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**TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION  
RESEARCH PAPERS, 1985-1987**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Battle of Tippecanoe took place on 7 November 1811 between an armed force of over 1,000 militia and army regulars under the leadership of William Henry Harrison against a force of over 500 Shawnee warriors commanded by Tenskwatawa (the Prophet) along the banks of the Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk (Tippecanoe) River. Harrison had marched his force from Vincennes to Prophetstown to dispel the Native Americans from forming a confederation of the tribes. Tecumseh, the Shawnee Chief was away at the time negotiating an alliance with some southern tribes leaving Tenskwatawa to meet Harrison's troops. After an initial truce between the two sides the day before, the Shawnees attacked Harrison's men the following morning. After about two hours of intense fighting, the Native Americans left the field. Harrison suffered 189 casualties which included sixty-three killed. The Shawnees lost approximately 150 men. Harrison ordered the burning of Prophetstown ending Tecumseh's hopes of forming a confederation of the tribes.

The original sixteen acre site was deeded to the state on 7 November 1836 by John Tipton. An eighty-five foot marble obelisk monument was erected in 1908. In 1960 it was designated as a National Historic Landmark. It was later sold to the Methodist Church for a youth camp but abandoned in 1971. It was then purchased by local citizens and then ceded to the Tippecanoe County Park Board in 1972. The museum is operated by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and local citizens. It underwent major renovations in the 1990s.

### Sources:

American Battlefield trust web site (<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/war-1812/battles/tippecanoe>) accessed. 21 February 2019

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of research papers from classes in the department of Consumer Science at Purdue University from 1985-1987. The objective of the papers was to devise a plan to restore and attract visitors to the site.

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