

**DEDICATION  
OF THE  
OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MARKER**

**FOR THE FOUNDING OF  
WORTHINGTON**

**SPONSORED BY THE  
WORTHINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2002  
1:00 PM**

**Ceremony at the Marker Site  
777 High Street  
Worthington, OH**





## CEREMONY

Welcome	Sue Clark, President, Worthington Women's Club
Introduction of Dignitaries	Sue Clark
Introduction of Descendants	Jane Trucksis and Judy Hinkle
Ohio Historical Society	Jim Strider
Resolution from the Ohio Senate	Senator Goodman and Senator Mead
Worthington Historical Society	Jutta Pegues, President
Remarks on behalf of the WWC Bicentennial Committee	Mary Keller and Pat Upson

### **Unveiling of Marker**

Acceptance of Gift	Harvey Minton, Mayor
Announcements	Sue Clark
<i>God Bless America</i>	Juanita Harrison

### **Reception**



# MARKER INSCRIPTION

## THE FOUNDING OF WORTHINGTON

The Scioto Company, led by James Kilbourn (Kilbourne) of Granby and Berlin, Connecticut, founded Worthington in 1803, the year that Ohio became a state. The Scioto Company was organized as a land company in 1802 with 38 original proprietors from Connecticut and Massachusetts. They purchased 16,000 acres of land along the Olentangy River for \$1.25 per acre. The name Worthington was adopted in honor of Thomas Worthington, Territorial Land Commissioner, United States Senator, and future Ohio governor. He advised Kilbourn on the location for the settlement and his name provided recognition for the community.



## WORTHINGTON A PLANNED COMMUNITY

Based on a plan adopted by Scioto Company proprietors before their arrival in Ohio, Worthington was established following the New England model. The town formed a grid pattern around a village green. Settlers were required to own at least one town lot and a rural tract for farming; some settlers were designated to operate the first tavern and sawmill. The church and school were assigned double lots on the square and tracts to farm for their support. An Episcopal Church, school, subscription library, and Masonic lodge soon followed. Within months, Worthington was a complete New England town transplanted to Ohio.

THE WORTHINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB  
THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**The Ohio Historical Society Site Marker  
for the Founding of Worthington  
was purchased by  
The Worthington Women's Club  
and presented to the City of Worthington  
in commemoration of  
Worthington's 2003 Bicentennial.**



**Marker text written by David Hahm,  
Chairperson of the Historical Research Committee,  
Worthington Historical Society, in cooperation with  
Robert McCormick, local historian.**

**WORTHINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Beachler, Marylou	Demaree, Dottie	Holcombe, Kathy
Bergesen, Victoria	Dillon, Ruth	Keller, Mary
Clay, Marge	Elech, Martha	Stevens, Geraldine
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