



## **Kentucky's War of 1812: John Edward King**

*The Kentucky Historical Society's historical marker 1403 near Burkesville in Cumberland County commemorates John Edward King, a general in the War of 1812.*

Born in Virginia in 1757, King fought in the Revolutionary War, serving in the 3rd Virginia Regiment. In 1780, he moved to present-day Bracken County, Ky. King then fought under Col. Isaac Shelby at the Battle of Kings Mountain, N.C., on Oct. 7, 1780.

After the Revolution, King moved to present-day Cumberland County, where he built Melmont, a large house near Burkesville. He was active in politics and served as the clerk of the county and circuit courts.

In recognition of his broad military service, King was commissioned a general during the War of 1812. King became a veteran of the Battle of the Thames, where Shelby commended him for his leadership, and the historical marker notes that he was an "outstanding military tactician." King died at Melmont in 1828, and was buried there.