

Memorial of a number of the
inhabitants of that tract of Country,
situate between the Miami rivers
and north of a tract of land granted
by letters patent to John Cleves
Symmes and his associates.

23^d December, 1800.

Referred to the committee appointed
on the 18th instant, to enquire into the
situation of certain tracts of land
which have been appropriated for
the support of public schools and
seminaries of learning and for the
support of religious societies within
the limits of a tract of land granted
to John Cleves Symmes and his
associates in that territory of the
United States, north west of the
Ohio.

Edw. C. Symmes
1800

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of a number of the inhabitants of that tract of Country situate between the Miami rivers, and South of a tract of Land granted by letters patent to John Oliver Symmes and his associates, most respectfully sheweth: That we your memorialists, from many circumstances, had reasonable grounds to believe, that the above named Mr. Symmes had contracted with the United States for the lands on which we are settled, and that he would obtain a title for the same, under which impression we became purchasers and many of us paid the purchase money in full, and sundry of us at a period much earlier than his obtaining the letters patent aforesaid. Many of us migrated with our families immediately after the termination of the Indian war under all the disadvantages incident to such a crisis, since that, much of the money remaining after payment for our lands has been expended, and the whole of our labour employed in clearing the wilderness, and making such other improvements as the wants and conveniences of society require, among which Roads and Mills have been subjects of much labour and expence, for several years we felt secure and laboured with cheerfulness, nor was it until June one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine that we were fully convinced that Mr. Symmes' claim was held as a nullity, when the Act of Congress reached us granting the right of pre-emption to purchasers of certain descriptions. Our situation a year ago induced us to forward an address to your Honourable body by the Gentleman delegated to represent the Territory in Congress, as we have not obtained the relief we prayed for in that yet we do not give over suit, but firmly relying in the equity and Bounty of Congress trust that our case will be taken into consideration early in the ensuing session, and that the question will be determined whether we can apply without further waste of time to Mr. Symmes for our titles or a reimbursement of our monies. Should Mr. Symmes not obtain a patent we trust that all of us who hold under his

claim, until one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. will obtain a pre-emption right upon the same terms on which Mr. Symmes might have held the same had he complied with the terms of his original contract. Our lands we purchased agreeable to a partial Survey which had been made of the tract, the meridional lines being run only, said each miles end monumented which was designed to supply the place of East and West lines being run by Mr. Symmes, each holder of a section holding by an imaginary line from one monument to its correspondent one on its adjacent meridian now should a resurvey be made it is probable that a considerable variation will happen in the lines, therefore we trust that this subject will merit the attention of Congress, and such provisions be made as will quiet us in the possession of the land we actually purchased, independant of whatever alteration be may be occasioned by a resurvey. The foregoing is the situation of your memorialists, to whom your Honourable body will extend such relief as the merits of their case may require, and they shall &c.

October 22d. 1800.

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 Benjamin ...
 Isaac ...
 Aaron ...
 John ...
 Jeremiah ...
 Isaac ...
 John ...
 Thomas ...
 James ...
 Moses Johnson
 Cyrus ...
 David ...
 Richard ...
 John ...
 James ...
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James Small
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