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This Week in Indiana History

November 7th, 1811:
The Battle of Tippecanoe

On this day, American forces under the command of General William Henry Harrison fought the Native American alliance at the site of present-day Battle Ground, Indiana. While Tecumseh was away gathering allies, his brother Tenskwatawa decided to strike first at the Army camp. The two hours long battle was a decisive victory for American troops, resulting in the destruction of the alliance's stronghold at Prophet's Town, while discrediting Tenskwatawa with many of his followers, and further adding to distrust of British involvement in American affairs, a prelude to the War of 1812. Harrison's nickname "Tippecanoe" was popularized during his 1840 presidential campaign with the song "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too."

William Henry Harrison



Tenskwatawa "The Prophet"



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