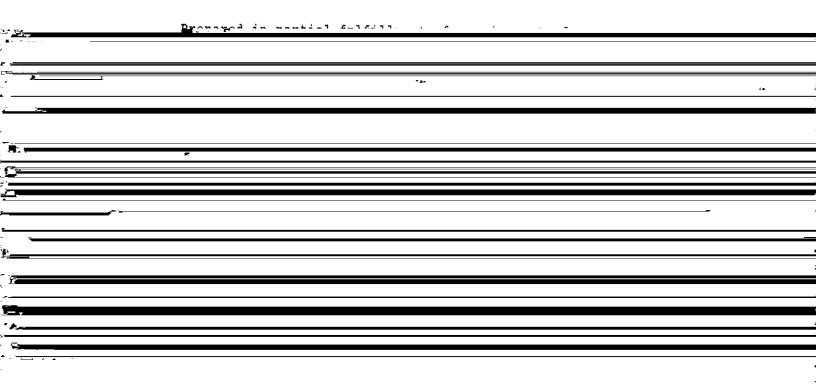
CORYDON, INDIANA, 1813-1825

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GRADE LEVEL: Elementary



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Description:

Objectives: To gain knowledge about Corydon's history as the capital of the Indiana Territory and later as the first capital of the state of Indiana To become aware of Indiana's heritage—that Indiana was part of the Northwest Territory, then the indiana Territory; that the first state capital was Corydon; that the first state constitution was written at Corvdon, and early Indiana's history was shaped there in AULI DINGS that are still in existence and by PEOPLE who lived in Corydon at that time To locate early communities of Indiana on a state map

Lesson Plan: one lesson per day

Lesson 1--William Henry Harrison
Lesson 2--The Birth of Indiana-1816
Lesson 3--Indiana as a Territory, 1800-1816
Lesson 4--Places to Visit in Corydon
Lesson 5--People in the History of Corydon
Days 6 to 8?--Field Trip, Evaluation

	Evaluation Suggestions
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	<ol> <li>Students can write and perform a skit depicting a scene from one of the lessons. One of the sites to visit can serve as background. Persons from the last lesson can possibly be the characters.</li> </ol>
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	materials covered. A photo essay would be recommended or visual aids could be made and included
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- 3. Students make a picture book for younger children on any one of the topics addressed.
- 4. More advanced students can hold a class debate on one of the then-disputed issues, e.g., choosing the site that would replace Vincennes

### William Henry Harrison

Willaim Henry Harrison was only 27 years old when he became the governor of the Indiana Territory. He was born in Berkeley, Virginia, on Feb. 9, 1773 and belonged to a family prominent in Revolutionary times. His	
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Governor Harrison became very famous for this battle and later received his title "Old Tippecanoe" from his part in this battle. Numerous Indiana counties are named for officers in this battle--Bartholomew, Daviess, Dubois. Owen, Randolph, Wells, to name a few. Soon after the Battle of Tippecanoe, John Gibson became acting governor



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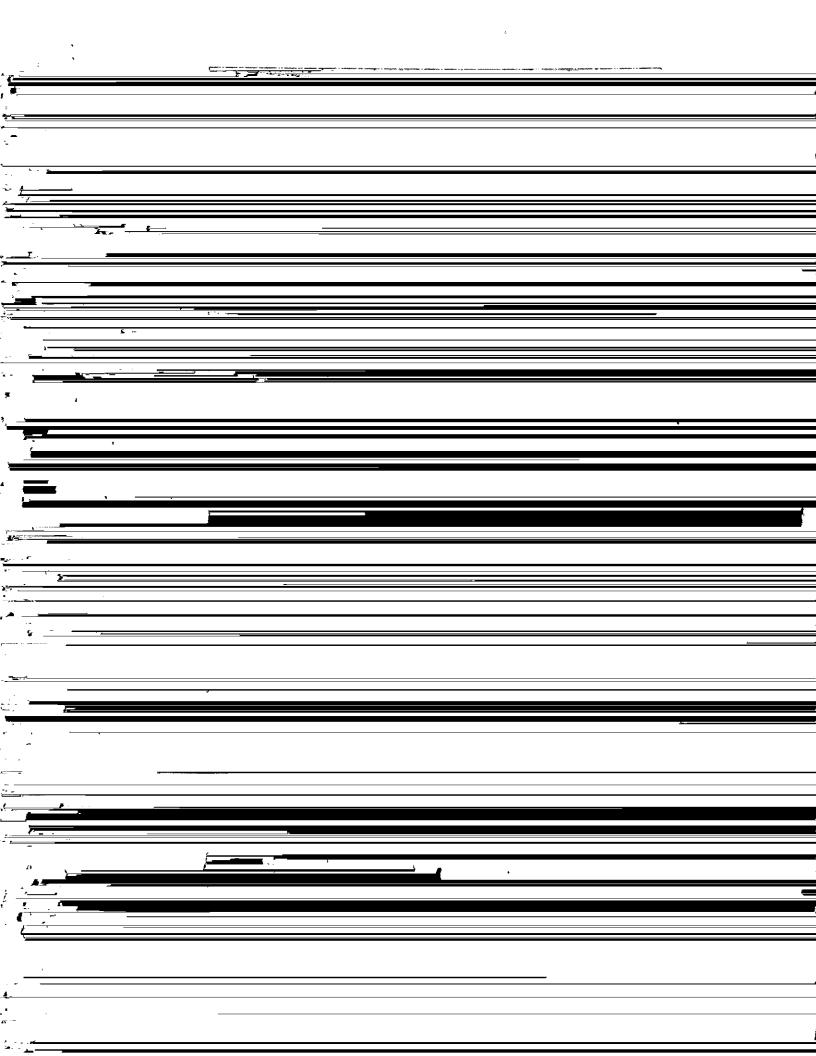
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#### Indiana as a Territory 1800-1816

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	The territory consisted of nearly all of Indiana the western half of Michigan

and the present states of Illinois and Wisconsin. It even included part of

When the legislature met in 1813, it decided that the capital of Indiana should he moved from Vincennes to a center langtion. It was decided to move it to Corydon. This was done on May 1, 1813. In December of 1815 the territorial legislature asked Congress for admission as a state. It was well known that Indiana would enter the Union as a free state and on account of a compromise between the representatives of the slave and



#### The Birth of Indiana-1816

	The birth of Indiana began with the passage in Congress of the Enabling Act which was approved by President James Monroe on April 19, 1816. This made it possible for delegates from the Indiana Territory to be chosen for
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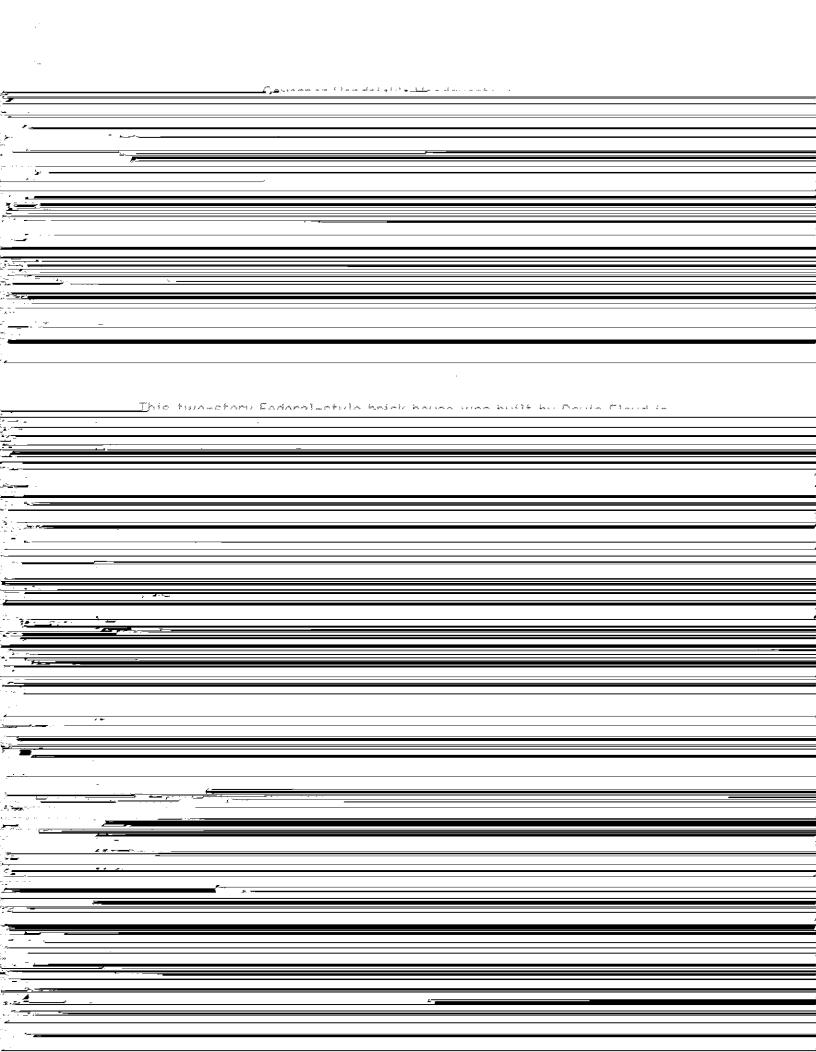
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	On August 5, 1816, Indiana held its first state elections. Jonathan	
	Jennings was elected the first governor. He later won another election and	
	then served Indiana in the U.S. Congress.	
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# Places to Visit in Corydon From This Early Period

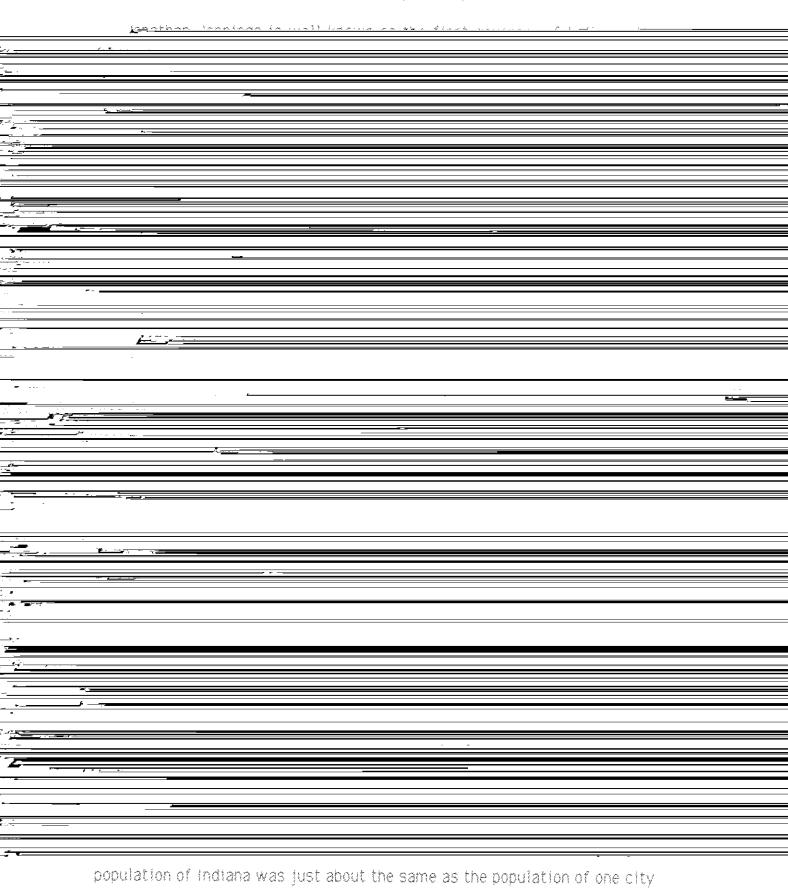
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-	to use for county business. When the transferring as up to the
	to use for county business. When the territorial court house was moved to
	Corydon in 1813, the territorial officers shared this court house with the
	Harrison County officials. During the writing of the constitution, 43
	delegator from Indianal 17 annual and a second section, and
-	delegates from Indiana's 13 counties met in the little "courthouse on the
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	hill." Due to the cramped quarters, it is understandable that the delegation
	chant many of their exercises where the relative state of the appropriate
	spent many of their sessions under the shade of the giant old elm tree just
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The log courthouse was torn down and now a large plaque marks the



## People in the History of Corydon



	Boone first had lived in Kentucky. Sometimes crossing the river he would hunt in Indiana. On one of these trips he discovered a small cave, just north of the Ohio River and south of present-day Corydon. Not far	
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