

## **Where the streets have names**

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Although Fort Sandusky, a trading post, was founded in 1744, the city of Sandusky wasn't founded until after the War of 1812 ended. The city of Portland was founded in 1816. Two years later, the name of the city was changed to "Sandusky."

Lou Schultz, a local historian, points out that as Sandusky developed, many of its streets were named after war heroes in the War of 1812.

**Decatur Street** — Stephen Decatur, one of America's greatest naval heroes, gained fame as a ship commander against the British in the War of 1812. He was only 41 when he died in a duel in 1820.

**Meigs Street** — Return J. Meigs was governor of Ohio from Dec. 8, 1810, to March 24, 1814. n  
**Jackson Street** — Andrew Jackson, later to become a U.S. president, defeated the Creek Red Sticks at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama in 1814 and defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans in January 1815.

**Perry Street** — Oliver Hazard Perry led the American fleet to victory in the Battle of Lake Erie. n  
**Lawrence Street** — James Lawrence was an American ship commander in the war. He's best known for the command he gave as he died on his American warship, "Don't give up the ship!"

**McDonough Street** — Thomas McDonough commanded the American ships that defeated the British at the Battle of Lake Champlain in New York.

**Shelby Street** — Isaac Shelby, the first and fifth governor of Kentucky, led Kentucky troops at the Battle of the River Thames. The Americans won the battle and the Indian leader Tecumseh was killed.

**Madison Street** — James Madison was president during the war. The war's opponents called it "Mr. Madison's War."

**Harrison Street** — William Henry Harrison commanded American troops who defeated the British at the Battle of the Thames, and later became president.