

# Did you know that twenty-three\* Alabama counties are named for patriots of the American Revolution?

\* Hancock County was renamed Winston County in 1858.

**HANCOCK COUNTY** was named for Massachusetts Governor John Hancock (1737-1793). He was an early leader of The Revolution and a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the second President of The Continental Congress.

- The County was later renamed after Alabama Governor John Winston.

**MORGAN COUNTY** is named for General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802). He was one of the most gifted battlefield tacticians of The Revolution. His skills were instrumental at the Battle of Saratoga which proved to be the decisive event to cause France to enter the war. He also had troops at many other important battles including Cowpens.

- Nine U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**MADISON COUNTY** is named for James Madison (1751-1836). He served in The Continental Army and is considered "The Father of the Constitution." He was the 4th President of the United States and the first President to have served in Congress where his leadership resulted in many of the basic laws of our country including The Bill of Rights.

- Twenty U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**JACKSON COUNTY** was named for Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), 7th President of the United States. At age 13 he was courier in The Revolution and was captured by the Redcoats becoming the only future President to have ever been a Prisoner of War.

- Twenty-one U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY** is named for Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790). Signer of The Declaration of Independence and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention His diplomatic efforts secured French participation in The Revolution.

- Twenty-three U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**MARION COUNTY** is named for General Francis Marion (1732-1795). Known as "The Swamp Fox," he is considered one of the fathers of modern guerilla warfare. One of the great heroes of The Revolution, he rose from the rank of Captain of the South Carolina Militia to Brigadier General of The Continental Army.

- Seventeen U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**FAYETTE COUNTY** is named for Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier. Known as "The Marquis de Lafayette" (1757-1834), this young French military officer was like a son to George Washington. On December 24, 1824, the Alabama Legislature passed a resolution inviting Lafayette to visit our state and authorizing "any sums necessary from the State Treasury to finance the event. The trip virtually bankrupted the state.

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**PICKENS COUNTY** is named for General Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). Known as "The Wizard Owl," he rose to the rank of Brigadier General under the South Carolina Militia.

**GREENE COUNTY** is named for General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) who was a Major General during the Revolutionary War and was Washington's most gifted and dependable officer. His strategic command of the Southern Army laid the trap that ultimately forced Cornwallis' surrender.

**SUMTER COUNTY** is named for Thomas Sumter (1734-1832) who was a Brigadier General in the South Carolina Militia.

**CLARKE COUNTY** is named for John Clarke (1766-1832) who at age 16 rose to the rank of Captain in the Georgia Militia during The Revolution. He later was elected Governor of Georgia.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** is named for George Washington (1732-1799), The Father of Our Country. His leadership as Commander of The Continental Army, President of The Constitutional Convention and service as President of the United States is unmatched in American history.

- Thirty-one U.S. counties, one state and the U.S. Capital are named in his honor.
- Washington County existed as a county in the Mississippi Territory, as the county was created on June 4, 1800. Thus Washington County is nineteen years older than the State of Alabama.



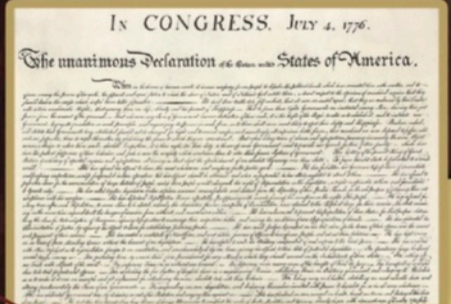
**DEKALB COUNTY** was named for Baron Johann DeKalb (1721-1780). Born in present day Germany, he came to America with Lafayette to join the American cause for independence. He was with Washington at Valley Forge in 1777 and was killed at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina.

- Six U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**MARSHALL COUNTY** is named for John Marshall (1755-1835). He served in The Continental Army and later became Chief Justice of The United States.

**BLOUNT COUNTY** was named for William Blount (1749-1800). He was a delegate to The Continental Congress and The Constitutional Convention from North Carolina.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY** is named for General Arthur St. Clair (1737-1818). Born in Scotland he served in the British Army during The French and Indian War. During The Revolution he rose to the rank of Major General in the Continental Army. He later served as President of The Continental Congress and as Governor of the Northwest Territory.



**JEFFERSON COUNTY** is named for Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) who was the author of The Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom.

- He was the 3rd President of the United States
- Twenty-six U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**SHELBY COUNTY** is named for Isaac Shelby (1750-1826). He was a hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolution and later became Governor of Kentucky.

- Nine U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**MACON COUNTY** is named for Nathaniel Macon (1757-1837). He served in The Continental Army and later became Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

- Six U.S. counties are named in his honor.

**ELMORE COUNTY** is named for General John Archer Elmore (1762-1834). He was in The Continental Army serving under Nathanael Greene in the Carolinas. He moved to Alabama in 1819 and was elected to the State Legislature. He is buried in Elmore County, Alabama.

**HENRY COUNTY** is named for Patrick Henry (1736-1799) who was one of the most influential advocates of American Independence. A Colonel of the 1st Virginia Regiment early in the war, he was also a delegate to the Continental Congress and The Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the first post-colonial Governor of Virginia.

**BALDWIN COUNTY** is named for Abraham Baldwin (1754-1807) who served in The Continental Army. He was both a Delegate to The Continental Congress and The Constitutional Convention from Georgia.

**MONROE COUNTY** is named for James Monroe (1758-1831) who was in The Continental Army. As an Aide-de-Camp to General Washington, he was at the Battle of Trenton and The Crossing of the Delaware. He was a Delegate to The Constitutional Convention and the 5th President of the United States. Alabama was admitted to the Union during his Presidency.

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