

# CINCINNATUS

## ***Cincinnatus***

- A farmer turned soldier in ancient Rome.
- Twice, Cincinnatus was pressed into military leadership to save the Rome republic. He was very successful, but chose to return to his farm rather than continue as a Roman leader.
- He became a model of civic duty and virtue.
- In Sawyer Point Park, there is a statue of Cincinnatus leaning on his plow and handing over his weapons.

## ***The Society of Cincinnati***

- The Society of the Cincinnati (plural of Cincinnatus) was formed in 1783. Members included Revolutionary War officers, many of whom had left their farms to assume leadership roles much like Cincinnatus.
- The Society is still active today and has its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## ***The Settlement of Cincinnati***

- Ohio was part of the Northwest Territory which wasn't settled until after the Revolutionary War.
- The city we now call Cincinnati was first settled in 1788 and was called Losantiville.
- L-OS-ANTI-VILLE has a French derivation. It was the town (ville) opposite (anti) the mouth (os) of the Licking River (L).
- General St. Clair, one of the founding members of the Society of Cincinnati, became governor of the Northwest Territory and he renamed Losantiville Cincinnati.