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What: Permanent site for state capital selected by state legislature
When: February 14th, 1812
Why: A more central location was needed for the newly formed state of Ohio (admitted to the union February 19th, 1803 as the 17th state)
How: Lucas Sullivant, a surveyor from Virginia, had been given 6,000 acres of land at the junction of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers, in payment for his work he did surveying the Virginia Military District. It was here he established the village of Franklinton. In 1809, the legislature began searching for a suitable spot to house the permanent Capitol of the State of Ohio. It was Lucas who provided the financial backing to his brother-in-law Lyne Starling, friend James Johnson, Alex McLaughlin and John Kerr to convince the Ohio Legislature to build the new permanent capital across the river on the High Banks of the Scioto. On February 14, 1812 – the legislature did just that.
So? The Columbus Historical Society will celebrate the 203rd “Birthday” of Columbus with a belated birthday party.
You're Invited!

Columbus is turning 203 and The Columbus Historical Society wants you to help blow out the candles. Our celebration will be held at the Art Deco Royal York Apartments. The party will be in the Penthouse suite, located prominently at the top floor. Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Help Columbus’s 203rd be its best yet.

For more information and to make your reservation for the party please visit our website—[here](#).

**Columbus Chronicles:**

**Vignettes of Columbus History**

CHS' newest exhibit highlights some of the many interesting stories from Columbus' history from Prehistoric pipes to cartoons by Billy Ireland.
The exhibit features images of Samuel Hartman, the man behind the Hartman Farm, Hotel, and Peruna.

Also on display are sketches by Perry Okey of the first automobile in Columbus.