

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

1776

2026 Granville OH

Settled 1805

U.S. 250th
Anniversary

Historical Adventure PassBooklet & Challenge

The first 250 people to attend & complete 6 of the Monthly Challenges between January 2026 – December 2026 will receive an America250-Ohio historical commemorative keepsake. See Details inside on how to participate and where to take your completed Challenge Booklet.

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. Enter a yearlong journey to experience **Granville Through the Years.**

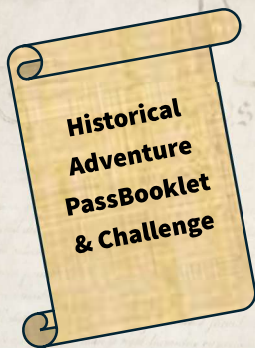
This booklet features Monthly Signature Programs starting in January 2026 through December 2026. Explore Granville Ohio in a new way with this Granville Historical Adventure PassBooklet & Challenge. Enjoy learning more about Granville's rich heritage, learn about the Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Granville, get to know the Community Partners hosting these programs and so much more. All programs, events & activities are free & open to the public.

Use this booklet to

- Learn about upcoming events
- Learn historical facts about the U.S., Ohio and Granville from 1776 to the present.
- See historical articles, news, and activities giving you a glimpse of time periods in history.

Image: The Declaration of Independence

America 250-Ohio Community of Granville
is a Collaboration of Community Partners
working together to showcase Granville in 2026.



On each Monthly Page you will find a Scroll. Every month when you attend the Signature Program, you will need to answer a challenge question.

* Denotes Signature Programs. This is to be an interactive challenge which encourages residents to come in person and learn from these events and not to be completed online. The Scroll will identify part of your challenge question. The Host for the Program will reveal the full question and answers at its program. The first 250 people to complete 6 of the Monthly Challenges and bring their booklets to the following locations will receive an America250-Ohio historical commemorative keepsake.

Locations to submit your completed Historical Adventure PassBooklet & Challenge Answer Sheet:

June 6th or June 13th 8:30am-12noon Location: Granville Farmers Market AM250 Granville Table, Raccoon Valley Park 1225 River Rd.

June 17th or June 20th 9am at The Signature Program **American Goes Outdoors** at Opera Park.

July 11th 8:30am-12noon Location: Granville Farmers Market AM250 Granville Table, Raccoon Valley Park 1225 River Rd.

August 1st 8:30am-12noon Location: Granville Farmers Market AM250 Granville Table, Raccoon Valley Park 1225 River Rd.

October 3rd 8:30am to 12pm Location: Granville Farmers Market AM250 Granville Table, Raccoon Valley Park 1225 River Rd.

December 12th 3–6pm Location: Granville Elementary School, 310 N Granger St, Granville at the That's a Wrap Celebration Reception.



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Historical Adventure PassBooklet & Challenge
QUESTION & ANSWER:

Month:

Question: _____

Answer: _____

Limit One Prize Per Household. Fill in your Answers to the Challenge Questions on Page 35 of this booklet.

Should you be unable to attend the Signature Programs, the Hosts for that month's program will post a flyer as shown next to this paragraph. Location of these flyers with the full Question & Answer are noted on the host's page. These will not be posted until after the event is completed as we truly hope you will attend these programs.

Image: The Declaration of Independence

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Two Page Booklet Printing PDFs are also available.

Instructions and Table of Content

There is at least one Signature Program each month. For additional programs visit the AM250-Ohio calendar website.

America250-ohio.org/events-calendar

Search Granville to find all events for each month.

You can also find programs listed on the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce's website calendar.

www.granvilleoh.com/all_events/



Signature Programs

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Revolutionary Soldiers are buried in Granville. On the pages of this booklet are spotlights of these soldiers. These spotlights are provided by the Granville's SAR- Sons of the American Revolution - Hocking Valley Chapter. Photos and historical facts are provided by the Granville Historical Society and the Community Partners. Enjoy comparing these snapshots in time.



Signature Program

America 250-Ohio & Granville

“How Licking County’s Trail West Began”

Speaker: Howard Long/Licking County Historical Society

***Date:** January 27, 2026, **Time:** 6:30pm

Location: Bryn Du Mansion, 537 Jones Rd NE, Granville.

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Bryn Du Mansion

The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of this program at the Bryn Du Mansion main building.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is Bryn Du Mansion. Nestled on 52 acres in the heart of Granville, Bryn Du Mansion has been a landmark of history and hospitality for more than 150 years. Originally built in the 1860s and later transformed into the grand Georgian-Federal estate we know today, Bryn Du has hosted U.S. presidents, world-renowned artists, and generations of community gatherings. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the estate includes the mansion, carriage house, fieldhouse, art center, Cramer house, newly renovated barn, a formal garden, and expansive grounds, all preserved and cared for by the Bryn Du Commission.

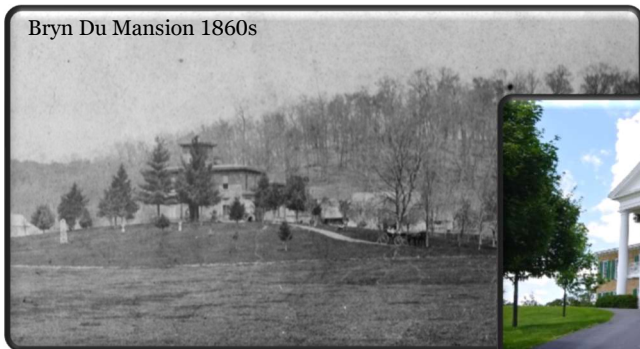


www.bryndu.com

Today, Bryn Du is a thriving hub for arts, culture, and community. From art exhibitions, classes, and residencies to our Life Local series, concerts, weddings and other events, the estate welcomes thousands of visitors each year. Looking ahead, the Bryn Du Commission is prioritizing history and community as they work to continue the restoration and community events that honor Bryn Du’s storied past while creating meaningful spaces for future generations to connect, learn, and celebrate.



Bryn Du Mansion 1860s



Bryn Du Mansion 2025
(Photos by Bryn Du Mansion)



1776 - Firsts & Originals

- On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee introduced a resolution "that these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states," acting under the instruction of the Virginia Convention. The Lee Resolution contained three parts: a declaration of independence, a call to form foreign alliances, and "a plan for confederation."
- The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It was engrossed on parchment and on August 2, 1776, delegates began signing it.

JANUARY

Challenge Question:

On June 10, 1776 Congress appointed a committee of five to draft a statement of independence for the colonies. 1) What were the five names and 2) who among these five

Granville - Firsts & Originals

- In 1797 Granville Township was surveyed as part of the U.S. Military District.
- 1802 - The first to arrive were the Welsh settlers.
- 1805 - Settlers from Granville, Massachusetts and Granby, Connecticut were responsible for the establishment of the Village of Granville.
- 1831 - Denison University was founded.
- 1880 - May 29th the first train of the Ohio Central Railroad crossed Lancaster Road in Granville at 8:00A.M.
- 1880 - June 11th the first issue of the Granville Times Newspaper.
- 1890 - First Electric Interurban between Granville and Newark.
- 1895 - The Village had its first Telephone Exchange in the summer of 1895 although there had been a toll line in Granville in 1882 at Charles Webster Bryant's Drug Store. In 1916 the first automatic switchboard was installed - telephone dial system.
- Natural gas had been in use in the Village since 1901.
- Electricity did not come to Granville until 1921.

Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

ELIJAH BRYAN, Born on Sept 6, 1760, North Milford, Connecticut. He Enlisted on Apr 25, 1777, discharged June 8, 1783. For the 6 yrs served as a Pvt in the 3rd Connecticut Regiment, he was one of seven Continental Soldiers who received the Badge of Military Merit from Gen George Washington (*The Military's 1st actual Medal of Honor*). He married Content Fowler; children: Sarah, Lucy, Elijah, Amanda & Constant. He Died on January 12, 1844, Granville, OH and is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Granville, OH 43023.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
GEORGE WASHINGTON, ESQ;
General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the
United States of America.

THIS is to CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof
Elijah Bryan
in the *3rd Connecticut Regiment*, having faithfully served the United States *from April 25th 1777 to the discharge* and being indited for the War only, is hereby Discharged from the American Army.

GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS the *Eight*
Day of June 1783.

By HIS EXCELLENCY's
Command,

REGISTERED in the Books
of the Regiment, *Adjutant,*

THE above *Elijah Bryan*
has been honored with the BADGE OF MERIT for *Six*
Years Faithful Service.



Signature Programs

Businesses In Granville Through the Years

Granville's Downtown has seen a host of businesses through the years since the founding of Granville in 1805. Come take a stroll down memory lane and learn about historic and contemporary businesses of Granville's past and present.

***Date:** Monday, Feb. 16, 2026 **Time:** Noon-1pm at Rotary Club of Granville meeting **Location:** Otterbein Senior Life Community - Amelia Rm, 2158 Columbus Rd., Granville.

***Date:** Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026 **Time** 2pm-5pm Open House
Location: Granville Historical Society, 115 E Broadway, Granville.

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Granville Rotary.
The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Historical Society, 115 E Broadway, Granville.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is Granville Rotary Club. The Granville Rotary Club is a local chapter of Rotary International, a global network of volunteers dedicated to tackling humanitarian challenges. The club focuses on community service, providing scholarships, and engaging in service projects both locally and internationally. They aim to improve lives through initiatives that promote peace, prevent diseases, and enhance education and literacy.

1870s Broadway (Photos by the Granville Historical Society)



www.granvillerotary.org

Rotary
Club of Granville



Fun Facts –

- In 1924, coal and railroad magnate, John Sutphin Jones, commissioned the construction of the Granville Inn. Designed in the Jacobethan Revival style by prominent architect Frank Packard, it was intended as a luxurious retreat set beside an elite golf course, designed by Donald Ross.



2025 Broadway



Challenge Question:

This Inventor from Ohio represents the state of Ohio in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol. 1) Who is this person?

The invention most associated with this inventor is the

2) _____ and
3) where was _____

Lesser Known Fact –

- One of the early Granville industries was distilling whiskey, which required copper and was hard to obtain in the area, as Jacob Goodrich learned. He used a wooden tank mounted on an iron base and hollow elderberry tubes. After producing a little whiskey, which tasted like elderberry, the still blew up.

Unexpected Facts –

- On July 1, 1834, torrential rains caused Raccoon Creek to overflow and become a mile wide, inundating the valley as far as the Old Colony Burying Ground. Farms, businesses, and livestock were swept away, and in the aftermath, outbreaks of cholera and typhoid fever struck the community. The twin disasters crippled Granville's economy, and recovery took many years.
- During the early hours of Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1927, a fire started that destroyed the south side of the eastern half of the East Broadway block downtown. Seven businesses were destroyed including a grocery store and student restaurant. Damage costs were estimated at \$50,000.

(Interesting Business Facts provided by the Granville Historical Society)

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LEVI HAYS (HAYES)

Served in the Revolutionary War as Fifer Captain Miles Company in Colonel Beebe's Connecticut Regiment. Born April 1, 1764 Granby, Conn. to parents Deacon Samuel (1730-1801) and Rosanna Holcomb (1732-1814) Hays. Married Ruhamah Parsons (1766-1837) Children: Orlin, Ruhmama, Rosanna, Anson Byron, Loring. Moved to Granville OH in 1805. Died on October 8, 1847. Buried in the Old Colony Cemetery.

GEORGE AVERY Jr., Pvt 1st Conn Regt.

Born April 24, 1759 in Groton, New London County, Connecticut to parents George Sr. (1737-1785) & Eunice Avery (1739-1807). Served as a Pvt. in the 1st Conn. Regiment of the Line in Captain Christopher Darrow's Company in Col. Jedadiah Huntington's Regiment. He married Mary Allyn, a daughter of Nathan Allyn and Sarah (Freeman) Allyn; children: George, Simeon, Alford & Cynthia. Died Sept. 29, 1806 Buried in the Old Colony Burial Ground.



Signature Programs

That's Entertainment!

***Program #1 History of the Denison Arts Quad Talk**

Date: March 10, 2026 **Time:** 7pm

Location: Denison University, Eisner Center, Room 238

Other Programs Showcasing Entertainment in Granville

Events are free & open to the public; however, tickets are required.



Dates: March 5th, 6th, 7th **Time:** 7pm and **Date:** March 8th **Time:** 2pm

Denison University Presents – Macbeth “False face must hide what the false heart doth know.” **Location:** Denison University, Eisner Center 240 W Broadway.

Date: March 27th **Time:** 7pm **“El derecho de vivir...”**

The DU Wind Ensemble traces the entwined history of folkloric and brass band music.

Location: Denison University, Eisner Center, 240 W. Broadway.

Date: March 28th **Time:** 7pm **The Vail Series presents Attacca Quartet**

Location: Denison University, Swasey Chapel Dr., Granville.

Dates: March 1st - April 3rd **Time:** Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm **Denison Museum Exhibition-Curiosity.**

Discover some of the hidden treasures within the Denison Museum's permanent collection.

Location: Eisner Center, 240 W Broadway #101

Date: March 25th **Time:** 4:30pm **Location:** Denison Museum-**Author Mira Jacob Reading & Talk**

Location: Eisner Center, 240 W Broadway #101

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Denison University. The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Eisner Center.

***Program #2 Home Entertainment of the 1870s: Pastimes and Crafts**

Date: March 21, 2026 **Time:** 1-3 pm **Location:** Robbins Hunter Museum, 221 E Broadway, Granville. This Program is hosted by Robbins Hunter Museum. The Robbins Hunter Museum is a historic house museum built in 1842. It is nationally recognized as one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture and hosts the Jill Griese Historic Garden which is certified by the American Daffodil Society. The museum is open for tours, Wed- Sat, 1-4pm www.robbinshunter.org The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Robbins Hunter Museum.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is Denison University. Founded in 1831, Denison University stands as one of the first colleges established in the historic Northwest Territory — west of the Alleghenies and north of the Ohio River.

Today, that pioneering spirit continues. Guided by faculty who are leaders in their fields, Denison students in the performing and fine arts develop the creativity, insights, and skills to thrive — and to shape a rapidly changing world.

DENISON





1953/06/22 Newark

DENISON SUMMER THEATER

Clifford Odets' Hit Broadway Drama

"THE COUNTRY GIRL"

Featuring Harry Swager • Directed by Robert Seaver

PREVIEW TUESDAY . . . All Seats 60 Cents

WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 8:20 p. m.

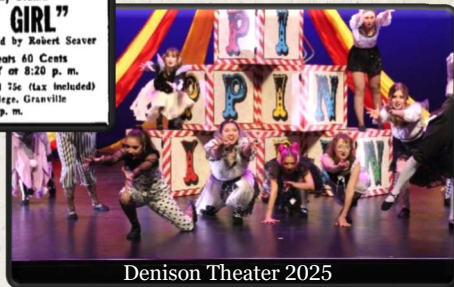
Reserved seats \$1.25, \$1.00. Reserved 12 (tax included)

Tent Theater, Broadway and College, Granville

Phone 8131 — 1 to 5 p. m.



1956 12th Knight / Denison
Historical Times Archives



Denison Theater 2025

MARCH

Challenge Question:
(Granville)

In ____ it was considered the beginning of Conservatory Music. This establishment obtained the first piano in the village. The piano was taken to house of Horace Hamlin who was the music teacher. They started with eight pupils. 1) What was the ____ and 2) Name the ____

2025 Denison University Key Facts & Stats

- Total Students: 2,400 / Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 9:1 / Academic Programs: 6
- Arts Majors & Minors: 389 in Art History & Visual Culture, Cinema, Dance, Music, Music Theatre, Theatre, and Visual Arts
- Alumni Success: 96% of graduates are employed, in graduate school, or in service within six months of graduation.

Denison Arts Timeline

- 1897: The Thresher Conservatory of Music opens.
- 1898: A Recital Hall is added to Thresher Hall.
- 1944: A call for an art collection was initiated by Trustee Edmund G. Burke.
- 1947: Denison Summer Theatre begins.
- 1955: The Theatre Arts Building (Ace Morgan Theatre) opens.
- 1970s: Several buildings are repurposed for the arts:
 - Doane Gymnasium becomes Doane Dance.
 - Cleveland Gymnasium is used for Studio Art.
 - Music Department moves to Burton Hall.
 - The first Cinema building was established on Mulberry Street.
- 1973: Burke Hall, housing the gallery and collection, recital hall, and black box theater.
- Early 2000's: Cinema moves to sorority circle.
- 2006: The Gallery was designated a museum and a teaching museum in 2011.
- 2009: The Cleveland Gymnasium is remodeled and renamed Bryant Arts Center.
- 2019: The Michael D. Eisner Center for the Performing Arts opens, housing Music, Theatre, Dance, Music Theatre, and the Denison Museum.

History of Denison University visit: denison.edu/campus/about/our-history

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DANIEL BAKER, Pvt/Fifer Conn.

Regt. Born on Nov 8, 1763, Ellington, Conn. Enlisted as fifer in Colonel Legard's Connecticut Regt. He settled in Granville, OH about 1820. Granted Pension in 1833 from Licking County, OH. Married Jerusha Parsons (1772-1846); children: Jerusha b. 1789. Daniel Died on Dec 19, 1836, Granville, OH and Buried in Old Colony Cemetery, Granville.

JONATHAN BENJAMIN, Pvt Penn Regts.

Born October 14, 1738 in Goshen, New York to father Johnathan Benjamin (1714-1770). He Enlisted Jan 1776 as Private in Captains Newman, Hepburn & Colonel Long's Pennsylvania Regt., Served 4 yrs and 6 mos. He Married Margaret Brown (1742-1837). Children: Benoni, Lilly, Mary, Jemina. Jonathan. Died on Aug 26, 1841 in Granville, OH and Buried at Old Colony Cemetery, Granville. Grave Marker recognized by the Granville Centennial Committee 1909.



THE GRANVILLE OPERA HOUSE STOOD ON THIS SITE FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS. BUILT AS A BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1849, THE BUILDING WAS MOVED HERE IN 1882. ON APRIL 7, 1982, IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

THIS BELL FROM THE CHURCH TOWER WAS FIRST RUNG ON SUNDAY JUNE 29, 1872 TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND SAMSON TALBOT, FIFTH PRESIDENT OF DENISON UNIVERSITY. IT ALSO RANG OUT THE HOURS AND SOUNDED THE FIRE ALARM.

PRESENTED BY THE
GRANVILLE PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION

1986



The Opera House was a modern movie theater with sound and projection equipment and held a regular schedule of movies since the 1950s. The building was destroyed by a fire in 1982. It housed various businesses, including a restaurant, hardware store, a children's clothing store, an antique shop, a flower shop as well at times. The village of Granville used the Opera House for town meetings, Denison's theatre, and music departments also used the Opera House.

1925 Granville Girls Glee & Music Club (GHS 1925 Yearbook)



1925 Granville Assembly at the New School
(GHS Blue & White 1925 Yearbook)

ASSEMBLIES

This year is the first time in the history of Granville High School that assemblies have been held. At ten o'clock every Wednesday morning the high school and the seventh and eighth grades have assembled in the auditorium for a series of varied and pleasing programs.

Some of the programs have been instructive, some devotional, some amusing and a few have been devoted entirely to assembly singing. All have been enjoyed and marked by great variety.

The assembly idea, which although new is very popular. It has been more interesting than perhaps any other feature of our school life in the new building. The idea has been to have the entertainments put on by the students rather than by the faculty or outsiders, although several popular speakers from the town and university have addressed the student body from time to time.

Each class in the school has had charge of one assembly period and there is an intense but good-natured rivalry among the students as to whose program shall be best.

Granville High School Music Theater & Arts 2025 Facts

- 300 students in music programs.
- 50-70 Students participate in Drama with 3 productions a year – 2 plays and 1 musical.
- GHS sent 8 groups to the Ohio Music Education Association state event with all 8 groups achieving superior ratings (The Highest Honors).
- GHS has 7 Choirs including A Cappella, Chamber and Symphonic Choir.
- There are 6 bands including Jazz Band, Steel Drum Band, Marching Band and Wind Ensemble.
- There are 3 orchestras including Electric, Strings and Sinfonia.

Granville High School Band 2025 (Photo provided by Granville High School)



Granville High School Theater 2025 (Photos provided by GHS)





Signature Programs

How Missed Opportunities Shaped the Community

"What happens when new modes of transportation bypass a community?"

"Sometimes development that bypass a village shapes its character as profoundly as those that come to pass,"

***Dates:** Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25, 2026 **Hours open:** 10am-4pm

Sundays, April 12, 19, 26, 2026 **Hours open:** 1pm-5pm

Location: Granville Historical Society, 115 E Broadway, Granville

Tom Martin,
Granville
Historical
Society
President
Emeritus

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Granville Historical Society. The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Historical Society Museum.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Granville Historical Society. The Granville Historical Society was created on March 9, 1885, by Charles Webster Bryant, Crayton Black, and Francis Shepardonson. Its formation was in part a response to the realization, after the 75th anniversary of the founding of the town, that firsthand memories of the early days of Granville were vanishing. As the community's collective memory, the Granville Historical Society acquires, preserves, and shares Granville's past with residents and visitors to inspire curiosity about, instill knowledge of, and foster a commitment to our history.



www.granvillehistory.org

Unexpected Transportation Facts Contributing to Granville's Hometown Charm -

- From 1820 to 1840, Granville's economy was industrially vibrant. However, expansion stalled when neither the National Road nor the Ohio Canal passed through town. The late arrival of the railroad to Granville also prevented economic expansion. The character of the town was greatly crafted by the missed transportation opportunities.
- The Granville feeder canal was completed in 1833. The Feeder Canal connected to the Ohio Canal with a "turnaround basin" at the end of Clouse Lane and terminated at the Lancaster Bridge (SR-37). Regular operations on the Granville Feeder Canal ceased in the 1850's and was completely abandoned after the 1913 flood.
- The Inter-Urban trolley - The first trip into downtown Granville was on Sept. 1, 1890. It ran two times per hour. (Granville Hist. Society Archives 1991) Granville merchants opposed the construction of the interurban into the community and it is credited with causing the closing of the Granville Hotel. The line ceased operations in 1923.
- Railroad came to Granville in 1880. Trains gave way in the early Nineteen-teens to the increase in automobiles.
- 2024 - Licking County Transit started service to Granville on March 4, 2024, with the launch of a route connecting Granville and Newark. Buses to Granville began in the 1920s. Buses used to run daily in the 1940s-1960s from Newark to Granville to Columbus. One line ran round trip every hour from Newark to Granville on Newark Granville Road that terminated at Plum St.

(Facts provided by The Granville Historical Society)



GRANVILLE, with her new Railroad, her newspaper, and her two bands, feels like a boy with his first pair of red top boots. Our country neighbor out east there will have to take in her sign before long, for we mean business.

1880/06/11
In the 1st Edition of the Granville Times Newspaper

1880/06/18
Granville Times Newspaper

Ohio Central Railroad.
Trains will leave Columbus for Granville, at 12:45 P. M. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, (22d, 23d and 14th inst.) arriving at Granville about 3 P. M. Trains will leave Granville for Columbus at 5 P. M. of same days.
Fare one way, \$1.30. Fare for round trip, \$1.90. Baggage will be carried.
Tickets will be on sale at Bryant & Black's Drug Store.

APRIL

Challenge Question:

The National Road, "U.S.40" comes through southern Licking County, Ohio. Much of the eastern portion of US 40, from Vandalia, Illinois to Cumberland, Maryland, was originally part of the National Road, a federally funded highway project from the early 1800s. 1) What was the

1890s-1920s



Interurban



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MOSES BOARDMAN

Pvt Conn Regt. Born in

1763. Served as a Private

in Colonel Webb's

Connecticut Regiment. He

married Abigail Mead

(1770-1820); children:

Moses b. 1798, Samuel b.

1804, Lucius. Moses died

on September 29, 1816. He

is Buried at Old Colony

Cemetery.

DAVID BUTLER Pvt Cpl Conn

Regt. Born June 17, 1764 Cromwell

Connecticut. Served as a Corporal in

Colonel Sherman's 3rd Conn.

Regiment Continental Line, 4th Comp.

under Major Jonathan Meigs, Capt.

Warner, Col. Wyllys. He Married Ann

Olive Henry (1767-1830); children:

Leverett b. 1794, Ann b. 1796, Henry

b. 1800, Charles b. 1804. He died

April 3, 1815. He is Buried at Old

Colony Cemetery.

DAVID MOORE, Pvt

18th Conn Regt. Born in

1753. He served as a

Private in the 3rd

Connecticut Regiment

in the Revolutionary

War. Children: Dave b.

1790, Samuel b. 1792,

Campbell b. 1793,

Hariette b. 1796,

Forrest b. 1799. He Died

on October 17, 1841 and

is buried at Old Colony.

1920s



1960s





Signature Programs

Art In Granville

***Program #1 Date:** May 9, 2026 **Time:** 4pm-7pm
Granville Artwalk - Art, Music & Demonstrations at Galleries & Businesses Downtown Granville.

The Challenge Question & Answer will be revealed during the Art Walk on the Community Board by Village Hall & the Butterfly Park on Broadway.

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce Offices.



***Program #2 Date:** May 9th **Time:** 11am-11:30am The Granville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will kick off the day hosting a program by the Hocking Valley Sons of the American Revolution entitled "**Why We Wear What We Wear**". Feature various uniforms worn by the Revolutionary War Reenactors of the SAR. **Location:** College Town House, 334 E Broadway.

***Program #3 Date:** May 9th **Time:** 12pm-6pm **Art Project – We Are All Part Of America's Story.** **Location:** Granville Public Library, 217 E. Broadway www.granvillelibrary.org The Granville Public Library has been a part of the Granville community since the New England settlers first came in 1805. In that sense, a library has existed in Granville for almost as long as America has been a country. Over the years we have changed locations a few times, but we have been in our current building since 1924. We offer a robust collection of materials, both in print and electronically, as well as a wide selection of programs, activities, and resources for all ages. We are part of the fabric of this community and hope to be here in another 250 years for the 500th celebration! The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Public Library.

Date: May 25th **Granville's Memorial Day Parade & Commemorative Ceremony**
 10:45am Parade steps off at Opera Park. 11am Program at Maple Grove Cemetery.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Granville Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of 300+ business leaders and member-investor organizations whose purpose is to maximize the value and relevance of business by stimulating commerce, advocating for our businesses, and supporting responsible business development that preserves our heritage and sustains the quality of life in our community.



Granville Soldiers in the Arts

- Thomas D. Jones migrated to the Welsh Hills northeast of Granville in 1837. In addition to being a Civil War soldier, he was known for his sculptures. His sculpture of President Lincoln in 1861 was displayed in the Ohio Statehouse Rotunda. He also has a marble monument depicting the surrender of Vicksburg, requested by Gov Rutherford B. Hayes, in the Statehouse Rotunda which was unveiled in 1871. (*Granville Hist. Society Pocket History - The Civil War & Granville by B. Kevin Bennett*)
- US Post Office in Granville, Ohio has a mural by Wendell Jones entitled "First Pulpit in Granville" depicting the original settlers. It is an oil on canvas that was installed in 1938. The post office mural project evolved from the U.S. Public Works of Art Project which was later called the Section of Fine Arts.

MAY

Challenge Question:

There are two historical paintings in the Ohio Statehouse. The name of the painters and their paintings

These painters also have commissioned work hanging

Granville American Legion Post 398



Granville Memorial Day Commemorative Ceremony at Maple Grove Cemetery.



Denison University Art Studio, Art Center & Museum

Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights

are provided by the SAR

GIDEON CORNEL, Pvt. Cpt., Regt Mass Militia. Born Sept. 11, 1760 Swansea, Massachusetts. He Served as a Private Captain Peleg Peck's Company in Colonel Thomas Carpenter's Regiment MA Militia. He married Naomi Jones Cornell (1759 -1805) 10 Jul, 1784 in Dighton, Bristol County, MA. Children: Gideon, Mercy, Sylvanus, Archibald, and Ruth. Gideon died Aug. 22, 1806 and is buried at Old Colony Cemetery.

SAMUEL EVERETT SR, Pvt 9th Conn Regt. Born on February 6, 1739 in Torrington Connecticut. He Enlisted at Torrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut and served as a Pvt. in Torrington, CT. He Married Mindwell Strong (1742-1812) in 1762; children: Samuel b. 1769 & Mindwell b. 1771. He Died on November 1, 1821 and Buried at Old Colony.



Signature Program

Let's take a stroll! Granville Through the Years

Dates:** Wed., June 17th & Sat., June 20, 2026 **Time:** 9am ***America Goes Outdoors.

Location: Opera Park, Downtown Granville. Special Program by Speaker Jeff Gill (*Wandering Storyteller*). After the program all are welcome to take a walk to Sugar Loaf Park, location of the Granville 1905 celebration.

The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Recreation District, 118 S Main St. Granville.

Date: June 6th **Time:** 12pm **50 RINGS** - U.S. Semiquincentennial Park

Location: TBD (check America250-ohio.org/events-calendar Search Granville) 1500 Trees Committee will plant the first of 50 commemorative native trees to celebrate the 50 states of America during the U.S. Semiquincentennial.

Date: June 27, 2026 **Time:** 5pm **Guided Tour of Granville Schools Land Lab**

Location: 2025 Burg St., Granville. Host Granville Schools. The Land Lab is the largest outdoor K-12 educational facility in Ohio with 90 acres. It functions as part of the Granville Schools Sustainability Project. It provides unique, hands-on experiences to help students learn about life, physical, and environmental sciences, math, English, art, and music.

JUNE --Parks Challenge within a Challenge-- 6 Granville Parks with 6 Challenge Questions

Starting Dates: Saturday June 6th & June 13th from 8:30am-12noon

This is a separate Parks Adventure Challenge dedicated to the Parks in Granville.

To celebrate Granville's Parks the first 50 people to complete these challenges and present the Answers to the Parks Challenge Questions will receive an America250-Ohio commemorative keepsake.

- Pick up your Parks Challenge Sheet on Saturday June 6th or June 13th 8:30am-12noon at the AM250 Granville Table at the Granville Farmers Market at the Raccoon Valley Park located at 1225 River Road, or at the Signature Program ***American Goes Outdoors*** on June 17th or June 20th at 9am at the Opera Park.
- Then Visit each park and answer the Parks Challenge Question.
- Then bring your completed sheet back to one of the locations listed on the inside cover of this booklet to receive your America250-Ohio historical commemorative keepsake. *Limit one per family.*

Granville Parks and Nature

- **Sugar Loaf Park** At the top of the park is the Founders Monument, dedicated in 1905 during the Granville Centennial celebration. 411 W. Broadway. Sugar Loaf was used by settlers since Dec 5, 1805 as public space. In April 1896, the village held a "Dedication of Sugar Loaf Park" and a community tree planting. It was April 19, 1896 part of the village began their march to Sugar Loaf. Trees were planted by every organization in the village and township and citizens. Over 300 saplings were planted. (Granville Times 4/23/1896)
- **Fanchion Lewis Park** 43 acres dedicated by a retired Granville High School librarian, Fanchion Lewis. It has nature trails and a fishing pond. 1179 Jones Road.
- **Spring Valley Park & Nature Preserve** 45 acres of beautifully wooded property with marked nature trails, an open field, and woodlands. It was once Spring Valley Pool from 1933-2005 which was developed by Edwin & Anna Roberts in 1933. 1539 Columbus Rd.
- **Opera House Park** Extensive landscaping and trees, walkways, and benches. Located on the site of the Granville Opera House, which was destroyed by fire on April 7, 1982.
- **Wildwood Park** 30 acres of open field, shelter house, indoor restrooms, handicap-accessible playground. 785 W. Broadway.
- **Raccoon Valley Park** 68 acres of open field, located along Raccoon Creek with access to the TJ Evans Bike Path. Also, home to the Granville Recreation District Youth Baseball, Softball and Soccer programs. Location River Road at State Route 16.

JUNE

Challenge Question:
(Ohio)

A Park for the People. This place, known as 1) _____ has been-and is today-a park for the people. The Ohio General Assembly provided for improvements and maintenance of these 10-acres. What was 2) _____

1905 Bicentennial Dedication of Pioneer Monument
Celebrating the 1805 original Granville Settlers.
(Photo by the Granville Historical Society)



Denison Class of 1869 planted a class tree. Many of these DU Students served in the civil war.
(Granville Historical Society Pocket History The Civil War & Granville by B. Kevin Bennett)



Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

REUBEN GRAVES, Pvt 3rd Mass Regt. Born in 1735. He served as a Private in the 3rd Connecticut Regiment, Continental Line in the Revolutionary War. He married Susannah (1746-1838); children: Judith b.1782. Reuben died at 88 years of age on August 22, 1824 and is buried at Old Colony.

ROSSELL GRAVES Jr., Pvt 3rd Mass Regt. Born June 18, 1758 in Durham, CT. He served as a Pvt and teamster in the 3rd Connecticut Regiment in

Captain William Colley's Company, Colonel John Mosley's Conn. Regt; Enlisted 09/23/1776; Discharged 11/16/1776; travel included Roll dated North Castle; also, Captain William Cooley's Company, Colonel Mosley's (Hampshire Comp.) Conn. Regt; Enlisted 08/17/1777; Discharged 08/19/1777; Company marched towards Bennington on alarm; roll sworn to at Granville; also, Captain Aaron Coe's Comp., Colonel John Mosley's Conn. Regt, enlisted 09/21/1777;

discharged 10/23/1777 company marched by order of General Gates to reinforce Northern army on alarm; also, Captain Solomon Brown's company, Colonel Elisha Porter's Conn. Regt.; enlisted 07/31/1779; discharged 09/01/1779, travel included at New London, Conn. He Married Hannah Cooley (1762-1839); Children: Statira, Claudius & Gustavus. He Died at 92 years of age on Dec. 20, 1850 and is buried at Old Colony.



Signature Program

Excitement Fills the Downtown & the Sky Granville's Fourth of July Celebration by Granville Kiwanis

*Dates: July 1 through 4, 2026

Festival Downtown on Broadway: July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 1pm-10pm. Full schedule of events and information about the can be found at www.granville4th.com

Fireworks: July 2nd at 10pm at Wildwood Park

Parade: July 4th 10:45am - Along Broadway from Wildwood Park to Pearl St.

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Granville Kiwanis.

(<https://k05681.site.kiwanis.org>)

The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted on the Community Board by Village Hall & Butterfly Park on Broadway.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Kiwanis Club of Granville. Kiwanis is an organization of volunteers, dedicated to serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time. Our club has over 100 members. We host the annual Granville Kiwanis 4th of July Celebration. Our fundraisers include our annual Pancake Breakfast, tent and table rentals and homemade maple syrup sales. We support many community projects including the Wildwood Playground Rebuild and our Sugar Maple Arboretum at Spring Valley Nature Preserve.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF GRANVILLE

Granville's Fourth of July Facts:

- Granville's first Independence Day celebration was in 1806, the first July 4th following the arrival of the settlers from Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- The first known community Fourth of July celebration that vaguely resembled the big festival held today was in 1892, highlight of which was the "pyrotechnics" display in the evening. There was no mention in newspaper coverage of a parade that year, however—an Independence Day staple for decades since.
- A highlight of Granville Fourth of July celebrations for years, starting in the 1920s, was the hog calling contest.
- Kiwanis Club of Granville has been sponsoring the Granville 4th of July Celebration and parade since 1964.

1905 Granville July 4th Parade
(Photos by the Granville Historical Society)



1915 Granville July 4th Parade



2025 Granville July 4th of July Festival & Memorial Day Parade
(Photos by Jack Fleming Photography)

JULY

Challenge Question:

U.S. Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Two other Presidents either died or were born on July 4th. Who were the two other Presidents 1) _____ and of these four who 2) _____

Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights

are provided by the SAR

TIMOTHY ROSE, Pvt/Sgt Mass Regt.

Born June 1, 1762, Granville, MA to parents Justus and Deborah Barlow Spelman Rose. He Enlisted on July 27, 1779, at Granville, Mass, in Col. Timothy Bigelow's 15th Mass. Regiment, also a Private-Corporal in with Capt. Haskell company, Col William Shepard Regt. He distinguished himself as an officer, at the storming of a British Redoubt, at the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, VA 1781. He Married 1st wife, Lydia Munson, 2nd wife, Matilda Mead; children: Clarissa Rose Bancroft, Samantha Rose Linnel, Louvissa Rose Dickenson, Lydia Rose Clemons & Samuel.

Timothy Rose was one of the purchasing agents for and founder of Granville, Ohio and was among the settlers from Granville, Massachusetts in 1805. Timothy built the first cabin in Granville. The cabin was 20 by 28 feet and had a large fire pit at the open end of the cabin. Then in the winter of 1807 he completed the first frame house in the village. He was an associate Judge from 1808 -1813, in Licking County. He was also a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Paul Revere stopped at the Rose farm to change his horse for a fresh one on his ride to alarm the countryside. Timothy died on Nov 27, 1813, Granville, OH. Buried at Old Colony.



Signature Program Great Granville Picnic

***Date:** August 15, 2026

Time: 4pm-8:30pm

Location: On Broadway from Plum to Mulberry, Granville

This month the Lead Host is the Granville Community Foundation with supporting participation by Community Partners listed on page 39.

The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of this program on the Community Board by Village Hall & Butterfly Park on Broadway.

Granville Community Foundation (GCF) was founded in 1971 to support the charitable needs of Granville while preserving the village's unique heritage. Now celebrating its 55th anniversary, GCF is honored to serve as Granville's convener for the America 250-Ohio commemoration, bringing together local organizations to showcase the history, culture, and spirit of the community.

As part of this effort, GCF is leading the return of a century-old tradition: The Great Granville Picnic. This beloved gathering invites neighbors and friends to the heart of town to share food, fellowship, and celebration. Reviving the picnic reflects GCF's enduring mission—serving Granville by building community.



granvillecommunityfoundation.org

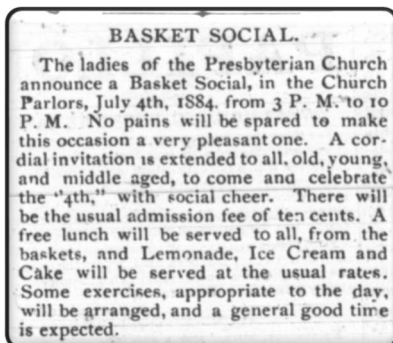


Granville Picnics

Community picnic dinners in Granville were first noted in the Granville Times Newspaper on June 27, 1884. Since the Granville Times did not start publishing until June 11, 1880, community picnics may have even started before.

2000s

1960s



GREAT GRANVILLE PICNIC
Hosted by the Granville Community Foundation
August 15, 2026
4pm-8:30pm

4pm Open to the public – Free picnic on the lawn. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets. Enjoy a picnic, entertainment & music. You may reserve a table, see below.

4pm–Arrive at your Pre-Reserved Table & Decorate your table. You can reserve a table with seating for 8 for \$25
Table sections will have a theme. We invite you to decorate your reserved table to match the historical theme assigned to the table. Guest Judges will select the best decorated tables for prizes. Access to reserved tables for decorating starts at 4pm. Judging starts at 4:30pm. Winners will be announced at 5:30pm at the main stage.

To reserve a table go to the link
www.granvillerec.org or use the QR code.

-In the Programs Activities Registration Box –
you will see **Great Granville Picnic**
in the dropdown box

-Follow the Steps for Reserving a table for \$25
There are a limited number of tables available.



AUGUST

Challenge Question:

In _____, citizens from all over Ohio were invited to partake in the Grand Jubilee, the historic Statehouse opening. The Ohio Statehouse Rotunda was filled with banquet tables heaped with food. In _____ Picnic with the Past attracted more than 20,000 citizens who participated in the re-opening following the restoration of the Statehouse.

4pm-5:30pm Live Music

4pm Veterans Gathering Tents – Honoring our veterans

4pm Revolutionary Soldiers Display by the *Sons of the American Revolution*

4pm Old Time Lawn Games – Croquet & Jump Roping and More *Hosted by the Robbins Hunter Museum.*

4:30pm Bake-Off Contest To enter the Baking Contest, bring your Apple Pie, Patriotic Decorated Cake, or Patriotic Cookies to the Bake-off tables at 4pm. Two Divisions: Kids Division & Adult Division. Judging begins at 4:30pm, Winners will be announced at 5:30pm.

4:30pm Kids Art Area *Hosted by Bryn Du Mansion.*

5:30pm Program at the Stage –

- Posting of Colors, Star Spangled Banner, Pledge of Allegiance.
- Fife & Drum Bugle Corps (*Sponsored by McPeck Hoekstra Hoskinson Funeral Home in Granville*)
- Winners Announced for the Baking Contest and Table Decorating Contest

6pm – 8:30 Main Concert *Hosted by Granville Recreation District*
Registration system and the main concert are provided by the Granville Recreation District. The GRD proudly offers parks, facilities, programs, and services to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic population. The GRD serves a community of over 14,000 in partnership with the Village of Granville, Granville Township, and the Granville Exempted School District. The mission of the Granville Recreation District is to develop, manage, and coordinate recreational, educational, social, cultural, and athletic activities and facilities for citizens of all ages within the Granville Recreation District in an efficient, effective, and sustainable manner.



Granville Times June 5, 1913

1:00 a. m.—Parade of the business interests of Granville, school children and citizens in carriages and automobiles.

12:00 noon—A picnic on the G. F. C. grounds. Coffee will be furnished by the committee to those who bring coffee pots.

1:30—A program of songs and music with short speeches.

3:00—Athletic stunts.

4:00—Ball game.

8:00—Fire works.

Granville Times June 21, 1928

Events will start with the parade at 11:00 a.m., after which a picnic dinner will be in order on Shepardson campus. Coffee, sugar and cream will be furnished free by the committee.

Granville Times June 28, 1934

The Fourth of July will be observed locally by a community picnic on the lower campus of Denison university.

Newark Advocate July 3, 1948

Granville, July 3.—The Fourth of July celebrations in Granville Monday will begin at 10:30 a. m. with a civic parade. A picnic dinner will be at the noon hour and athletic events and hog calling contest will be at 2 p. m. On the Harmon-Burke field at 3.45 p. m. there will be a "Donkey Ball Game;" and at 8 p. m. will begin the round and square dancing.

Newark Advocate June 26, 1953

rade prizes. A community picnic will be held at noon on the Denison lower campus, where tables and chairs are to be set up and chocolate milk, orangeade, coffee, and cream will be furnished free.

Granville Times May 1, 1913

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

Miss Bancroft was hostess of the Fortnightly Club Tuesday evening, April 29.

"Some Economic Studies" was the topic under consideration. Mrs. F. F. Robinson spoke on "Reform in Civic Management." She told of the Civic Improvement Society in the village, what they had done and some of the things they were planning to do. Among the latter were plans for a Forth of July picnic and celebration for the village, the success of it depending upon the spirit in which the citizens take hold of it.

Granville Time July 4, 1918

Parade will start at Granger street west on Broadway to Plum returning on Broadway to Granger where parade will break up for dinner.

12 m.—Picnic dinner on G. F. C. campus. Free coffee, sugar and cream will be furnished those bringing their dinner.

12:45 p.m.—Patriotic address.

Granville Times July 8, 1926

After the parade everyone seemed to welcome the picnic dinners which were spread by family groups on Free coffee was dispensed by Henry tables provided on Shepardson campus. Burke and Jim Bonnett. The extensive program of athletic events was under way almost as soon as empty picnic utensils had been packed away in the baskets. W. J. Livingston kept the events moving on schedule, to the amusement of old and young.



Granville Times July 8, 1915

The parade under the direction of Field Marshal, Roe Morrow, was a fine exhibition of local enterprise, including several beautiful symbolic floats, scores of automobiles, horse drawn vehicles, fan tastics, etc., greatly enjoyed by hundreds of people along the line of march, which was north on Pearl, east to Granger, south to Broadway, west to Shepardson College, counter march on Broadway and east to the old G. F. C. grounds where the picnic dinner under the direction of Mrs. A. K. Follett was held. Seating accommodations were provided for several hundred people at tables beautifully spread.

Following the dinner, the real significance of the day's doings was embodied in the program furnished by Superintendent Strong's committee, which was as fine an "Americanization" exercise as could be found in this country.

Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

HIRAM ROSE, Born Nov. 11, 1766 D. Dec 20, 1855. Hiram Rose replaced his brother Timothy as a Private in the 4th Massachusetts Regt. for 4 months while Timothy was recovering from sickness. Hiram married Sabra Cooley. Children: Hiram Prosper Jr., Electa, Sabra, Aley, Celma, & Milo Claude. Hiram was part of the original Licking Land Company which went to Granville, Ohio from Granville MA in Sept. 1805 making him one of the first families of Licking County.

LEMUEL ROSE, Pvt 4th Mass Regt. Born in May 1764 in Granville. MA. Enlisted March 14, 1781. Served 2 yrs 9 mos. as Pvt in Col Shepard's 15th Mass. Regiment. A Receipt dated Granville, March 22, 1781, for bounty paid said Rose by Nathan Barlo and others, on behalf of the town of Granville, to serve in the Continental Army for a term of 3 years; receipt signed by Justus Rose on behalf of said Lemuel Rose; age, 16 years; occupation, Farmer; engaged 03/14/1781; term, 3 years; also Private in Captain Ehiathan Haskell's Company, Colonel William Sheppard's 4th Massachusetts

Regt. of the Line; muster roll for May, 1781, dated West Point; muster rolls for June-September, 1781; reported sick in hospital in June & July, 1781; muster rolls for Oct. 1781-Feb., 1782, dated York Huts; reported sick at Philadelphia in January, 1782. He Married Achsah Hale (1764-1850) on Oct 28, 1784; Children: Miriam b. 1785, Helon b. 1788, Susanna b. 1791, Lemuel Jr. b. 1793, Silence b. 1795, Matilda b. 1798 & Christopher. He Died on September 13, 1835 in Granville, OH and Buried at Old Colony.

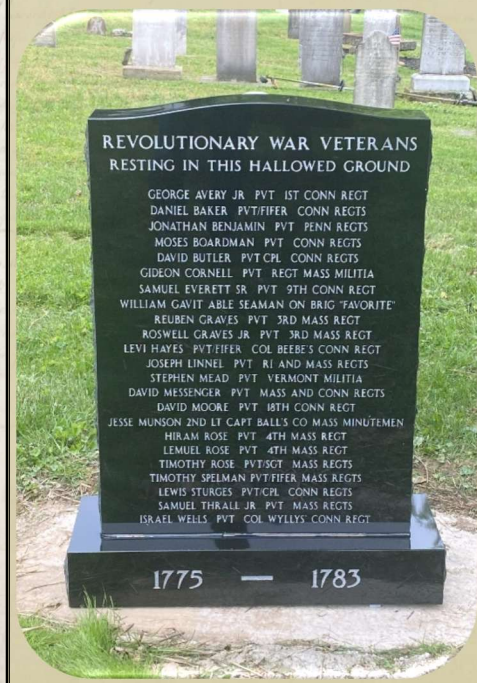


1905 The Opera House
Decorated for the Centennial.
The Opera House was the
Headquarters for the Centennial.
(Photos by Granville Historical Society)



1955 Granville's 150th Celebration
The Opera House Decorated

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WILLIAM GAVIT,
Born April 2, 1766,
Westerly, R. I. In spring
of 1788 he became a
resident of Granville,
Mass. Emigrated to
Granville, OH, in 1805.
Enlisted 1781 at New
London, Conn.

Served on Brigantine "Favorite", Sloop
"Randolph," Schooner "De Crops" and
Brigantine "Martin." Captured by the
British twice on the "Jersey." First time sent
to Blackburn Island in New York Harbor
escaped then second time sent to the prison
ship "Jersey" escaped there and served out
the rest of the war. He Married Sarah
Babcock (1765-1839) Children: Asa,
Amelia, George, Ezekiel, Elnathan and
Gardner. He Died Jan 6, 1854, Ashley,
Delaware Co, OH and Buried at Old Colony
Cemetery, Granville. He was one of the last
Revolutionary War Soldiers to sit and have
his daguerreotype photo taken.



Signature Programs

Granville Celebrates Sports

***Date:** September 25, 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Granville celebrates America 250 in recognition of our Military and Youth Sports.** **Location:** Granville High School Football Field, Hodges Stadium, 248 New Burg St. Granville

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is Granville Schools. The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of this program on the Community Board by Village Hall & Butterfly Park on Broadway.

Date: Sept. 5th **Time:** In the afternoon - please check the calendar for final details.

www.granvilleoh.com/all_events/ **Denison Celebrates College Athletics**

Location: Denison University Football - Deeds Field-Piper Stadium, 100 Livingston Dr.

Date: Sept. 12th **Time:** 11am-2pm **Special Event – Honoring First Responders, Fire Fighters & Police** **Location:** TBA, please check the calendar for final details.
America250-ohio.org/events-calendar Search “Granville”

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Granville Schools. Granville Exempted Village School District is proud to be one of Ohio's top public school districts, serving around 2,600 students. Our mission, Learning for Life, aims to provide a high-quality, personalized education, guided by our core values and the Portrait of a Graduate – a composite of the mindsets, skills, and dispositions we want students to develop during their tenure within our district. We achieve this through innovative curricular, instructional, and assessment practices that focus on individualized learning and the development of Agency. We also offer various extracurricular activities, with a successful history in athletics and the arts. Our success is further driven by exceptional family and community support, creating partnerships that help students and staff reach higher goals and deepen their commitment to lifelong learning. For more information, visit www.granvilleschools.org.



Sports

- Nov. 9, 1907 is recognized as the birthdate of the Ohio High Schools Athletic Association. On Dec. 26, 1907, the OHSA set the date for its 1st Championship event, a state track and field meet to be held on May 23, 1908, at Beaver Field at Denison University in Granville.
- The Cincinnati Red Stockings Baseball Club was founded in 1866 and three years later became the first fully professional baseball team in the U.S. by paying all of its players (the team disbanded in 1870). A newly-formed Cincinnati Red Stockings team became a charter member of the National League when it formed in 1876.
- The first scheduled intercollegiate women's sports event was a tennis match in 1894 between Vassar College and Bryn Mawr.

THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

Another fine thing has come to our public schools in the form of a new athletic field and playgrounds. The acquisition of our new five acre play field is a fitting climax to Granville's forward educational movement. Steps for securing this tract of land were taken when it looked as though our famous old football field would be lost to us; as plans were being made to convert it into building lots. Three generous friends aided in securing the field, Mr. William E. Harmon of New York City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Burke of Pittsburgh. Their contribution of two thousand dollars furnished another incentive for the undertaking. Other friends in the community whose names have not been announced aided in the purchase.

The Parent-Teacher Association has pledged four hundred dollars toward equipping the field. The business men of the town are planning to raise a much larger sum. Professor Bennett of Denison University has had a force of men at work, preparing a survey and planning the lay-out of the various features of the field such as football, track, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, playgrounds for small children, etc. Many of the farmers of the township have offered their services and the use of their teams in grading the field.

This splendid spirit of cooperation has been the outstanding feature of the whole movement and as a result we are to have a perpetual play field, costing over twelve thousand dollars as a memorial to those who have aided in the cause. The sincere thanks of the entire student body goes out to the school authorities, Mr. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Burke, and all others who have supplied one of our greatest needs.

SEPTEMBER

Challenge
Question:

The National Football League was founded in Canton, Ohio under the name American Professional Football Association, with five Ohio Teams: Who were the _____; and what was the _____

Granville High School
Blue & White Yearbook 1925

Granville High School
Football Team 1925 Yearbook

G. H. S. FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1925



FRONT ROW—Montgomery, R. Marshall, Latta, Kirby, A. Johnson, Edwards, Bowers, Pizer, Fisher, Ashler.
SECOND ROW—C. Johnson, Giel, Draglier, Jones, Carl, Owen, Lytle, Osborne, Young, E. Rogers, J. Barker.
BACK ROW—Mr. Williams, Flury, Thompson, E. Marshall, Steadman, Hulsemier, McLean, Peterman, Richards, Cherry, W. Rogers, Mr. Smith.

Granville High School Sports

- 2025 Baseball 20-8 District runner up. 2nd in the LCL
- 2025 Softball finished as Central District Runner-up.
- 2025 Boys Lacrosse won their 1st round playoff game.
- 2025 Boys Tennis won the Licking County tournament 3rd year in a row.
- 2024-2025 Girls Cross Country-Championship. At the Regional Championship, the team earned a 13/20 among the best Division 1 Central Ohio teams.
- Girls Soccer-2024 LCL Champions, Central Dist. champions
- Boys Soccer – 2024 won the Licking County League title. It was the program's 18th league title and eighth straight.
- Girls Golf - 2024 finished the season in first place in the LCL Girls Golf League.
- Boys Golf won the 2024 LCL championship.



Granville High School
2025
Photos by
Granville
High School



GHS Boys Cross Country



GHS Girls Tennis

GHS Girls Cross Country



GHS Girls Field Hockey



GHS Cheerleading



GHS Boys Soccer



GHS Girls Soccer



Celebrating Sports – Polo on Bryn Du Mansion Lawn

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2026

Time: 4pm **Location:** 537 Jones Rd.

Granville – Bring your lawn chairs and picnic to enjoy an afternoon of Polo. Presented by Play Polo Club & The Granville Investment Group. Be sure to check the website or social media before coming, in case of cancellation due to weather or wet fields.

Interesting Fact:

- Did you know that Polo has been a long-standing tradition in this area since the 1920s, or earlier. Polo was played near Buckeye Lake at that time, as evidenced on maps and silver edition mementos. Polo also has a long standing tradition on the Great Lawn of Bryn Du Mansion since the 1980s. Play Polo Club joined this tradition in 2014-Every Sunday at 4PM. Open to the public, the residents of the village of Granville and beyond watch this spectacular sport, known as the world's oldest team sport. Played on the largest playing surface in the world. Sports spectators are invited to bring their picnics, chairs, and blankets to enjoy a leisurely afternoon with family and friends watching athletic horses and players on the green lawn of Bryn Du Mansion.



Denison University Sports: 2024-25

- 2025 Finished 20th in Learfield Directors Cup Trophy - All Division III programs.
- 2024-25 Won the Dennis Collins North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy for record 21st time
- 2025 Men's Tennis National Champions
- 2025 Men's Swimming and Diving National Champions
- 2025 Women's Swimming and Diving - 4th Nationally
- 2025 Women's Lacrosse - 5th Nationally
- 2025 Baseball - 5th nationally
- 2025 Women's Golf - 16th Nationally
- 2025 Men's Lacrosse - 17th Nationally
- 2024 Men's Soccer - 5th Nationally
- 2024-25 Men's Basketball - 33rd Nationally
- 2025 Men's Outdoor Track and Field - 42nd Nationally
- 2024-25 Women's Fencing No. 1 national ranking in the USFCA coaches poll

Denison Women's Hockey 1926 Denison Adytum



Denison University Football Team 1926 Denison Adytum



Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

JOSEPH LINNELL, Pvt RI and Mass Regt., Born Dec. 3, 1754 in Orleans, MA to parents to Elkanah and Mary Sparrow Linnel. He Enlisted Apr 2, 1778 at Cambridge, MA. Private in Captains Crocker and Fowler's Company, Major Winslow's MA Brigade Continental Line. He Married Jeuriah Knowles (1753-1824) in 1779; children: Joseph, Mary, Joshua, Knowles, Bethiah & Elkanah. He died Jan. 21, 1834 and is buried at Old Colony.

STEPHEN MEAD, Pvt Vermont Militia, Born Feb. 14, 1759 to Colonel James Mead(1730-1804) and Mercy Holmes (1731-1823). He served Enlisting at Rutland, VT in June 1778 as Private in his father's Regiment under Capt. John Smith with the "Minute Men." He Married Dorothy Sacket on Feb 3, 1783. He Died on Feb 8, 1844, Granville Twp., Licking County, OH and buried at Old Colony.



Signature Program

Autumn Colors Abound - It's Time for a Harvest!

***Date:** October 3, 2026 **Time:** 8:30am to 12pm **Fall Harvest Celebration at the Granville's Farmers Market** **Location:** Raccoon Valley Park located at 1225 River Rd, Granville

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. (www.granvilleoh.com)

The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of this program at the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce Office.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Granville Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of 300+ business leaders and member-investor organizations whose purpose is to maximize the value and relevance of business by stimulating commerce, advocating for our businesses, and supporting responsible business development that preserves our heritage and sustains the quality of life in our community.



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Present Day Granville Agriculture & Farming

- Agriculture remains a vital part of the Granville economy.
- Granville's Farmers Market was established and sponsored by the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. The market with over 50 vendors is celebrating its 32nd year of providing delicious foods and an opportunity to shop with friends and neighbors.
- Granville through the Open Space Program has protected over 2100 acres of land in Granville and Granville Township.
- Corn and Soybean are still strong in Granville along with some cattle farmers. Granville has a diverse Agriculture industry that includes livestock, soybeans, corn, wheat, vegetables, fruit, berries, nurseries and greenhouses.
- Granville Milling Company started in Granville on May 4, 1953 and is still going strong. Granville has specialty farms like honeybees, Christmas Trees, and maple syrup.

Agriculture and Farming Fun Facts -

- The 1805 settlers reached Granville in ox-drawn wagons and used oxen as the primary draft and farming animals. Oxen were chosen for their strength and steadiness in heavy pulling, lower cost and feed needs, and better performance on rough, muddy, or hilly terrain.
- Early Granville farmers raised abundant wheat, corn, and rye that could not easily be exported. To prevent waste and add value, a thriving distilling industry emerged. By the late 1820s, Granville Township produced around 18,000 gallons of whiskey each year, of which less than half left the community. Much of the remainder was consumed locally or used in barter, where whiskey often served as a convenient medium of exchange.
- A local farm area now part of the Spring Valley Nature Preserve was once used in the mid-1800s for salt production. Transported via Conestoga wagons, its legacy now lives on through preserved forests and hiking trails.
- Early industry in Granville sprang from its agricultural base: farms, powered woolen mills, iron furnaces, tanneries, and even gunsmithing from about 1820–1840, until transportation improvements bypassed the town and shifted its focus to education.
- In Licking County, more than 26 farms are still operated by the same families for over 100 years and hold the state's Historic Family Farms designation, including the Dry Creek Valley Farm in Granville Township.

(Agriculture and Farming Facts provided by the Granville Historical Society)

OCTOBER

Challenge
Question:

The man known as
Johnny Appleseed
moved to _____, Ohio
in 1804-1805.
What was _____
& where is _____



Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights

DAVID MESSENGER, Pvt Mass and Conn Regt. Born Sept. 16, 1760 in Granby, Conn. On June 3, 1775, at age 15, he enlisted in 9th Regt. CT. He was a Private in Capt. Henry's Company, Colonel David MA Brewer's Regt, 1775, under Capt. Hays' Comp., Col. Jonathan Pettibone's 18th Conn Regt., Militia. He was at the siege of Boston, Mass. Married Hannah Higley, daughter of Dudley Higley and Eunice Stratton of Simsbury, CT; children: Grove, Cynthia, Hannah, David, Jr., Samuel, Campbell, Harriet & Forest. David was the 4th of six children, all boys, born to Nathaniel Messenger and Elanor Griffin. His siblings were: Nathaniel, Jr., Israel, Lemuel, Daniel and Amos. David died Apr 1, 1811 Granville. OH and is buried at Old Colony.

are provided by the SAR

JESSE MUNSON, 2nd Lt Capt. Ball's Co Mass Minutemen. Born Dec. 1, 1740 in Granville, MA. to father Ephraim (1724-1770) Munson. Served as 2nd Lt in Capt. Lebbeus Ball's Company of Minute Men which marched April 20, 1775 in response to the Alarm of April 19, 1775, and in the 15th Mass Regt. Also Private in Captain William Cooley's Company and Colonel John Mosely's Regt. Married Miriam Rowley (1746-1830); children: Lydia, Lovicy, Miriam, Comfort, Adah, Jesse, Jeremiah, Augustine & Clarissa. He Died April 27, 1813, Granville, OH and Buried at Old Colony.



Signature Programs

Thank you for your Service!

***Program #1 Monument Dedication Ceremony In Honor of America's 250 & In Memory of Our Veterans Buried at Old Colony Burying Ground**

Date: November 7, 2026 **Time:** 1pm **Location:** Old Colony Burial Grounds, S. Main St.

This month the Lead Community Partner Host is the
Daughters of the American Revolution - Granville Chapter

***Program #2 Civil War Exhibit – Guided Exhibit Honoring the Journey of Granville Residents in the Civil War**

Dates: November 7, 14, 21 **Time:** 1-3pm **Location:** Granville Historical Society, 115 E Broadway. Hosted by the Granville Historical Society www.granvillehistory.org
The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of these programs at the Granville Historical Society.

Program #3 A Symphony Tribute Honoring Navy Pilot, Captain F. Trevor “Trig” Gamble, Denison Professor & All Those Who Serve

Date: November 10, 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Location:** Denison University, Swazey Chapel.

***Program #4 Saluting Our Veterans: A First Look at our Military Trees**

Date: November 11, 2026 **Time:** 1-4 pm **Location:** Robbins Hunter Museum, 221 E Broadway. Hosted by the Robbins Hunter Museum. www.robbinshunter.org
The Challenge Question & Answer flyer for this month will be posted upon completion of this program at the Robbins Hunter Museum.

The Lead Community Partner Host for this month is the Daughters of the American Revolution, Granville Chapter. On a cold, snowy January night in 1909, the Granville Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in a home on East Elm Street by 18 charter members. At that time, looking back over many years of the life of the community, three things stood out clearly as the chief characteristics of Granville: the quality of her citizenship, her marked religious atmosphere, and her opportunities and influences in education. So, Granville Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution took with pride its name Granville from the village in which it is located. Over the years, one of the main projects of our chapter has been caring for the Old Colony Burying Ground where there are buried the pioneers of the settlement of Granville and a number of Revolutionary Soldiers. The gates to the cemetery were given by the Granville Chapter DAR and dedicated with impressive ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30, 1912, and were restored by our Chapter and dedicated on Sept. 24, 2023. With over 50 members currently, we are "Today's DAR" and the objectives of our Chapter remain: Historic Preservation, Education, and Promoting Patriotism.

granvilledar.wixsite.com/granville-dar



U.S. & Granville:

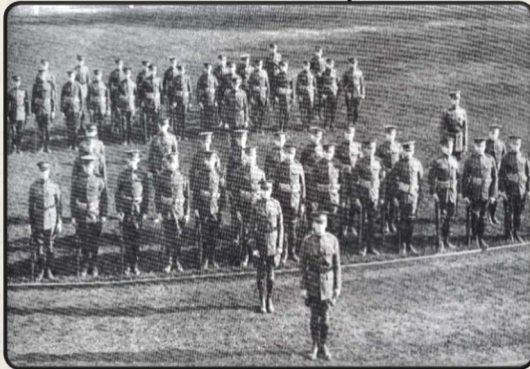
- After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Library of Congress needed to find places outside of Washington, D.C. to house irreplaceable objects. Four colleges were chosen to house items. Three institutions in Virginia were chosen in addition to the one site west of the Appalachians, Denison University. Items such as the first telegraph message ever sent, L'Enfant's manuscript of the design for Washington, D.C., and multiple documents directly related to Thomas Jefferson (such as his first Inaugural Address and directions for his epitaph). The Life Science Building, along with Swasey Chapel and William Howard Doane Library, served as the storage locations for these documents. The relocated items were watched night and day by armed guards until they were eventually returned to the Capitol in August of 1944. (DU Archives)
- Old Colony was established in 1805 at the time Granville was founded, as part of the original plat of the Village. The first burial was in 1806, the infant child of settlers Ethan and Lucy Bancroft. (Granville Historical Society)

NOVEMBER

Challenge
Question:

Five U.S.
Presidents who
served in the
Civil War were
born in Ohio.
Who were they
and what were

Denison ROTC 1926 Denison Adytum



2021 Daughters of the American Revolution (Photo by the DAR)



2018 Sons of the American Revolution & Veterans (Photo by Jack Fleming Photography)



1888 Granville Civil War Veterans (Photo by Granville Historical Society)



Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

TIMOTHY SPELMAN, Pvt/Fifer Mass Regt,

Born January 15, 1756. He Enlisted on May 4, 1777 with Massachusetts in the Revolutionary War. Served as a Private (Fifer) Captain Lebbeas Ball's Company, Colonel Timothy Danielson's Massachusetts Regiment. He married Hannah Hayes (1761-1807) in 1779; children: Thomas, Timoth & Hannah. He Died on October 18, 1818 and is buried at Old Colony.

LEWIS STURGES, Pvt/Cpl Conn Regt.

Born in 1757, he served as a Private, in the 3rd Connecticut Regiment on the Continental Line. Children: Isaac Lewis b. 1781. Lewis died at 81 years of age on Jan. 6, 1838 and is buried at Old Colony.



Signature Programs

That's A Wrap Reception - Looking ahead to Granville 2076

- Collection of Letters for the future Granvillians of 2076.
- Opportunity to Present your Answers to the PassBooklet Challenge to receive your AM250-Ohio Commemorative Keepsake.
- Mingle and hear highlights from the last 12 month's programs.
- Learn about the Community Partners who helped to bring this yearlong journey to Granville.

***Program #1 *That's a Wrap Celebration Reception* - Date:** December 12th

Time: 3–6pm **Location:** Granville Elementary School, 310 N Granger St, Granville

Program #2 *Wreath Ceremony Honoring Our Veterans* Date: December 12th

Time: 12noon – 2pm. American Legion, Granville Post 398, Wreath Ceremony

Location: Maple Grove Cemetery (*This is an outdoor event*)

Community Activity: The Granville ***Candlelight Christmas Walk*** is held the First Saturday in December from 1pm-9pm. Some morning events take place. Visit the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce Website visitgranvilleohio.com for a full list of scheduled events. The event is hosted by the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. (*This is an outdoor event*)

COLLECTION OF NOTES CARDS & LETTERS

On page 38 of this PassBooklet there is space for you to write a note for the 2076 Granville residents.

The **Historical Keepsake Box** will be opened by the 2076 Residents of Granville.

Help share your memories of the past and present by taking the time to write a note then drop off your note at the December 12th That's A Wrap Program. You may also drop off your personalized notecard at the same locations listed on the inside cover of this booklet where you present your completed Historical PassBooklet & Challenge Question and Answer sheets.

Granville Revolutionary Soldiers and the Granville Post Office: (Source: Granville Historical Times 2017)

- Timothy Rose, Revolutionary War veteran and one of the founders of Granville, who was the first postmaster, kept the first office in a cabin that stood just in the rear of the woodhouse on the Judge Bancroft lot. In the summer of 1806 he built a frame extension and opened a tavern, which doubled as a post office.
- Another Revolutionary War veteran, William Gavit, followed Rose as postmaster and kept the office in a small log cabin fronted directly opposite the west side of the Baptist Church (now Opera House Park).
- The Granville Post office has had many locations over the years. Construction started in Autumn, 1936 and was finished in early Summer, 1937. The current office was opened for business on Monday, June 28, 1937.
- Earliest Postmasters:

NAME /	APPOINTED
Timothy Rose	1806-1808
William Gavit	April 1, 1809
Daniel Baker	October 22, 1812

DECEMBER

Challenge
Question:

_____ is the
central facility
for developing
futuristic
technologies for
the U.S. Space
Force. This
facility is

1926 Santa arrives downtown Granville



2020 December



2025 Christmas Candlelight Walk
Gingerbread House Contest

Photo by the Granville Area
Chamber of Commerce



Revolutionary Soldiers Monthly Spotlights are provided by the SAR

SAMUEL THRALL JR.

Pvt Mass Regt., Born Granville Mass., Aug 31, 1760 Died May 8 1815. Private in Colonels Leonard, Moseley and Murray Massachusetts Regiments. Married Triphosa Cooley, Daughter of Captain William Cooley soldier of Revolutionary War. Children: James, Samuel, Cotton, Alexander, William, Timothy, Abbie. Buried at Old Colony, Granville.

ISRAEL WELLS, Pvt Col Wyllys' Conn Regt.

Born in 1758 in Lebanon, Conn. He served as a Private in Captain Abel Pettibone's Company, Colonel Samuel Wyll's Connecticut Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He married Chloe Wilcox children: Truman b. 1796, Chester & Israel b. 1820. He Died at 73 years of age in 1831 and is buried at Old Colony.

ELIPHAZ WRIGHT, Born in 1750, Northampton MA. Enlisted April 19, 1775 in Capt. Jonathan Allen's Company, Gen Pomeroy's MA Regt. Served as Sgt in 3rd Regiment of Capt. Daniel's Company, Gen Danielson's Brigade. Served under Gen Stark, Northern Dept and Canadian Expedition of 1776. Married Anna Mosely (1751-1785). Children: Anne, Bohan & Spencer. He Died on Dec 10, 1813, Granville, OH and Buried at Maple Grove Cemetery.

June 25, 1886 Granville Times
Granville School's Report

School Report.

Report of the Granville Public Schools for the year ending June 18, 1886:

HIGH SCHOOL.
LENA D. NICHOLS, Teacher.

Total No. enrolled.....43
Average No. belonging.....38
" Daily attendance.....36
Per cent. of attendance.....95

Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year:

Harry Carpenter, Juddie Evans, Frank Montgomery, Nettie Miller. The following named persons completed the Course of Study and received Diplomas:

Eugene Deming, Burton Eno, May Weston, Orpha Pierson, Stella Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Guy Potts, Judson Black, Evan Evans.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Total No. enrolled.....275
Average No. belonging.....219
" Daily attendance.....209
Per Cent. of daily attendance.....95
No. of pupils neither absent nor tardy.....9
No. of pupils graduated.....9

July 2, 1880 Granville Times

Granville Markets.

FAMILY GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Corrected Weekly by Carter & Carter.

Family Flour, per bbl	\$5 50
Graham " "	5 50
Rye " "	7 00
Salt " "	1 00
Potatoes, per bushel	50
Butter, per lb	12 1/2
Lard, " "	10
Bacon, " "	10
Shoulders " "	8
Ham, sugar cured, per lb	12 1/2
Fish—Mackerel, " "	10
" White, " "	10
Dried Apples " "	10
Eggs, per dozen	10

GRAIN MARKET.

Corrected Weekly by Edwin Phelps, College Mills.

Wheat.....	41 05
Now Wheat.....	95c
Corn.....	40-45
Oats.....	33-35
Rye.....	65
Clover Seed.....	4 75
Timothy Seed.....	3 50
Flax Seed.....	1 19

26 Newark (O.) Advocate
Wed., June 23, 1965

Annual Sidewalk Sale Set

Granville merchants will again be sponsoring a sidewalk sale in front of their stores on Broadway and North Prospect Street.

The sale will be held on Friday from 9 to 8:30 p. m. and Saturday from 9 to 5:30 p. m. and will feature several special activities.

Activities for Friday will begin with a flower show in the Methodist Church at 1 p. m., followed by a dedication of Petunia Park at 8:45 p. m. and a square dance immediately following the dedication.

Four or five antique dealers are also expected to set up stands during the sale.

Merchants will be featuring special prices on certain items in their outdoor stands.

Activities are free and open to the public.

July 3, 1941 Granville Times

PROGRAM OF REDEDICATION TO LIBERTY WILL BE GIVEN ON JULY FOURTH

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The approach of Independence Day this year will kindle in all American hearts an appreciation of the dark days that preceded and followed July 4, 1776. Those were the times that tried men's souls even as are these times in another crisis in American life.

But these days are also days of hope and as the birthday of American Independence draws near it is altogether fitting that we should rededicate ourselves to defend and perpetuate those inalienable rights which found true expression in the immortal Declaration. Those words never had a deeper or more solemn meaning for America than they have in this hour of anxiety and peril.

The Fourth of July has always been a happy festival, a day of joy and exaltation in which all Americans have caught something of the spirit of liberty which the Fathers of the Republic proclaimed to all the world on that midsummer day in Philadelphia in 1776. It has been essentially a home festival.

I am glad, therefore, to learn that the Office of Civilian Defense is to lead the Nation this year in a grand rededication to liberty on the Fourth of July. I commend this celebration to American everywhere to the end that in this solemn commemoration we may find renewed faith in the blessings which are ours because of the struggle and sacrifice, the courage and fortitude and vision of those who made this National a reality.

THE PLAN

The Fourth of July rededication is to take place simultaneously throughout the nation at 1:00 p. m., Pacific Coast time; 2:00 p. m., Mountain Time; 3:00 p. m., Central Time; 4:00 p. m., Eastern Standard Time; and 5:00 p. m., Eastern Daylight Time.

The rededication will begin with a five-minute radio speech by President Roosevelt. This will be followed by the playing of national anthem started by the U. S. Marine Band in Washington, and picked up by bands all over the country. Following national anthem, all citizens led by the President will repeat the Oath of Allegiance to the United States. The total time for the rededication ceremony will be about ten minutes.

YOUR PART

As an American, you have a part in the rededication wherever you may be. At home, at the beach, in the mountains, on a picnic, at the theater, at the ball game, have a radio turned on, listen to the President, join in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and repeat the Oath of Allegiance. Join with the President at 4:00 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, July 4, in personally renewing your oath of allegiance to the United States of America.

July 1, 1897 Granville Times

BROADWAY TO BE IMPROVED.

The streets committee of the Improvement Society held a meeting last Saturday evening and discussed plans for the improvement of our streets. After a careful consideration of the most approved methods in other places and from measurements taken at various places over the town, the committee have the following plan to suggest which in their judgment will best serve the needs of traffic, be the most economical to maintain and also present the most attractive appearance. It is hoped that the plan will be freely discussed and that any one who has suggestions to make by way of additions or modifications of any sort will speak to some member of the committee before next Monday evening as the committee will meet then to arrange the final plan and suggestions for the consideration of the council. The plan is to narrow the road bed on Broadway to 35 ft. This means the transfer of the edges of the lawns outside of the sidewalk about 10 feet further into the present road way. The lawns then will be 35 ft. wide instead of 25 ft. as at present. The hitching posts to be placed on the outer edge of the lawns. If this change is made it is also planned to have the Trees and Poles Committee plant or see to the planting of a row of elms on each side of the drive way and 2 1/2 feet inside of the outside edge of the lawns. The rows of trees would then be 40 ft. apart. This plan would be followed from Main street west and from Pros-

YOUR NEWS QUIZ

PART I — AMERICAN HISTORY

Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer.

- During the first half-dozen years of the Revolution, from 1775-1781, the . . ? . . served as a national governing body for the American patriots.
a-Union of Confederation
b-Continental Congress
c-Virginia Parliament
- "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the National Anthem by Act of Congress in . . ? . .
a-1792 b-1814 c-1931
- During the debate about ratifying the Constitution, opponents known as (CHOOSE ONE: Federalists, Antifederalists), maintained that the rights of the people could be protected better by the states than by a strong central government.
- George Washington was inaugurated as the nation's first President in . . ? . .
a-Philadelphia
b-Washington, D.C.
c-New York City
- The Liberty Bell was first officially rung upon the ratification of the nation's Constitution. True or False?

PART II — FAMOUS AMERICAN PLACES

Take 4 points for each place that you can correctly match with its clue

- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1.....Philadelphia | a-site of a famous tea party |
| 2.....Boston | b-winter quarters for General Washington's troops |
| 3.....Valley Forge | c-home of Independence Hall |
| 4.....Lexington-Concord | d-restored colonial capital of Virginia |
| 5.....Williamsburg | e-site of the first battle of the Revolutionary War |

PART III — FAMOUS AMERICAN PATRIOTS

Take 6 points for men you can correctly match with their famous words

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1.....Patrick Henry | a-"Taxation without representation is tyranny." |
| 2.....John Paul Jones | b-"These are the times that try men's souls." |
| 3.....James Otis | c-"I have not yet begun to fight." |
| 4.....Thomas Paine | d-"Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light. . ." |
| 5.....Francis Scott Key | e-"... give me liberty, or give me death!" |

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The Advocate

VEC News Program

Match word clues with their corresponding pictures or symbols. 10 points for each correct answer.



1.....
Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President



2.....
Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President



3.....
Woodrow Wilson, 28th President

1776

4.....
Richard M. Nixon, 37th President

5.....
Abraham Lincoln, 16th President



6.....
John F. Kennedy, 35th President

1789

7.....
The Constitution went into effect this year



8.....
Declaration of Independence was signed July 4th. . . ? . .



9.....
George Washington, 1st President



10.....
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President



HOW DO YOU RATE?

(Score Each Side of Quiz Separately) 71 to 80 points - Good.
91 to 100 points - TOP SCORER 61 to 70 points - Fair.
81 to 90 points - Excellent 60 or Under ??? - If you!

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

How well do you think the Constitution serves the needs of our times?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE!

NO SCORE

Who was the first Vice President of the United States?

Part I 1-b, 2-c, 3-Antifederalist, 4-c, 5-false.
Part II 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-d. Part III 1-e, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-d. SYMBOL quiz 1-I, 2-H, 3-J, 4-E, 5-D, 6-B, 7-C, 8-G, 9-F, 10-A. Challenge John Adams

July 3, 1948 Newark Advocate

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1948

DAILY RADIO PROGRAM

New York, July 3.-(AP)—On Saturday night list: NBC—7:30 Curtain time "Worm Turns;" 9 Sinatra and Hit Parade; 9:30 Can You Top This, new time.

CBS—4 Sing It Again quiz; 9 Joan Davis comedy; 10:30 It Pays To Be Ignorant.

ABC—7 Challenge of the Yukon; 8 Ross Dolan Detects; 8:30 Amazing Malone; 9:30 What's My Name quiz; 10 Prof. Quiz; 10:30 Hayloft Hoedown.

MBS—7:30 Name of the Song quiz; 8 Twenty Questions; 9 Three For the Money quiz; 10 Chicago Theater, Martha King

THE NEWARK ADVOCATE.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1901.

TEN CENTS A WEEK.



July 1, 1926 Granville Times

EVERYTHING READY FOR CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN GRANVILLE MONDAY

Carnival, Music, Speaking, Athletics, Dancing and Contests Arranged for the Pleasure of Citizens and Visitors.

Fourth of July committees have completed plans for the celebration Monday—which indicates that everyone, young and old, who comes to Granville for Independence Day will have a continuous program of interesting entertainment which will last from morning to night.

High lights on the celebration are as follows:

11:00 a.m.—Celebration starts with civic parade led by Center Star Masonic band. Liberal prizes offered for floats and representation of organizations.

12:00—Picnic dinner on Shepardson Campus. At this time the Elks Buckeye band will give a concert at the picnic grounds.

1:00 p.m.—Horseshoe Pitching Contest on Williams' lot, west of Plum street on Broadway.

1:30 p.m.—Program of athletic events for boys and girls and grown-ups in charge of Walter J. Livingston. Prizes in all events.

3:15 p.m.—The most unique event of the day, a Hog Calling Contest. Three prizes. Harmonica Contest, on Shepardson Campus.

6:00 p.m.—Old Fiddlers Contest on the carnival grounds, Main street and Broadway. In charge of Harry Brickels with big prizes offered.

7:30 p.m.—Sesqui-Centennial address by A. P. Sandles. Mayor J. S. Graham, chairman. Patriotic music.

8:00 p.m.—Carnival grand march with six prizes to be given for costumes.

8:15 p.m.—Charleston Contest, followed by free dancing with continuous music until 11 p.m.

June 26, 1953 Newark Advocate July 4, 1918 Granville Times

As a salute to Ohio's Sesquicentennial, the Granville Fourth of July celebration is being extended this year to two days, with the program beginning Friday afternoon, July 3, and running through to midnight of the Fourth. The sesquicentennial note will be apparent in store windows which are displaying items of historic interest, in the appearance of Ohio's Gov. Frank J. Lausche, who will be the speaker July 4 and in the parade, which was the Sesquicentennial as its theme.

Sponsored by the Granville Celebration Association, a non-profit corporation, the program includes a horseshoe-pitching tournament, a dance revue, rooster imitation, hog-calling and old fiddlers' contests on Friday, followed by street dancing, round and square, till midnight. Two orchestras will furnish music for dancing.

The Movies.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, at 2 and 7 p.m. the Granville Opera House will offer a Class A attraction in which incomparable Mary Pickford appears in one of her late releases "M'liss," the immortal story by Bret Harte, his masterpiece of "the days of old, the days of gold." The genius of the star has galvanized "M'liss" into a sentient being, the living embodiment of the dream of her creator, and of the romantic period in which she lived.

The Opera House, the best ventilated public building in town will offer rest for an hour and a half during a strenuous day and evening as well as first class entertainment.

July 1, 1926 Granville Times

July 20 Is Designated "Ohio Day" at the Sesqui

July 20 has been officially selected as Ohio Day at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition at Philadelphia according to announcement made by the Sesqui-Centennial Commission of Ohio.

Governor A. V. Donahey, of Ohio, will be the principal figure in ceremonies to mark the dedication of the Ohio State Building, a reproduction of the homestead at North Bend, Ohio, near Cincinnati, of William Henry Harrison, first President of the United States to come from Ohio. The Governor will be accompanied by his military staff, members of the Ohio representation in Congress, officials of the State Administration, Carl N. Crispin, Director of the Ohio Exposition body and other prominent figures from the Buckeye State.

An elaborate program is being outlined for the occasion. Special honors will be paid to Ohio, with special stress on its important role in the development of the nation. Receptions and reunions of present and former residents of Ohio will be arranged by the Ohio Society of Philadelphia to link up the large colony of Ohioans in Philadelphia with the "folks back home."

GRANVILLE, OHIO, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1926

INDEPENDENCE DAY Honoring American Patriots



CHALLENGE ANSWER PAGE**Historical Adventure PassBooklet & Challenge Answer Sheet**

Instructions: Please include your contact information on this sheet, Each month when you attend the Signature Program between January 2026 – December 2026, you will need to answer a challenge question. This is to be an interactive challenge which encourages residents to come in person and learn from these events and not to be completed online. The Scroll on each page will partially identify your challenge question. The Host for the Program will reveal the full question and the answers at the program. Details on where to turn in your Answer Page can be found on the inside cover of this booklet. Limit One Prize Per Household.

Fill in your Answers to the Challenge Questions Below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

January: _____

February: _____

March: _____

April: _____

May: _____

June: _____

July: _____

August: _____

September: _____

October: _____

November: _____

December: _____

In addition to the known 23 Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Granville as spotlighted in the pages of this booklet, there are more soldiers where documentation shows Revolutionary Soldiers are buried in Granville, yet to date, the graves have been unable to be located. Most likely some of these very early graves are buried deep below the ground of the cemetery. As these soldier's graves are found, we look forward to honoring them for their services.

NATHAN ALLYN, Born June 5, 1740 Groton, Conn. Served as a Seaman on board privateer "Marquis de LaFayette, under Capt. Elisha Hinman 27 Feb 1782-13 Aug 1783". Married Sarah Freeman. He Died June 2, 1814 in Granville, Ohio. Buried at Old Colony Burying Ground (Marker unable to be found)

WORTHY PRATT, Served in the Revolutionary War Verified by war record. Buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Granville. (Gravestone Unknown)

The **Sons of the American Revolution** was founded in 1889 and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to our future generations. Members are made up of the male lineal descendants of patriots who fought for and supported the American War of Independence from Great Britain. Members are active in assisting veterans and recognizing outstanding citizens for community service, law enforcement, and first responders. Many members are active in the color guard for parades and events, active in research of patriot biographies and restoration of patriot gravestones and performing Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies. With the approach of America's 250th Anniversary, the SAR is quite active in promoting the events for this commemoration.



Images: The Declaration of Independence. The Constitution of the United States & The scene at the signing of the Constitution oil painting by Howard Chandler Christy, 1940.

WRITE A LETTER TO FUTURE GRANVILLIANS

What would you say to the future residents of Granville?

Fifty, 100, or 250 years from now there will be a new generation of Granvillians seeking to know the history of Granville and curious about what life was like in Granville Through the Years.

Think back to 1976, 1926, 1876, 1826, and to the 1805 Founding Families of Granville. What would you ask them? Imagine that for a moment.

On the back of this page there is a blank notecard. We are asking if you will write a letter or note for the 2076 Granville residents.

Please, take the time **TO FILL OUT THE NOTE CARD** on the back of this page and drop it off at the December 12, 2026 **That's a Wrap Celebration Reception** at the Granville Elementary School. You may also drop off your personalized notecard at the same locations listed on the inside cover of this booklet where you present your completed Historical PassBooklet & Challenge Question and Answer sheets.





(Month/Day)_____, ____ 2025,

Dear 2076 Granville Residents,

[illegible]

Sincerely(*name*)_____

Address _____

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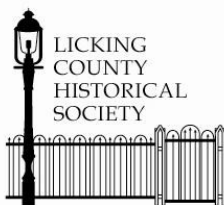
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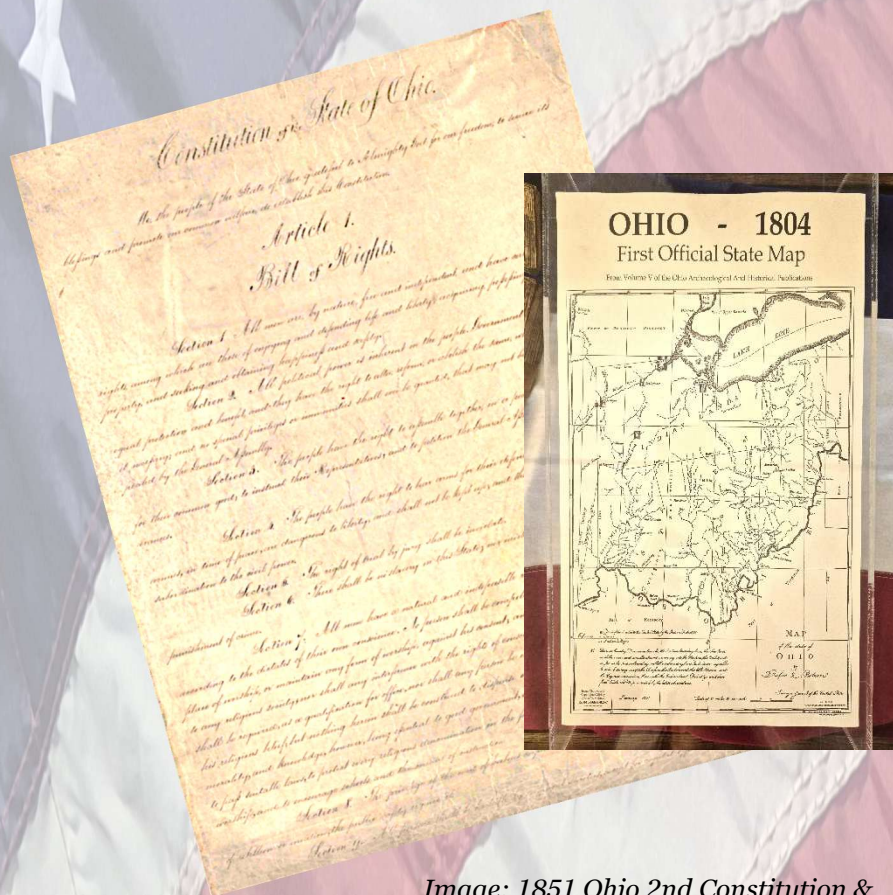


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To plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of Ohioans and Granville on the nation's past, present, and future.

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