

# Ohio History

White Settlement--Beginnings

# The Ohio Company of Associates

- In 1786, a group of men in Massachusetts, including General Rufus Putnam and Brigadier General Benjamin Tupper, founded the Ohio Company of Associates. The Ohio Company of Associates was not affiliated with the earlier Ohio Company.
  - The Ohio Company of Associates planned to purchase land in the Northwest Territory west of a previously surveyed area called the Seven Ranges. Both Putnam and Tupper had participated in survey expeditions led by Thomas Hutchins and believed that the region had great potential for land speculation.
- The Reverend Manasseh Cutler worked with Treasury Board assistant William Duer and president of the Confederation Congress Arthur St. Clair to negotiate an arrangement for the purchase of the land.
  - The Ohio Company of Associates purchased 1,500,000 acres of land, agreeing to pay \$500,000 immediately and another \$500,000 payment once survey work was finished. Congress allowed the company to pay for part of the land using military warrants.

# Ohio Company of Associates' Territory

