

ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS OF GALLIOPOLIS, OHIO

Following is a copy of a document accompanying the returns of a survey and partition of lands in Ohio found in the General Land Office, Drafting Division, Washington, D. C., while this writing was in preparation. The document is a ms. letter folded and stitched in a leather book of field notes bearing this inscription stamped on the cover:

A Survey of the Tract of Land
Granted by Act of Congress
to the French Inhabitants
at Gallipolis.
List of Actual Settlers &c.
Rufus Putnam's Letter, dated
12th May 1796.²²

Subscription on the letter: Oliver Wolcott, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Sir

MARIETTA May 12th 1796

By the papers herewith enclosed you will perceive that the Lands proposed by the Act of Congress of the Third of March 1795 to be granted to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, are surveyed and assigned to the several persons entitled thereto (as I trust) agreeably to the intention of the afore-mentioned act, and your instructions of the Twenty-ninth of September 1795.

Mr Martin²³ arrived at Gallipolis the second of November and within a few days after commenced his survey; which which he completed as soon as could be expected, but from an ill state of health, as he informs me, he was not able to make the returns before the 25th ult. On receiving them I proceeded to Gallipolis, as soon as I could with convenience, and the several lots were assigned to individuals on the third instant in manner certified in the list of Drafts, and I believe the whole business has been conducted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr Martin states the distance run in executing this survey to be 125 miles 72 chains & 98 links, and the time necessarily employed in making duplicate plans & certificates 34 days. My agreement with Mr Martin was to execute the survey at "the rate of three Dollars per mile for every mile actually run including the pay of assistants and all expense of the survey And for the making Duplicate Plans with Certificate of the Courses Distances and boundaries; two dollars per day for the necessary time. I have furnished Mr Martin with a certificate of the compensation contracted for, also that he has executed the surveys agreeably to the Act of Congress and returned Duplicate Plans Certificates &c., to me: but have referred him to the Treasury Department for auditing his accounts which I presume was your expectation

I am with great respect & esteem

Sir Your obedient servant

RUFUS PUTNAM

OLIVER WOLCOTT, Esq^r

²² Cf. Land Laws of the U. S., p. 223.

²³ Capt. Abrahams Martin, Surveyor, who represented New Jersey in the original survey of the Seven Ranges of Townships, 1785-88.

A List of the French inhabitants and Actual Settlers of the Town of Gallipolis; being males above eighteen years of age or widows, who were, in pursuance of instructions from Oliver Wolcott Esq^r, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to Rufus Putnam: by him ascertained to be within the said Town of Gallipolis on the First day of November 1795 agreeably to the second section of an Act of Congress passed the Third Day of March 1795, entitled: An Act to Authorize a Grant of Lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned, Together with the number of the Lot assigned (by lot) to each settler prefixed to his or her name, in a Tract of Twenty Thousand acres of Land being part of Twenty-four Thousand acres surveyed agreeably to the Third Section of said Act and is subdivided into Lots, &c agreeably to the Fourth Section of the same Act.

<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Names Drawn against</i>	<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Names drawn against</i>
1	Matthew Berthelot Sen ^{r¹⁰¹}	35	John Francis Gobean
2	Nicholas Thevenin	36	John Julius Lemoyno
3	John Baudot	37	Peter Duteil
4	Peter Matthew Chandivert	38	Lewis Joiteau
5	Francis Valodin	39	Agustus Chereau
6	William Duduit	40	Peter John Desnoyers
7	Nicholas Hurteaux	41	Marin Dupert
8	Peter Lewis Leclerc Jr	42	Agustin Leclercq Sen ^r
9	Peter Marret Sen ^r	43	Nicholas Lambert
10	Michael Mazure	44	John Brouin
11	Lewis Ambrose Lacour	45	Agustin Leclercq Jr
12	Lewis Berthe	46	Anthony Philipeau
13	John Baptist Ginat	47	Anthony Henry Mingun
14	Lewis Anthony Francis Cei.	48	Lewis Peter Leclerc Sen ^r
15	Andrew Leercoux	49	Mary Magdalen Brunier, widow
16	John Baptist Berthond	50	Remy Thierry Quiffe
17	Francis Davous	51	Peter Magnier
18	Anthony Bartholomew Due	52	Matthew Ibert
19	Philip Agustus Pitboud	53	J ^{no} Baptist Nicholas Tillaye
20	Stephen Bastide	54	Anthony Claudius Vincent
21	John Parmantier	55	John Gilbert Petit
22	Martinus Vandenbernden	56	Lewis Augustin Lemoyne
23	Nicholas Prioux	57	Basil Joseph Marret
24	Francis Alexander Larquihon	58	Joseph Michau
25	Nicholas Questel	59	Joseph Duzet
26	Christopher Etienne	60	Michel Craufaz
27	Francis Duverger	61	Francis D'hébecourt
28	Claudius Chartier Dufisque	62	John Francis Perrey
29	Nicholas Pétit	63	Claudius Romaine Meninger
30	John Baptist Letaillleur	64	Peter Richon
31	Claudius Berthelot	65	Peter Matry
32	<u>Francis Charles Duteil</u>	66	Peter Serre
33	John Peter Romain Bureau	67	Francis Marion
34	James Francis Laurent	68	Peter Marret, Jr

¹⁰¹ The numbered lots are shown on the map accompanying the document.

<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Names drawn against</i>	<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Names drawn against</i>
69	Francis Wimar Joseph Devacht	81	Joséphine Pignolet
70	Nicholas Charles Visinier	82	Anthony Vibert
71	Augustus Waldemard Mentelle	83	John Lewis Violet
72	Stephen Chandivert	84	Peter Latillard
73	Peter Robert Maquet	85	Peter Chabot
74	Stephen Willermi	86	Peter Thomas Thomas
75	John Baptist Ferard <i>andrea brought</i>	87	Michael Chantrel
76	Francis Alexander Dubois	88	Francis Carteron
77	John Lewis Maldan	89	<u>Chandius Cadet</u>
78	Francis Mennessiers	90	Lewis Victor Venschriltz
79	Peter Serrot	91	Peter Francis Agustin Leclercq
80	Anthony Francis Saugrain	92	Peter Ferard

I hereby certify that the foregoing numbers of Lots were severally drawn against the Names before which they respectively stand; at Galliopolis on the Third Day of May 1796, by a committee of the inhabitants acting under my immediate superintendence, and that I have inscribed each proprietor's Name on his Lot Drawn as aforesaid in two Plats of the survey made by Absalom Martin.

RUFUS PUTNAM.

In another book marked "A." is a plat of the subdivision with each lot bearing the proprietor's name, and inscribed:

A Map of the Tract of Land granted by the Hon^{ble} the Congress of the United States to the French Inhabitants of Galliopolis, divided agreeably to the Act and according to the Instructions from General Rufus Putnam into.

1 Tract of	4,000	Mr Gervais ¹²²
92 lots of 217 $\frac{7}{16}$ Acres	20,000	

Surveyed by	
Absalom Martin	Acres 24,000
April 9 1796.	

By an act of Congress passed June 25, 1798 (Land Laws of U. S., 1810, p. 225), Stephen Monot, Lewis Anthony Carpenter, Lewis Vimont, Francis Valton, Lewis Philip A. Fichow, Anthony Maquet, Margaret G. C. Champigne wife of Peter A. Laforge, and Maria L. Dulica wife of Peter Lue, inhabitants of Galliopolis, who were prevented from obtaining their proportion of the land granted by the act of March 3, 1795, received each an eighth equal part of a tract of 2200 acres on the Ohio River "beginning at the lower corner" of the Galliopolis tract.

¹²² John Gabriel Gervais.

EARLY GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO

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GALLIA COUNTY was organized 1803 and was taken from the vast territory of Washington County, O. Gallipolis was the county seat and had been settled by French people before 1795. Among these early French settlers were the following families;

Autran	Davoux	Ferrau	LaFillard	Pradel
Baptiste	DeVacht	Ferrarer Jr	Marrett	Pitou
Bureau	Dhebercourt	Gervais	Menager	Qualeron
Brunier	Drouillard	LeTailleur	Michau	Dr Petit
Berthelot	Dupont	Mdme LaForge	Muqui	Richon
Chandiver Sr&Jr	Etiennes	LaCour	Parmentier	Valodin
			Vonschrilts Sr & Jr	

SOME PROMINENT EARLY SETTLERS

BUREAU, JOHN PETER ROMAINE, born Beton Bazeche, France 1770, to America early; mar. 1779 MADELAINE F C MARRETT, dau. of PETER & MADELAINE MARRETT, early settlers here. They had 4 ch., one of whom - MADELAINE mar. Dr. LeMoyn of Wash. Pa. They lived in Gallipolis. She died 1791; he died 1851.

BERTRAND, MONS. JEAN BAPTISTE, came here 1791; died 1855, age 94. ~~#27~~

CADOT, CLAUDIOUS mar. JANE BASTINE in Paris in 1790; arrived in Gallipolis 1791. They had 3 ch. when he died of malaria, about 1797. Jane soon married CHARLES FRANCIS DUTIEL. ~~#26~~
Claudius & Jane had: MARIA LOUISE b. 1791, mar. MONS F. ~~#26~~
~~X~~ LeCLERQ; CLAUDIOUS b 1793, m. 1st 1818, NANCY BALL; 2nd CYNTHIA STOCKHAM; LEMUEL b. 1795.

CREUZET, CHAS. born Lyons, France, 1793, came to America 1803, age 10, with French group, and lived first in N.Y. He mar. 1817 in N.Y. GENEVIEVE PISTOR and then left for Gallipolis with his wife's mother and sister, in 1817. His sister-in-law was MRS MARGARET MEMEGER. He died in Gallipolis 1880, age 87, and his wife died 1870, age 77.

DUDUIT, MONS., born near Paris 1770, to Gallia Co. with his wife 1790. She died 1811 and he remarried 1817. In War of 1812.

DEVACHT, MONS. JOS. G., born 1761, Ipres, Flanders; here about 1790; mar. MDME PARMANTIER, widow. Madame b. 1775 in Paris. They had a son CAPT. JOSEPH W., born 1803, died unm.

GERVAIS, MONS. JEAN G. born in Paris 1764, here 1790; unm. Returned to Paris 1818 and died there 1824.

~~X~~ LeCLERQ, MONS. FRANCIS, born Annis, France, 1772; here with the first colonists; mar. 1808 EULALIE C. MARRETT, who died 1809. He m. 2nd MARIE L. CODOT. He died 1837, buried Gallipolis cemetery.

MAGUET, ANTHONY RENE, born Paris, 1788; here 1792; died 1829; mar. 1806 ADELAIDE LeCLERQ, who had been captured by Indians.

CAREL, RENE, born Paris, France, came to Gallipolis 1803, accompanied by his wife and 2 ch., FRANKLIN & VIRGIL. He died 1843.

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PETITION TO CONGRESS

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From the French Inhabitants of Gallipolis, O.

Praying the interposition of Government in confirming the titles
to their lands purchased of W. Duer, Agent of the Scioto Company.

Autran	Garard	Peret, petit Jean
Auger	Gervais	Prizon
Albert	Guerin	Pradel
Bauinier	Guerier	Pickard
Bastille	Gidou	Pubert
Bithery	Hurtause	Quiff, Serre
Bureau	Journay	Qustel et son frere
Baudot et de	Joitteau	Richon, Pierre
Mr.Demir?	Le Ch De Rome	Rouby
Bertrand	Lemme Verts	Rivier
Bailly	Leduc, C.	Serrot
Berthelot	Leduc, M.P.	af Saugrain
Berthelot	LaForge, pour moi	Sarazin
Berthelot	LaForge, Conu ?	Sirson
Buzenet, M	fonde de pourvoirs	Thaub ?
F.Bruynier	de Mrs Laperouze	Tillaye
Bronis	Le Duc	Thomas
Charpentier	LeClerce, S.	Thevenin, H
Chemin	Lambert	Villiren, F
Chandivert pere	Labelle	Vincent, A.
Courset	LeClerc amo	Visinier
Cadot	LeMoyn de Ville(Herbert)	vanden Benden,Louis
Pierre Chabo	LeClerc, Pierre	" " Martinus
Cherean	Laroire	Violette
Chanterille	Laurent	A Willard D
Coupin	P.Pon Mr L'Hudlier	M W ?
Catteron	Magniev pour grandjean	August ?
Chemin	Maquet perre et fils	PETITION
Dazet	Mandeville	To obtain their lost land.
Desnoyers	Marret, C.	
Du Port	Maldan	
Dubois	Monnot	Lewis Anthony Carpentier
<u>Duteis lene'e</u>	Marion, H.(X)	Lewis Phil. A. Fichon
Dupin, Mike	Marret, P.	Margareth LeForge
Drouilly	Mennererlee, F E	(Champagne) wife of
Davous	Magniev	Peter Ant. LaForge
Duc, A B	Meutely	Maria J. Dalliez, wife of
Droze, J ?	Matry	Peter Luc
Demir, Mr ?	Marure	
Daveri, F.	Magnen	
Diort, Mr (X)	Millett	
<u>Duteil,jenue</u>	Minquet Minque fils)	Anthony Maguest
Duclos	Prieu	Stephen Monot
DeVacht, W.	Petit, J.G.T.	Francis Valton
D'Hebecourt	Petit Jean	Lewis Vlont
Enquaine	Petit	
Ferard, P.	Prioux ici	

Monsieur Chas Francis Dutiel 6-6-176
had been farmer in France
Bio sketch Sciota Co. & Pioneer record Se Ohio
by Nelson Evans 1796-1903
Francis Andre - son in law of Dutiel
Dutiel went to Grant (Gr) Dec 1797
6 children Pierre 2-11-1798

Francis

Jean

Frédéric

Louis

Sophie 10-9-1809

1871

Brought to be back in Gallipolis. returned
when 56 yrs old, lived with Mrs Le Clef
husband of his step daughter

Pioneers of Sciota Co.
1880 Portsmouth, O.
By James Keyes

Jacob Andre b May 23, 1797 in Cadot settlement
reared to manhood in French Grant
married about 1822 to Jane ~~Le Clef~~ daughter
of May 17, 1804 D.C.

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CLAUDIUS CADOT.

Claudius Cadot was born February 17, 1793, in Gallipolis, Ohio. He was, perhaps, the first male child born in Gallia County, and is at present the oldest male child born of French parents, of Gallipolis. His father, Claudius Cadot, and Jane Bastine were married in the city of Paris, France, in 1790, and joined a party of French emigrants who were preparing at that time to emigrate to America. They arrived in Gallipolis in the fall of the year: a dreary prospect surely for those who had been reared in the lap of luxury and accustomed to all the refinements of an old settled country. They were about as helpless a set of beings as were ever thrown upon their own resources in a wilderness country. But they were men of energy and soon rendered themselves equal to the occasion.

On the 28th day of January 1791, Maria Louisa Cadot was born, who was the first child born in Gallipolis. As was stated above, on the 17th day of February, 1793, Claudius Cadot, the subject of this sketch, was born. Two years later, Lemuel Cadot was born. So far, everything prospered well with the young married pair. But what is too often the case in settling new countries, Mons. Cadot soon fell a victim to the malaris of the climate, and left his wife and three helpless babes to struggle as best they might in their unprotected situation. However, they had not long to struggle in this helpless condition. A young Frenchman who came over with the colony, or shortly afterward,

by the name of Charles Francia Dutiel, being without a wife—that indispensable companion of man in a new country—proposed to the young widow, and they were married within three months after M. Cadot's death.

The French Grant being surveyed, and the lots numbered and drawn, they immediately began to make preparations to move down to their lots in the Grant. Mons. Dutiel came down in the spring of 1797, with the first families that came down. He did not bring his family, but took possession of his lot, put up a small cabin, and then went back for his family. He returned in the fall with his family in a small boat, and brought a yoke of oxen and a cow with him, which gave him a good start in the way of farming. He was accompanied by Mons. Bureau, who was a leading man among the French of Gallipolis. His house being small, he broke up his boat, and with the boards made quite a comfortable addition to his house. All Mons. Dutiel had to do now was to go to work and clear up his land. Thus it was that young Claudius was early set to work. They soon had a fine farm under cultivation, with orchards, stock, and everything necessary to render home comfortable and happy. They built a small distillery, for the purpose of distilling their own fruit and grain. It was the business of Claudius to work in the distillery during the winter, and help on the farm during the summer.

It might be asked, "What"

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of the nation. After all, the majority of the population is rural, and agriculture is still the backbone of our economy. We must therefore ensure that our policies support the rural sector, and that we do not neglect it. This means investing in infrastructure, such as roads and railways, which will help to connect rural areas to urban centers and markets. It also means providing incentives for farmers to adopt sustainable practices, such as organic farming, which can help to protect the environment and ensure food security. In addition, we must support small-scale farmers, who are often the most vulnerable to economic fluctuations. By doing so, we can help to build a more resilient and sustainable agricultural sector, which will benefit everyone in the long run.

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and by this point the graph became still, and only small oscillations took place. The first of these was at the time of the first minimum, and it was followed by a second, which was much smaller than the first. This was followed by a third, which was also small, and so on. The graph then became still again, and remained so until the end of the experiment.

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and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said
Philip Moore his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land lying and
being in the County of Scott and State of Ohio and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning
at two saplings in the line between Parties Survey at 500 feet, three hundred
and seventy poles North forty six degrees east from his Northwest corner, running
North forty six degrees East One hundred and Eighty four poles to a Stake, thence
North thirty two degrees West One hundred and Ninety one poles to a black Oak &
white Oak, thence South ten degrees East Two hundred and Twenty poles as by
further granted by the United States unto the said John Beasley et al. of John
Barrel Apices of Benjamin Kirkby wife of Benjamin Brooks wife of Thomas Scott
as by Patent bearing date the 25th day of May 1800. Together with all improvements,
water courses, profits and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging
or in any wise appertaining and the reversions, remainders and profits thereof, and
all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demands of them the said
John Beasley and Sally his wife of us and to the same. To have and to hold the
lands hereby conveyed with all and singular the franchises and every part and
share thereof with every of the appurtenances unto the said Philip Moore
his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said
Philip Moore his heirs and assigns forever. And the said John Beasley and Sally
his wife for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators do covenant, from
us and agree to and with the said Philip Moore his heirs and assigns by these
present that the premises before mentioned now are and forever hereafter shall be
revered free of costs from all former and other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, donations,
rights and title of former judgments, executions, bills, troubles, charges and incum-
brances whatsoever done or suffered to be done by them the said John Beasley
and Sally his wife, and their heirs all and singular the premises hereby bargained
and sold with the appurtenances unto the said Philip Moore his heirs and
assigns against them the said John Beasley and Sally, and their heirs and all
and every other person or persons whatsoever, both and wills warrant and forgive
defend by these presents.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us,

Elipah Slover John (ellows)

John Beasley 
Sally Beasley 

State of Ohio Scott County ss. In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and three on the 16th day of December before me Elipah Slover, a justice
of peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared the within named John Beasley
and acknowledged the within signing and sealing to be his act and deed for the pur-
poses therein contained. Given under my hand and seal this day and year first
above written.

Elipah Slover 
justice of the peace.

State of Ohio Adams County. This day came before me a justice of the peace for
said County Sally Beasley wife to said John Beasley and being examined af-
forded her husband and without any compulsion did acknowledge the within sign-
ing and sealing to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned. Dated this 22nd
day of February 1884.

John Ellows 

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Peter L. Loffere wife.
S. Edward Dillon. D. D.

I know all hereby these present the 1st day of March
Loffere and Angelina Majet my wife both of Gallipolis Ohio
and state of Ohio for and in consideration of sum hundred dollars

Number forty three part of the land granted by Congress to the French Settlers of Gallipolis
and was the proportion of Nicholas Lambert as it appears by the Letter patent of the
President of the United States dated August the twentieth one thousand eight hundred
one, which Patent was delivered to the said Stewart (you have to keep at his request) before
the sealing of this present, which lot or tract of land was Conveyed to the John Peter
Roman ^{Surman} the fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred by John
Baptist ^{Genl} Lapeyre of Mingo & Bureau who were Agents of Nicholas Lambert
as it appears by said Lambert's Deed bearing date Gallipolis April the twenty first
1787. To have and to hold the aforesaid granted premises unto him the said Stewart his
heirs and Assignees forever. And we do covenant to and with said Stewart that before the
Sealing of this present, Weare the true owners and have right to sell the above prem-
ises furthermore shall and will warrant and defend the title of the same unto
the just claim of any persons whatsoever forever. In Testimony whereof we have here-
unto set our Signatures and Seals, done at Gallipolis this ninth day of August in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

Figard, Sealed and Delivered in our presence,

J. T. Surman 
M. R. C. Bureau 

State of Ohio, Tuscarawas County ss.

Gallipolis - August the eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred
and three Personally appeared before me John Peter Roman & T. Surman & M. R. C.
(his wife, she being previously examined) and acknowledged the within instrument
to be their voluntary act and deed before me. Nicholas Thivens
Just. of the peace. Ad P.

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Francis Dutiel Attorney }
John Bacaus + } Deed.
John Bacaus }
John Bacaus

This Indenture made this twenty fifth day
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six between Francis
Dutiel Administrator of Peter Dutiel deceased of the County of Scott and State
of Ohio of the one part and John Bacaus of the County of Scott and State of Ohio
of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Francis Dutiel Administrator
of Peter Dutiel deceased for and in Consideration of the sum of thirty dol-
lars Current money of the United States to the said Peter Dutiel in hand paid,
the receipt whereof by the said Francis Dutiel Administrator aforesaid doth
hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge the said John Bacaus his
heirs executors and administrators; hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened and con-
veyed and by these presents do grants, bargains, sells, alien and confirms unto
the said John Bacaus his heirs and Assignees forever, all that tract or parcels of
land lying and being in the County of Scott containing Two hundred and
Seventeen acres more or less, it being the lot in the French Grant Numbered
Thirty seven and bounded as follows, west, as will be mentioned in the Patent.
Together with all improvements, watercourses, profits and appurtenances whatsoever
unto the said premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion,
remainder and profits thereof. And all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim
and demand of them the said Francis Dutiel Administrator tract of Peter Dutiel de-
ceased of me and to the same. To have and to hold the lands hereby Conveyed
with all and singular the premises and every part and parcel thereof with
every of the appurtenances unto the said John Bacaus his heirs and Assignees
to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Bacaus his heirs and Assignees

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THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ohio's Last Buffalo

The beast was sometimes called the "Illinois ox," the "wild ox," or merely a "cow"; and by the Delaware Indians "an animal that butts against and breaks in pieces." The creature is now known as the buffalo, or more properly the American bison. Immense herds of the cow-like animals once roamed over the extensive area bounded on the east by the Alleghenies and on the north by the lakes, embracing Ohio and the other mid-western states.

The buffalo, dark brown in color and covered with soft down mixed with long hair, was deceptively fierce looking, but had the docile traits of the bovine. Its legs were short, body very heavy. It had a hump of fat upon its back, just above the shoulders, which diminished toward the rear, making it appear much shorter from the back than from the front. It had a thick, horned head and a long beard. The male's weight was often as much as a ton, and the female was about half as heavy.

Up the Maumee (River) at La Glaize (now Defiance) French missionaries found buffaloes wallowing in the clay. Christopher Gist, a missionary, surveyor, and trader, in 1751 remarked about the large numbers of the animal he encountered in his travels. George Croghan, the trader, said in 1760 that Indians in one of his parties killed several buffaloes between Mingo Town and the Muskingum.

In his tour to Ohio in 1770 George Washington reported seeing ten thousand buffaloes feeding in one herd. Buffalo migrations south in the fall to the blue-grass regions of Kentucky, and their return in the spring obstructed the Ohio River for a mile or more. Moravian Missionary John Heckewelder mentioned in his diaries sighting the animal along the Muskingum in 1773, and Col. John Bowman reported during his 1779 expedition against the Shawnee center on the Little Miami near Xenia great numbers of the buffaloes.

The Rev. David Zeisberger, who laid out the Indian mission village of Schoenbrunn, once joined the heathen Indians in hunting the animal on the lower Muskingum River.

Excavations at Schoenbrunn near New Philadelphia as recent as the 1950's have yielded a fragment of a buffalo skull, now a part of the collections of The Ohio Historical Society. The skull was located in a probe among Delaware Indian kitchen garbage there. It had been split open in such a manner that the brain could be easily taken out for eating. This organ, as well as the tongue, was considered the most edible

portion of the carcass. Indians often disdained taking the hide. The hulks of the animals often laid wasting and stinking in the open, being devoured by carrion eaters.

The last recorded killing of a buffalo in Ohio was by a Frenchman who had settled in Gallipolis. He was the only one of the settlement to ever make such a kill. Charles Francis Duteil, whose claim to fame ever after rested on one lucky shot, was hunting in the summer of 1795. About two miles west of Gallipolis he saw a herd of buffalo. He fired without taking aim at any particular animal and felled one. He was so elated with his feat that, without stopping to examine the animal, he ran back to town to announce his kill, and came back with the entire body of settlers at his heels.

They quickly formed a procession, with musicians in front of the fortunate hunter, proudly marching with his gun on his shoulder, and the animal slung on poles, followed by the crowd singing and rejoicing at the prospect of a hearty feast. In town the kill was quickly dressed for the spit. For several days there was feasting, as the meat was served up in such a variety of ways as "none but the French could devise."



The year 1800, shortly after the incident at Gallipolis, but in no way connected with Duteil's feat, is regarded as the year when the buffalo disappeared from Ohio, driven from his favored salt licks by the relentless forward movement of settlers to the west.

One of the exhibits for the new Ohio Historic Center to open in late summer will contain a buffalo. An attempt will be made to show the animal in prairie setting much as it might have appeared in the western and central parts of Ohio about the time Ohio was first settled by the white man. The famous mastodon, long an exhibit at The Ohio State University Orton Hall Museum, will be a central figure in the exhibit, as the precursor of the American bison.