



YOU MIGHT BE FROM LAKE COUNTY...IF
America250 Edition

America250 is an ongoing initiative celebrating key moments in the American Revolutionary War. While 2026 might be the most significant moment in our history, several key statements from that era cannot be excluded. 2023 highlighted the Boston Tea Party. 2025 shared the stories of Lexington and Concord. 2027 will tell the story of the Battle of Saratoga, 2031 will share the Battle of Yorktown and by 2033 the Treaty of Paris will conclude this celebration of us.

Although Ohio does not become a state until 1803, and Lake County is not formed until 1840, it is safe to suggest that this territory and our future county contributed to the evolving freedom and sovereignty that is our nation's story. To this end, here is your opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of key highlights of pre-Lake county history as we connect our local stories to the national celebration. Good Luck Patriots!



1. Francis Payne Bolton had an extraordinary life and contributed all but one of the accomplishments to our early county and regional history.

a. She is a direct descendant of American Revolutionary War Patriot Abraham Skinner.

b. She served the Union cause in the Civil War.

c. She was the first woman elected to Congress from Ohio (House of Representatives).

d. She authored the Bolton Act, expanding nursing education and policy-making nationwide.

The CWRU School of Nursing bears her name.

2. **Samuel P. Huntington** held all but one of the governmental positions below.
 - a. He was an Associate and Head Supreme Court Justice in Ohio.
 - b. Samuel served in the Revolutionary War Militia at the battle of Lexington & Concord.
 - c. He was elected the third Governor of the State of Ohio.
 - d. He served as US Army District Paymaster during the War of 1812.

3. Ohioan Archibald Willard painted the inspiring art masterpiece ‘Spirit of ’76’ in 1875-76. He choose this young boy from Perry, Ohio to model as the famous fifer.
 - a. Henry Kelsey Devereux
 - b. Hugh Mosher
 - c. Seth Pease
 - d. Hawley Drake

4. Downtown Painesville on the Square has a Patriot Marker sponsored by the local New Connecticut Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. At the moment, how many patriots are honored
 - a. 77
 - b. 88
 - c. 43
 - d. 37

5. Four Stagecoach stops dotted the Western Reserve in Lake County. The Unionville Tavern may be the most well-known. Which site is not part of our earliest local county lore?
 - a. Ladd Tavern
 - b. Eagle Tavern
 - c. Williams Tavern
 - d. Riders Inn



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6. The USLSS / Revenue Cutter / USCG - **Station Fairport** celebrates its ____ Anniversary in 2026. Fairport’s Frank Babcock and Niels Rasmussen served at the station.
 - a. 100th
 - b. 150th
 - c. 200th
 - d. 225th



7. **Francis Jennings Casement** was a prominent and transformative reform figure in county History. Which fact does not ring true in her celebrated life as an activist?
 - a. Her and her husband Jack were noted abolitionists and their home was used for the UGRR.
 - b. She was an early nurse at Lake County East Hospital.

- c. She befriended Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in the Women’s Suffrage Movement, served as President of the State Suffrage Association and is featured on the Lake Erie College Women’s History Walk-way.
 - d. Buried in 1928 at Evergreen Cemetery in Painesville, some sources mention her experiences with Wild Bill Hickok, Annie Oakley and Queen Victoria.
8. The City of Wickliffe features *Millionaires Mile* a prestigious extension of Millionaire’s Row and a major part of Cleveland’s Guided Age. Which mansion is not located in the city.
- a. Coulby
 - b. Pinecrest
 - c. Cobblestone Garth
 - d. Nagirroc



9. The ‘Yankee Doodle Drummer’ in Archibald Willard’s renamed painting ‘Spirit of ’76’ was a young man who hailed from Wickliffe. His name was...
- a. Hugh Mosher
 - b. Henry Kelsey Devereux
 - c. Abraham Skinner
 - d. Benjamin Blish
10. Early surveyors of the Western Reserve included Moses Cleaveland and these notable men who settled in what become Lake County. Which man was not part of this group?
- a. Seth Pease
 - b. Thomas Huntoon
 - c. Charles Parker
 - d. Asa Turney

Tie-breaker / Bonus:

Of the known '88' Patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War that came to reside in Lake County, this soldier buried in Concord Township Cemetery endured the hardships of Valley Forge and also served as a sentry / guard over the spy Major Andre prior to his execution.

Answer key - The correct answer for each of the ten questions is the letter 'b'. As for the bonus- three Patriots are buried in the Concord Cemetery, register (440-639-4650) and come to the Lantern Hike on April 24 and view his grave.

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