



*William Conner*

On August 28, 1855, fur trader, politician, and language interpreter William Conner died in Noblesville. Best known as the namesake for Conner Prairie, Conner's life was a study in contradictions. He began his career as a fur trader, and married a Delaware woman. He acted as an Indian interpreter on the behalf of the federal government, and participated in treaty negotiations that led to the removal of the Delaware, including his wife and children, from the state. He quickly remarried a white woman, and set about using the wealth accumulated during his years with the Delaware to create more wealth through land speculation.

Learn more about Conner here:

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