Where the counties got their names

Allen
Colonel John Allen, killed during the War of 1812.
Crawford
Colonel William Crawford, a soldier in the French & Indian War and American Revolution; executed by Indians in 1782.
Hardin
Colonel John Hardin, officer in the Revolution and militia commander on the Ohio frontier; ambushed while acting as peace emissary to the Shawnee.
Hancock
John Hancock, first signer of Declaration of Independence.
Marion
General Francis "The Swamp Fox" Marion, officer in the Revolutionary War.
Mercer
Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War officer, killed in action.
Paulding
John Paulding, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.
Putnam
Major General Israel Putnam, served in French & Indian War and Revolutionary War.
Sandusky
Derived from the Wyandot word meaning "water" or "cold water."
Seneca
Named for the Seneca people who were the original inhabitants.
Van Wert
Isaac Van Wart, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.
Williams
David Williams, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.
Wood
Eleazer D. Wood, Army officer and engineer for General William Henry Harrison's army, who built Fort Meigs in War of 1812; killed in action.