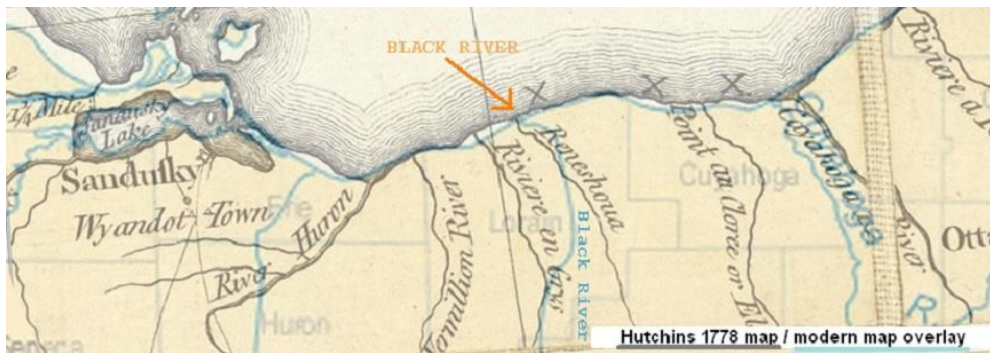


The Black River

The Black River is a tributary of Lake Erie in northern Ohio. There are separate East and West branches that come together in Elyria, Ohio where exist two impressive falls. In the 1770's the Black River was known as the Reneshoua River. Thomas Hutchins (1730-1789), British engineer, started working as a surveyor and map maker in 1766. He produced a map of the Black River in 1778. It is shown below with 20th century survey lines. In 1781 he was appointed Geographer of the United States.



West Falls of the Black River in Elyria, Ohio, height=35feet