



## **Kentucky's War of 1812: Jackson County**

*The Kentucky Historical Society's historical marker 1145 in McKee commemorates the naming of Jackson County after President Andrew Jackson in 1858.*

Jackson, who lived in Tennessee, was a U.S. congressman and senator. During the War of 1812, Jackson earned national fame after leading American troops at the Battle of New Orleans. Kentucky troops commanded by Gen. John Adair also participated in this battle. In 1829, when Jackson became the seventh U.S. president, he was the first commander-in-chief elected from west of the Appalachian Mountains.

One who has fought a duel or acted as a second cannot become governor of Kentucky, but this did not prevent Jackson from assuming the presidency. In 1806, Jackson fought a duel against Charles Dickinson over comments that Dickinson had made about Jackson's wife. They fought across the Tennessee state line in Logan County, Ky. Jackson was wounded, but the future president killed Dickinson.

Pictured: The first Jackson County soldiers to leave for Camp Taylor, Ky., on Sept. 20, 1917. Image courtesy of the Kentucky Historical Society.