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## LITERARY.

### ANDREW JACKSON.

To escape the oppression of the Old World, a family of Scotch-Irish descent emigrated to America and settled in the wilds of North Carolina. Here in this frontier Andrew Jackson was born in the year 1767. His infancy sported in the primeval forest of his native region, and from the fountain of nature his ardent soul drank deep of the love of freedom.

Left an orphan at an early age, it remained with him to decide whether he should make an effort to gain the honors of life, unaided by loving hands, or whether he should sink into the obscurity of the countless thousands.

The battle ground of the Revolutionary war shifted to the frontier. The roving nations of savages banded together for a united attack upon the scattered settlements. British red-coats marched as armed incendiaries upon defenseless villages; avaricious Tories led

by adventurous royalty, robbed and ravished in brigandish style. Rumors came that the cruel Tarleton with his lawless legions was advancing upon Waxhaw, the home of young Jackson. At one bound our youthful hero threw off the frivolities of youth and became a man. He was among the first who enlisted to meet the invader. Defeated and captured, his boyish limbs loaded with clanking chains, his restless soul confined behind prison bars, yet his proud spirit could not be broken. "I am your prisoner of war, not your servant," was the reply of the dauntless boy when ordered to do manual labor.

Soon the news came hurrying over the country that Cornwallis had been captured, England's most valuable possessions had been wrested from her covetous grasp, and America was free. While the thickly inhabited portion of our country readily came together under