

# Migration to the Ohio County

Once the Revolutionary War ended, the new United States grew to reach across the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River. Part of the new lands were the Northwest Territory where we live today. It included what is now our state of Ohio and the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and a little bit of Minnesota.



Following the Revolutionary War the citizens of the new United States faced a lot of economic hardships as the government organized. As a result many lost their lands and the ability to make a good living. The United States was anxious to settle these new lands. To encourage settlement and to pay veterans for their service, Congress passed

legislation to give land to the veterans of the Revolutionary War.

The decision to uproot your family and move to a new location is never an easy one. Saying good-bye to family, friends and familiar surroundings is difficult. Years ago, saying good-bye meant possibly never seeing loved ones or friends again. Sending an email, making a call or taking a quick road trip was not an option. In fact, it could take months for those on the frontier to exchange letters with family "back home."

Those who chose to migrate to the newly opened "Ohio Country" faced an unsettled wilderness whose native Indians had not welcomed the settlers of the earlier settlements along the Ohio River. Settlement in the Ohio Country began slowly due to the hostilities between the Indians and those wishing to make a new home in the territory. It was a brave lot who chose to migrate to the Ohio!