

The BUILDING of OHIO

18 Land Grants



Twelve Mile Square Reserve 1805

Two Mile Square Reserve 1805

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1784
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The map on the opposite side graphically displays the allocations of lands through various grants of the part of the old Northwest Territory that became the great state of Ohio. Ohio became the 17th state in the United States of America through congressional action on March 1, 1803. However, as the map indicates the occupation of lands west, northwest and north of the meandering Ohio River were officially occupied several years earlier. The first of the 18 land grants in the area that is now Ohio was made in 1784; entitled Virginia Military Lands. These lands were awarded to Virginia soldiers of The Revolutionary War, including our First President (The Father of Our Country) George Washington, and Generals George Rogers Clark and Daniel Morgan. General Washington's four tracts of land, comprising 3,051 acres, were located in what is now Clermont County, just north of the Ohio River and east of what is now Cincinnati.

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