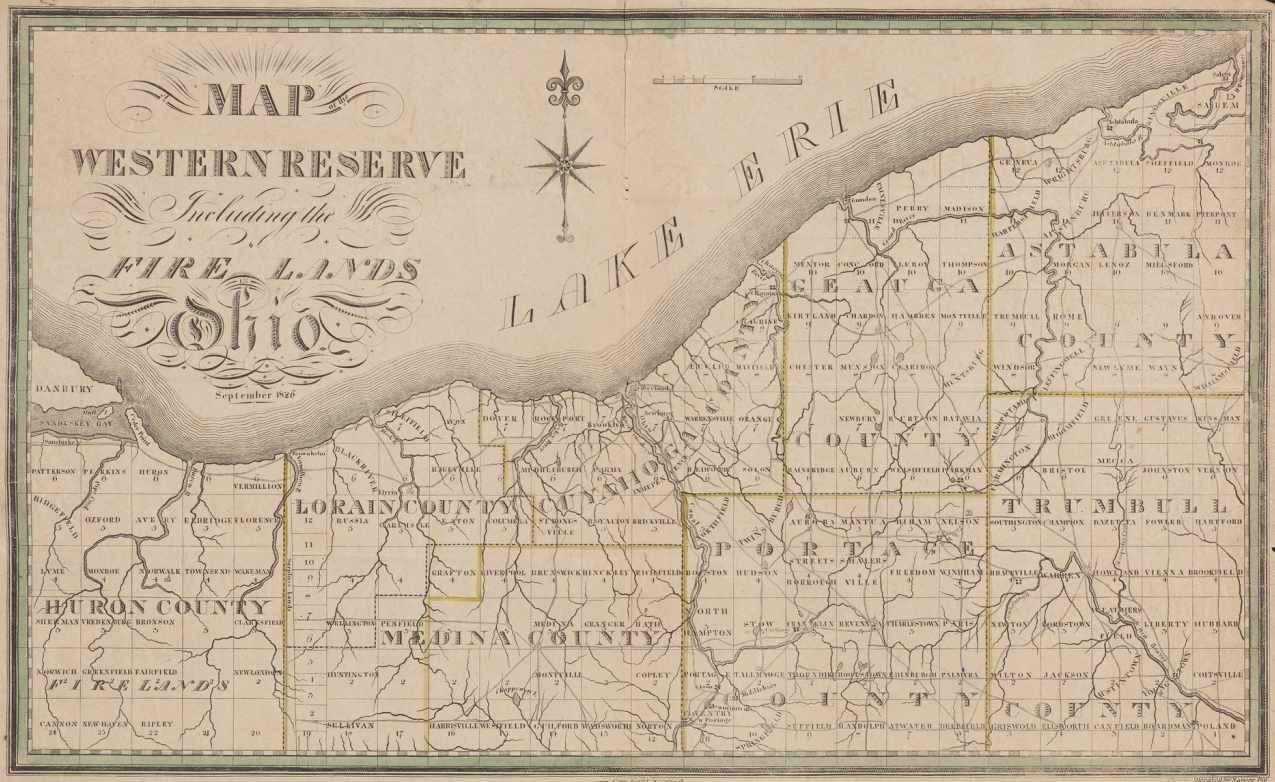


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The Western Reserve is situated in the north east quarter of the State between Lake Erie on the north, Pennsylvania East 82. It extends 120 miles from East to West and upon an average, 54 from north to south. The area is just 3,000,000 of acres, a tract of 500,000 of acres is stricken off from the west end of the tract, and granted by the State of Connecticut, as a donation to certain sufferers by fire occasioned by the English during the Revolutionary War, the manner by which the State of Connecticut became possessed of the land in question, was the following. King Charles II of England pursuing the example of his forefathers, of granting distant and foreign regions to his subjects, granted to the then colony of Connecticut in 1662, a charter right to all lands included within certain specified bounds. But as the geographical knowledge of Connecticut concerning America was then very limited and confused, patents for lands often interfered with each other. After the United States became an Independent Nation, these interfering claims occasioned much collision of sentiment between them and the State of Connecticut, which was finally compromised by the United States relinquishing their claim to the 3,000,000 of acres described. The United States however reserved to themselves the right of jurisdiction. They then united this tract to the Territory now, State of Ohio.