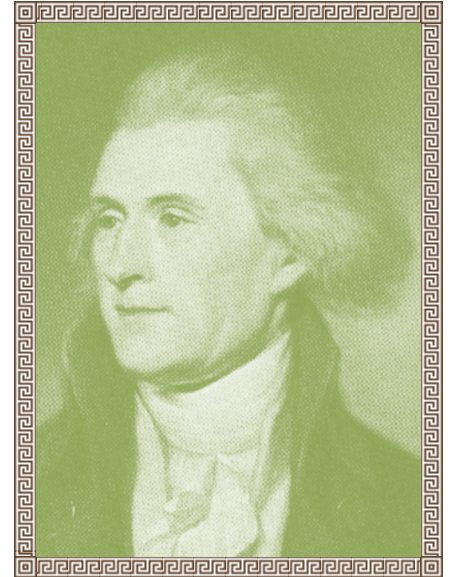


THOMAS JEFFERSON



STATE - Virginia

AGE - 33 (Born: 4/13/1743)

HOME - Monticello, Albemarle County, Virginia

EDUCATION - College of William & Mary

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, 6 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer, Planter, Architect, Legislator, You name it, he did it!

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Conservative, Fun Lover, Loves Food and Drink, Patriot

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - In his room writing and reading

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Thomas Jefferson grew up in Virginia where he attended school and college. When his father died, Thomas inherited the family farm called Shadwell. Thomas was not satisfied just being a lawyer. He loved science, math, music, philosophy - just about everything under the sun. One of his favorite things to do was to build. Jefferson designed several buildings including the Virginia State Capitol and his new home, "Monticello." Meanwhile, he became a legislator and a strong Patriot. Jefferson entered national politics when he became a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1775.

AT THE CONGRESS Thomas Jefferson was assigned to the five-man committee chosen to write the Declaration of Independence and the other committee members asked him to draft it for he was thought to have a "masterly pen." Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration and presented it to Congress. On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

DATE OF DEATH 7/4/1826, (83 Years Old)

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CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: You are very proud of your Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, when delegates object to the passage in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People and others object to the passage that is critical of slavery, you are upset. But, finally you are pleased when the Declaration of Independence is passed by Congress.

FINAL VOTING: When the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

A handwritten signature of Thomas Jefferson in green ink, written in a cursive style. The signature reads "Th Jefferson".