

Tennessee Counties Named from Patriots

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County/Person Named For



Anderson County

Joseph Anderson (1757-1837), U.S. Senator from TN, and first Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. During the Revolutionary War, he was an officer in the New Jersey Line of the Continental Army.

Bedford County

Revolutionary War Officer Thomas Bedford

Bledsoe County

Anthony Bledsoe (ca 1795-1793), Revolutionary War Soldier, Surveyer, and early settler of Sumner County.



Blount County

William Blount (1749-1800) was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of North Carolina, the first and only Governor of the Southwest Territory, and was appointed as the Regimental Paymaster of the 3rd NC. Regiment during the Revolutionary War.

Campbell County

Virginia House of Burgesses Member Authur Campbell (1743-1811), who was a negotiator of Indian Treaties.

Carter County

Named for Colonel Landon Carter, Speaker of the State of Franklin senate.



Cocke County

William Cocke (1748-1828) was elected a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses and a colonel of militia; in 1776, he led four companies of that militia into to what became Tennessee for action against the Indians. In 1796, Cocke was chosen as a delegate to the convention that wrote the first Tennessee Constitution. The newly formed government then selected Cocke to be one of the new state's initial senators

Davidson County

William Lee Davidson (1746-1781) a Brigadier General who died in the Revolutionary War Battle of Cowan's Ford.



DeKalb County

Johann de Kalb (1721-1780) A German-born baron who assisted the Continentals during the Revolutionary War



Fayette County

Marquis de La Fayette (1757-1834) a French aristocrat and military officer who was a General in the Revolutionary War



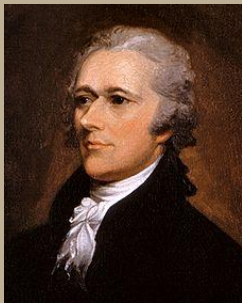
Franklin County

Founding Father Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)



Greene County

Nathaniel Greene (1742-1786) Major General in the Continental Army During the Revolutionary War.



Hamilton County

Founding Father Alexander Hamilton (ca.1755-1804)



Hancock County

John Hancock (1737-1794) President of the Continental Congress



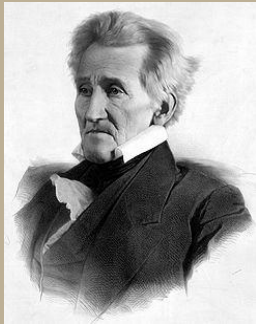
Hawkins County

Benjamin Hawkins (1754-1816) was commissioned as a Colonel in the Continental Army where he served under George Washington for several years as his main French interpreter.



Henry County

Revolutionary-era Patriot Patrick Henry (1736-1799)



Jackson County

Revolutionary War Veteran and President Andrew Jackson (1767-1845).



Jefferson County

3rd U.S. President and Founding Father Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) He is the author of the Declaration of Independence and served as wartime Governor of Virginia, first U.S. Secretary of State, second Vice President, and founder of the University of Virginia.



Knox County

Henry Knox (1750-1806) Chief artillery officer of the Continental Army and first Secretary of War.



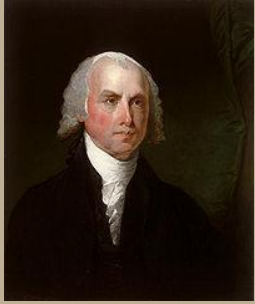
Lincoln County

Benjamin Lincoln (1733-1810) U.S. Secretary of War, Major General of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



Macon County

Nathaniel Macon (1758-1837) served in the Revolutionary War, was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Speaker of the House.



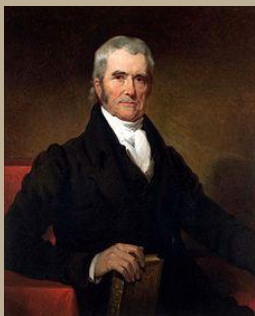
Madison County

Founding Father James Madison (1758-1836) 4th President of the United States, known as the “Father of the Constitution”



Marion County

Francis Marion (1732-1795) Also known as the “Swamp Fox” was a Lieutenant Colonel and Brigadier General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War



Marshall County

U.S. Chief Justice John Marshal (1755-1835) served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



McMinn County

Joseph McMinn (1758-1824) joined the Continental Army at age 16.



Meigs County

Return Jonathon Meigs (1740-1823) was a Colonel in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War



Monroe County

James Monroe (1758-1831) was the 5th U.S. President, member of the Continental Congress, and was wounded in the shoulder while serving in the Continental Army at the Battle of Trenton

Montgomery County

John Montgomery (1750-1794) served under George Rogers Clark in the Illinois Campaign during the Revolutionary War.



Morgan County

Brigadier General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802) One of the most gifted battle tacticians in the Revolutionary War.



Putnam County

Israel Putnam (1718-1790) Revolutionary General who fought with distinction at the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Rhea County

John Angus Rhea (1753-1832) Served with the Patriot force in the Battle of King's Mountain



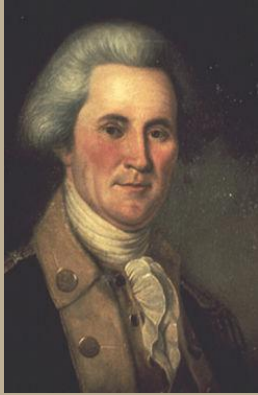
Roane County

Archibald Roane (1760-1819) was the 2nd Governor of Tennessee. He was a lawyer by profession and a veteran of the Revolutionary War, having served under George Washington, he was present at Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown.



Robertson County

James Robertson (1742-1814) fought in the Cherokee Indian Expedition during the Revolution, and withstood a 40 day siege at Fort Wautaga alongside John Sevier. He was appointed Brigadier General of the territorial militia by George Washington



Sevier County

John Sevier (1745-1815) was Governor of the State of Franklin and first Governor of Tennessee eventually serving 4 terms. Sevier also was elected to the Senate and served in the House of Representatives for TN. He was a Col. and in this capacity led around 240 men to the Battle of King's Mountain.



Shelby County

Isaac Shelby (1750-1826) commander at King's Mountain and first Governor of Kentucky.

Smith County

American Revolutionary War officer and U.S. Senator Daniel Smith (1748-1818)



Sullivan County

John Sullivan (1740-1795) served as a Major General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War as well as the 3rd and 5th Governor of New Hampshire. He led a "scorched earth" campaign against the Iroquois.

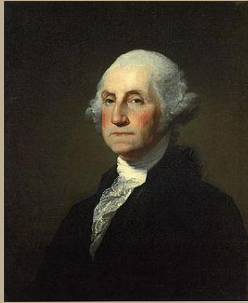
Sumner County

Jethro Exum Sumner (1733-1785) Brigadier General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



Warren County

American Revolutionary War Major General Joseph Warren (1741-1775) who sent Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride.



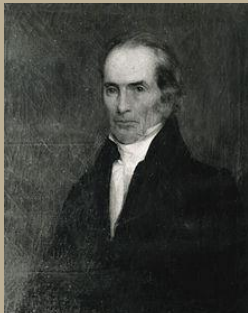
Washington County

Named for George Washington (1732-1799), U.S. President and first Commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



Wayne County

Named for Major General "Mad" Anthony Wayne (1745-1796).

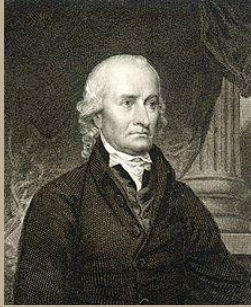


Weakly County

Robert Weakley (1764-1845) joined the Revolutionary Army at the age of 16, and served until the close of the Revolutionary War, fighting in the Battles of Alamance and Guilford Courthouse.

White County

John White – Revolutionary War soldier and first European-American settler in the county.



Williamson County

Hugh Williamson (1735-1819) served the American Revolution as a physician and natural scientist. He is best known for serving North Carolina at the Constitutional Convention.

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