

### Winfield Scott Visits the Capitol

On September 30, 1852, General Winfield Scott, a presidential candidate, delivered a rousing speech in front of the Old State Capitol.

A military hero of the War of 1812 and the U.S.-Mexican War, Scott arrived in Frankfort to great fanfare. Guns were fired in his honor, and a parade marched him from the train depot to the grounds of the OSC, where he addressed the growing crowd.

Scott spoke about the importance of the union and the need for Americans to reject sectionalism. As was typical, Scott did not directly ask for voters to support him over his opponent.

Scott ended up losing the election of 1852 in a landslide to Franklin Pierce, but one of the four states he won was Kentucky.



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