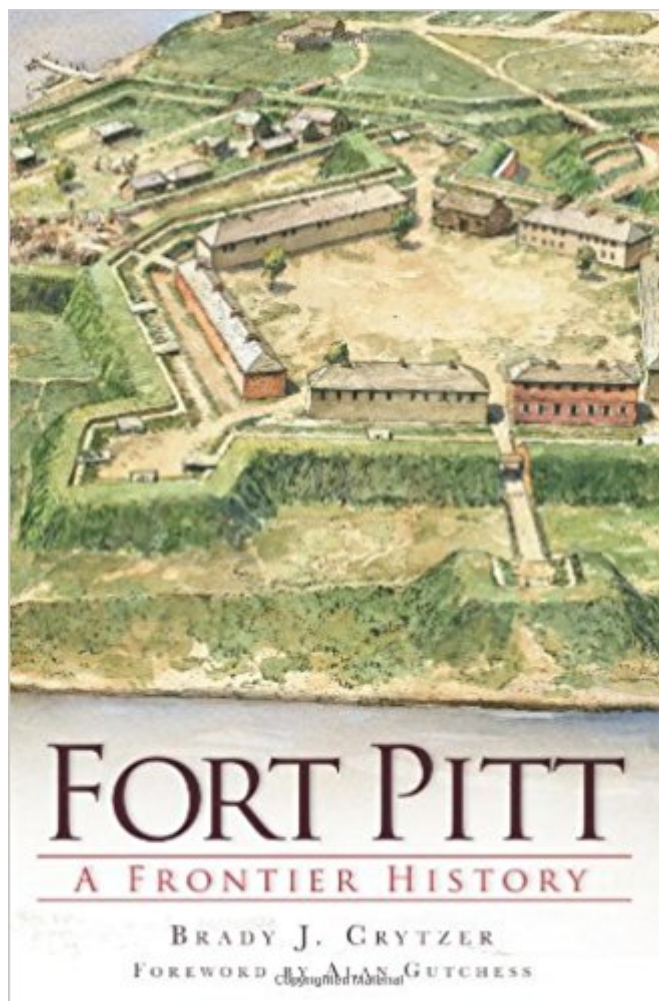


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# Fort Pitt: A Frontier History (Landmarks)



## Synopsis

For nearly half a century Fort Pitt stood formidable at the forks of the great Ohio River. A keystone to British domination in the territory during the French and Indian War and Pontiac's Rebellion, it was the most technologically advanced fortification in the Western Hemisphere. Early patriots later seized the fort, and it became a rallying point for the fledgling Revolution. Guarding the young settlement of Pittsburgh, Fort Pitt was the last point of civilization at the edge of the new American West. With vivid detail, historian Brady Crytzer traces the full history of Fort Pitt, from empire outpost to a bastion on the frontlines of a new Republic.

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## Customer Reviews

Brady J. Crytzer is the winner of both the 2010 Donald S. Kelly Award and 2010 Donna J. McKee Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Service in the Academic Discipline of History. He received his MA from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Easy read and very informative. Impressive presentation of an important era of Pittsburgh. Fits very well into Pennsylvania History. Enjoy history, do yourself a favor and read this one.

Two chapters in the book interested me, personally, because of two ancestors. The earliest was Barbara Reager & her sister who were taken captive in 1758 at Ft. Seybert, now, WV. They were

released in 1764 at Ft. Pitt because of the efforts of General H Bouquet & a "peace treaty." The illustrations & descrip of what the fort looked like in 1764 & photo of the blockhouse were of interest. Plus, the author fleshed out Bouquet more than I had known. The 2nd ancestor of mine was Brig General Daniel Brodhead. I find him a complex personality. Twice there were questions concerning his honesty: both during the Revolutionary War & then as a member of Pa. state government. Everything I have read gives murky responses. . . never sure if he was exemplary in conduct or, largely, selfishly motivated. My guess is he was not easy to figure out--a combination of good & bad motives. As a descendant, I appreciated the closing remark about Brodhead, that he died among family.

I from Pittsburgh. This was interesting to me.

Great book, love Pittsburgh history.

good history.....like a lot, very informative

Interesting reading about an important part of our history

Written well. Lots of good facts. Gives the reader a great point of view. Should be part of the school curriculum.

Native peoples lived in western Pennsylvania for thousands of years. The French extended their trading range down from Canada into what is western Pennsylvania today. Soon after, British and German traders arrived from over the Allegheny mountains and from the colony of Virginia. The Ohio country, as it was known then, was a place where two rivers came together to form a third. Its strategic location along the chain of rivers extending from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico made it the first gateway to the west - and fodder for what would become known as the French and Indian war. General Braddock tried and failed to gain British control over "the forks" where the French had built Ft. Duquesne. Then General Forbes and his army forged a road across Pennsylvania, building a string of forts along the way. He arrived at Ft. Duquesne only to find it abandoned and destroyed. He began construction of a new fort, larger and better fortified, that he named Ft. Pitt. Ft. Pitt served well as a refuge for the early residents of Pittsburgh from Pontiac's Rebellion through the aftermath of the American Revolution, and as a staging point for forays that

forged the way further west. This excellent book is the product of a well researched and well written history of Ft. Pitt from its early days to its demise, through all of its commanders, from a tiny and precarious seed that sprouted gloriously into the city known today as Pittsburgh. This isn't just about Pittsburgh though; it is an important history of the formation of the United States and North America that is often overlooked in schools today. This book should be required reading. That it is a fascinating read is only a bonus.

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