



This Week in Indiana History

September 4th, 1812: The Siege of Fort Harrison

On this day in Indiana history, the Siege of Fort Harrison began in present day Terre Haute. United States forces under the command of future president Zachary Taylor held their post against a vastly stronger contingent of 600 Native Americans. With only about twenty healthy soldiers under his command, Taylor and his men held on until reinforcements arrived. The battle became the first land victory of the United States during the War of 1812.

Illustration of the Siege of Fort Harrison, with Zachary Taylor in command.



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