

#### 1. GEORGE WASHINGTON

"Father of His Country" 1789 - 1797**Federalist** 

Birthdate: February 22, 1732

Birthplace: Westmoreland Co., Va. Education: Common Schools

Occupation: Farmer, Soldier

Home State: Virginia

Married: Martha D. Custis, 1759

Children: Four

Died: December 14, 1799

Place of Death: Mount Vernon, Va. Place of Burial: Mount Vernon, Va.

#### ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

First and Second Vice-President: John Adams

#### **EVENTS IN WASHINGTON'S LIFE**

1749 — Appointed surveyor of Culpepper County, Virginia

1752 — Appointed Major in Virginia militia

1755 - Aide-de-camp to Gen. Braddock in French and Indian War

1759-1774 — Member of Virginia House of Burgesses

1774-1775 — Delegate to Continental Congress

1775-1783 — Commander in Chief of Continental Army

1783 — Resigns commission in the army and returns to Mount Vernon

1787 — Elected president of the Constitutional Convention

1789 — Elected first President of the United States

1792 - Re-elected to the presidency

1798 — Accepts commission as Commander in Chief of U.S. forces

# **EVENTS DURING WASHINGTON'S PRESIDENCY**

1789 — Departments of State, Treasury, and War created by Congress. French Revolution begins.

North Carolina ratifies the Constitution and becomes the 12th state.

1790 — Washington, D.C., founded.

First session of United States Supreme Court.

First Catholic bishop consecrated in U.S., John Carroll of Baltimore.

Philadelphia becomes capital of United States.

Benjamin Franklin dies.

Rhode Island ratifies the Constitution and becomes the 13th state.

Vermont admitted to the Union as 14th state.

1791 — Bill of Rights (first ten amendments to U.S. Constitution) ratified. St. Mary's Seminary, the first seminary in the U.S., is established in Baltimore, Maryland.

1792 — Kentucky admitted to the Union as 15th state.

Construction of White House begun.

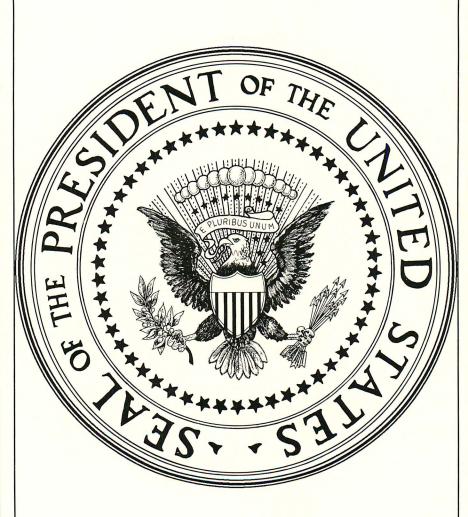
Mint of the U.S. is established by Congress, and money is minted. Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin.

1793 — Construction of United States Capitol begun.

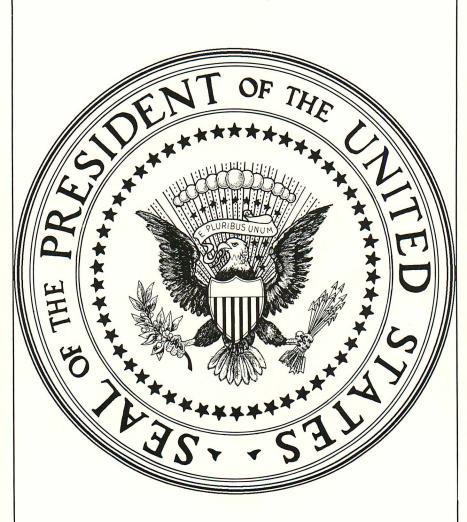
1794 — "Whiskey Insurrection" in Pennsylvania.

1796 — Tennessee admitted to the Union as 16th state.

"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is. in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible." 1796







### 2. JOHN ADAMS

"The Colossus of Debate" 1797 — 1801 Federalist

Birthdate: October 30, 1735

Married: Abigail Smith, 1758

Birthplace: Quincy, Mass.

Children: Four

Education: Harvard

Died: July 4, 1826

Occupation: Lawyer
Home State: Massachusetts

Place of Death: Quincy, Mass. Place of Burial: Quincy, Mass.

#### **ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

Third

Vice-President: Thomas Jefferson

#### **EVENTS IN ADAMS'S LIFE**

1758 - Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar

1770-1774 — Member of the Massachusetts legislature

1774-1777 — Member of the Continental Congress

1778 — Minister to France

1779-1780 — Drafted the Massachusetts state constitution

1780-1782 — Minister to The Netherlands

1783 — Negotiated the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War

1785-1788 — Minister to England

1789-1797 — Vice-President under George Washington

1820 — Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Massachusetts

#### **EVENTS DURING ADAMS'S PRESIDENCY**

1797 — "XYZ Affair" between U.S. and France almost results in war.

1798 — Eleventh Amendment to Constitution ratified (exemption of states from lawsuits by individuals).

Department of the Navy created.

Alien and Sedition laws enacted.

Marine Corps created.

Edward Jenner discovers vaccination for smallpox.

Robert Malthus publishes his Essay on the Principles of Population.

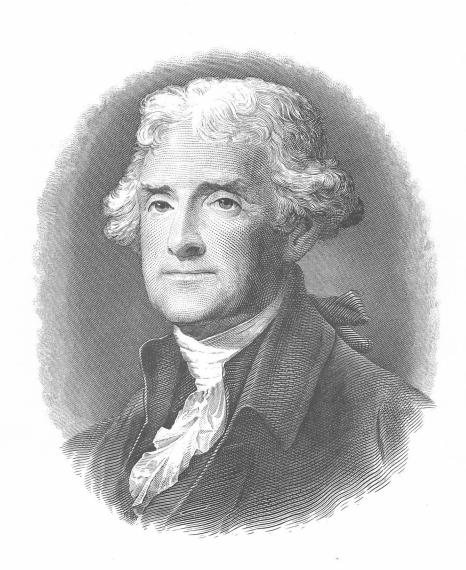
1799 — George Washington dies.

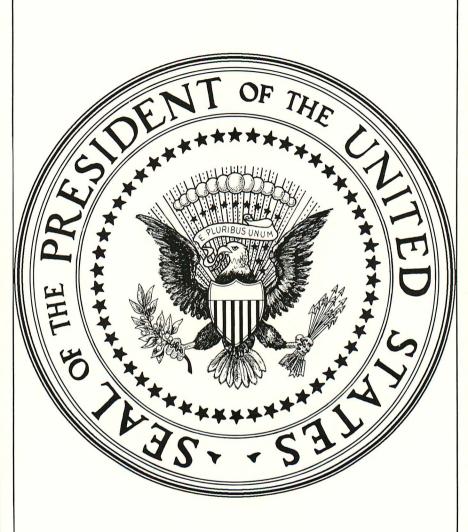
Presidential mansion in Washington, D.C., is completed.

1800 — U.S. capital moved to Washington, D.C., from Philadelphia. Peace treaty completed with France.

"If national pride is ever justifiable or excusable, it is when it springs, not from power or riches, grandeur or glory, but from conviction of national innocence, information, and benevolence."







# 3. THOMAS JEFFERSON

"The Father of the Declaration of Independence" 1801 - 1809

## Democratic-Republican

Birthdate: April 13, 1743 Birthplace: Shadwell, Va. Education: William and Mary

Children: Two Died: July 4, 1826

College, 1762 Occupation: Lawyer

Place of Death: Monticello, Va. Place of Burial: Monticello. Va.

Married: Martha Wayles Skelton, 1772

Home State: Virginia

#### ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Fourth and Fifth

Vice-Presidents: Aaron Burr (1801-1805) George Clinton (1805-1809)

# **EVENTS IN JEFFERSON'S LIFE**

1767 — Admitted to the Virginia Bar

1769-1774 — Member of the Virginia House of Burgesses

1775-1776 — Member of Continental Congress

1776 — Author of the Declaration of Independence 1776-1779 — Member of the Virginia House of Delegates

1779-1781 - Governor of Virginia

1783-1784 — Member of Continental Congress

1784-1789 — Minister to France

1790-1793 — Secretary of State under George Washington 1797-1801 — Vice-President under John Adams

1800 — Elected to the presidency

1804 - Re-elected to the presidency

1825-1826 — Rector of the University of Virginia

#### **EVENTS DURING JEFFERSON'S PRESIDENCY**

1801 — Tripoli declares war on the United States.

"Johnny Appleseed" arrives in Ohio Valley with seeds from the east.

1802 — Thomas Wedgewood produces the world's first photograph.

1803 — Ohio admitted to the Union as the 17th state.

U.S. completes Louisiana Purchase with France for \$15,000,000, doubling the size of the country.

U.S. Supreme Court rules that any act of Congress that is in conflict with the Constitution is invalid.

1804 — Alexander Hamilton, former Secretary of the Treasury, is killed in a duel with Aaron Burr.

Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified (requires separate electoral ballots for President and Vice-President).

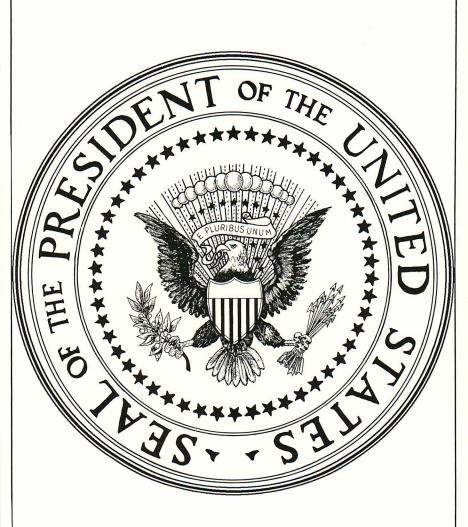
1805 — Peace treaty signed between U.S. and Tripoli.

1806 — Construction of the Cumberland Road, first road to the frontier, is authorized.

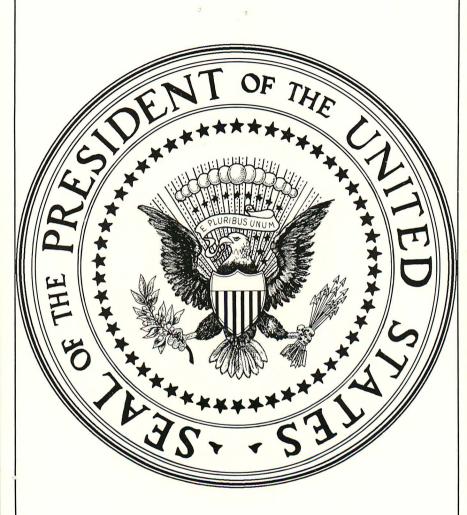
1807 - Embargo Act forbids U.S. ships to leave for any foreign port.

1808 — Importation of slaves to the U.S. is officially prohibited.

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."







# 4. JAMES MADISON

"The Father of the Constitution" 1809 — 1817

# Democratic-Republican

Birthdate: March 16, 1751 Married: Dolley Payne Todd, 1794

Birthplace: Port Conway, Va. Children: None Education: Princeton, 1771 Died: June 28, 1836

Occupation: Lawyer Place of Death: Montpelier, Va. Home State: Virginia Place of Burial: Montpelier, Va.

#### **ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

Sixth and Seventh

Vice-Presidents: George Clinton (1809-1812)

Elbridge Gerry (1813-1814; died in office)

#### **EVENTS IN MADISON'S LIFE**

1775 — Appointed Colonel in the Orange County militia

1776 — Delegate to the Virginia Convention

1776-1777 — Member of the Virginia House of Delegates

1778-1779 - Member of the Council of State in Virginia

1780-1783 — Member of the Continental Congress

1784-1786 — Member of the Virginia House of Delegates

1786-1788 — Member of the Continental Congress

1787 — Member of the Constitutional Convention

1789-1797 — U.S. Representative from Virginia

1799-1800 — Member of the Virginia House of Delegates

1801-1809 — Secretary of State under Thomas Jefferson 1808 — Elected to the presidency

1812 — Re-elected to the presidency

1826-1836 — Rector of the University of Virginia

#### **EVENTS DURING MADISON'S PRESIDENCY**

1809 — Abraham Lincoln is born.

Treaty of Fort Wayne gains 3 million acres of land in the Indiana Territory for the United States.

1810 — U.S. annexes a portion of the Florida Territory.

1811 — William Henry Harrison, a future president, defeats Indians at Tippecanoe.

1812 — Louisiana admitted to the Union as the 18th state. United States declares war on Great Britain.

1813 — Commodore Perry defeats the British on Lake Erie.

1814 — British burn Washington, D.C., including the White House. Francis Scott Key writes "The Star-Spangled Banner" while held on a boat by the British off Fort McHenry. Treaty of Ghent ends the U.S. war with Great Britain.

1815 — Andrew Jackson, a future President, defeats the British in the Battle of New Orleans.

United States declares war on Algiers.

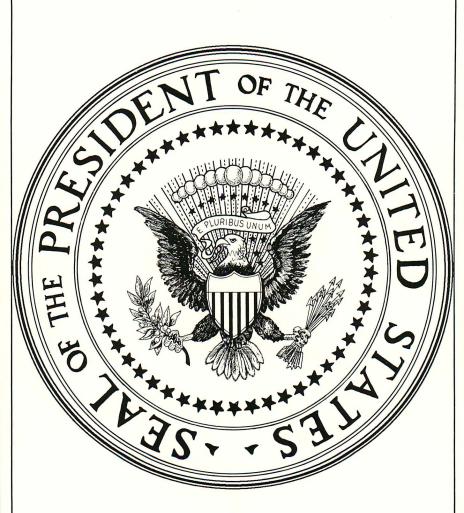
War against Algiers ends.

Napoleon defeated at the Battle of Waterloo.

1816 - Indiana is admitted to the Union as the 19th state.

"To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."

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# 5. JAMES MONROE

"The Era of Good Feeling President" 1817 - 1825

# Democratic-Republican

Birthdate: April 28, 1758

Birthplace: Westmoreland Co., Va. Children: Two

Education: William and Mary

Home State: Virginia

College, 1776

Occupation: Lawyer

Married: Elizabeth Kortright, 1786

Died: July 4, 1831

Place of Death: New York City, N.Y.

Place of Burial: Richmond, Va.

### ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Eighth and Ninth

Vice-President: Daniel D. Thompkins

### **EVENTS IN MONROE'S LIFE**

1776-1780 — Served in the Continental Army

1782-1783 — Member of the Virginia Assembly

1783-1786 — Member of the Continental Congress

1786 — Admitted to the Virginia Bar 1790-1794 — U.S. Senator from Virginia

1794-1796 - Minister to France

1799-1802 — Governor of Virginia

1803 — Negotiated the Louisiana Purchase with France

1803-1807 — Minister to Great Britain

1811 — Governor of Virginia

1811-1817 — Secretary of State under James Madison

1814-1815 — Secretary of War under Madison

1816 — Elected to the presidency

1820 - Re-elected to the presidency

1826-1830 — Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Virginia

1829 — President of the Virginia Constitutional Convention

#### **EVENTS DURING MONROE'S PRESIDENCY**

1817 — Mississippi is admitted to the Union as the 20th state.

1818 — Illinois is admitted to the Union as the 21st state.

United States-Canada border is set (longest undefended border in the world).

Congress determines the present design of the U.S. flag.

1819 - Alabama is admitted to the Union as the 22nd state.

1820 — "Missouri Compromise" allows Maine to enter the Union as a free state and Missouri to enter as a slave state. Maine is admitted to the Union as the 23rd state.

U.S. founds the nation of Liberia as a home for freed slaves.

1821 — Missouri admitted to the Union as the 24th state.

The first natural gas well in the U.S. is tapped at Fredonia, N.Y.

1822 — The Rosetta Stone is deciphered, making the translation of Egyptian hieroglyphics possible for the first time.

1823 — The Monroe Doctrine, closing the Western Hemisphere to European powers, is declared.

1824 — House of Representatives elects John Quincy Adams President, although Andrew Jackson wins both the popular and the electoral vote.

"The American continents are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

1823

