

# FORT RECOVERY STATE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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## Still Closed, But Optimistic

The sites of the Ohio History Connection remain closed as of now – early June – but we are optimistic that museums may be among the next group of “businesses” to be permitted to open. Site Managers have been asked to prepare an official Plan/Protocol for Reopening, so that sounds promising. It remains to be seen exactly what the conditions will be once we are permitted to open our doors.

This is a particularly difficult time for OHC Columbus Headquarters as well as for other large museums and sites which are normally open year-around. They depend on visitor/tour/event income to pay/retain employees as well as to keep the sites in working order. (Fort Recovery is not year-around and has no salaried employees, so does not have quite the same pressures.)

## Patron Update

As part of this newsletter, you are receiving a list of very generous supporters who have once again become official patrons of the Fort Recovery Museum. Their generosity is what keeps our history alive and an integral part of the Fort Recovery Community. Thanks to each and every one of them. IF we have missed a donor name or if we have it wrong, please send an email to [fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com) or call 419-375-4384 and let us know. We don't want to err in crediting the generosity of contributors.

We are sad to acknowledge the passing of the following patrons:

**Jim Abels** – Longtime patron, husband of museum treasurer, Nancy Abels.

**Paul McDaniel** – Huge history lover, generous patron. Fort Recovery Historical Society beneficiary of the *Paul McDaniel Memorial Fund*.

**Rich Meier** – Longtime patron, husband of Pat Eischen Meier donor of the log house (Eischen Family Home) and volunteer there.

**Terry Smith** – Longtime patron, plus an active supporter and arranged for the use of the Fort Recovery Nazarene Family Center for museum special events.

**Dr. James Vaughn** – Member of the FR Historical Society, long-time patron, generous auction donor, Vaughn bench on log house porch. FR Historical Society beneficiary of the *Jim Vaughn Memorial Fund*.

## Building a Nation on Indian Land

Chapter 10, p. 283, *The Indian World of George Washington*, 2018. Colin Calloway  
*“There were no Indians at the Peace of Paris in 1783 when Britain handed over their lands to the United States and the new republic acquired an empire. The lands that Washington and others had explored and surveyed, as well as lobbied, connived and fought for, were now there for the taking. The Continental Congress had kept the was effort afloat on the expectation of such an outcome, issuing land bounties to recruit soldiers and borrowing money from France and the Netherlands in anticipation of future land sales. Now the new nation stood poised at the brink of one of the greatest land rushes in history. It also faced enormous challenges in securing those lands.*

*With an estimated population of 150,000, Indians remained the dominant power in the trans-Appalachian West and Washington knew they would not let their country be wrested from them without another fight. When they got wind of the peace treaty in Paris, Indians at Fort Niagara told Brigadier General Maclean they “could never believe that our king could pretend to cede to America what was not his own to give, or that the American would accept from Hm what he had no right to grant.” They were not going to take it lying down.”...*

...And then enters the (our) history of the battles on the banks of the Wabash!

Nancy Knapke, Site Manager