

# ANDREW JACKSON

1829 - 1837



**Andrew Jackson** was born in 1767 in South Carolina, the first president born in a log cabin. After boyhood as an orphan he moved to Tennessee where he qualified for law practice. In the 1790s he served in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a major general in the War of 1812 he won the Battle of New Orleans over British troops.

**Rachel Donelson Jackson** was born in 1767 in Virginia. The family moved west to Tennessee and then Kentucky. In 1791 she married Andrew Jackson, only to learn after two years that her first husband had not filed for divorce. A divorce was granted and the Jacksons quietly remarried. They had no children.



**President Andrew Jackson** served in the United States Senate from 1823 to 1825. He lost a run for the presidency in 1824, but four years later defeated John Quincy Adams and served two terms as president. He expanded the power and prestige of the office, moving the country toward a hard-money currency policy and vindicating federal authority against France on the question of debts. After leaving the presidency, Jackson retired to the Hermitage where he died in 1845.

Despite the scandal surrounding her marriage, Rachel won the respect of all who knew her. Though she lived to see her husband elected, she died in 1828 and was buried in the white dress she meant to wear for the 1829 inauguration. The Jacksons opened their home to many of Rachel's relatives and after her death, Jackson asked Rachel's favorite niece, Emily, to serve as White House hostess.

## Arizona Timeline

1829 - Pete Skene Ogden of Hudson's Bay Company follows Jediah Smith's route following the Virgin River south to where it meets the Colorado River. They meet hostile Indians in the vicinity of The Needles. Ewing Young, from Tennessee, and party trap up the Verde to its source and head for California reconnoitering near Padre Garces' Pozos de San Brasilius, which Young names "Young Springs" (present day Peach Springs). In his party is a young man new to the west -Christopher (Kit) Carson.

1835 - Texas War against Mexico begins the weakening of Mexican power in land close to the United States.