

## Lawrence G. Linnard Collection Biographical Sketch

Lawrence Gilbert Linnard, an engineer and landscape architect, was born November 30, 1901 in Bureau County, Illinois. His obituary identified his place of birth as Malden, Illinois; however, his entries in *Who's Who in America, 1956-57* and *Who's Who in the Midwest, 1978-79* identified his place of birth as Princeton, Illinois. His parents, August and Lena (or Carolina) Linnard were born in Sweden. Lawrence, or Larry, was the fifth of six children, one girl and five boys. His father was a farmer who lived in Bureau County in 1900 and 1910, Kankakee County in 1920 and Will County in 1930.

Larry graduated from the University of Illinois, Department of Landscape Architecture in 1925. He served an apprenticeship in New York before moving to Toledo about 1935, the first year he appeared in the Toledo City Directory. From 1936 through 1938, he and Arthur S. Berger had a partnership, Berger and Linnard. In 1937, Linnard and his wife, Margaret, built a house in Maumee on Pierce Street. After 1938, it appears that he began practicing from his home as well as an office in Detroit.

Linnard was a registered civil engineer in Ohio and Michigan and a registered professional engineer in landscape architecture in Michigan. He was a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and president of the organization, 1951-1953. He was an associate member of the American Institute of Architects; a member of the American Planning and Civic Association; the Michigan Academy of Arts, Science and Letters; the Engineering Society of Detroit; and the National Torch Club. His career as a landscape architect involved highway planning, subdivision design, park and camp design, housing projects, schools and hospitals, and private residences.

In the early 1960s, he turned to big game photography and giving travel lectures throughout North America. He was also a member of the East African Wildlife Society and the World Wildlife Society. He died January 6, 1983 in Maumee. He was survived by his wife, Margaret, a son, Lawrence and a daughter, Carolyn.

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