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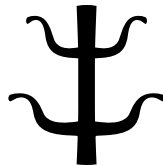
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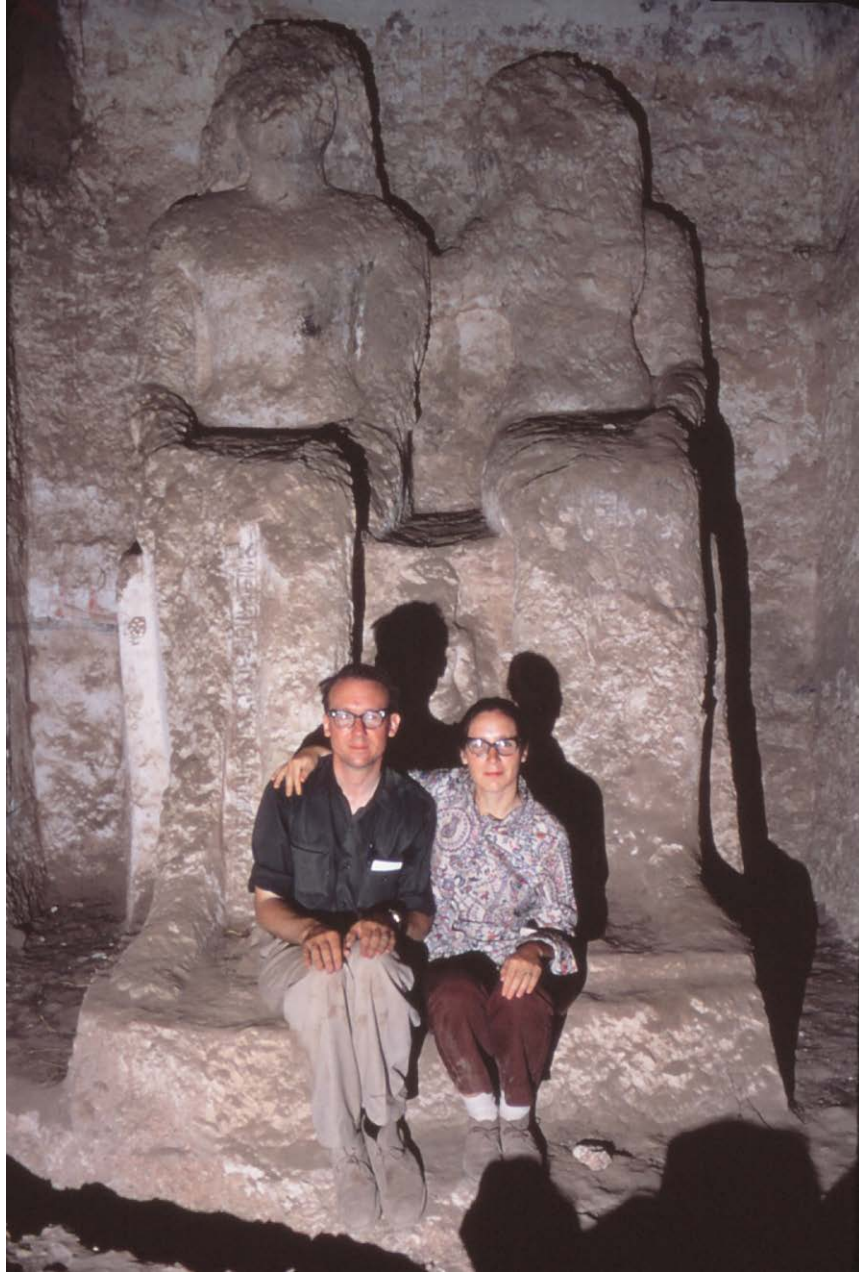
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Lanny and Martha Bell in the tomb of Amenemope, TT 148 in 1977



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## Preface

Lanny Bell was my first professor of hieroglyphs at the University of Pennsylvania, in the early 1970s. I will never forget his kindness and patience with all of us, his beginning graduate students, as we struggled our way through Gardiner's Grammar. I can still hear his voice ringing in my ears: "Do not emend the text!" When I took my first trip to Egypt in 1979, he and Martha were so welcoming at Chicago House, putting up a grateful group of us from David O'Connor's Abydos expedition and giving us a chance to recharge and explore Luxor. I feel very lucky to have known him as a teacher and a friend. This volume was originally intended to be a Festschrift for Lanny; sadly he passed away before it could be completed. But Lanny knew about the planned volume, which gives us some comfort, and I hope that he would have been pleased with the results.

Sue D'Auria

I am so grateful to Lanny Bell for so many things. As a graduate student at the Oriental Institute of Chicago, I had a small grant to conduct a survey of the site of Deir el-Ballas, north of Luxor, for my dissertation. Lanny and Martha took me under their wing at Chicago House, as they did so many other Egyptologists around the world, providing endless helpful advice and kind support. I lived on peanut butter and marmalade homemade by Martha, and Lanny lent me survey equipment and made all the necessary introductions to the authorities of the Antiquities Service. He would later serve as the chair of my dissertation committee, providing expert editorial advice and orchestrating my defense to make it as painless as possible. Throughout his later years, it was always a joy to see him and share a chuckle and fond memories of past times. He made the Egyptological world a better place for so many, and he will be so deeply missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him.

Peter Lacovara

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## That Smile...That Laugh

I am honored to be a part of this volume of tributes to Dr. Lanny Bell. In 1982 Lanny hired me to work as the photographer for the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor. The season is six months long. He would have to sit at the dinner table with me for six months! We'd never met. But he hired me anyway. What a risk he took! And how grateful I am that he did so.

Lanny cared deeply about people. He was curious and respectful. It was a joy to talk with him about anything at all. He made you feel as though you were the only person in the room and that everything you said was absolutely fascinating.

For reasons that shall remain a mystery, Lanny almost always called me by my last name. "Hey Lezon, those 2000 talatat need to be shot at a scale of 1:5 and printed by tomorrow. You ok with that?" And then that smile, followed by that laugh!

Lanny's achievements as an Egyptologist will be discussed by other contributors to this volume. What I have to share are photographs that were taken during his years as the Director of Chicago House when I had the pleasure of working with him. I am delighted to share with you a few images of his smile. I'll always be able to hear the laughter that followed. To be able to call him my friend was an extraordinary gift.

Sue Lezon  
June 2020



Figure 1. Lanny and Martha Bell at the International Congress of Egyptologists in Munich, Germany in 1985. Photographer unknown.



Figure 2. Lanny with Chicago House butler Shafei.  
Photograph by Sue Lezon.



Figure 3. Lanny with Carlotta Maher at the University of  
Chicago, 1987. Photograph by Brad Burgess.



Figure 4. Lanny and Ray Johnson discuss an Epigraphic Survey drawing at Chicago House, Luxor. Photograph by Sue Lezon.



Figure 5. Lanny and Helen Jacquet at Chicago House, Luxor. Photograph by Sue Lezon.



Figure 6. Lanny with Chicago House workman Abu-el-Mag. Every year, the staff of the Epigraphic Survey was invited to Abu-el-Mag's family compound in a village near Luxor to cut a branch of a tamarisk tree that would become the Chicago House Christmas tree. Photograph by Sue Lezon.

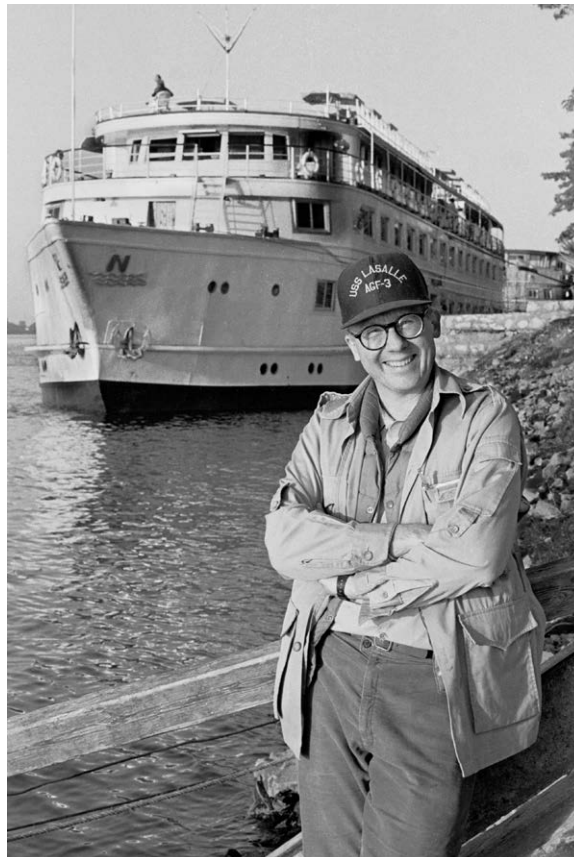


Figure 7. Lanny on the bank of the Nile in front of Chicago House. Photograph by Sue Lezon.

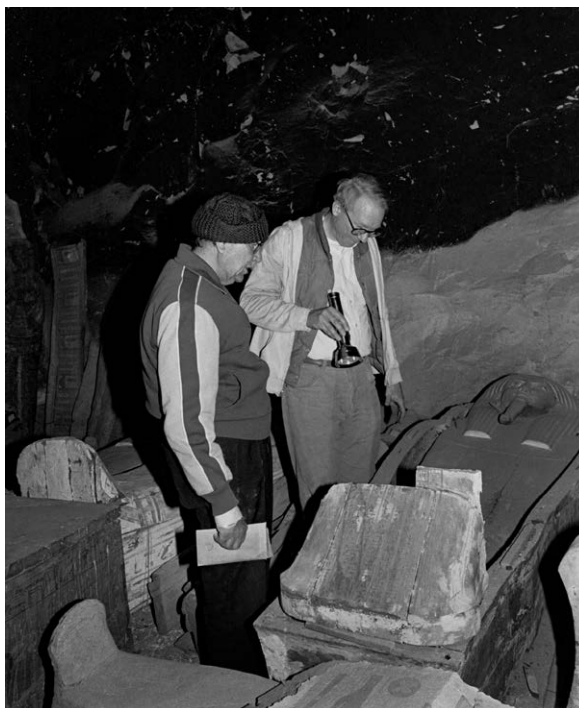


Figure 8. Labib Habachi and Lanny in Qurna, 1982. Photograph by Sue Lezon.



Figure 9. Dr. Henri Riad, "Santa Bell" and Attiya Habachi on Christmas Day. Chicago House, mid-1980s. Photograph by Sue Lezon.





# Lanny David Bell

Lanny David Bell was born on April 30, 1941, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Gerald Eugene and Marjorie Ann (Carlson) Bell. He was the eldest of two children, having a younger brother, Brian K. Bell, who passed away in 2009. As a student in public high school he became captivated by a class in Latin, and that sparked a life-long interest in ancient languages. Egyptian hieroglyphs particularly fascinated him, and after graduating from high school in 1959 he enrolled in the University of Chicago to study under John A. Wilson. He continued his graduate education at the University of Pennsylvania, studying under visiting professor Jaroslav Černý and David O'Connor. While working in the University Museum he met fellow student Martha Rhoads, who he married on September 22, 1968. Martha had received a Bachelor of Arts in Ancient History at Barnard College in New York City in 1963 and would receive a PhD in the Department of Classical Archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1991.

While at Penn, Lanny taught and worked on the University Expedition to Abydos, and also instituted a field project to return to the site of Dra Abu el-Naga, which had been first excavated by Clarence Fisher in 1921–23. He excavated and conserved a number of tombs of Ramesside officials, including those of Nebwenenef (TT157) and Bekenkhons (TT35) from 1967 to 1977.

Lanny's dissertation for the University of Pennsylvania was entitled "Interpreters and Egyptianized Nubians in Ancient Egyptian Foreign Policy: Aspects of the History of Egypt and Nubia" and was supervised by David O'Connor, James Muhly, and George Hughes. Hughes recommended Lanny for the position of director of the Epigraphic Survey of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, which is headquartered at "Chicago House" in Luxor. During his tenure in Luxor from 1977 to 1984, Lanny and Martha raised the profile of the facility, welcoming and supporting scholars visiting and working in Luxor. Martha supervised the running of the house and the library along with the assistance of May Trad of the American Research Center in Egypt's Cairo Office. He also hosted Labib Habachi as resident scholar. Lanny actively fundraised to establish endowments for the Epigraphic Survey and supervised the beginning stages of two major publications on the reliefs and inscriptions of Luxor Temple. He also authored a number of important books and articles, including studies on Theban temples, the cult of the deified Tutankhamun, divine kingship, the royal *ka*, and epigraphy.

In 1989 Lanny returned to Chicago as associate professor of Egyptology, teaching courses in ancient Egyptian literature, the literature and politics of the Middle Kingdom, wisdom literature, Old Egyptian, Late Egyptian, and Coptic. He also supervised a number of PhD dissertations and was a popular member of the faculty. Martha was tragically killed in a car accident in 1991, soon after finishing her dissertation on Bronze Age Aegean pottery found in Egypt. Lanny married Jill Louise Baker in 1994, that union ending in divorce in 2006.

Lanny took early retirement from Chicago in 1996 and as an independent scholar moved to Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and was appointed a lecturer in Egyptology at Brown University, also teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design and Columbia University. He was sought after as a speaker, particularly by the Archaeological Institute of America and as a tour leader bringing numerous groups to Egypt. His vast knowledge as well as his kindness and sense of humor charmed his colleagues and students as well as the general public. He received a number of awards during his long career, including a National Merit Scholarship (1959–1963) and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship (1963–1964), and he was elected as a corresponding

member of the German Archaeological Institute in Berlin (1988). Lanny passed away on August 26, 2019, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. This memorial volume had originally been planned as a Festschrift in Lanny's honor, the knowledge of which gave him great pleasure in his final months. As generous and warm-hearted a scholar that ever was, Lanny will be much missed throughout the entire Egyptological world.

Peter Lacovara

Luxor

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# Abbreviations

## *GENERAL*

AEIN	museum accession number for the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek
ÄM	Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung, Berlin
BCE	Before Common Era
BD	Book of the Dead
BM	British Museum, London
BM EA	British Museum, Egyptian Antiquities section
ca.	circa, approximately
cat.	catalog
CE	Common Era
cf.	confer, compare
CG	Catalogue général des antiquités égyptiennes du Musée du Caire
CNI	Carsten Niebuhr Institute
col(s).	column(s)
CT	Coffin Text
DeM	Deir el-Medina
diam.	diameter
diss.	dissertation
e.g.	exempli gratia
ed(s).	edition; edited by; editor(s)
fig(s).	figure(s)
H	height
i.e.	id est
JE	Journal d'Entrée (Cairo Museum)
KV	Valley of the Kings
L	length
MCCM	Michael C. Carlos Museum, Atlanta
MFA	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
MMA	Metropolitan Museum of Art
N	name
n(n).	note(s)
no(s).	number(s)
OIM	Oriental Institute Museum
P.	papyrus
p(p).	page(s)
pers. comm.	personal communication
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
pl(s).	plate(s)
Pyr.	Pyramid Text
TT	Theban Tomb

VMFA Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
W width

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ÄA Ägyptologische Abhandlungen  
 ÄAT Ägypten und Altes Testament  
 ACER Australian Centre for Egyptology, Reports  
 AegLeod Aegyptiaca Leodiensia  
 ÄF Ägyptologische Forschungen  
 AJA *American Journal of Archaeology*  
 ASAE *Annales du Service des Antiquités d'Égypte*  
 ASTENE Association for the Study of Travel in Egypt and the Near East  
 ÄuL *Ägypten und Levante*  
 BACE *Bulletin of the Australian Centre for Egyptology*  
 BAR IS British Archaeological Reports. International Series  
 BARCE *Bulletin of the American Research Center in Egypt*  
 BASOR *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*  
 BdE Bibliothèque d'étude  
 BIFAO *Bulletin de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale*  
 BMFA *Bulletin of the Museum of Fine Arts*  
 BMMA *Bulletin of the Metropolitan Museum of Art*  
 BSAE British School of Archaeology in Egypt  
 BSEG *Bulletin de la Société d'Égyptologie, Genève*  
 CDD Johnson, Janet, ed., *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*. Chicago: Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago  
 CdÉ *Chronique d'Égypte. Bulletin périodique de la Fondation Égyptologique Reine Élisabeth*  
 CSEG Cahiers de la Société d'Égyptologie  
 DemNb Lüddeckens, Erich et al., eds., *Demotisches Namenbuch*. Wiesbaden: Reichert, 1980–.  
 DemSt Demotische Studien  
 EA *Egyptian Archaeology, The Bulletin of the Egypt Exploration Society*  
 EES TEM Egypt Exploration Society Texts from Excavations, Memoires  
 EVO *Egitto e Vicino Oriente*  
 EU Ägyptologische Uitgaven  
 GHP Egyptology Golden House Publications Egyptology  
 Glossar Erichsen, Wolja, *Demotisches Glossar*. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1954.  
 GM *Göttinger Miszellen: Beiträge zur ägyptologischen Diskussion*  
 HAT Handschriften des altägyptischen Totenbuches  
 HES Harvard Egyptological Studies  
 JANER *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religion*  
 JARCE *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt*  
 JEA *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*  
 JEH *Journal of Egyptian History*  
 JNES *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*

LGG	Christian Leitz, ed., <i>Lexikon der ägyptischen Götter und Götterbezeichnungen</i> , 8 vols. OLA 110–116 and 129. Leuven: Peeters, 2002–2003.
MÄS	Münchener Ägyptologische Studien
MDAIK	Mitteilungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Abteilung Kairo
MKS	Middle Kingdom Studies
MonAeg	Monumenta Aegyptiaca
MRE	Monographies Reine Élisabeth
MVCAE	Material and Visual Culture of Ancient Egypt
NARCE	<i>Newsletter of the American Research Center in Egypt</i>
NEAEHL	<i>New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land</i> , ed. Ephraim Stern. 4 vols. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society and Carta, 1993.
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis
OEAE	Redford, Donald, ed., <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt</i> . 3 vols. New York, Oxford University Press, 2001.
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications
OLA	Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta
PLBat	Papyrologica Lugduno-Batava
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RdE	<i>Revue d'égyptologie</i>
SAK	<i>Studien zur altägyptischen Kultur</i>
SAOC	Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization
SAT	Studien zum altägyptischen Totenbuch
SDAIK	Sonderschrift des deutschen archäologischen Instituts, Abteilung Kairo
SEANE	Studies in Egyptology and the Ancient Near East
SSR	Studien zur spätägypten Religion
StDem	Studia Demotica
TLA	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Aegyptiae</i>
WAW	Writings from the Ancient World
Wb.	Erman, Adolf, and Hermann Grapow, eds. <i>Wörterbuch der ägyptischen Sprache</i> . 7 vols, plus 5 vols. Belegstellen. Berlin: Akademie, 1926–1963.
WO	<i>Die Welt des Orients</i>
ZÄS	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i>
ZÄS Beiheft	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde Beiheft</i>