokees at Linville Falls NC in 1766. You will note from the map above that Edward Hughes was a neighbor as well. Research for the last two months [1986] has centered closely on this Hughes family since they seemed to have moved from Conestoga in Pennsylvania to South Carolina, where a John Linville settled in 1751 and an Ann Linville died in 1785 with George Hughes one of the administrators of her estate [See *LFA*, 1982, p. 381]. We are in high hopes of being able to be more definitive about John and Ann before our reunion next year.

Plans for the reunion include: Registration, Exhibits and Get-Acquainted time late Friday afternoon and evening, Aug 7 at Tanglewood Resort; Registration Saturday morning at Tanglewood with possible tours on Saturday including Old Salem, the new Tobaccoville Plantation, or Belews Creek, including the Goodwill Baptist Church and cemetery where the large number of Linvilles were buried. Then Sunday another fun-filled day with our all-family meeting at Tanglewood and all-day picnic with games, swimming, barbecue and more wonderful family pictures. Local Linvilles are organizing to do the barbecue picnic in good North Carolina style.

People should make their own lodging reservations as soon as possible using Tanglewood registration material. In addition there is a large Holiday Inn less than a mile from the Resort, if you prefer, and arrangements may be made to stay at some local homes. If you would like to do so, indicate that on the registration form.

There will be a blanket registration fee, as described on the application enclosed. It will include all registration materials, the

all-day picnic, tour options and use of the recreation facilities at Tanglewood for the weekend. Please send the enclosed registration application before Apr 1, 1987. Since this part of North Carolina represents the largest group of Linvilles in one area, we expect a large crowd. It is also North Carolina's 400th Anniversary Celebration next year with many activities planned throughout the state.

### **FINDING A HOME FOR DANIEL LENWELL**

The saga of the LENWELL's continues. One Sunday morning this past summer, I answered the phone and heard, "Cousin Alice? This is Cousin Bob." Bob and his wife Mary Lenwell were traveling from Florida to Nova Scotia, by way of Indiana, Canada and then New England. Ever since the 1982 reunion Bob has never given up his search to connect the Lenwell's to the Linvilles. Now we are very close to making that connection.

After several hours at the genealogical library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, using the list of suggested resources in Vol. 1, No. 1 of "Linville Roots," a definitive connection was found one generation closer to our what is known about the Linvilles.

**1** Daniel Y. LENWELL was born between 1790-1800 according to the 1830 Census of Wilmington, NEW CASTLE, Delaware (p. 191). He married an Ann S. \_\_\_\_\_ who was born 1801 and died, while Daniel's estate was being probated, on Oct. 26, 1848 Union County, Indiana. Daniel died Feb. 28, 1843 in the same county.

Daniel is enumerated in Dayton Corporation of the 1840 Federal Census of Ohio, although he clearly started purchasing land in Indiana as follows:

- May 14, 1836 - William Devlin to Daniel Y. Lenwell. Lot # 33 Burrough of Richmond. Daniel is enumerated in Dayton Corporation of the 1840 for \$700.
- Sep 19, 1836 - James D. Borden to Daniel Y. Lenwell. 160 acres SE quarter 29 Twp 30 North of Range 8 E in Whitley Co., IN for \$360.
- Dec. 28, 1836 - Isaac Bagnell to Daniel Y. Lenwell 70 69/100 acres in Union Co., IN for \$1000.
- Feb. 27, 1837 - Daniel Y. Lenwell to William Runnels Lot #33 Burrough of Richmond, Wayne Co., IN for \$750.

Union and Wayne Counties are adjacent to each other and border the Ohio state line, directly west of Dayton, Ohio. Only the piece of land in Whitley County is at a distance from this geographic location. Several other Ohio Linvilles had already been in Whitley County for a while. There are very interesting parallels between the names used in the descendants of Joseph Linville [LFA - Chapter 3] and those used in

Daniel Y. Lenwell's family. Daniel's probate [Starting with Book D, p. 312, Liberty, Union Co., Indiana] indicated that he owned 320 acres. The names of his living heirs are included in the probate record which verifies the accuracy of the number and sex of children enumerated in his 1840 census household.

The question still remains as to who Daniel's father was. There are several things to note. First, his residence in Wilmington, DE would have put him geographically very close to the Pennsylvania hub of Linvilles in Chester and Lancaster County. His residence in Dayton puts him very close to a John Linville who was from Xenia, OH just a couple of miles east of Dayton, served in the War of 1812 in Ohio, married Hannah Marshall (daughter of John), and was buried in Massie's Churchyard [*History of Greene County, OHIO*, by George F. Robinson, pp. 255 and 338].

There is an oral history about this John Linville purporting him to have been related to the descendants of Peter Linville, "Old Brave Soldier" [*LFA* - Chapter 10]. It says that Peter's descendants supposedly met John on a battlefield after having been separated for over 10 years.

In addition to pursuing the records for Wilmington, DE, Bob Lenwell is trying to find any unidentified male Linville/Lenwell who was born 1790-1800. Interestingly enough, Isaac, son of Joseph Linville [*LFA* - Chapter 3] has at least one unidentified son who would have been born between 1790-1800. It is this Joseph branch of the family who also uses the names Daniel and Clinton and clearly had settlers in Fairfield County, just east of Dayton and Xenia, OH, and in Whitley Co., IN.

#### CHILDREN

2 Gerard Lenwell

3 Elizabeth Ann Lenwell

- George Washington Lenwell born Feb 6, 1835 in DE; he was living with his sister Elizabeth Ann Strong on the 1850 census in Union Co., IN; first married Sophia Strong Feb 10, 1850 Union Co., IN (born Sep 9, 1831 and died Jan 22, 1870) in Union County; second married Nancy Cullens Aug. 18, 1870 in Union Co., IN. George died Mar 3, 1872 in Union County. They probably had children, but the census and probate work has not yet been completed on this family. Nancy Cullens Lenwell married a Robert Lewiston Jan 1, 1873 in Union County, IN. This is likely George's widow.
- Marion Lenwell was born 1835-40 according to the 1840 Montgomery Co., OH census. He seems not to appear on the 1850 Indiana census in Indiana, but he may have moved elsewhere.

2 Gerard Lenwell was born in 1826 in Delaware according the 1850 census in Kosciusko County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Bruno on Jan. 3, 1847 (Union County, IN Marriage Records). She was born 1826

in Ohio and died Nov. 4, 1875 in Kosciusko Co. IN. Gerard then married Susanna (Ault) Coolman who was born Dec. 20, 1831 in Wayne Co. OH and died April 6, 1905 in Whitley Co. IN. Since Gerard died Dec. 24, 1879 in Whitley County, IN, he is not listed on the 1880 census in order to check where his parents were born.

#### CHILDREN with Elizabeth Bruno

- Eliza Lenwell born 1849 married Martin Stafford Sept 24, 1865 in Kosc. Co., IN and apparently had at least one child - Milton Stafford b. 1867.
- Daniel Clinton Lenwell b. in Kosciusko Co., IN; d. 1899 Colorado
- Oren Sylvester Lenwell b. 1851 Sidney, Kosc. Co., IN m. Pheby Jane Freeman (b. Mar. 27, 1855 IN; d. Jan 8, 1936 Pierceton, IN); d. July 6, 1909 Larwill, IN.
- Lucinda Lenwell b. 1854 Kosc. Co., IN; d. 1878 Denver, CO

#### 4 Elsie Lenwell

- George Washington Lenwell b. May, 1858 Kosc. Co., IN; d. 1863, IN
- Hulda Ellen Lenwell b. Nov., 1860 Kosc. Co., IN; d. Feb. 15, 1862.
- Ambrose Lenwell b. and d. 1863 Kosc. Co., IN;

#### 5 Francis Adella Lenwell

- Alice G. Lenwell (Francis' twin) b. Jan. 25, 1864 Kosc. Co., IN; d. 1870.

#### 6 Walter D. Lenwell

#### CHILD with Susana Ault Coolman

- Rosella M. Lenwell b. 1876 Whitley Co., IN

- 3 Eliza Ann Lenwell was born in 1827 in Delaware, according to the 1850 census in Union Co., IN. Like her brother Gerard and sister Elizabeth, Eliza was married while her father's estate was in probate. Benjamin F. Strong became her husband on Jan 23, 1845 in Union Co., IN. She has not been traced past the enumeration of her on the 1850 census in that county when her younger brother George Washington Lenwell was enumerated in her household.

#### CHILDREN to 1850

- Joseph Strong born 1845 Union Co. IN
- Mary Strong born 1848

- 4 Elsie Lenwell born 1857 Kosc. Co., IN; m. Franklin Bridge, May 20, 1880 Whitley Co., IN. He died May 18, 1899. Place and date of her death not known.

#### CHILDREN

- Emmett Bridge b. 1889; m. Chloe Pence; d. Feb 27, 1977; his children were Bonnell Bridge and James D. Bridge.

- Clemmet Bridge - Emmett's twin
- Arthur Bridge
- Castle Bridge m. Della(\_\_\_\_); d. Aug 19, 1952 one son Franklin M. Bridge

- 5 Francis Adella Lenwell was born Jan 25, 1864 along with her twin sister Alice. She married three times - 1) Christopher Beeson; 2) Raymond Musselman; 3) Daniel S. Stiffler - and died Oct 17, 1837 in Kosciusko Co., IN.

#### CHILDREN

- Charles Frank Beeson Lenwell b. 1886; d. May 31, 1946 CA; he assumed his mother's maiden name.
- Fredrick Beeson

- 6 Walter D. Lenwell was born Apr 3, 1867 Kosc. Co., IN and married Sarah Lucretia Burton (b. Dec 31, 1871 Seneca Co. OH; d. Nov 27, 1949 Toledo, OH). Walter died Oct 21, 1937 in Toledo Ohio and became the progenitor of the largest group of people spelling their last name Lenwell, including Robert Lenwell who has done this research on the family.

#### CHILDREN

- 7 Dorison Douglas Lenwell

- Vaughn M. Lenwell b. Feb 1, 1897, IN; died possibly in IN or Perry Co. OH.

- 8 Donald Archidean Lenwell

- Loyal Jasper (Babe) Lenwell b. Sept 22, 1902 IN or OH; m. Elizabeth Soyal; d. Dec 23, 1959 Toledo, OH. Child: Marguerite Elizabeth Lenwell.
- David Eugene Lenwell b. Feb 14, 1909 m. Virginia DeFalco (b. Mar 18, 1914 in Walbridge, OH) d. July 7, 1952 Toledo OH.
- Paul Richard Lenwell b. Jul 27, 1911 Marion Heights, IN; m. Myrtle Matilda Maas (b. Jan 8, 1914 Weston, OH). Child: Patsy Jane Lenwell b. Feb 7, 1932; m. Roger Tower.
- Daniel Burton Lenwell b. Sep 7, 1916, St. Mary Village, IN m. Myrel Jordan (b. Nov 18, 1918 Olive Hill, KY)
- Bernice Lenwell
- Marie Lenwell

The above two infant girls born and died in IN or OH probably between 1903-1907.

- 7 Dorison Douglas Lenwell was born Jan 15, 1894 in S. Whitley, IN and married, first, Helen Mae Sidenstick (b. 1895; d. Sep 1973, Indianapolis, IN and second Anna Jane (Trotter) Butcher (b. Feb 5, 1891 Shelby Co., IL; d. May 25, 1985 Terre Haute, IN). Dorison died in Terre Haute Aug 27, 1971.

CHILDREN with Helen Mae Sidenstick

- LeRoy William Lenwell b. Apr 30, 1912 St. Mary, IN; 1m. Mildred (\_\_\_\_); 2m. Irmabell Van Auker; d. Mesa, AZ. Child from the first marriage, Phyllis Rose Lenwell; second marriage, Roy Steven
- Lois Veronica Lenwell b. Feb 16, 1914 St. Mary, IN; m. Worth J. Barbour (b. Apr 21, 1912 Four Oaks, NC; d. Jan 6, 1972, Miami, FL). Their son David Worth Barbour b. Jun 23, 1935 in Baltimore, MD m. Kimberly (\_\_\_\_)
- Kathryn B. Lenwell b. Oct 12, 1916 Terre Haute and adopted by Ben and Mary Schuler at an early age. Kathryn married Hubert McHargue.
- Mildred Eunice Lenwell b. Oct 6, 1918 Terre Haute; m. Vern McVey; d. Jun 4, 1983, Indianapolis, IN.

CHILDREN with Anna Jane (Trotter) Butcher

- 9 Douglas Dorison Lenwell
- 10 Robert Dean Lenwell
- 11 Phyllis June Lenwell
- 12 Ronald Edwin Lenwell

- 8 Donald Archidean Lenwell born Jul 9, 1900 in IN or OH; m. Christine Isabell Milne (b. Feb 27, 1891 Washington, DC; d. Jul 30, 1970 Atlanta, GA). Donald died Mar 18, 1965 Washington, DC.

CHILDREN

- Dean Alexander Lenwell b. Apr 8, 1924 Indianapolis, IN
- George Eugene Lenwell b. Oct 1, 1925, Toledo, OH; m. Ruth(\_\_\_\_)  
Children: Joanne Marie Lenwell and Patricia Jeanne Lenwell.
- Marguerite Estelle Lenwell b. Jun 15, 1927, Toledo; m. Pearson

- 9 Douglas Dorison Lenwell born Aug 21, 1921 Terre Haute, IN; first married Jaqueline Bevis; second, Susan Larison. He died Jan 7. 1980 St. Clare, WI.

CHILD in first marriage

- Michelle Ann Lenwell b. 1942 married Robert Rathbun; Children, Linda Rathbun b. 1964 and Susan Rathbun b. 1966 Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

CHILD in second marriage

- John Douglas Lenwell b. 1968.

- 10 Robert Dean Lenwell born Aug 30, 1923 Terre Haute, IN; married Aug 18, 1943 to Betty W. Sharp (b. Jun 18, 1924 Terre Haute, IN). It is Robert's persistence in research which is bringing the Lenwells closer to the Linvilles.

CHILD

**13** Larry Robert Lenwell

- 11** Phyllis June Lenwell born Apr. 1, 1926 Terre Haute, IN; married Jack Lowell DuBose.

CHILDREN

- Carol Ann DuBose b. Apr 15, 1949
- Cathy Lee DuBose b. Jul 21, 1952; m. Michael Wilson
- Paul Andrew DuBose b. Jan 20, 1960
- Daniel Joseph DuBose b. Feb 21, 1965

- 12** Ronald Edwin Lenwell born Mar. 15, 1937 Terre Haute, IN; married four times Betty Ann Laycock, Roberta Hall, Gisella F. (\_\_\_\_\_) Corine (\_\_\_\_\_)

CHILDREN in fourth marriage

- Anna Jane Lenwell b. Jun 23, 1979
- Ronald Edwin Lenwell b. Feb 28, 1981

- 13** Larry Robert Lenwell born Apr 13, 1945; married five times.

CHILD with Betty Jo Crum

- Kevin Allen Lenwell b. Jun 1, 1966 (last name changed to Wilson)
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CHILDREN with Connie Lehman

- Phyllis Ann Lenwell b. Jun 21, 1968 Terre Haute, IN
- John Lenwell b. Jun 24, 1969

CHILD with Elaine Bengston

- Angie Nicole Lenwell b. May 26, 1974 Muskeegun, MI (name changed to Sokolowski)

CHILDREN with Carmen Benson

- Brandy Lenwell b. Aug 17, 1977 Panama City, FL
- April Lenwell b. Jul 6, 1980 Panama City, FL
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CHILD with Carol Sacco

- Andrew Lenwell b. Nov. 19, 1985 Kissimmee, FL

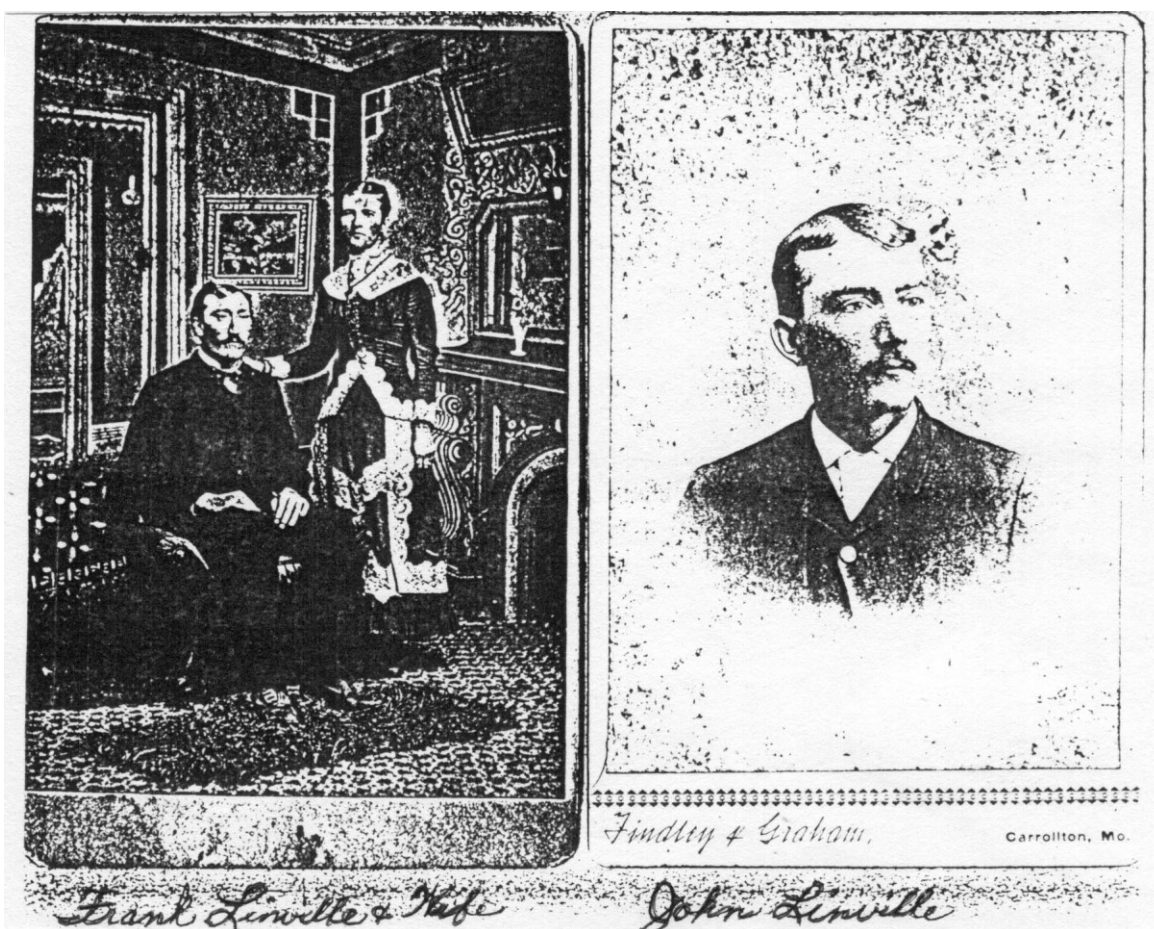
**REV. JAMES C. LINVILLE'S CHILDREN**

Another female member of our family has been identified in the family of Rev. James C. Linville [*LFA*, 1982, p. 204; please note that page 205 should be numbered 206, and 206 numbered 205, the pages were

inadvertently switched in numbering] of Carrollton, MO. Sarah L. Linville was born Feb 5, 1857 in Carrollton and married George Washington Charlton near Bogard, MO on Mar 2 1886. They had six children:

- Phenis Charlton (b. Dec 2, 1886; d. 1975)
- Emma Charlton (b. Feb 29, 1888 Buckner, MO m. Earl Pearson Guiley Sep 25, 1913; d. Apr 3, 1970 Liberty, MO)
- Thomas Franklin Charlton (b. Aug 31, 1889 Buckner, MO m. Ida Bagshaw; 2m. Hettie Marion Wade on Jan 22, 1917; 3m. Sybil Fiott; d. Nov 16, 1974 Burbank, CA)
- Infant son born Nov. 17, 1890 and died Dec. 17, 1890.
- Henry Edwin (Edwin T.) Charlton b. Mar 7, 1892; d. Aug. 17, 1952
- George Washington Charlton, Jr. b. Dec. 22, 1893

Among the family memorabilia in Sarah's possession were pictures of her two brothers Frank and John Linville. Edith Virginia (Charlton) Wendt, of Lynnfield, MA, the daughter of Thomas Franklin Charlton had Sarah's family information and the pictures in her possession. She may not have had pictures of her youngest brother, Thomas Linville because of his location in the far west. His story follows.



### THOMAS LINVILLE, OREGON SHERIFF

Maria Linville of Russell, IA contributed the following delightful story of Thomas Linville. It is from *The Trail Led North* by Martha Ferguson McKlown (New York: MacMillan, 1948). It is Mont Hawthorne's story of the gold rush days to Alaska as he told it to his niece. One of the men Mont Hawthorne tells about is Tom Linville from Astoria, OR, Rev. James C. Linville's youngest child. Tom backpacked supplies over the Chilkoot Trail and Pass in Alaska in the late 1890's. He was sheriff of Astoria, OR and later Clatsop County, OR. Among the several pages which tells about Tom is the following on page 93:

"Tom stood six-foot-four in his socks, and he was all man, big-framed and solid. He kept in shape by exercising. Why, he could stand still, right in the center of the floor, and jump straight up in the air, then turn a back somersault and light in his tracks. I've won quite a few bets from strangers on account of Tom being able to turn back somersaults that way. I'd say it could be done. They'd say it couldn't. Then when they put their money down all I had to do was get Tom."

**Subsequent errata from this original publication:**

None available.