



General Francis Marion, “The Swamp Fox” For Whom Marion County Is Named

Many early settlers to this area came from South Carolina.

When this county was formed in 1844, the residents named it for their beloved Revolutionary War hero, General Francis Marion. He served as part of the South Carolina Militia, distinguishing himself as an innovative leader and freedom fighter. His intuitive grasp of strategy and his daring, guerilla-style warfare, allowed him to employ swift raids, continuously ambushing British troops.

As a result of his elusive tactics, he was nicknamed, “The Swamp Fox.” In celebration of America’s 250th anniversary, we remember Francis Marion, a true Patriot who sacrificed his “life and fortune,” for the cause of Liberty and the Establishment of these United States.

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