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Birthday
AMERICA!



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Our First Flag



Betsy Ross sewed our first flag.

Our first flag had 13 stars to represent the thirteen colonies that fought for their independence from Great Britain.



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The Thirteen Colonies



The Thirteen Original Colonies would become America!

The thirteen colonies fought for their independence from Great Britain during the American Revolutionary War.



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The Declaration of Independence



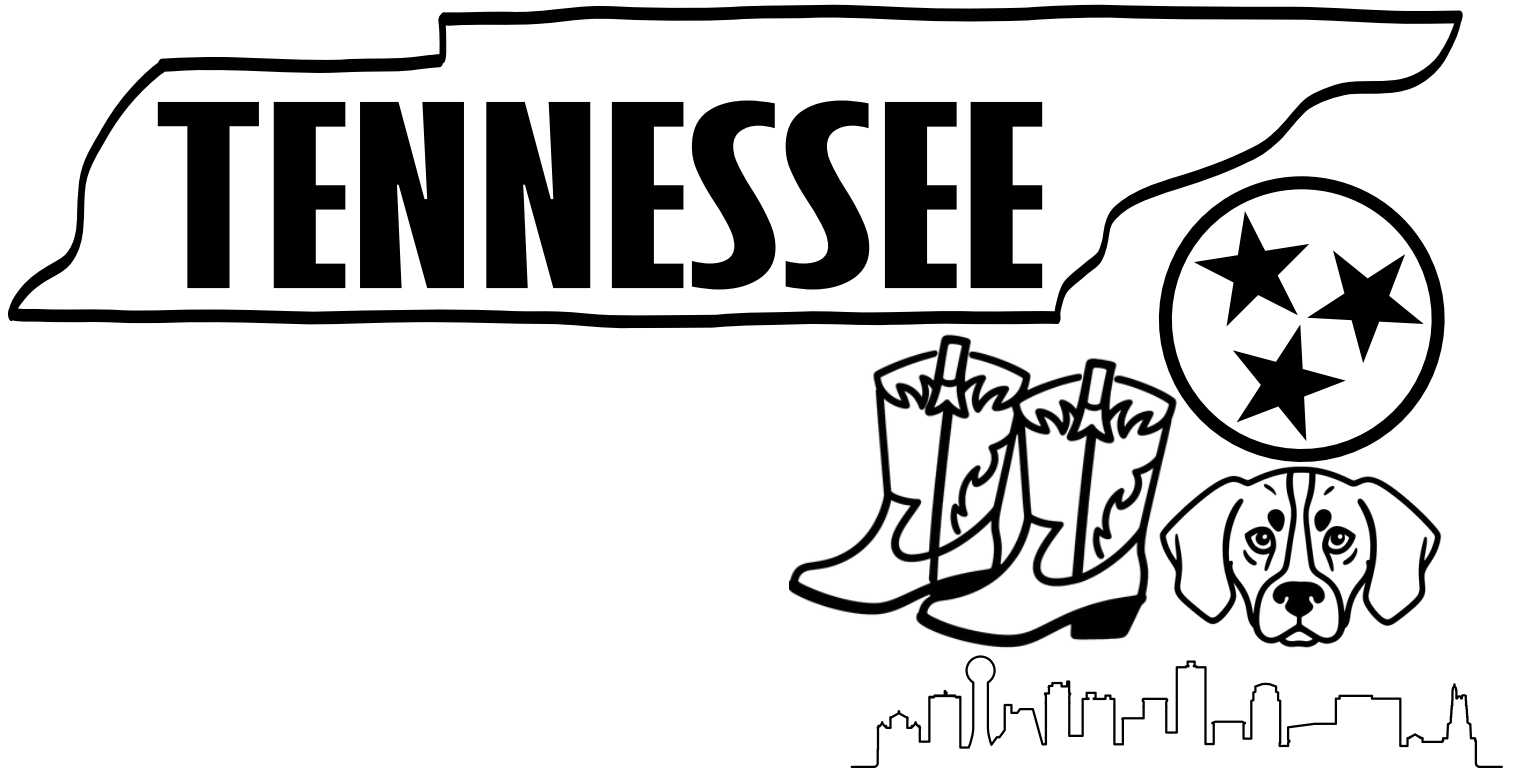
**The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776
officially creating the United States of America.**

Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and John Adams were
authors and signers.



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Tennessee Becomes the SIXTEENTH State



Tennessee becomes the 16th state in 1796.

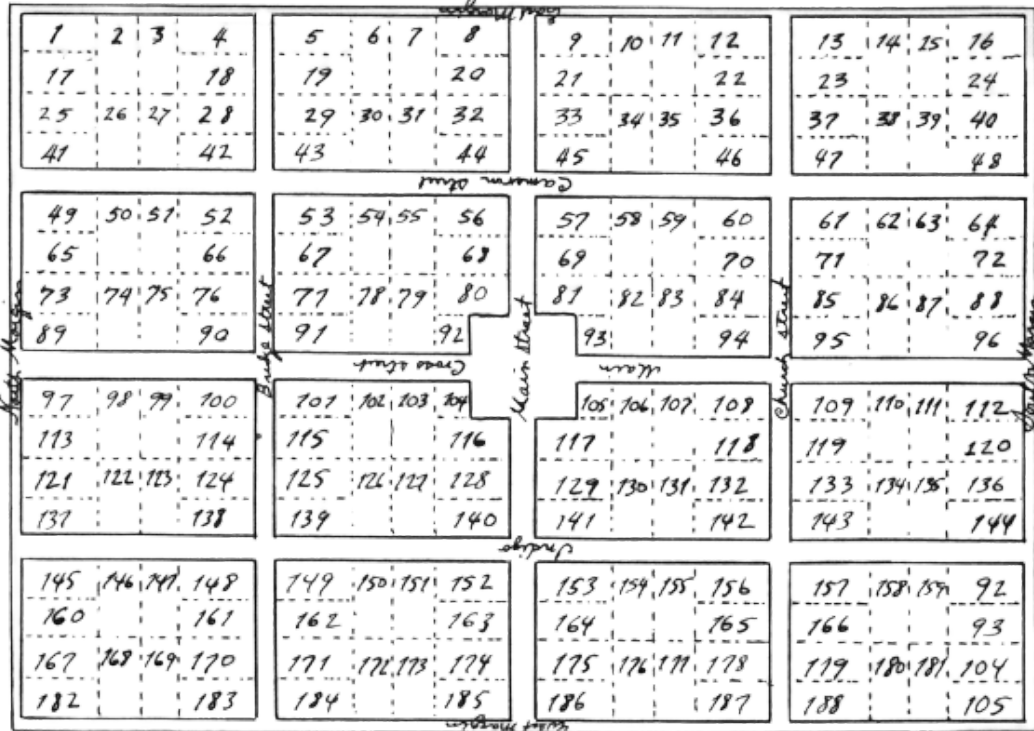
Before becoming a state, Tennessee, was known as the Southwest Territory.



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First Map of Franklin

Franklin



A plan of the Town of Franklin filed in ye Clerk's Office of Williamson April ye 5th 1800.

Abram Maury laid out the town square in 1800.

Abram purchased the land from Major Anthony Sharp who received the land in a land grant for serving in the American Revolutionary War.



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The Maury-Darby Building



Franklin, TN was founded in 1799 by Abram Maury

The Maury-Darby building located in the downtown square of Franklin, TN was built in 1817 and is considered one of the oldest standing buildings in our town.



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Hiram Masonic Lodge



Tennessee's first 3- story building finished in 1823

It served as a community spot, a hospital during the Battle of Franklin and the meeting location of the fraternity, The Freemasons.



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The Old Factory Store



Antebellum Period in Franklin was a time of trading.

The Old Factory Store was one of the places in the downtown square that served as a marketplace where goods were regularly bought, sold, and traded.



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The Carter House



The Carter House was damaged in the Battle of Franklin.

The Carter House, built in 1830, stood in the middle of the fighting during the Battle of Franklin. Once the battle was over, the parlor served as a hospital for wounded soldiers.



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The McLemore House



Harvey McLemore, a formerly enslaved man, purchased this home in 1880.

Harvey McLemore became a successful farmer. Harvey's family owned the home for 117 years. It now is a museum stewarded by the African American Heritage Society.



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Lillie Mills Silos



The Lillie Mills Factory made “Franklin Lady Flour” with new technology.

The Lillie Mills Factory, founded by Joshua Lillie, was built in 1887. The factory burned in 1958 with the large silos being what was left behind.



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Franklin's Main Street



Main Street continues to provide the cozy feelings it did in the 1920s-1950s.

Did you know that Franklin's Main Street has been accredited by Main Street USA for 39 years and counting?



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