This Week in Indiana History

October 23, 1826:
Treaty of Mississinewa is signed

On this week in history, a treaty was signed between Lewis Cass, James B. Ray, John Tipton, and the Miami. This treaty granted a large swath of land in the north-eastern portion of the state.

Article 1. The Miami Tribe of Indians cede to the United States all their claim to land in the State of Indiana, north and west of the Wabash and Miami rivers, and of the cession made by the said tribe to the United States, by the treaty concluded at St. Mary's October 6, 1818.

The document allows for the State of Indiana to cut roads and canals through the land. The treaty also allowed for Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville to build a home, which is now a historic site in Fort Wayne.

See the papers of John Tipton online through Indiana Memory’s Documentary Editions Collection and the John Tipton Collection.