

# A Compass Pointing Home

*The Adventurous Life of William Bratton  
of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*



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## *When It All Began...*

*On the sweltering day of Monday,  
July 27, 1778, a revolution was raging  
across America...and Virginia  
gained its newest citizen, William E.  
Bratton.*



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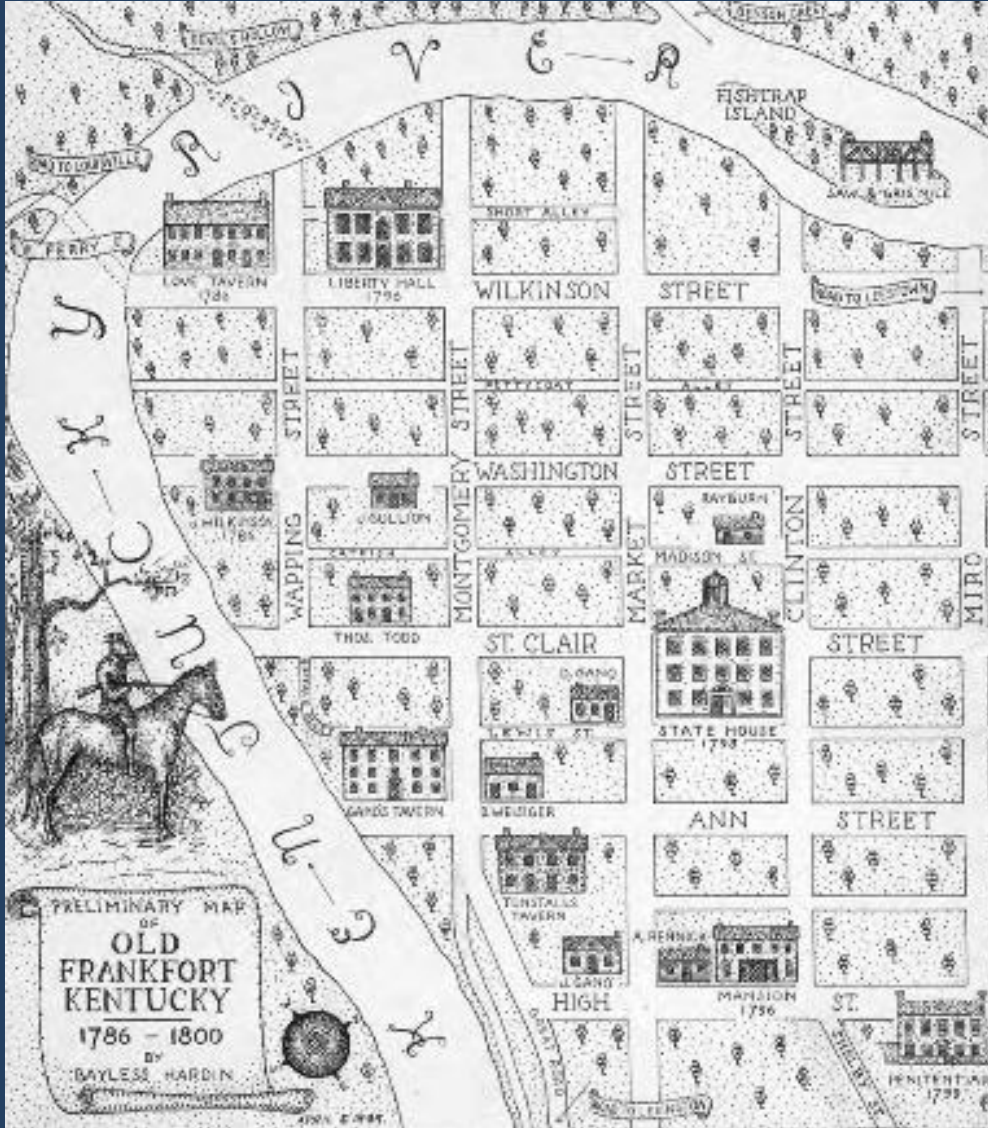
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# Frankfort & Lexington, Kentucky



Photos: top, Hardin 1800 map, kyhistory.com; top right, kdla.ky.gov; middle, history.ky.gov; bottom right, www.hmbd.org



# Falls of the Ohio, Indiana



Photos, above and right,  
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# St. Charles, Missouri





# Travelers' Rest, Montana





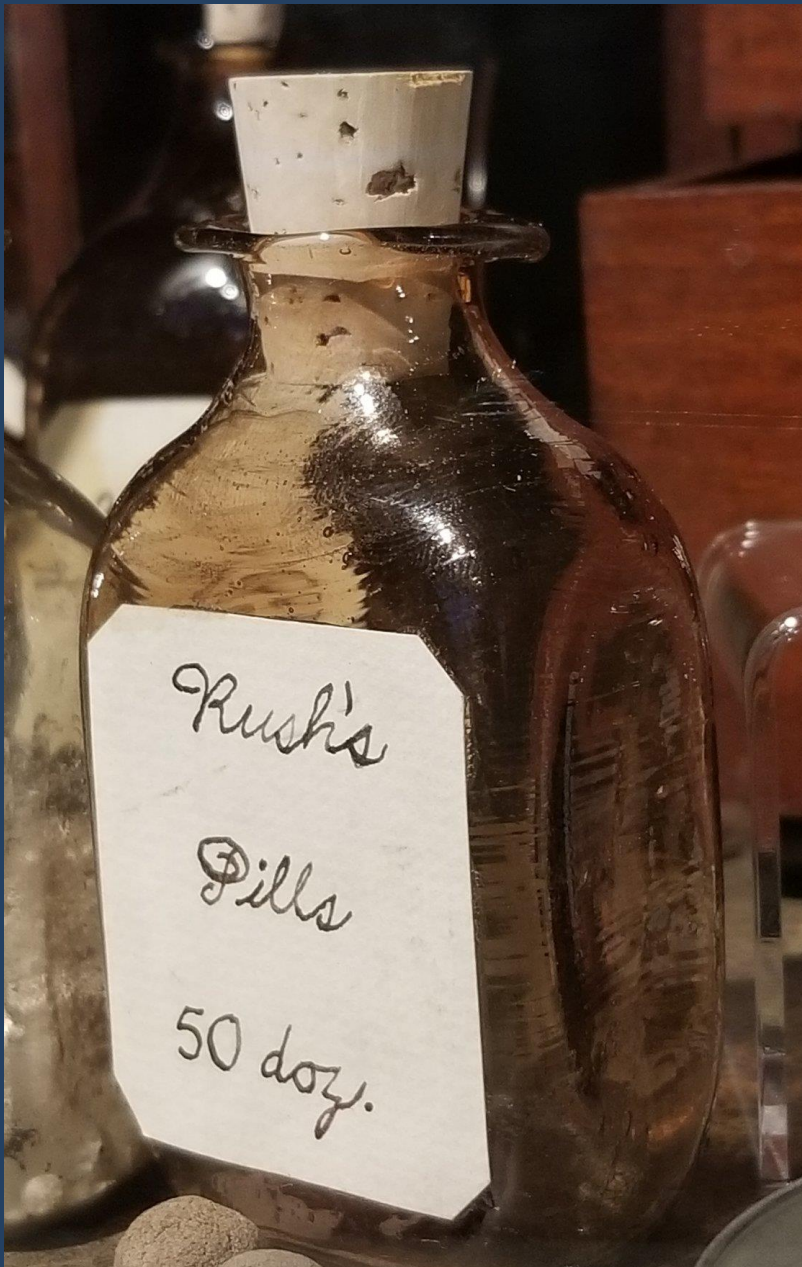
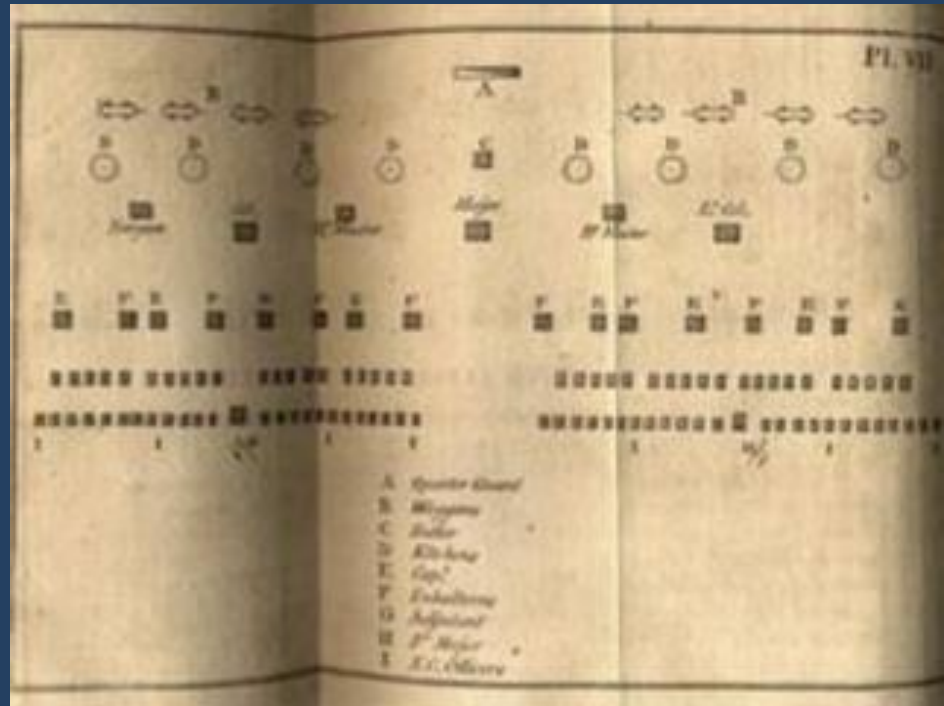


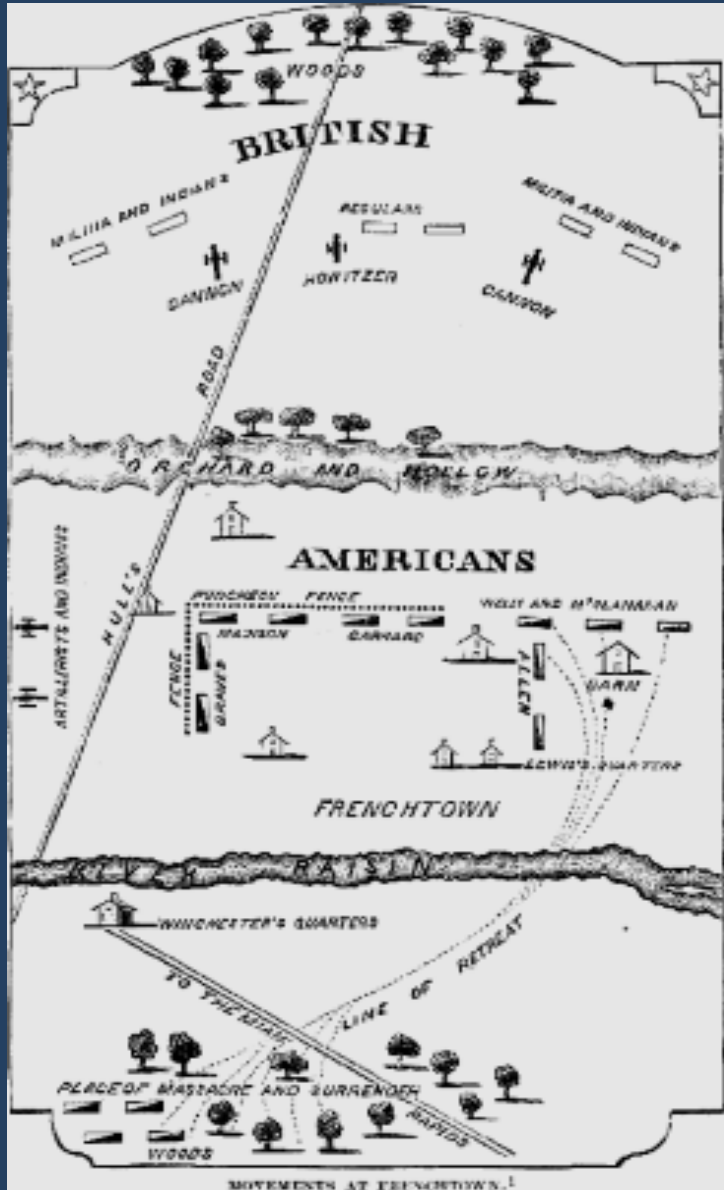
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Photos- top, Baron Von Steuben map, military encampment set-up; above, lead puddle found at Travelers' Rest; both pics from [travelersrest.org](http://travelersrest.org)



# Monroe, Michigan

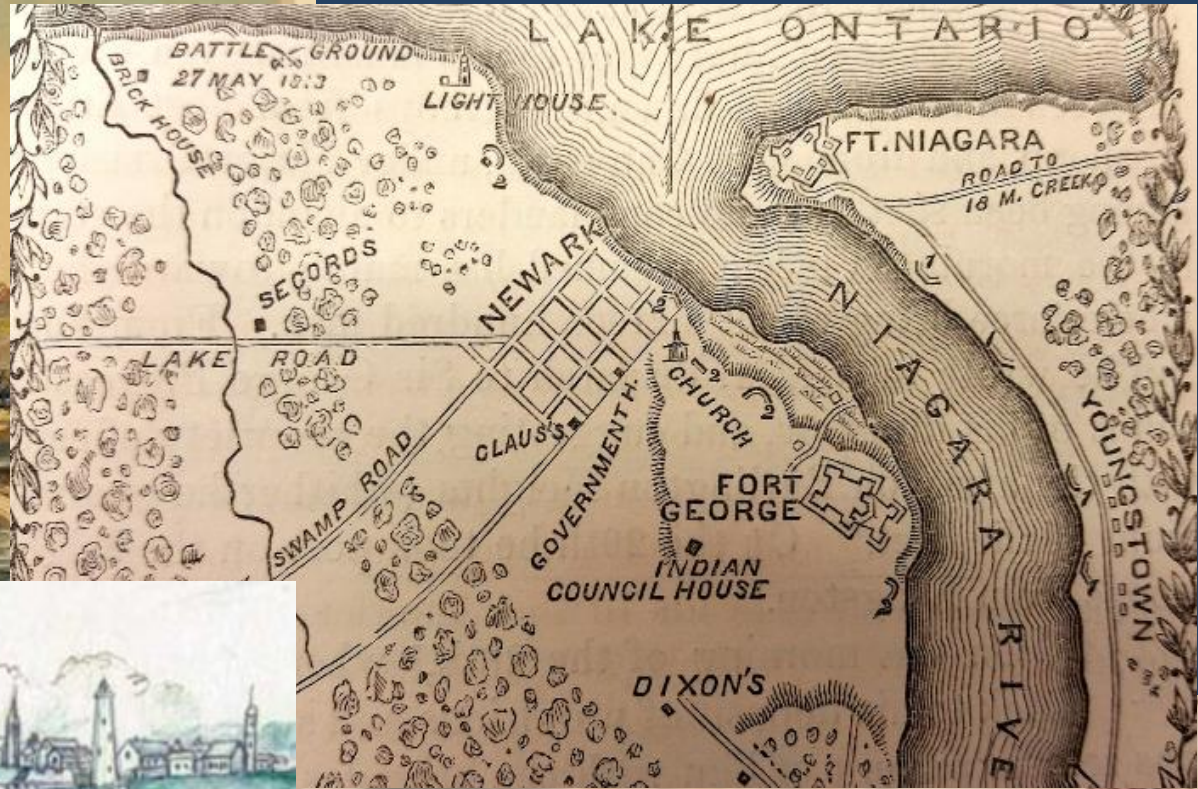
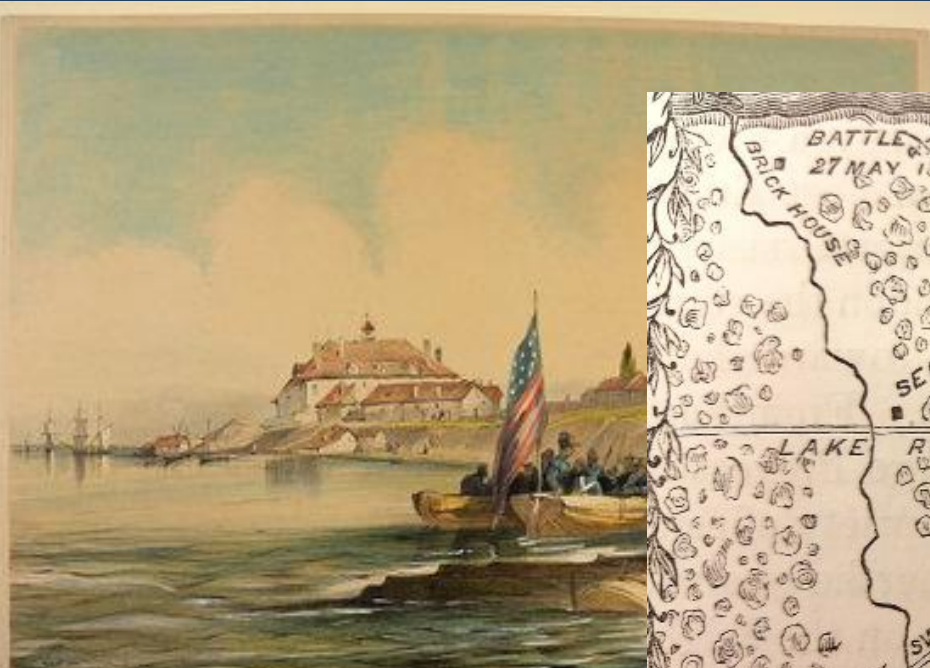


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\* Preserved today as the River Raisin National Battlefield Park



Photo, left, looking at Fort Niagara, view from Fort George, images.ourontario.ca



Photo, right, Fort George, view from Fort Niagara, images.ourontario.ca; photo of map, Wikipedia.org



# Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

GENERAL ENTRY BOOK of <i>American</i>										Prisoners of War, at <i>Dulac</i>																			
Number.	By what Ship, or how taken.	Time when.	Place where.	Name of Prize.	Whether Man of War, Privateer, or Merchant-Vessel.	Prisoner's Name.	Quality.	Time when received into Custody.	From what Ship, or whence received.	DESCRIPTION					SUPPLIES OF BEDDING AND CLOTHING										Time when.	Whether, and by what Order, if discharged.			
										Age.	Stature.	Person.	Complexion.	Hair.	Eyes.	Marks or Wounds.	Date of Supply.	Blankets.	Coats.	Shirts.	Shoes.	Trunks.	Woolens.	Flannels.			Shirts.	Shoes.	Blankets.
1070	<i>Troops</i>	<i>24 Aug</i>	<i>Port George</i>	<i>Land Forces</i>	<i>taken on shore</i>	<i>Stephen Richard Purohit</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>10 Oct</i>	<i>Stamhook</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5-9</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>light grey</i>	<i>None</i>												<i>Disch Oct 31</i>	<i>Not labor</i>	
1071	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W. Brown</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5-8</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
1072	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Jellert Rogert Purohit</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>5-9</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
1073	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Benny Davis</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>5-7 1/2</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
1074	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Wm W. White</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5-11</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>light grey</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
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1080	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Shut Backford</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>5-6</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
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1083	<i>D.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Shut McKinzie</i>	<i>Privateer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>6-0</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>												<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
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Photo by Amie K. Cox

"He was a man more than 6 ft. tall, spare of build, very straight and erect; was rather reserved but a man of great intelligence and the strictest morals."  
 — Isaac Davis, 1821-1913



# Fort Niagara, New York



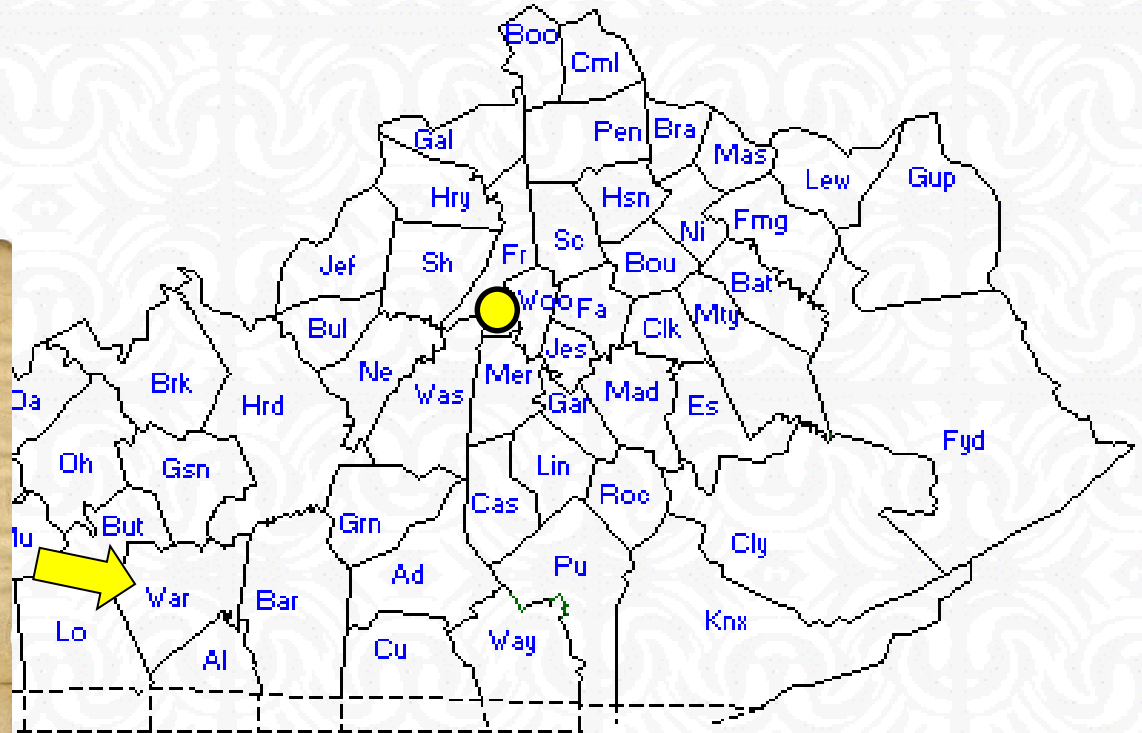
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# Bowling Green, Kentucky

1815

Allen from Barren, Warren.  
Davies from Ohio.  
Estill gained from Clay.



ISAAC SHELBURY, ESQ. Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:  
KNOW YE, That by virtue and in consideration of a certificate, number 19, of the Acts passed (sans without dissent) granted by the Commissioners in 1779, agreeably to an Act of Assembly for erecting and granting relief to 80 Miles, there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto *William and Brotherton* (sons of Humphreys)

a certain tract or parcel of LAND, containing *Two hundred* acres by survey, bearing date the 5th day of July *one thousand seven hundred and Ninety* being and being in the county of *Warren* and the north part of *log layers Run* and having as follows to wit Beginning *near a white oak* on the north side of *Knob* running north 85 East 180 poles along a conventional line between *himself* and *Joseph Campbell* to a *white oak* and black oak thence north 85 East 180 poles to an *oak* and white oak at a *little Spring* thence South 85 East 180 poles to a *post oak*, and thence, thence South 85 East 180 poles to the Beginning

with its appurtenances, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said *William and Brotherton*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said ISAAC SHELBURY, Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, hath hereunto set his hand, and caused the seal of the said Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, this *day of April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifteen* and of the Commonwealth the *Twenty three*

BY THE GOVERNOR,  
*William* SECRETARY. *Isaac Shelby*

Photos: above, mapofus.org; left, WKU, Dept. of Special Collections





February 1818 (25)			
17	Warehouse to three dollars paid S. Maxwell for hauling boards	3	00
18	W. B. Cunningham to 12 1/2 bushels meal	X	25
20	Hermanus Stewart to 18 1/2 <sup>th</sup> sack	lent	
21	Hermanus Stewart to 16 <sup>th</sup> sack	lent	
	Is. Snow to 2 1/2 bushels meal	X	25
23	Wm. Hatcher to 136 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	44
	Wm. Daves to 29 <sup>th</sup> shorts	0	50
28	Old Henderson to 50 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	00
	Wm. Stewart to 25 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	40
March			
2	Isaac Wood to 24 bushels meal	X	25
	Isaac Hendrick to 25 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	00
3	Gibson to 14 1/2 <sup>th</sup> flour	1	00
	Sold 1/2 bushel of corn in the ears		
4	John C. Lawver to 5 bushels meal		
	W. B. Cunningham to 30 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	25
	to 2 1/2 bushels meal	X	25
9	J. Dutton to 20 <sup>th</sup> shorts	0	25
13	Isaac B. Baker to 50 <sup>th</sup> flour	25	00
	Isaac B. Baker to 25 <sup>th</sup> flour	X	25

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The End

**Questions?**



**George Bratton, Sr. & Jean Elliot**

Buried in  
Old Pioneer  
Cemetery,  
Waynetown

**William E. Bratton**



**George W. Bratton**



**Melissa Bratton**



**Jennie Lynch**



**Emory Lynch**



**Robert "Bob" Lynch**

Born in the 1940s, Bob moved from Crawfordsville to California as an adult. In the early 2000s, he donated letters and pictures to the Bratton Archive at CDPL.

**Archibald Bratton**



**James Maxwell Bratton**



**Hetta Bratton**



**Elizabeth Lister**



**Alma Workinger**



**Claude Kunkle**



**Harold Kunkle**



**Jonathan Dean Kunkle**



**Amie Kunkle Cox**

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