

Andrew Ewing  
March 17, 1742 – May 1, 1813

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Andrew Ewing was born on March 17, 1742 in Pennsylvania to William and Ann Ewing. On December 11, 1760, he married Susannah Shannon. She was born in Philadelphia on December 25, 1737. Within a few years of their marriage, they moved to Rockingham County, Virginia. And then the family moved west. Ewing arrived at French Lick (now Nashville) with his wife and children in time to sign the Cumberland Compact on May 1, 1780. He was appointed the first Clerk of the Cumberland Territory in 1780 and then appointed first County Court Clerk for Davidson County Court, North Carolina, in 1783. He continued as County Court Clerk when Tennessee became a state in 1796 and served until he died on May 1, 1813. His wife Susannah died on October 31, 1818. His son Nathan served as County Court Clerk from 1813 until his death in 1830, and his grandson Henry Ewing served as County Court Clerk from 1830 until 1835 when he moved to Philadelphia.

Andrew Ewing's responsibilities as Court Clerk included collecting taxes and recording land deeds, marriages and wills. He was responsible for collecting the taxes used to build the first courthouse, prison and stocks in 1803.

In 1800 Ewing purchased a tract of land from Samuel Bell. At the time of Andrew Ewing's death, he was living in town and his son Nathan was living at the home place. The Ewing house and grave yard were located off present-day Granny White Pike near the intersection at Woodmont Blvd. In 1833, Albert G. Ewing sold 100 acres to Robert Woods but reserved a quarter of an acre as a "family burying ground" in the deed. Over the years, the grave yard fell into disrepair. Descendants decided to move the graves to the Orville Ewing lot in City Cemetery. A ceremony to remember the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Cumberland Compact and to dedicate the reburials of Andrew, Susannah, their son Nathan and other Ewing family members took place on May 1, 1935. A plaque was placed on the box tomb for Andrew Ewing by his descendants, sponsored by Campbell Chapter DAR. May 1, 1935.

#### Sources

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