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**Fairfield County Auditor Highlights the 1801 Map of Refugee Land**

**Lancaster, Ohio** - The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is highlighting the 1801 Map of Refugee Land in its map room. The 1801 map is a copy of an original map crated by Elnathan Scofield. It includes the names of refugees from the Revolutionary War.

Many persons living outside of the American colonies provided emotional and financial support for the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War and subsequently lost their homes, belongings, and livelihoods, or even their lives. Loyalists from Canada were promised land for "their virtuous sufferings in the cause of liberty," and the 1801 Map of Refugee Land outlines the location of the refugee land, for which portions were in Franklin, Fairfield, Licking and Perry Counties.

The original map is stored in the special map section at the State Library of Ohio, which is located in Columbus, Ohio. It is the only original map of the Refugee Land known to exist.

A copy of the map is found at the Fairfield County Auditor's Office at 108 N. High Street in Lancaster. An additional copy is found at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, 145 E. Main Street in Lancaster.

The Decorative Arts Center of Ohio is featuring an exhibit titled From Struggle to Strength: Inspiring Journeys of Central Ohio's Refugee Community and Perspective of Color beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the 1801 Map of Refugee Land, please contact Rachel Elsea, Communications Officer for the Fairfield County Auditor, at [rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov) or call 740 652-7030.

For more information about the DACO exhibit, please visit [www.decartsohio.org](http://www.decartsohio.org) or call (740) 681-1423.

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