



Kentucky's War of 1812: McLean County

The Kentucky Historical Society's historical marker 1123 in Calhoun notes that McLean County was named in 1854 in honor of a War of 1812 veteran.

Born in North Carolina, Alney McLean moved to Kentucky when he was 20 years old. A surveyor in Muhlenberg County, he laid out the town of Greenville and was one of the founders and early political leaders of that community.

During the War of 1812, McLean raised several companies of Kentucky Mounted Militia and was a captain in Gen. Samuel Hopkins' campaigns against Native Americans and fought at the Battle of New Orleans.

Pictured: McLean County courthouse, Calhoun. Image courtesy of the Kentucky Historical Society.