

the events he recorded, and the residue by John Henry Eaton, late a senator of the United States and who has succeeded General Porter at the head of the War Department. It brings the memoirs of the president down to 1814, beyond which period no other writer has continued the history. So that the only authentic account of the *Arbuthnot* and *Ambrister* affair, which brought so much odium upon Jackson, and impressed the people of these colonies so very unfavourably towards him (the writer of this article not excepted) has as yet to be enquired after in the annals of his country, the proceedings of congress and the periodicals of 1818, 19 and 20.

* "ANDREW JACKSON was born on the 15th day of March, 1767. His father (Andrew), the youngest son of his family, emigrated to America from *Ireland* during the year 1765, bringing with him two sons, Hugh and Robert, both very young. Landing at Charleston, in South Carolina, he shortly afterwards purchased a tract of land, in what was then called the Waxsaw settlement, about forty-five miles above Camden; at which place the subject of this history was born. Shortly after his birth, his father died, leaving three sons to be provided for by their mother. She appears to have been an exemplary woman, and to have executed the arduous duties which had devolved on her, with great faithfulness and with much success. To the lessons she inculcated on the youthful minds of her sons, was, no doubt, owing, in a great measure, *that fixed opposition to British tyranny and oppression, which afterwards so much distinguished them.* Often would she spend the winter's evenings, in recounting to them the sufferings of their grandfather, at the siege of Carrickfergus, *and the oppressions exercised by the nobility of Ireland, over the labouring poor;* impressing it upon them, as a first duty, to expend their lives, if it should become necessary, in defending and supporting the natural rights of man.

Inheriting but a small patrimony from their father, it was impossible that all the sons could receive an expensive education. The two eldest were therefore only taught the rudiments of their mother tongue, at a common country school. But Andrew, *being intended by his mother for the*

* Reid's Memoirs of Jackson.