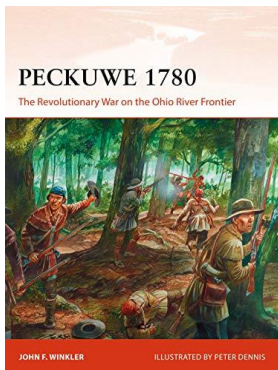


FORT RECOVERY STATE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2019

John Winkler – Peckuwe 1780 Sunday, Sept. 22, Museum Community Room, 3:00



Fort Recovery's favorite author returns to tell the story of Peckuwe*!

As the Revolutionary War took place near the Atlantic, Native Americans and British rangers fought American settlers on the Ohio River frontier in warfare of unsurpassed intensity. When those attacks threatened to drive the Americans from their settlements in Kentucky, Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton and other frontiersmen guided an army of 970 Kentuckians into what is now Ohio to attack the Native American bases from which the raids originated.

Winkler's book traces Colonel George Rogers Clark's lightning expedition to destroy Chalawgatha and Peckuwe, and describes how on August 8, 1780 his Kentuckians clashed with an army of 450 Native Americans, under Black Hoof, Buckongahelas and

Simon Girty, at the battle of Peckuwe. You won't want to miss Winkler describe this, the largest Revolutionary War battle on the Ohio River frontier.

*Peckuwe was a Shawnee village located near present day Springfield, Ohio.

This book is available at the museum. John will sign this book for you or as a gift for any history lover. The books will be on sale from now to the 22th for \$18. Patrons receive an additional discount. (All of the prior Winkler books will be available at the museum too – so if you want any of them for Christmas/birthday gifts, come the 22nd and have John sign them too!)

Heiby Donation – How Fortunate We Are!

Paul Heiby of Virginia (but with deep roots in Fort Recovery) and his son visited the museum on August 25 and brought with him a newspaper printed in Boston on December 12, 1791. What an interesting article it contains pertaining to Wabash 1791 (11-4)! Paul donated this newspaper to the Fort Recovery Historical Society. WOW, what an addition to the precious artifacts of Fort Recovery! How are we so fortunate that so many people do care about the history of Fort Recovery and show their support so often and so generously? Paul and I read the article and enjoyed questioning the reporter's accuracy. Consider this excerpt:

The Indians charged our troops tomahawk in hand, and must have suffered considerably from the bayonets of our troops - though their loss cannot be ascertained.

It is said Gen. Scott, with 5000 Kentucky volunteers, has reached Fort Jefferson, and has marched immediately in quest of the Indians- in hopes to overtake them -recover the artillery and stores and to burn their towns if possible.

Colonel Gibson and Major Butler are said to be dead of their wounds.

General St. Clair's tent was surrounded by the Indians-but the quarter-guard with a dexterous use of the bayonet, repelled them. After the troops gave way the general rallied them with spirit, and retreated in tolerable order. He had eight balls through his clothes.

General Butler had been wounded in several places, and was under the Surgeon's hands, when he and the Surgeon were both killed.

The Article concludes with this statement/observation/disclaimer!!

Our correspondent at Philadelphia has so well detailed the various circumstances attending the disaster at the Westward - that we deem it unnecessary to insert the various accounts, which repeat them.

(Hmm we wonder if the newspaper was getting varying accounts of what happened on the Banks of the Wabash 11-4-1791 There are several things in the excerpt that do not agree with the present accepted battle accounting. They are underlined.



Wabash Plot

And speaking of the Wabash, a tip of our communal hat to David Will for taking such good care of that Wabash Source plot, located 4 miles south of Fort Recovery on State Route 49. It's surprising (maybe?) that quite a few visitors to the museum are interested in knowing more about this river that was an important "highway" on the frontier.

The **Wabash River** is a 503-mile-long river that flows from the source south of FR to the East and North before it flows back southwest through our battleground near the middle of Ohio's western border, then continues west then southwest across northern Indiana turning south along the Illinois border where the southern portion forms the Indiana-Illinois border before flowing into the Ohio River. It is the largest northern tributary of the Ohio River. From the dam near Huntington, Indiana, to its end at the Ohio River, the Wabash flows for 411 miles. Its watershed drains most of Indiana. The Tippecanoe River, White River, Embarras River and Little Wabash River are its major branches/feeders. The river's name comes from an Illini Indian word meaning "water over white stones".

The *Wabash* is the state river of Indiana, and subject of its state song "On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away". Two counties (in Indiana and Illinois), eight townships in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio; one Illinois precinct, one city, one town, two colleges, one high school, one canal, one former class I railroad, several bridges and avenues are all named for the river itself while four US Navy warships are either named for the river or the numerous battles that took place on or near it. And to think we take it for granted!

Patron List 2019

Attached is a revised patron list. We apologize for any errors made in the last list. Again, let us know if you were missed or your name is misspelled in this list: fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com or call 419-375-4384. Thank you to all of our loyal and generous donors!

Museum Schedule

In September the museum is open only on Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 – or by appointment - 419-375-4384.

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Monument



Thanks to the driving force of village administrator Randy Diller, soon there will be better and more attractive lighting on the sidewalks around the monument. The Fort Recovery Historical Society will help pay for the costly new lampposts. In addition to the sidewalk lights, getting the monument lighted at night (like some of the area church spires) has been an ongoing goal since 2009! It's not as simple as it might appear. There are many entities involved. However, lighting the monument obelisk remains a goal of the local historical society and community advocates.

Auction 2019 – Tailgates and Touchdowns! October 20!

For the 19th consecutive year, The Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery will be holding its One-of-a-Kind Auction. The funds from this auction are used to preserve FR's many historical and mural sites! Help us make it a success! Mark the date on your calendar – Come! The third Sunday in October! More auction information next month.

Win Tickets - THE Ohio State Football vs. Miami U. Football Game – Only \$5.00 a chance! Benefits Historic Sites! Once again we are beholden to patron Joe Beatty (descendent of Captain Erkuries Beatty and Ensign Samuel Beatty, both of whom fought in the 1791 Wabash Battle) for the donation of two tickets to the **Sept. 21 OSU Football** Game in Columbus. They are in **Section 4B, row 13, Seats 33-34!** If you win but don't want to go to the game, you can sell the tickets back to the Auction Committee for \$200! Now that's a deal! Tickets are available at Kaup Pharmacy in Fort Recovery or at the Fort Recovery State Museum. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Sept. 14 FR Football Game!

Happy Fall – Nancy Knapke, Site Manager