

# Peter Navarre

Peter Navarre was born in Detroit in 1790. He was the grandson of a French officer who came to the area in 1745. Known for courage and survival skills, Peter and his brothers learned woodsman skills from the Native Americans. In fact, some Natives and British thought Peter Navarre's skills were better than their own. His languages included French, some English, Potawatomi, and one or two other Indian languages.

Moving to the mouth of the Maumee River in 1807, Peter made his living as a fur trader, learning this as he befriended Little Turtle and other Native Americans. He had trouble with those in charge while working as a fur trader and was dismissed from those duties. Eventually there was mutual respect between Navarre and the Native Americans.

Peter and his brothers played significant roles in the War of 1812. They delivered communications through enemy territory, siding with the United States. Military involvement included: The Battle of River Raisin (Monroe, Michigan), Siege of Fort Meigs (Perrysburg, Ohio), Fort Stephenson (Fremont, Ohio), Battle of Lake Erie, and the Battle of Thames.

Perhaps one of the most significant events during the War of 1812 was the Battle of Lake Erie. Peter Navarre left a great legacy as the courier who delivered messages between William Henry Harrison and Oliver Hazard Perry. Navarre guided Lieutenant Dulaney Forrest through the woods with Perry's message, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." It was an American victory.

After the war, Peter resumed his work as a fur trader. Around 1820, he retired to a farm near Toledo. Unofficially on any United States enlistment roll, he did not receive a pension until 1864, as Congress voted to give him eight dollars a month.

Peter and his third wife, Catherine Bourdeau Navarre, had six sons and two daughters. All of his sons fought for the Union Army. His son, Peter Navarre, Jr., built the cabin as the family homestead.

He died in Toledo in 1874 (age 89).



For more information about Peter Navarre and the cabin:



# Navarre Cabin

Peter Navarre, Jr. built the cabin for his father, the War of 1812 scout, between 1860-1870. Enos Mominee, a family friend, gave some land around the area of Corduroy and Norden Roads, east of Toledo.

In 1922, it was taken apart and put back together in Navarre Park in East Toledo. After it was vandalized, a fence was built around it for protection.

In 1957, the cabin was moved to the amphitheater area of the Toledo Zoo.

It's been at the current location at the Toledo Botanical Garden, since 1975.



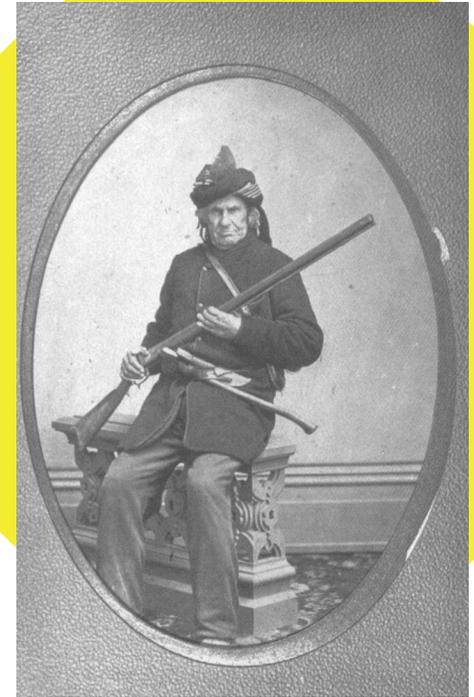
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in the Garden  
with  
Family, Friends, and Foe  
of Peter Navarre



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# Family



Peter Navarre  
Jaxon



Peter Navarre  
Samuel



Robert Navarre  
Jolsai



Robert Navarre  
Nickhi



Catherine Bourdeau Navarre  
Ka'Mauri



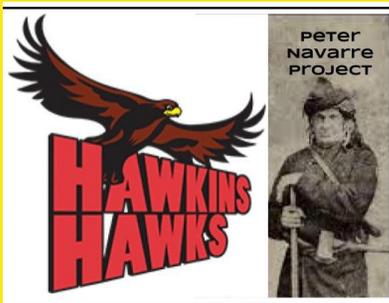
Catherine Bourdeau Navarre  
Nella



Peter Navarre, Jr.  
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Peter Navarre, Jr.  
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Project Site



William Henry Harrison  
Roger



Captain Bland Williams Ballard  
Noora



President James Madison  
Alan



Dolley Madison  
Willow



Oliver Hazard Perry  
Daniel



Rachael Knaggs  
A'aliyah



General William Hull  
Ka'Miyah



# Friends



William Henry Harrison  
Jaxson



President James Madison  
Arianna



Dolley Madison  
Lyla



Oliver Hazard Perry  
Cristian



Rachael Knaggs  
Narmeen



General William Hull  
Melanie



General James Winchester  
Amelia

General James Winchester  
Cameron

# Foe



Colonel Henry Procter  
Zariya



General Isaac Brock  
Jordyn



John Askin  
Diaa



Colonel Henry Procter  
Asli



John Askin  
Ava



General John Richardson  
De'Angelo

These Native Americans were initially friends with Peter Navarre. Once the war began, they sided with the British.



Chief Roundhead  
Kris



The Prophet  
Lynda



Chief Tecumseh  
Jayshawn



The Prophet  
Zamariona



Little Turtle  
Isaiah