

## **Westward Ho! My Take on the Western Reserve**

**George Washington  
portrayed by  
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George Washington, son of the eastern seaboard, continually turned his face to the west. Mr. Sommerfield, in the persona of President Washington, now retired to his beloved Mount Vernon, reflects on the adventures of his youth in the western lands. Thrust into the position of leadership in the French and Indian conflict at the callow age of twenty-three—a position for which he was not ready - now admits . . . “perhaps his youthful actions exhibited more foolhardiness than good judgment.” The President recounts his attraction to the west country as he was thrust deeper into the wilderness with Braddock and again with Forbes. He becomes a land owner in the west, envisions a water route to the Ohio and as President deals with the development of the Northwest Territory.