

Hancock — John Hancock, Revolutionary War soldier and first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Hardin — County in Kentucky.

Henderson — Henderson River.

Henry — Patrick Henry, famed orator, Revolutionary War soldier and Governor of Virginia.

Iroquois — Native American tribe.

Jackson — President Andrew Jackson; national hero known as “Old Hickory” during the War of 1812.

Jasper — Sergeant William Jasper, Revolutionary War hero at Charleston and Savannah.

Jefferson — President Thomas Jefferson, Revolutionary War leader, political philosopher and author of the Declaration of Independence.

Jersey — State of New Jersey.

Jo Daviess — Joseph Hamilton Daviess, prominent Kentucky lawyer and soldier; slain at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811.

Johnson — Colonel Richard M. Johnson, reputed to have killed the Indian Chief Tecumseh; also U.S. Vice President (1837-41).

Kane — Senator Elias K. Kane, first Secretary of State of Illinois.

Kankakee — Native American tribe.

Kendall — Amos Kendall, postmaster general under President Jackson and partner of S.B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph.

Knox — General Henry Knox, Revolutionary War hero and President George Washington’s Secretary of War.

Lake — Lake Michigan.

La Salle — Robert de La Salle, French explorer who navigated the length of the Mississippi River and claimed the Louisiana Territory for France.

Lawrence — Captain James Lawrence, commander of the USS Chesapeake; killed in naval battle in 1812.

Lee — Richard Henry Lee, orator and statesman of the Revolutionary War.

Livingston — Edward Livingston, U.S. Secretary of State under President Andrew Jackson.

Logan — Dr. John Logan, pioneer physician and father of General John A. Logan.

Macon — Nathaniel Macon, Revolutionary War soldier and U.S. Senator.

Macoupin — Native American name.

Madison — President James Madison; primary author of the U.S. Constitution and known as “father of the U.S. Constitution.”

Marion — General Francis Marion, known as the “Swamp Fox,” distinguished soldier in the Carolinas during the Revolutionary War.

Marshall — John Marshall, fourth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mason — County in Kentucky.

Massac — Fort Massac.

McDonough — Commodore Thomas McDonough, defeated the British on Lake Champlain in 1814.

McHenry — General William McHenry, fought in the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War; served in several early General Assemblies.

McLean — John McLean, first representative in Congress from Illinois in 1818 and U.S. Senator (1824-25).

Menard — Pierre Menard, first Lieutenant Governor of Illinois.

Mercer — General Hugh Mercer, killed at the Battle of Princeton during the Revolutionary War.

Monroe — President James Monroe, Revolutionary War soldier, diplomat; co-negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase and author of the Monroe Doctrine.

Montgomery — General Richard Montgomery, Revolutionary War soldier of Irish birth; killed at Quebec in 1775.

Morgan — General Daniel Morgan, earned distinction during the Revolutionary War at Quebec and Saratoga.

Moultrie — General William Moultrie, successful defender of Fort Moultrie at Charleston, South Carolina, during the Revolutionary War.

Ogle — Lieutenant Joseph Ogle, member of the territorial militia.

Peoria — Native American name.

Perry — Commodore Oliver H. Perry, won distinction in the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

Piatt — James A. Piatt, Sr., settled in the area in 1829.

Pike — Zebulon M. Pike, General in the War of 1812, and American explorer after whom Pikes Peak in Colorado was named.

Pope — Nathaniel Pope, first territorial Secretary of State (1809-16).

Pulaski — Count Casimir Pulaski, Polish hero who was killed in the attack on Savannah, Georgia, in 1779.

Putnam — General Israel Putnam, Revolutionary War soldier.

Randolph — Edmund Randolph, Revolutionary War soldier, Secretary of State and U.S. Attorney General under President George Washington.

Richland — County in Ohio.

Rock Island — A rock island in the Mississippi River.

Saline — Saline Creek.

Sangamon — Native American name meaning “the land of plenty to eat.”

Schuyler — General Philip Schuyler, Revolutionary War soldier and U.S. Senator from New York.

Scott — County in Kentucky.

Shelby — Isaac Shelby, soldier of the Revolutionary War, the Indian Wars and the War of 1812; Governor of Kentucky (1792-96).

Stark — General John Stark, Revolutionary War soldier; won fame at Bunker Hill, Trenton, Princeton and Bennington.

St. Clair — General Arthur St. Clair, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army after the Revolutionary War, and Governor of the U.S. Territory northwest of the Ohio River.

Stephenson — Colonel Benjamin Stephenson, Adjutant General of the Illinois Territory (1813-14).

Tazewell — Lyttelton W. Tazewell, U.S. Senator from Virginia.

Union — Federal Union of the American states.

Vermilion — Vermilion River.

Wabash — Native American name.

Warren — General Joseph Warren, pioneer physician and Revolutionary War soldier killed at Bunker Hill.

Washington — President George Washington, Commander in Chief of the Army during the Revolutionary War.

Wayne — General Anthony Wayne, famed Revolutionary War commander and Native American fighter.

White — Leonard White, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818.

Whiteside — Samuel Whiteside, Representative in the first General Assembly and Brigadier General in the Black Hawk War.

Will — Conrad Will, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818 and member of the first nine Illinois General Assemblies.

Williamson — County in Tennessee.

Winnebago — Native American name.

Woodford — County in Kentucky.

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