

## **Andrew Jackson Birthplace** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Photograph of a monument erected by the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution in 1910. Image courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina.

<sup>[2]</sup>Although the actual birthplace of [Andrew Jackson](#) <sup>[3]</sup>, the seventh president of the United States, is still disputed, some North Carolina historians believe its location to be a cabin that was owned by the Jackson family near the head of Liggett's Branch, a tributary of Twelve Mile Creek in the [Catawba River](#) <sup>[4]</sup> region of North Carolina. Jackson's Irish immigrant parents settled in the Waxhaw region of [Union](#) <sup>[5]</sup> (then Mecklenburg) County. His father died in 1767 or 1768 and was buried in South Carolina, about 12 miles from their home. Following a visit to family in South Carolina, Elizabeth Jackson gave birth to their son, Andrew, on 15 Mar. 1767. It is unknown whether she made it home or stopped at the home of South Carolina relatives along the way to give birth. Jackson himself believed he was born in South Carolina, and North Carolina did not claim to be his birthplace until 15 years after his death.

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