



Kentucky's War of 1812: Out-of-state counties named for Kentucky veterans

With politicians and soldiers playing critical roles and more than 60% of the war's total casualties being Kentuckians, several other states recognized the commonwealth's sacrifice by naming counties after Kentucky's War of 1812 veterans.

Isaac Shelby, who led troops in the field while he was governor, has counties named for him in Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina and Texas. Gen. John Adair, who led Kentucky troops at New Orleans and served as governor after the war, has counties named for him in Iowa and Missouri. John Allen, a noted Kentucky attorney and legislator who was killed at the Battle of the River Raisin, has counties named for him in Indiana and Ohio.

Indiana, Illinois and Missouri named counties after Joseph Hamilton Daviess, killed at Tippecanoe, and Missouri and Iowa counties commemorate veteran and Vice President Richard M. Johnson. Four other Indiana counties—Owen, Spencer, Warrick and Whitley—are also named for Kentucky veterans from the War of 1812.

Counties in Iowa and Missouri are named for Kentucky War of 1812 veteran and governor, John Adair (pictured).