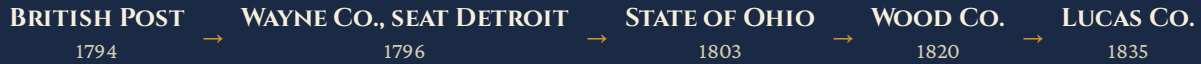


FORT MIAMIS & THE MAUMEE RECORD TRAIL

Based on Episode 1, Fort Miamis: The British Fort on the Maumee. The fort stood in what is now Maumee, Ohio.

THE JURISDICTION TRAIL TO REMEMBER



KEY DATES

DATE	WHAT HAPPENED
Spring 1794	Lt. Gov. John Graves Simcoe orders Fort Miamis built to help protect Detroit; Major William Campbell commands
Aug 20, 1794	Battle of Fallen Timbers; the gates stay shut to the retreating warriors
1795	Treaty of Greenville sets aside the Twelve Mile Square around the fort
1796	British withdraw under the Jay Treaty (Americans hold the fort briefly, abandon it about 1799); Wayne County created Aug 15, seat Detroit
1805 · 1807 · 1816	Reserve surveyed into four townships · pre-July 1, 1796 land claims confirmed · River Tracts surveyed
1812 · 1813	Hull surrenders Detroit Aug 16 · First siege of Fort Meigs Apr 28 – May 9; the British camp at the old Fort Miamis site as their base
1817 · 1820 · 1835	Treaty of Fort Meigs · Wood County formed · Lucas County formed

STEP 1 BEFORE 1796? LOOK NORTH, NOT SOUTH

- ☐ **No Ohio, no courthouse.** In 1794 the valley held Native families, British agents, and French and British traders tied to Detroit.
- ☐ **Detroit records first.** The Catholic parish of Sainte Anne kept registers going back to the early 1700s.
- ☐ **Canadian archives.** British-era traders and agents may appear there, not in any Ohio courthouse.

STEP 2 LAND NEAR THE RAPIDS FOLLOWS ITS OWN RULES

"One piece twelve miles square, at the British fort on the Miami of the Lake, at the foot of the rapids." (Treaty of Greenville, 1795)

- ☐ **Know the square.** The Twelve Mile Square Reservation covers today's Maumee, Perrysburg, Rossford, and part of south Toledo, and was surveyed separately from the land around it.
- ☐ **Two surveys.** In 1805 Elias Glover divided it into four townships, each six miles square. In 1816 the riverfront was resurveyed into long, narrow River Tracts reaching back from the water.
- ☐ **Early owner? Look for a confirmed claim.** In 1807 Congress confirmed titles for settlers who occupied and improved land before July 1, 1796. Many claims appear in the published *American State Papers* on public lands.

STEP 3 BUILD THE JURISDICTION TIMELINE BEFORE YOU SEARCH

YEARS	JURISDICTION	WHERE TO LOOK
1794 – 1796	British post, tied to Detroit	Detroit records (Sainte Anne parish) and Canadian archives
1796 – 1803	Wayne County, Northwest Territory (seat Detroit)	Detroit and Michigan records, not Ohio
1803 – 1820	State of Ohio; much of northwest Ohio remained Native land until the 1817 Treaty of Fort Meigs	Check which county the area was attached to in the years in between
1820 on	Wood County (1820), then Lucas County (1835, formed during the Toledo War)	The county's deed, probate, and court records for those years

STEP 4 FIND HIS WAR OF 1812 SERVICE

- 1 The rosters.** Ohio's Adjutant General published the *Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812* in 1916, free to search through the Ohio History Connection. So many Kentucky men served at Fort Meigs and moved north that the Kentucky roster is worth checking too, even if your family was in Ohio by 1820.
- 2 The compiled service record.** The National Archives holds service records for War of 1812 volunteers, and a free FamilySearch index can point you to them.
- 3 The pension and bounty land files.** Bounty land expanded under the acts of 1850 and 1855; service pensions came with the acts of 1871 and 1878. Many applied decades later, often from Ohio counties. A widow's file may give her maiden name, marriage date and place, his company, where they lived, and family details. The files are free on Fold3 through the Preserve the Pensions project (listed as 99 percent complete in September 2026).

WATCH-OUTS

A name on a roster is not proof. Match the man by his company, residence, age, and family before you attach that service to your tree. Records suggest, and then more records confirm.

Numbers vary. Accounts of Dudley's Defeat on May 5, 1813 differ on how many men were killed, captured, or escaped. Treat any single figure with care.

VISIT TODAY

- Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site**, an affiliated site of the National Park Service managed by Metroparks Toledo.
- Fort Meigs** in Perrysburg, an Ohio History Connection site with rebuilt walls and blockhouses. Coming next: *The First Siege of Fort Meigs*.

WHERE TO SEARCH

Ohio History Connection · 1812 War Roster Search (free)	resources.ohiohistory.org/roster
Fold3 · War of 1812 Pension Files (free)	fold3.com/publication/761/us-war-of-1812-pension-files-1812-1815
FamilySearch Wiki · United States War of 1812 Pension Records	familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_War_of_1812_Pension_Records

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