

Deploying Kingdom Governance

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“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, . . .” Ps. 107:2
(Voting is “**saying so**”!)

Deployment #7 The Founding Documents; The Northwest Territory Ordinance of 1787

The **Declaration of Independence** was **Why** our nation was conceived in Liberty by Faith. The imperfect **Articles of Confederation of Perpetual Union** were **How Not** to found a nation; and nearly aborted the birth by the naïve and unscriptural fantasy of “*A Firm League of Friendship*” that denied the fallen nature of all mankind. Ultimately the United States of America would be delivered alive by the power of a “More Perfect Union” in **The U. S. Constitution** of 1789. This helpless infant republic would be resuscitated from its birth trauma by application of oxygen in the **Bill of Rights**. Our national maturation “. . . to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle” US, would be recorded in the **Federalist Papers**.

The outline for the “More Perfect Union” of the U. S. Constitution in 1789 was the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. It was accomplished in steps by land surveyors solving several bite-sized problems that included: repayment of the debts to Veterans of the Revolutionary War; public school funding; establishment of local representative governments into new townships, cities, voting districts, and states. All of these were carved out with their trails blazed into highways as the populace cascaded over the Appalachian Mountains into the Northwest Territory. Like Washington and Jefferson, many of the founders were surveyors. Most were business accountants and educators such as Benjamin Franklin, whose publishing empire funded and printed George Whitfield’s Great Awakening. Acre by section, by township, onward to Statehood, our founding fathers created an Empire of Liberty; line upon line, brick upon brick building by building; “*But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little*” Isaiah 28:13.

Before the Ordinance of 1787 governed the Northwest Territory there had been The Ordinances of 1784 and 1785 both composed by southerners lead by Thomas Jefferson. Both ordinances largely postponed any decision on slavery¹ into their distant future, AD 1800. The path to statehood for the first

¹ Thomas Jefferson was the principal author. His original draft of the ordinance contained five important articles:

state, Ohio, was widened and smoothed by the Confederation Congresses with formation of the Ohio Company of Associates and other land speculators. Parcels of land were sold, rented or used to repay veterans of the Revolutionary War and foreign debts to the French and Dutch governments.

Into this scenario entered some private land companies such as the Ohio Company of Associates and the Scioto Company. The Ohio company became the most successful and two of its principles, General Rufus Putnam of Bunker Hill fame and Reverend Manasseh Cutler, a Massachusetts Congressman, rewrote Thomas Jefferson's two previous Ordinances of 1784 and 1785. Rev. Cutler's most important contribution was the immediate abolition of slavery in the Northwest Territory. Both Rev. Cutler and General Putnam were well-connected in Congress and made the governorship of the new territory an appointment rather than an elected office. The President (Speaker of the House) of the 8th Continental/Confederation Congress was General Arthur St. Claire². Rev. Cutler got St. Claire appointed as the first Governor of the Northwest Territory thereby expediting the profits of his Ohio Company.

Of note were the Ohio Ministerial Lands that totaled 43,525 acres. Monies realized from the leasing or sale of section 29 (in each and every township of 36 sections across the land) were to be distributed to the township's churches on a *pro rata* basis according to each denomination's membership.³ This support of religion was instituted before the Bill of Rights was adopted. It was eventually struck down in 1968 as contrary to the 1st Amendment. Today, those monies are diverted to the public schools.⁴

The Ordinance of 1787 became the outline for the US Constitution in 1789. The first capitol of the territory was Marietta, named for Marie Antoinette, Queen of France who was overthrown with her husband, King Louis XVI in 1789. They had been friends with Benjamin Franklin, who, as the American Ambassador, secured their military support, saving Washington at Yorktown to defeat the British Empire. Both the King and Queen were ultimately guillotined in 1793 by an anarchist mob. That mob was incited to their Reign of Terror by 18th Century Fake News and an indecisive Estates General. While the French Revolution was a revolt and rebellion, the American Revolutionary War was an appeal to Heaven.

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- The new states shall remain forever a part of the United States of America.
 - They shall bear the same relation to the confederation as the original states.
 - They shall pay their apportionment of the federal debts.
 - They shall in their governments uphold republican forms.
 - After the year 1800 there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of them.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Sinclair,_1st_Earl_of_Caithness of the Scottish Clan that built Rosslyn Chapel

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministerial_Lands

⁴ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:8) Read the whole chapter of Malachi 3 to see how this now affects US today.

The infamous French prison, the Bastille, was stormed by the rioting mob on July 14, 1789, Two years and a day after passage of The Northwest Ordinance.

“Done by the United States, in Congress assembled, the 13th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1787, and of their sovereignty and independence the twelfth.”



Figure 1: Bronze plaque at Lake Itasca; Headwaters of The Mississippi

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