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Shuttered Linworth bookstore to transform under new owners

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A historic church long home to the Village Bookshop has new owners and a new future in the works.

The church-turned-bookstore at 2424 Dublin-Granville Rd. has been purchased by a new, undisclosed owner, according to NAI Ohio Equities, which has been listing the 8,000-square-foot building in the months since the shop closed down after 50 years in business.

A sale hasn't yet been registered with the Franklin County Auditor. [Gary Friedlinghaus](#), who owned the shop, bought the building and 1.5-acre parcel of land for \$365,000 in 2003. NAI had a sale price of about \$1.3 million for the property, according to a flyer.

While the owner is staying anonymous, the new use for the building is not. NAI says the building will be renovated into eight extended stay apartments with an office and community room. The building sits in the middle of Linworth next to Brookside Country Club and Thomas Worthington High School.

Built in 1910, it was a small church before it was converted into an independent bookstore in 1969. Friedlinghaus and his family took over the operation in 1983 and ran it until [its recent closure](#). The shop famously advertised overstocked new books marked down by 50 to 90 percent off their listed price.

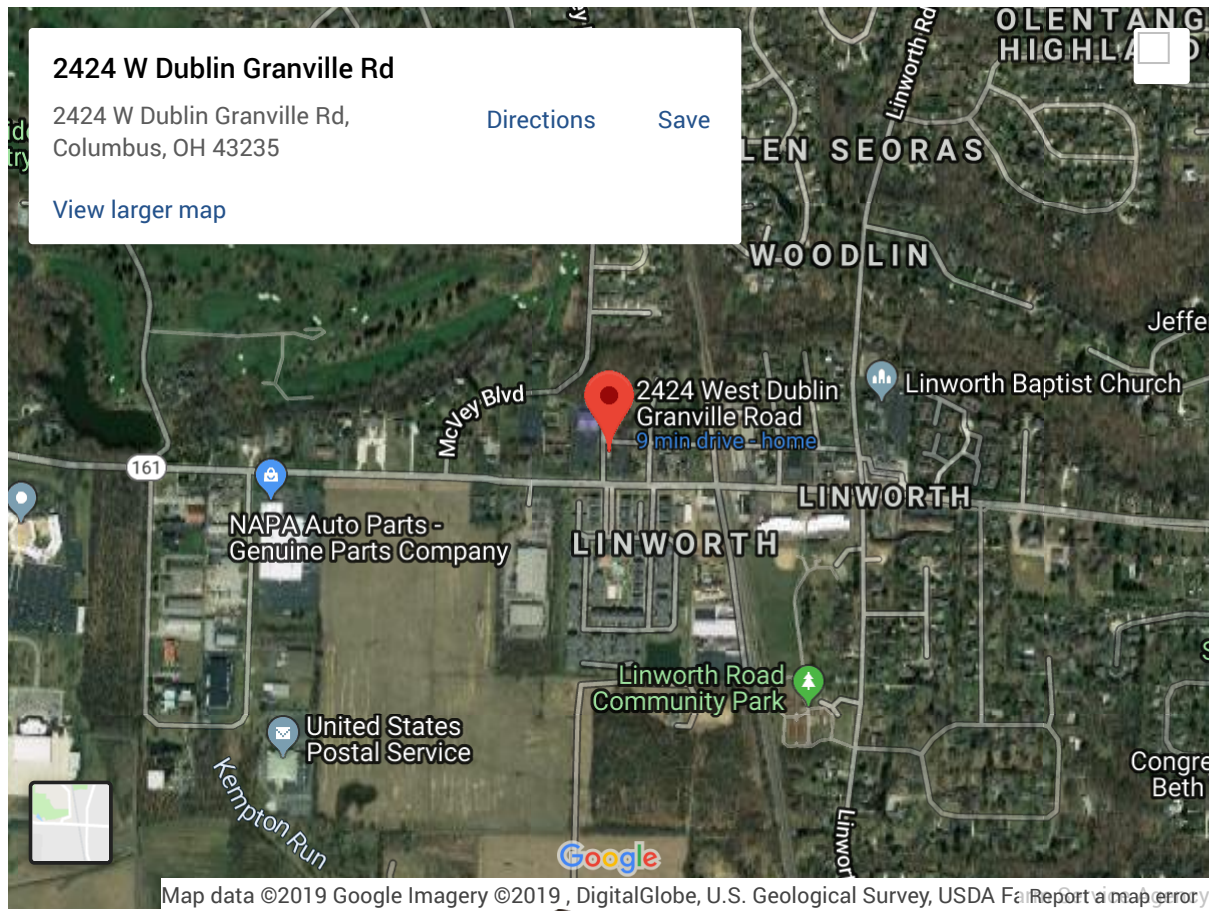


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The former Village Bookshop at 2424 Dublin-Granville Rd.

NAI market research shows there are 100,000 people in a three-mile radius of the building with an average household income of \$85,700 and average home values of \$277,900.

Mike Semon, Dan Sheeran Sr. and Dan Sheeran Jr., from NAI Ohio Equities brokered the deal.



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