

## John Young's Town

John Young was a land speculator and would-be settler in the Ohio region. He was a native of Whitesville, New York. After approximately eight years in Ohio he returned to his native New York.

After the completion of the Revolutionary War much of England's land holdings in North America was ceded to the United States. Many of the colonies had previous land claims in the Northwest Territories. On October 10, 1780, the United States Congress passed a resolution that stated the non-appropriated lands would be ceded to the United States. Those lands would be settled and formed into distinct states, those states could then join the Union on equal footing with the original thirteen states. Four states claimed title to the area Northwest of the original thirteen states: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia. Massachusetts and New York ceded all their lands in the Northwest Territory to the national government. Virginia and Connecticut ceded the majority of their lands; however, Virginia retained ownership of the area of Ohio designated as the Virginia Military District, for potential payment to military veterans of the state. Connecticut, via a special agreement with Congress, reserved a portion of their claim that bordered the state of Pennsylvania. The land was called the Connecticut Western Reserve.

The Connecticut Western Reserve was administered by the Connecticut Land Company. John Young purchased the land that became Youngstown and established a township in 1797. As designated under the manner prescribed by the Northwest Land Ordinances, John Young owned the parcel of land at Range 2, Tract 2.

