# Tennessee Counties Named from Patriots

***Photo***          ***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

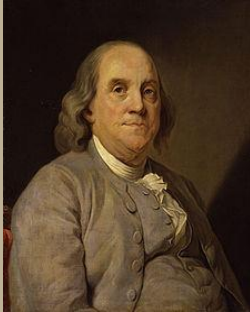William Lee Davidson (1746-1781) a Brigadier General who died in the Revolutionary War Battle of Cowan's Ford.

### DeKalb County

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

### Fayette County

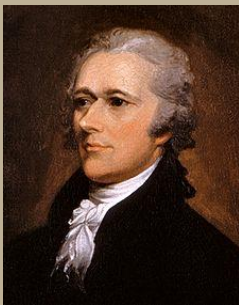Marquis de La Fayette (1757-1834) a French aristocrat and military officer who was a General in the Revolutionary War

**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*

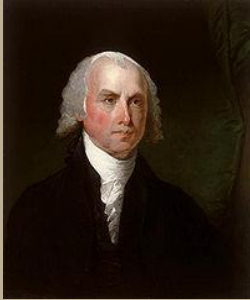Henry Knox (1750-1806) Chief artillery officer of the Continental Army and first Secretary of War.



*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.
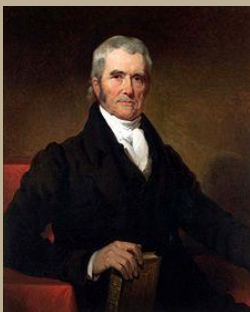


*Madison County*

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**

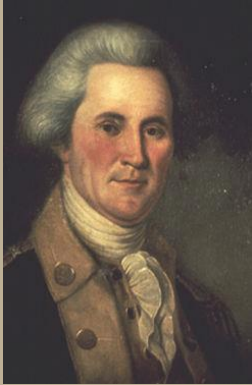John Angus Rhea (1753-1832) Served with the Patriot force in the Battle of King's Mountain



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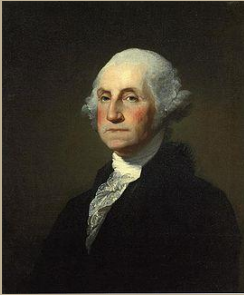
Jethro Exum Sumner (1733-1785) Brigadier General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

### Warren County

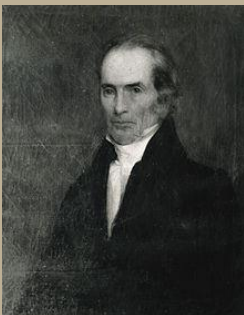American Revolutionary War Major General Joseph Warren (1741-1775) who sent Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride.



### Washington County

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



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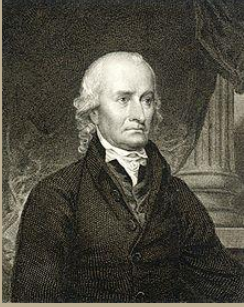
Named for Major General "Mad" Anthony Wayne (1745-1796).



### 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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