

# Historical Events,

The North West Territory embraced all the country west of the Ohio River, and east of the Mississippi River.

In 1607, England established colonies along the Lake region, and Detroit was a chief trading post. The fur trade was conducted by Canadian French, missionaries established, and the prohibition of British military forces.

In 1682, the French were sending colonist into the territory and were settling the country and made claims to large tracts of lands, and various parts of Spain, in 1517 laid claim to the territory, but the Mississippi on both sides of the river.

In 1700, the French planted colonies in the valley of the Mississippi, and established the village, Kaskaskia in Illinois.

Orleans was the oldest town in the North West Territory, being established in 1702.

It was inhabited by the French, and established a mission. For nearly one hundred years,

the North West Territory was in the possession of the British, the French, the Spaniards and the various tribes of Indians.

During this period, the British made treaties with several Indian tribes for their lands, had allowed them to hunt on the lands.

The British used its effort to crowd  
the boundaries of Indian tribes from  
the French. A number of Indian  
villages were located on the  
Wabash from its source to its head.  
These villages were occupied by  
the tribes adjacent to their location.  
The territory was recognized by  
discovery, that the Wabash  
River was the chief dividing  
waterway separating the territory  
and served as a boundary line  
between the Miamis and Pottawattomies  
tribes. The Miami tribe was the  
largest tribe in the country.  
The Indians claimed to be the  
owners of the soil, some of them  
had parted with their title to  
the British and French.  
When England made a treaty  
with France in 1683, France  
gild up all rights and titles  
in the territory to Great Britain.  
Prior to this treaty, there were  
many war expeditions carried  
on by both countries in this  
territory. The Wabash River was  
used as a military highway to  
transport soldiers from Detroit  
the head quarters of the British.  
It drove out the French holdings  
along the River and at Vincennes.  
In 1700, the French were defeated  
at Vincennes. And in 1759, the  
British surrounded the Fort of St  
Joseph.