



Fort Recovery State Museum 1 Fort Site Street, Box 533 Fort Recovery, OH 45846
July, 2021 Newsletter

COMING!

Saturday, July 17 – St. Clair 5K - Run, Walk, Jog, Dance From the Pool Back to the Pool

The St. Clair 5k is Saturday, July 17th at 8:00 AM. The race begins and ends at Fort Recovery Community Park. All kid who are 14 years old or younger can race for free!!! They still need to register but at no cost. Registration opens at 6:45 on race day and is \$20. You can register online and save time and money by going to *Can't Stop Running Company*. Look for **Local Race Registration**. If you want a race shirt, you need to register before Friday, July 9th! If uo are interested in volunteering as a time at mile 1 or mile 2, helping to block the race course or helping with day of registration or food, please let us know. <https://www.cantstoprunningco.com/> (registration link)

Sunday, July 25, 3:00 – Joe Beatty - “The Northwest Ordinance, 1787: Implemented in Fort Recovery; Have we honored it yet today?”

This is Joe’s third summer to speak at Fort Recovery. His presentations are well attended because he is able to deliver an interesting and informative talk in a very entertaining manner. His topic of the Northwest Ordinance, 1787 will be of particular interest especially since the current U.S. environment raises issues and questions going back to that important document. (See below)

The presenter’s fifth generation ancestors, Ensign Samuel Beatty and his cousin, Captain Erkuries Beatty were members of the General Arthur St. Clair force that built a series of forts north from Fort Washington (Cincinnati) into the Ohio Country with the aim of delivering a blow to the natives in that area. However it was the St. Clair troops that, after leaving the relative safety of Fort Jefferson, were dealt a blow on the banks of the Wabash on November 4, 1791. Included in the 700 army casualties was Ensign Samuel Beatty. Those able to escape (including Erkuries) ran for their lives back to Fort Jefferson, and because there was no food there, they dragged themselves all the way back to Fort Washington.

With a family history like that it is no wonder Joe continues to be passionate about the founding of our great country and the sacrifices families made to secure its future. After 5 generations, Joe Beatty still has that passion plus a compendium of facts and interesting stories. There is no doubt you will njoy his presentation.

Thanks to the Fort Recovery Community Foundation

The museum applied to the local community foundation for a grant to help underwrite the speaker expenses for this summer. Recently, we were notified that we were granted \$500 to put toward that effort. Thank you, Fort Recovery Community Foundation.

Thanks to Our Patrons

Words can’t express the appreciation we feel for the support of our 2021 patrons, numbering 166 at this time. Obviously we couldn’t do all the educational and historical things we do, let alone repairs and maintenance without that support. Thank YOU, Thank YOU!

It's Always Something ☺

Just like home there are always things that need attention around the museum and monument! Our fort stockade roofs need to be treated for moss growth. Al Warnock is engaged to do that. A dead tree needs to be cut down and the stump ground out, and Coverall Tree Service will do that soon. Most costly is the need to remove the concrete entrance and steps at our museum's basement door. That door/exit is used often when tour groups move from the community room downstairs to the outside battlefield. The cracks are so bad someone could trip and fall. And speaking of cracks, three sidewalks need to be replaced at the monument because of offset cracks. The Ohio History Connection helps pay for the items that are expensive and critical to the site. (For example the lighting of the monument was all OUR expenditure since it was not critical to the maintenance or safety of the site.) We appreciate OHC's expertise and support.

The Topic of Joe Beatty's Presentation on Sunday, July 25! The Ordinance of 1787

Also known as the **Ordinance of 1787**, the **Northwest Ordinance**:

- 1) established a government for the **Northwest** Territory
 - a. A Governor (St.Clair)
 - b. A Secretary
 - c. Three Judges
- 2) outlined the process for admitting a new state to the Union
- 3) guaranteed that newly created states would be equal to the original thirteen states

What four things did the Northwest Ordinance do?

Slavery was forever outlawed from the lands of the Northwest Territory
Freedom of religion and other civil liberties were guaranteed
The resident Native Americans were promised decent treatment
Education was to be provided

The authors of the Northwest Ordinance (probably Nathan Dane and Rufus King) spelled out a *plan that was subsequently used as the country expanded to the Pacific*.

The following three principal provisions were ordained in the document:

- (1) a division of the Northwest Territory into "not less than three nor more than five States";
- (2) a three-stage method for admitting a new state to the Union—with a congressionally appointed governor, secretary, and three judges to rule in the **first phase**;

an elected assembly and one nonvoting delegate to Congress to be elected in the **second phase**, when the population of the territory reached "five thousand **(5,000) free male inhabitants of full age**";

and a state constitution to be drafted and membership to the Union to be requested in **the third phase** when the population reached **60,000**; and

- (3) a bill of rights protecting religious freedom, the right to a writ of habeas corpus, the benefit of trial by jury, and other individual rights. In addition the ordinance encouraged education and forbade slavery.

<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=8>

Notes of Interest

The 6th great granddaughter of General Arthur St. Clair visited here from New Mexico on July 5. She's doing research on her illustrious ancestor for a book she is writing. Fascinating!

*Looking at the possibility of a **Battlefield Walk with author/expert John Winkler** the last Sunday of October. Let me know if you are interested.*

The Location of the Beatty talk may change if we get the sense the attendance will be large. The notice of location change would be sent out on our Facebook page as well as by Email. Happy Summer, NK