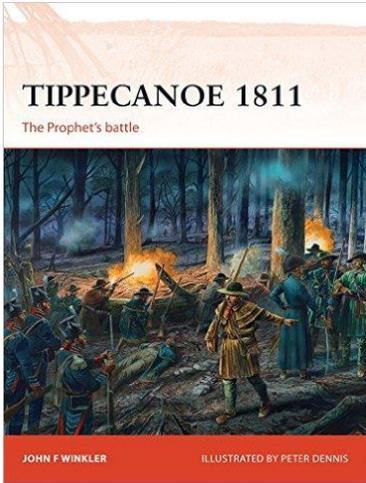


Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter

September, 2016

John Winkler - *Tippecanoe 1811* Sunday, Sept. 25, Museum Community Room, 3:00



Fort Recovery's favorite author returns to tell the story of **Tippecanoe 1811!** After the Treaty of Greenville, there were 16 years of peace. But expanded settlements by Americans created unbearable situations for the Indians on the frontier. Inspired by visions of Tenskatawa (**The Prophet!**) and the encouragement of his brother, **Tecumseh**, Indians from many tribes defied their own chiefs and vowed to battle the Americans again.

They gathered at Prophetstown in the Indiana Territory near the mouth of the Tippecanoe River on the Wabash. The governor of the Indiana Territory, **William Henry Harrison** ordered to Indians to break up. When they refused, Harrison led an army to the town to enforce his demands. Author, Winkler will describe the intense fighting that ensued and the aftermath that followed! The presentation is free. Sound will be amplified!

This book is available at the museum and will be on sale that Sunday. John will sign them for you or as a gift to any history lover. They will be on sale from now to the 25th for \$18. Patrons get an additional 10% off.

225 DVD's and Fort Recovery Business History Books Available at the Museum

In response to much community and visitor interest, the Fort Recovery Quasiquibicentennial (225) Committee has made the *Fort Recovery Business History books* and the *225 Events' DVD* (including the drama) available at the museum. The DVD's are \$10, and the books are \$30. Patrons get a 10% discount on each. These would make great Christmas gifts. The books are NOT just about business but are like a walk back in time. I would say a "Walk down memory lane," but most of our lanes aren't THAT long! ☺

Museum Schedule

September = Only Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 to 5:00 – or by appointment - 419-375-4384

Pulse Car Tour – Sunday, September 4; 10:30 – 11:00 A.M. - Stop in and see them!

Professor Royce Ann Martin, (Bowling Green State University,) has arranged for the Pulse/Lite Star Car Group to visit our museum on Labor Day Sunday. The 10 – 15 pulse cars will arrive around 10:30, will be at our site 30 minutes, and then will travel on to Celina. If YOU would like to see their pulse cars while THEY are visiting our museum, stop by on the 4th!

A pulse vehicle is about 16 feet long by 6 feet wide and is licensed to travel on public highways! About 360 Pulse cars were produced from 1984 to 1990. This unusual car has a custom frame which is used with a fiberglass body. It is powered by a motorcycle engine!



(see: [www. autocycles. org](http://www.autocycles.org)->)

Patron List 2016

Thank you to the 144 patrons who once again stepped up to the plate as 2016 supporters of the Fort Recovery State Museum. The sheet listing those patrons was sent out this past week. We discovered that Mike and Jill Walter's name had been left off the list of Blue Jacket (\$100) donors. We hate it when we miss one of our valued supporters! Please let us know if other errors or omissions were made. We aim to do it right!

Monument Under Repair



Brian Brothers Painting and Restoration of Piqua was awarded \$125,639 for the monument repair project which includes fixing cracks and replacing chips, fixing drainage issues and cleaning this beautiful memorial. The restoration also will fix the wear and tear issues from the freezing and thawing that have taken place over the last 103 years. Drainage problems will be addressed that may have caused some of the interior problems.

Interestingly, the burial of the soldiers' remains in a crypt in the base of the monument caused some early-on issues. Special equipment, including radar, had to be used to certify the exact location of the remains before drilling and drainage issues could be addressed.

Imagine that! After 225 years, the effects of that battle still impact our actions!

Thanks to Beth McFarlane of OHC for overseeing the decision-making and doing the on-site observations. Mid October is the target finish date! In the meantime, visitors can still enjoy its beauty and significance.

Auction – Up, Up, and Away – Sunday, October 16, 2016

Tickets will soon be available weekends at the museum or from any historical society member for the *One-of-a-Kind Auction* to be held on Sunday, October 16 at the Royale Theatre, 865 Sharpsburg Road, F.R.. Tickets are only \$10, and the homemade appetizers and desserts served are worth well more than that alone! Come enjoy a fun night with others who like to have a good time and support the historical sites at the same time! Tom and Tess Kaup of Forget-Me-Not florists and artistically talented Pat Hull are in charge of the decorations again this year. What a great scene and ambience they create for that night. Up, Up and Away!!!

Fisher Ames

So I betcha you have never heard of Fisher Ames! Neither had I, until an author came all the way from Chicago to the museum to do research to include in his book on this man - FISHER AMES.

Ames' connection to Fort Recovery, or more particularly to the *Battle of the Wabash*, was the part he played and his viewpoints on the *congressional investigation* that followed that disastrous 1791 battle. So the descriptions and document references that our museum had on this, America's first congressional investigation, is what really drew the author all the way from Chicago to Fort Recovery!

I would challenge anyone interested in the founding of this country (or current politics!) to look up Fisher Ames and read about his fascinating viewpoints - especially on democracy! So much of what he said and wrote about as the government was being formed seems to be coming true today.

Ames was indeed a very significant founding father, only we don't hear much about him! Maybe this author's book will alleviate some of that. He promised to come back and do a formal book presentation when it is published. I can't wait! In the meantime, do look up Fisher Ames. BTW, Ames died on the Fourth of July like those other great founding fathers - Jefferson and Adams! What a coincidence! Or was it? 😊

Ron Heiby visits from Virginia

Ron comes from a long line of Fort Recovery Heiby's (his ancestors built the first FR Lutheran Church - a wooden structure), and Ron brought with him a colored 1860's map of Fort Recovery and the surrounding area of Violet (Sharpsburg), Monterey (Jutte's Fruit Farm), etc, with detailed information of land owners, business owners etc. What a treasure. Ron had a copy made for the museum. Ask to see it when you stop by.

Nov. 5 Symposium - Battle of the Wabash 225 years Ago! Still spots open. Check website or last newsletter for details!

Happy Fall nk