

Honoring Fort Findlay's Ogrins...



In 1912, the Fort Findlay Chapter, NSDAR, presented the City of Findlay with a white marble and bronze tablet commemorating the 100th anniversary of Fort Findlay. The tablet was installed on the south wall of the Cusac Block on West Front Street near North Main Street, marking the original site of the 1812 frontier fortification. In 1993, the chapter restored and rededicated the tablet, returning it to its original appearance after weather-related deterioration.

Additional information about these markers and their locations is available at the following link:

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Honoring Hull's Legacy ...

In 1915, the Fort Findlay Chapter of the NSDAR commemorated General William Hull's War of 1812 presence in Hancock County, Ohio by placing two markers, **Hull's Trail** and **Hull's Army**. These markers honor both the wilderness route carved by Hull's forces and the moment he crossed the Blanchard River while traveling from Urbana to Detroit.



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Gen. William Hull



Col. James Findlay



History of Fort Findlay began when General William Hull, the Commander of the Ohio troops and governor of Michigan Territory, traveled with his army from Urbana, Ohio in June 1812. Before the arrival of his army, Hull ordered Colonel James Findlay to construct a road from Fort McArthur near the Scioto River to the Blanchard Fork and to build a fort at the Blanchard River.

Fort Findlay was stockage-style fort approximately 2,500 square yards, featuring a blockhouse at each corner. Each blockhouse was loop-hold and equipped with artillery, and the surrounding area was cleared for visibility and defense. During the War of 1812, the fort served primarily as a supply depot and garrison.

After the war ended in 1815, the fort was briefly inhabited by a few Wyandot Indian families before the town of Findlay, Ohio was laid out in 1821 near its location. The fort's establishment help facilitate settlement along the Blanchard River and marked an important moment on Ohio's frontier defense strategy during the war.



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