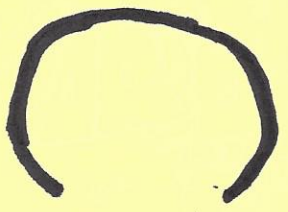


# A New Kind of Victory

Throughout the Revolution, Marion won countless victories against the British. While they called Marion and his men "unjust" and "cowards", the British were kept on their toes whenever there were rumors of Marion's presence. Marion's ragtag groups of men were able to hold off the British forces, which was even difficult for the patriot armies to accomplish. Great general Cornwallis even states, "Colonel Marion had so wrought the minds of the people, partly by the terror of his threats and cruelty of his punishments, and partly by the promise of his plunder."

# Unsung Hero

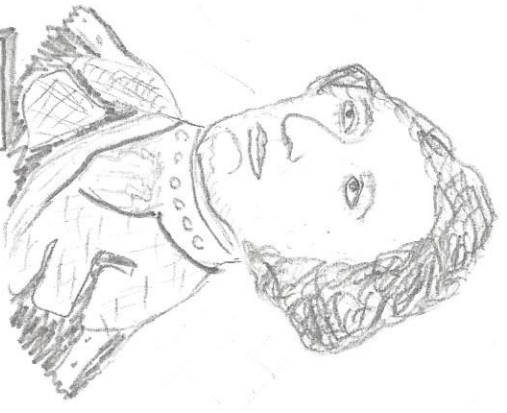
Francis Marion is possibly one of the most unregarded heroes of the American Revolution. While victories in the North were told about across the nation, Marion's quick, decisive attacks were kept quiet among Southerners. While Marion was thought about as unjust during his time, I believe he is one of our great heroes.



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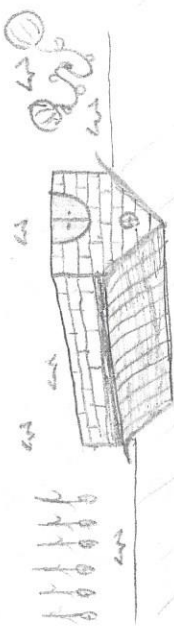
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## Early Life

Francis Marion was thought to be born in 1732, on his family's plantation in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

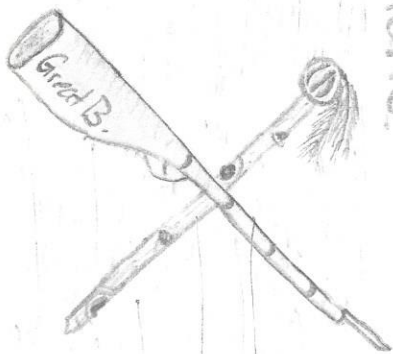


At age 15, Marion signed as a crewman for a fishing vessel. While they were out at sea, a whale rammed their boat and knocked a plank loose. Marion was one of the few survivors of the shipwreck.



## Military Career

Around age 25, Marion was recruited to fight in the French and Indian war by Captain John Pastell. He later served under William Moultrie in a campaign against the Cherokee Indians.



Marion later served with the patriots in the siege of Savannah and was one of the few men uncaptured when the British invaded Charleston.

## Francis' Involvement in the

### Swamp Fox

During the American Revolution, Marion fought with a style called Guerilla Warfare. Marion was introduced to the style by general Horatio Gates. He didn't trust Marion on the battlefield, and thus sent him on a thought to be doomed mission to recapture Maryland war prisoners. The mission was a major success, however, and Marion returned with 150 prisoners and 20 British guards. Marion continued fighting with hit-and-run tactics, and quickly became a pest to the British.

