OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Vincent B. Linn
Title: Vincent B. Linn Collection
Date: 1960s
Abstract: Short stories, essays, and biographical sketches
Quantity: .6 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Vincent Bliss Linn was born in Zanesville, Ohio on May 29, 1901 and was the son of Milman H. and Jane Davey Smith Linn. A lifelong resident of Zanesville, he attended Harvard University from 1919-1921. Linn was vice president of Zanesville Stoneware Company. He was first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Bailey Drug Company and served as a Republican State Central committee member. A member of the Putnam Presbyterian Church, he was also a longtime member of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Muskingum County. Linn died at the age of 93, on July 22, 1994.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of writings, fiction pieces, and essays, by Linn. Most appear to been written after the early 1960s in that many of the envelopes from which they were taken to be placed in folders included a postal ZIP code. The first box of the collection includes short stories, biographical sketches of family members, and essays. The second box includes typescripts for two novels. One of the essays reflects upon the Harvard University of the early 20th century and the later century. The first of the novels bears the title The Girl We Elected Mayor. The second, while untitled, is set during the
flood of 1913. Much of the material is set in or related to Ohio.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Restrictions:** The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

**Preferred Citation:** Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

**Accession Number:** Unknown

**Provenance:** The Ohio University Archives purchased the collection from two dealers who acquired the materials at an auction in December 1994 (first part) and the second part in January 1995.

**Property Rights:** Ohio University retains all property rights to the collection.

**Copyrights:** The donor has retained all applicable copyrights. Consideration of all other copyrights and possible literary rights is the responsibility of the researcher and publisher.

**Photoduplication:** Ohio University will entertain requests to photocopy reasonable amounts of material from the collection for the convenience of individual researchers.

**Processing:** Lisa Parks processed the collection with the assistance of George Bain during Winter 1995.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

**CONTAINER LIST**

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1 / 1 “Recollection of Old Putnam” (ribbon copy, pgs. 1-26)
2 “Recollection of Old Putnam” (carbon copy)
3 “Recollection of Old Putnam” (photocopy)
4 “A Nation of Infants” (ribbon copy, pgs. 1-9) and cover letter
5 “What Does Ronny Think” (carbon, pgs. 1-11)
6 “What Does Ronny Think” (photocopy)
7 “Three Fourths a Century” (ribbon copy, pgs. 2-20)
8 “Three Fourths a Century” (ribbon copy, pgs. 1-20)
9 “Three Fourths a Century” (carbon) and cover letter
10 “Three Fourths a Century” (carbon)
11 “Harvard Today” (ribbon copy, pgs. 1-10) and 2 cover letters
12 “Harvard Today” (carbon)
13 “Harvard Today” (photocopy)
14 “Flying” (carbon, pgs. 1-12)
15 “Flying” (photocopy)
16 Linn Biographies-including: Adam Linn, Robert Linn, Joseph and Luna Linn, Daniel Bliss Linn, Mary Dana Linn, Milman Hart Linn, Jane Smith Linn (carbon, pgs. 7-58)
17 Biographies-including: Alpheus Vincent Smith, Martha Frances Smith, Josiah Buffett Allen, General Samuel Herrick, Linn Aunts and Uncles (carbon, pgs. 59-98)

2 / 1 The Girl We Elected Mayor (Chapters I-VII, pgs. i-iii, 1-111)
2 The Girl We Elected Mayor (Chapters VIII-XIII, pgs. 113-216)
3 The Girl We Elected Mayor (Chapters XIV-XIX, pgs 217-318)
4 Untitled Novel (carbon, Chapters I-VII, pg. ii, 1-114)
5 Untitled Novel (Chapters VIII-XIV, pgs. 115-232)
6 Untitled Novel (Chapters XV-XX, pgs. 233-330)