

HR 6A-F4.3

20 Feb 1801

petition of inhabitants residing on
lands belonging to the U.S. and
lying between the muskingum &
and Scioto Rivers

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*U.S. House of Representatives
6th Congress*

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The Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States
in Congress Met.

The Petition of the Subscribers, settlers on the Public Land
between the Waters of Muskingum, and Scioto River, in the North
western Territory;— Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners Return their Humble Thanks to your Honorable
Body for your attention to their Petition at your last Session,
in making an act supplementary to the former act, for settling the
Public Lands in this Territory, in which among other Provisions
is, dividing the Landships, before directed to be sold in quarters
of one mile into half sections, and giving time for the payment of the
part of the Money; &c. Yet there is one Circumstance in that Law, which is
highly against your Petitioners, especially the poor & industrious Settlers,
which we wish particularly to represent to your Honorable Body; and that
is, that their small improvements, made at a great expence and labor,
emigrating so far thro' a Wilderness without inhabitants, and having their
Provisions as well as families to transport, and oftentimes hazarding
their lives from the danger of the savages, and have now for ^{some} considerable
settlements, should still be exposed to a Public Vendue, be outbid
by an unfeeling Land-Jobber or Speculator, who perhaps has been
preying on the Vitals of his Country, untill he has filled his pockets, by
which we say, the the poor honest and Industrious Settlers must
submit to have his improvement bought over his head, and him either
submit to become his Tenant, or quit his Country; Great numbers
have already gone to accept the offers of the British over the Lakes, or
the Spaniards over the Mississippi, and great numbers more are
contemplating to go also, should their own Government which has
such a vast Quantity of uncultivated Land, dispose of it in such a
manner, and at such a rate as puts it out of their power to procure
any. Which in fact compels them to renounce their own Government
the Government of their choice that very Government which many
of them sought and Bled to procure, and establish, to go to procure

the uncultivated wilds, of despotic Governments, and add strength and
population to them. — We have immigrated from the distant States
of the Union, some of ^{us} with small property and large families, with a
to make better provision for our ^{them} families others of us Renters, in a
~~land where the soil was not so fertile as the high price of~~
and came here at a great expense, and labour, and trusting that Co-
gress would grant us some indulgence, as by our settling down
in the wilderness, a way was opened for others to emigrate and
tends much to the encouragement of the sale of the Publick lands. It
would just suggest to your Honorable Body, an Idea that it is our
Opinion should you see cause to grant a Preemption right, at
Two dollars pr Acre, to the oldest improvement made on Section
and half Sections prior to the first of May One Thousand Eight hundred
and Sell the Rest, at publick Auction, (there being but a con-
siderable part improved and that along the Publick Roads for the most
of the improved land, selling so much better than the unimproved
settlement, that the money arising from these sales, together
with the preemption, would amount to more money than the
whole sold at Publick Auction, had there been no improve-
ments made. These things we would submit to the serious consider-
ation of your Honorable Body, and if you ~~see~~ meet in your wisdom
to grant unto ^{your} Petitioners, a Preemption right, to the sections and
half sections we have improved, at Two Dollars pr Acre, with all
the indulgence as to time for payment, your Honorable Body shall
see meet, Clear of Interest untill the several payments shall become
due; as we conceive the Interest to operate powerfully against us as
settlors, as every means of making money here it is well in it
of our State. — And whereas numbers of Persons have settled
on land reserved by Congress, and not knowing thereof untill after
making considerable improvements, We pray that if Congress
see meet to grant that such as are able to purchase their
improvements, may have granted to them a like preemption
at two dollars, and such as are not may have a right of preemp-
tion to lease, least others should take advantage and lease it over them

Petition of sundry
inhabitants in the North
Western Territory.

20th February, 1801.

Referred to
Wth Dennis,
Wth McMillan, and
Wth Christie.

25th February, 1801.

Report made, considered
and prayer of petition rejected.

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John Milliken
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Matthew Thompson
David Edwards
John Wilson
William Wilson
Robert
Robert Wilson
Jacob Evans
Jos Davidson
Joseph Barton
Conrad Muto
James H. H.
David Connor
Thomas Swearingen

Smith Hunkins
Sir Stephen Jackson
Joseph Gayles
Isaac Titford
John Caryo
J. S. Connor
John Denny
Thomas Barr
John S. Gage
John Barr
Carol Connor
Charles Charro
J. S. Barr
Anthony Buchanan
Kazikah Bandon
George Luckart
Joseph Morris
John Sherris
James Cornell
William Stewart
Robert Park
Bart. Spencer
A. H. W. Girdle

Francis Herron

Philip Hoff
Ezekiel Norman
John Walcut
Jacob Gundry
John Gay
Alexander Caldwell
John Emery
Thomas Boal
Samuel Hilditch
Joseph Croviston
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Jacob Taylor
John Torrance
Ezekiel Morris
John Bradley
Isaac Whitset
George Whitstone
Henry Harrison
James Harrison
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Wm. McComick
Wm. Denny

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John M. Formick
William Harper
Graham Funk
Commod. Fiddler
James Fiddler
David Martin
John Aarnes
John Blau
James L. Looze
Jacob Koffman
William Cook
J. Looze
John Baird
Samuel H. Hargrave
Daniel H. Hargrave
William W. Hargrave
Benjamin Schinckel

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John Lall Connor

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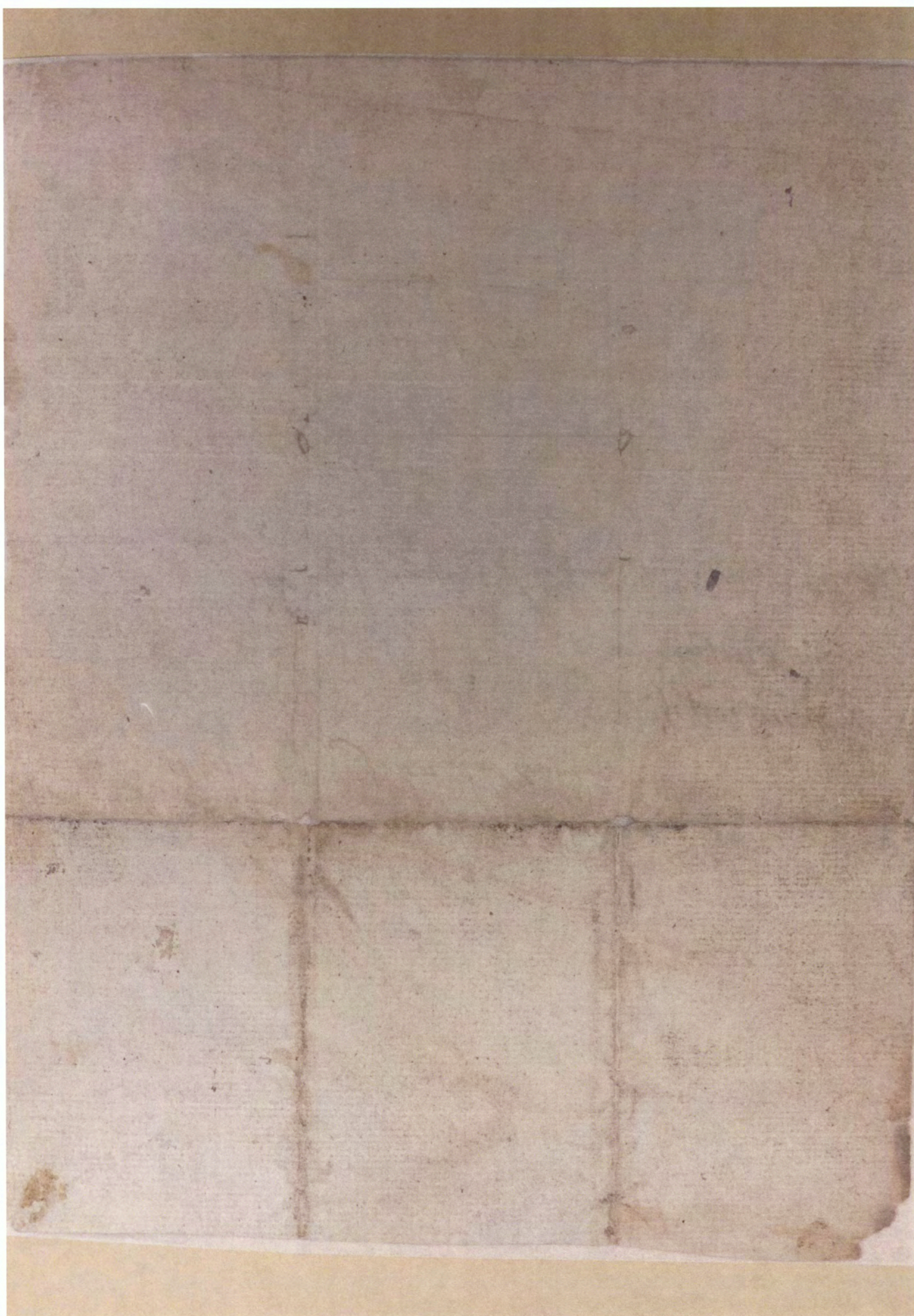
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Jacob Walters
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Edward L. L.

Samuel Cheam
Michael Wilson
Peter Zaidy
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Ellison Martin
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Sam. Carpenter	Sam. Coates	James Gorge
John Kelly	John Kelly	James Gibson
Morris Pees	Morris Pees	James Lyons
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David Shallenbarger	David Shallenbarger	Joseph Kinton
John Compton	John Compton	Samuel Hillis
Em. Carpenter	Em. Carpenter	Abraham Meyer
William D. Gill	William D. Gill	Peter Muesen
Hugh M. Muller	Hugh M. Muller	Isaac Muesen
And. Hammerly	And. Hammerly	Samuel Lindley
David Barr	David Barr	Samuel Dier
Lewis Howard	Lewis Howard	Major Bright
Jacob Fetter	Jacob Fetter	David Mackintosh
William Beard	William Beard	James Dier
John Moontz	John Moontz	Conrad Brian
Isaac Moontz	Isaac Moontz	Isaac Moontz
Bariah Sackett	Bariah Sackett	Joseph Shoup
Jacob Duff	Jacob Duff	Solomon Lee
James Conance	James Conance	James Conance
James Hunter	James Hunter	William Brian
Jacob Covert	Jacob Covert	George Arnold
Ralph Morris	Ralph Morris	
Joseph Hunter	Joseph Hunter	

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Isaac Mills

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Samuel Wilson

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Thomas Dowell

John Dowel

Charles Dowel

George Dowel

Isaac Dowel

Oliver Dowel

Richard Dowel

Timson Dowel

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Robert Wilson

John Wilson

Josiah Wilson

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William Wilson

Robert Peatt

John Peatt

Isaac Peatt

Willis Perkins

John Overdeer

John Anderson

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Goat Peath

Samuel Wables

Herrick Smith

Joseph Love

Joseph Skidmore

Ralph Cherry

Frederick Cherry

Joshua Mink

John Scott

James Scott

Benjamin Edgar

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Joseph Scott

Henry McPart

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William Marland

Thomas Park

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George Preter

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Benjamin Deatt

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PETITION TO CONGRESS BY CITIZENS OF THE TERRITORY

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[Referred February 20, 180121]

The Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Met.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Setlers on the Publick land Between the Waters of Muskingum, and Sciota River, in the Northwestern Territory - Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners Return their Humble thanks to your Honorable Body for your attention to their Petition at your last Session, in making an Act supplementary to the former Act, for settling the Publick Lands in this Territory, in which among other Advantages to Settlers is, dividing the Townships, (before directed to be sold in Quarter Townships) into half sections, and giving time for the payment of a part of the Money; & Yet there is one Circumstance in that Law, which Militates forcibly against your Petitioners, especially the poor Industrious Setlers, an[d] what we wish particularly to represent to your Honorable Body; and that is, that their small improvements, made at a great expence, and labour, emigrating so far thro' a Wilderness without inhabitants, and having their Provisions as well as families to Transport, and oftentimes hazarding their lives from the danger of the Savages, and have now formed considerable settlements, should still be exposed to a Publick Vendue to be outbid by an unfeeling Land Jobber or Speculator, who perhaps has been preying on the Vitals of his Country, untill he has fill 'd his pockets, by such we say, the the poor honest and Industrious Citizen must submit to have his improvement bought over his head, and him eith[er] submit to become his Tenant, or quit his Country; Great num[bers] have already gone to accept the offers of the British over the Lakes, a[nd of] the Spaniards over the Mississipi, and great numbers more are contemplating to go also, should their own Government which has such a vast Quantity of uncultivated Lands, dispose of it in such a manner, and at such a rate, as puts it out of their power to procure any. Which in fact compels them to renounce their own Government the Government of their choice that very Government which

many of them fought and Bled to procure, and establish, to go to people the Uncultivated wilds, of despotic Governments, and add strength and population to them.

We have imigrated from the different states of the Union, some of us with small property, and large families, with a [hope] to make better provision for them, others of us Renters, una[ble] to purchase in the older states on account of the high price [of Land] and came here at a great expence, and labour, and trusting that Congress would grant us some indulgence, as by our settling down in the Wilderness, a way was opened for others to emigrate and tends much to the encouragment of the Sale of the Publick lands.

We would Just suggest to your Honorable Body, an Idea that it is our Opinion should you see cause to grant a preemption right, at Two dollars pr Acre, to the oldest improvement made on Sections and half Sections prior to the first of May one thousand Eight hundred and Sell the Rest, at publick Auction, (there being but a small part improved and that along the Publick road) for the most pa[rt] the Unimproved land, selling so much better on account of the settlement, that the money arising from them Sales, together with the preemption, would amount to more money than the whole sold at Publick Auction, had there been no improvements made. These things we would submit to the serious consideration of your Honorable Body, And if you see meet in your Wisdom to grant unto your Petitioners, a Preemp tion right, to the Sections and half Sections we have improved, at Two Dollars pr Acre, with all the indulgence as to time for payment, your Honorable Body shall see meet, Clear of Interest untill the several payments shall become due; as we conceive the Interest to operate powerfully against us as Settlers, as every means of making money here is yet in its infant State. And we farther pray that all the fractions except those on Muskingum & Sciota Rivers may be sold Separate without adding them or any of them to entire Sections And whereas numbers of Persons have settled on land reserved by Congress, and not knowing thereof untill after making considerable improvements, We pray that if Congress sees meet to grant that such as are able to purchase their improvements, may have granted to them a like preemption at two dollars, and such as are not may have

a right of preempt to lease, least others should take advantage and
lease it over their heads by an earlier Application,
These Petitions
we prefer to Congress, and trusting to the Justness, and Reasonable
ness of them; and a Just, enlightened, and indulgent Legislature,
We humbly hope they will grant us; And Your Petitioners as in
[Signatories]

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William Mcfarland	John Pyeatt	Jacob Gessell
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James Nelson	Willis Watkinis	John Carpenter
Thomas Rees	John Overdeer	Wm Carpenter
Larkin Reynolds	John Anderson	Martin Landis
Solom Rust	John Overdeer Jun	Joshep Miller
William Shaw	Joab Reathbun	Edw Murphey
James Short	Samuel Walles	John Wills
George Turner	Hezekiah Smith	Dahl McMintire
John White	Joseph Loveland	Joseph Work
Noah Zane	Joseph Skidmore	Henry Tomlin[son]
	Ralph Cherry	Henry Hains
John Edgar	Jeremh Cherry	Hugh Oharra
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Isaac Mason	John Scot	William Davis
Wm Willits	James Scot	Jno Murphy
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Richard Dowel	Dorsey Meason	Wiliam Wilson
Vinson Dowel	Jacob Kester	William Roberts
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Robert Wilson	Henry Bazz	Jacob Evans
John Wilson	Isaac Coldren	Jos Davidson
Josiah Wilson	Jacob Coldren	Joseph Barton

Conrad Muts	David Barr	James Wilson
James North	Lewis Howard	Sylvester Lyons
David Conner	Jacob Fetter	Francis Humphreys
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Philip Wolf	John Koontz	Joseph Rinken
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John Gay	James Converse	David Shallenberger
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Jacob Tayler	Joseph Gayers	Joseph Shoup
John Torrance	Isaac Titvord	Solaman Lee
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Isaac Whitsel	John Denny	George Arnold
George Whetstone	Thomas Barr	[Endorsed] Capt Carpenter
Henry Huston	John Boggs	
Jms Frasure	John Ban	Samuel Stoops
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Henry Rush	Charles Charroll	Hugh OHanna
Wm McConnel	Jno Roods	Arthur OHanna
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John Nelley	George Euback	John Leather
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Jos Hardy	John Sharp	Frederick Leather
Wm Farmer	James Conel	Joseph Leather
David Shallenberger	William Stewart	Saml Reed
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