



This Week in Indiana History

February 25th:

The British Surrender Fort Sackville

On this day in history, an American and French militia led by George Rogers Clark captured the British outpost of Fort Sackville in Vincennes. They had marched through the Illinois territory the month before, suffering through frequent rains and shortages of supplies. When the siege began on the 23rd, they tricked the British, led by Lieutenant Governor Henry Hamilton, into believing their numbers were much greater than they actually were. After two days of skirmishes, Hamilton met with Clark at the town's church to formally surrender.

The mural featured above the Indiana State Library's author's room depicts the capture of Ft. Sackville by George Rogers Clark.



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George Rogers Clark Collection 1778—1933 / MSS S259

Col. George Rogers Clark's sketch of his campaign in the Illinois in 1778-79 / ISLI 973.33 C593