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A town that subsequently became Pittsburgh began to take shape along side the fort as settlers, mostly Virginians, followed Braddock's trail to take advantage of whatever opportunities might be available at the forks.

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The new fort was the keystone of a defensive line of forts the French founded in western Pennsylvania to block the spread of Anglo-American settlement into the Ohio Valley.

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The original Bouquet Blockhouse, preserved for years by the Allegheny County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will remain at its original site. Attractive promenades have been laid out along the shores of both rivers, and stone bleachers seating 3,000 persons have been placed along the Allegheny River. From about 1750 until 1815 the Forks of the Ohio, where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers join to form the Ohio River at Pittsburgh, was a strategic key to the Ohio Valley and the vast territory drained by the upper Mississippi River.

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Careful plans have been laid for rebuilding the Monongahela Bastion, including a museum under the administration of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. By flatboat and wagon thousands of emigrants passed through Pittsburgh en route to the old Northwest, and the town became a commercial and industrial center.

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As an outer work to Fort Pitt, Bouquet built a small brick blockhouse. Included are discussions of: the background to the planning process; natural and cultural heritage resources; the goals of the heritage interpretive plan; thematic framework; heritage implications on site planning and design; The Forks heritage interpretation and operational strategy and framework; results of public consultations; and a review of archaeological activity.

### **The Forks Heritage Interpretive Plan**

The conclusion of the comparative study carried out on quarries and building stones was consistent with the information available from the historical documentation. Henry Bouquet lifted the siege 4 days after decisively defeating the Indians in the Battle of Bushy Run.

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Fort Pitt served as a base for operations against the British Northwest during the War for Independence. Edward Braddock that suffered a disastrous defeat a few miles east of the forks.

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