



The Swamp Fox



The Wizard Owl



The Gamecock



Francis Marion

Francis Marion, believed to have been born around 1732 in Berkeley County, South Carolina, rose to prominence during the American Revolution for his innovative approach to guerrilla warfare. Utilizing the swamps and thick forests of South Carolina's lowlands, Marion and his small, fast-moving units effectively evaded and attacked British troops. His quick-strike methods earned him the title "The Swamp Fox," particularly after British Colonel Banastre Tarleton, exasperated by Marion's elusive tactics, reportedly referred to him as a "cunning old fox." Marion's efforts in disrupting British supply chains and diverting their forces proved pivotal in the Southern Campaign. Post-war, he served as a member of the South Carolina state senate, and his legacy includes being recognized as one of the earliest pioneers of guerrilla warfare.



Andrew Pickens

Andrew Pickens, born in 1739 in Pennsylvania, later settled in the backcountry of South Carolina as a young man. During the American Revolution, he gained recognition as a skilled militia leader, earning the title "The Wizard Owl" from the Cherokee due to his wisdom and courage. Pickens played an instrumental role in several key engagements, most notably the 1781 Battle of Cowpens, where his tactics were crucial to the American victory. In addition to his military contributions, Pickens distinguished himself through diplomatic efforts, working with Native American tribes to maintain peace and secure alliances. After the revolution, he went on to serve in the South Carolina legislature and later represented his state as a U.S. Congressman.



Thomas Sumter

Thomas Sumter, born in 1734 in Virginia, moved to South Carolina during the 1760s. He became one of the most determined and formidable militia commanders of the American Revolution. Sumter earned the moniker "The Gamecock" due to his fierce fighting style and daring raids against British forces and Loyalist strongholds in South Carolina's midlands. His bold frontal assaults and continuous attacks were instrumental in disrupting British influence in the region. Although his aggressive tactics sometimes resulted in heavy losses, they played a vital role in undermining British control. After the Revolution, Sumter continued his service to the nation as both a U.S. Senator and Congressman.

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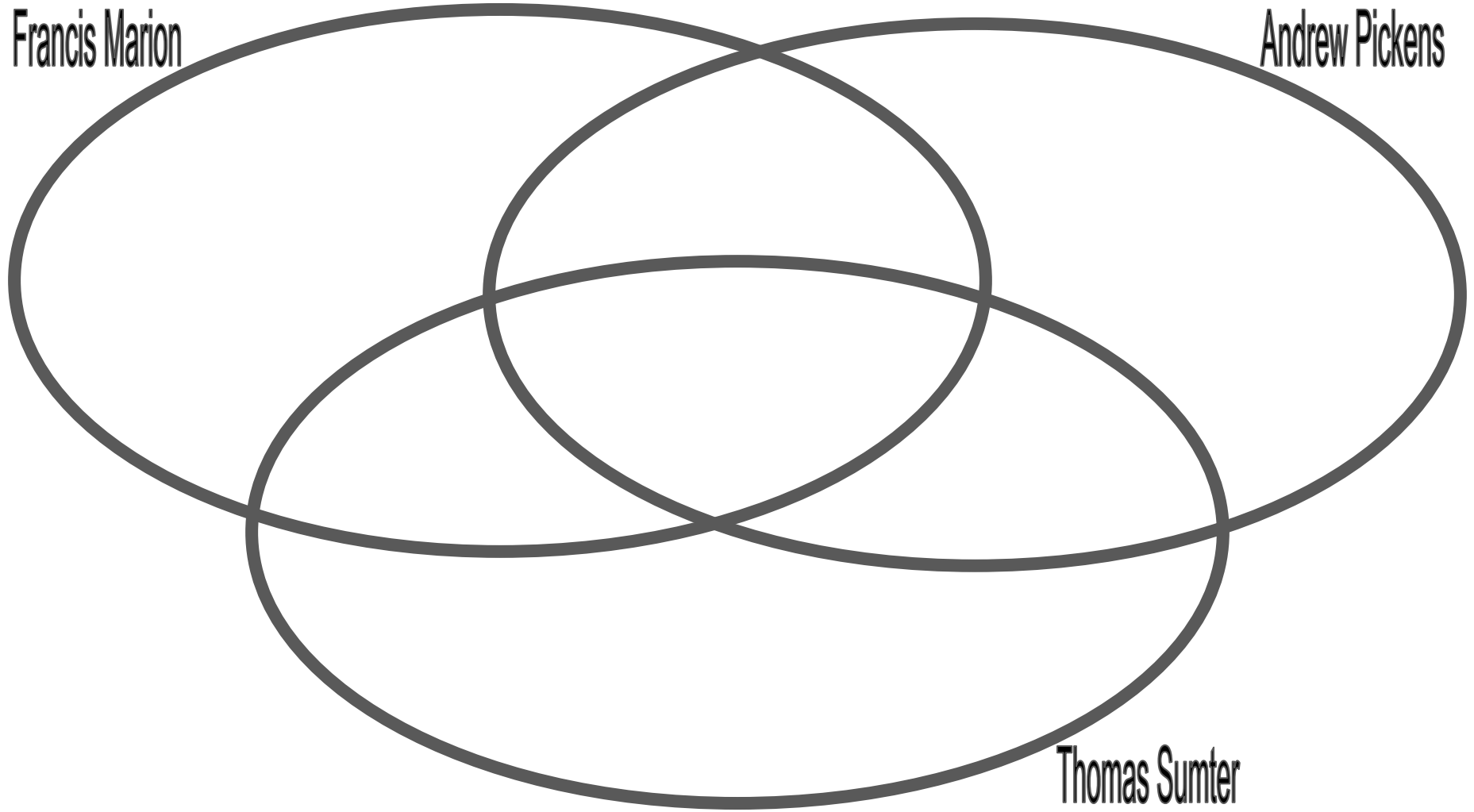
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Leadership Style			
Nickname & Reason			
Legacy			

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