

Virginia's Presidents

Did you know that there were 8 US Presidents from Virginia?

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Virginia's Presidential Homes,
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Next Exhibit - February

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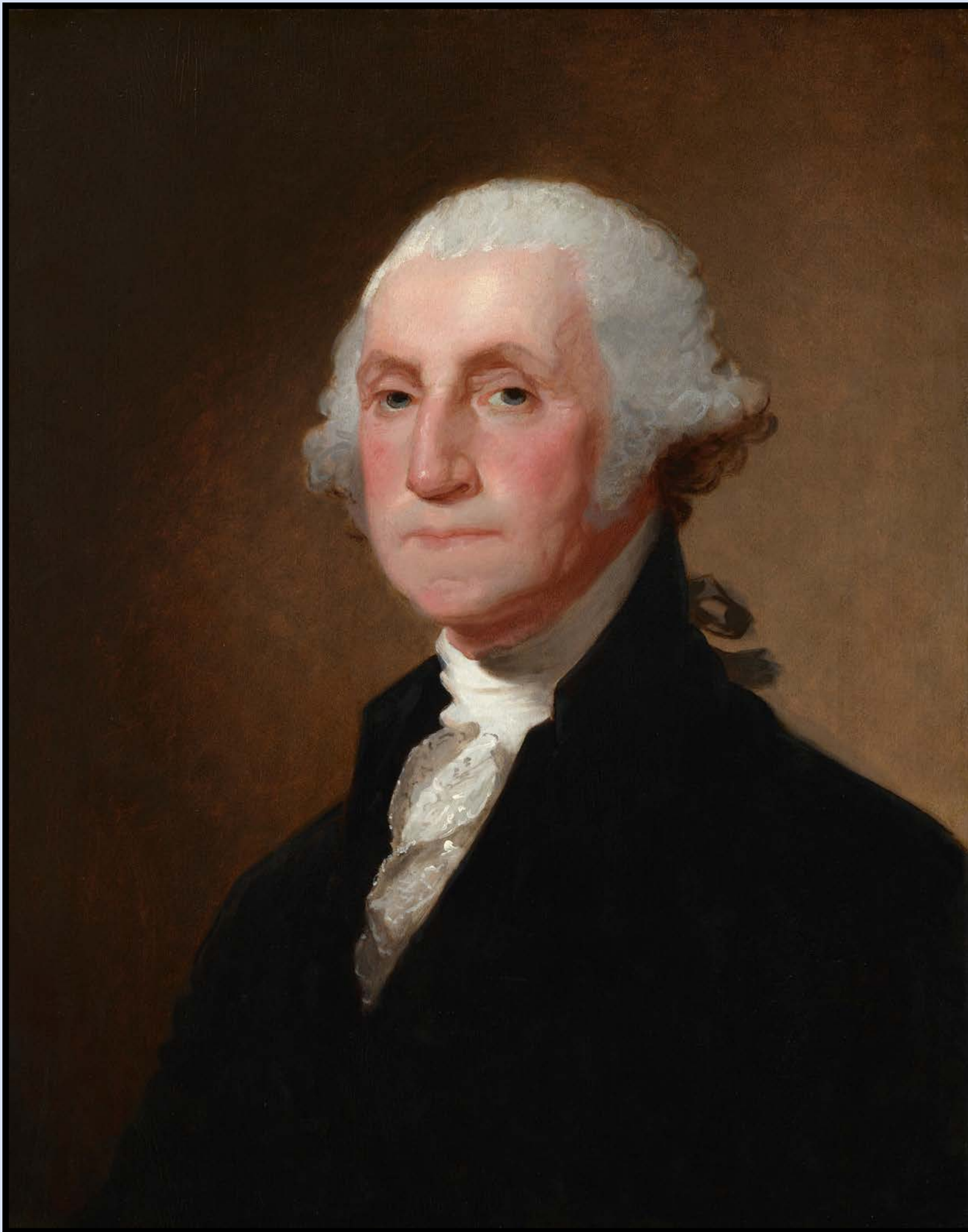
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George Washington 1st President

**Born February 22, 1732
in Popes Creek,
Westmoreland County, Virginia**

**Died December 14, 1799
at Mount Vernon, Virginia**

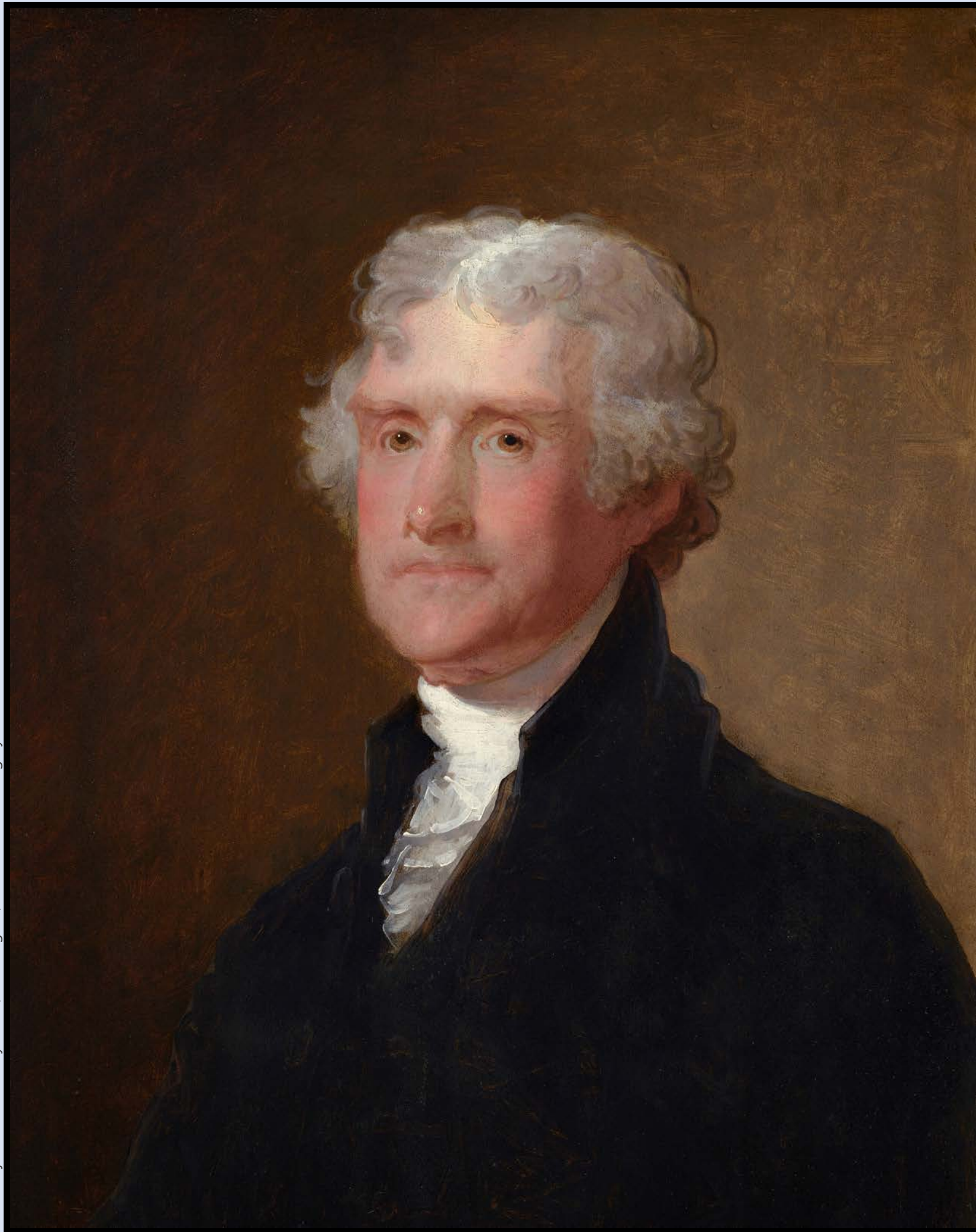


- **First president of the United States**
- Served two terms: 1789-97
- Married Martha Dandridge Custis (1731-1802) in 1759
- Stepchildren: John Parke Custis (1754-1781) and Martha Parke Custis (1756-1773).
- Nicknamed "*His Excellency*" and "*Father of His Country*"
- Only president who was unanimously elected
- Only president who never lived in the White House
- Prior careers: surveyor, military officer and planter
- Visit: *Mount Vernon in Fairfax County, Virginia; his birthplace national monument in Colonial Beach, Virginia; Ferry Farm in Fredericksburg, Virginia* and others



Thomas Jefferson

3rd President



Courtesy National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. c. 1821 Painting by Gilbert Stuart

**Born April 13, 1743
at Shadwell,
near Charlottesville, Virginia**

**Died July 4, 1826
at Monticello, Virginia**



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- *Served two terms: 1801-9*
- Married Martha Wayles Skelton (1748-1782) in 1772
- Partnered with Sally Hemings (circa 1773-1835) from around 1790 until his death
- Nicknamed the "*Sage of Monticello*"
- *First president inaugurated in Washington, D.C.*
- *Author of the Declaration of Independence*
- Prior careers: lawyer, planter, diplomat, state legislator,, governor, vice president and architect
- Visit: *Monticello near Charlottesville, Virginia* and *Poplar Forest in Forest, Virginia*

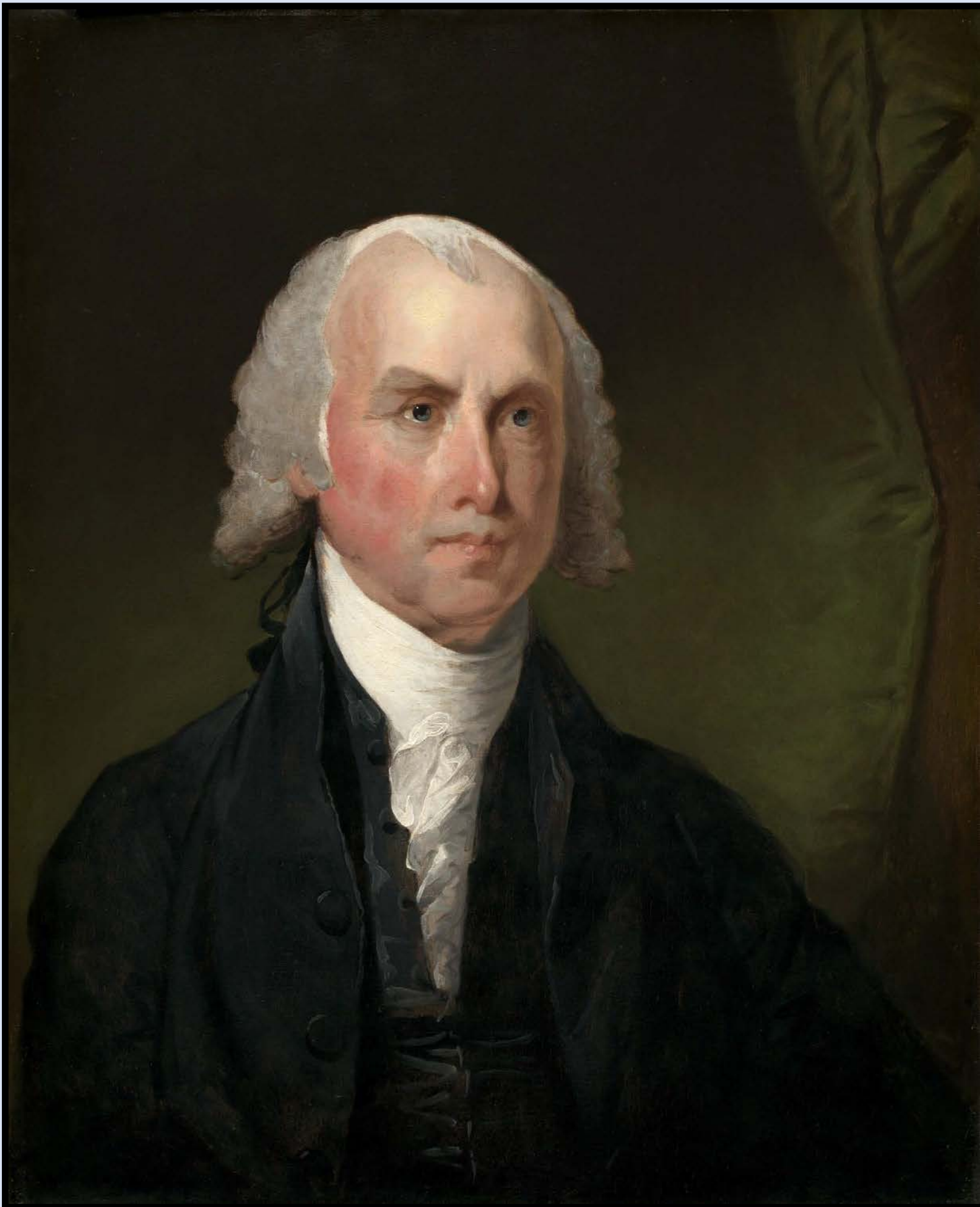


James Madison

4th President

**Born March 16, 1751
at Belle Grove,
near Port Conway, Virginia**

**Died June 28, 1836
at Montpelier, Virginia**

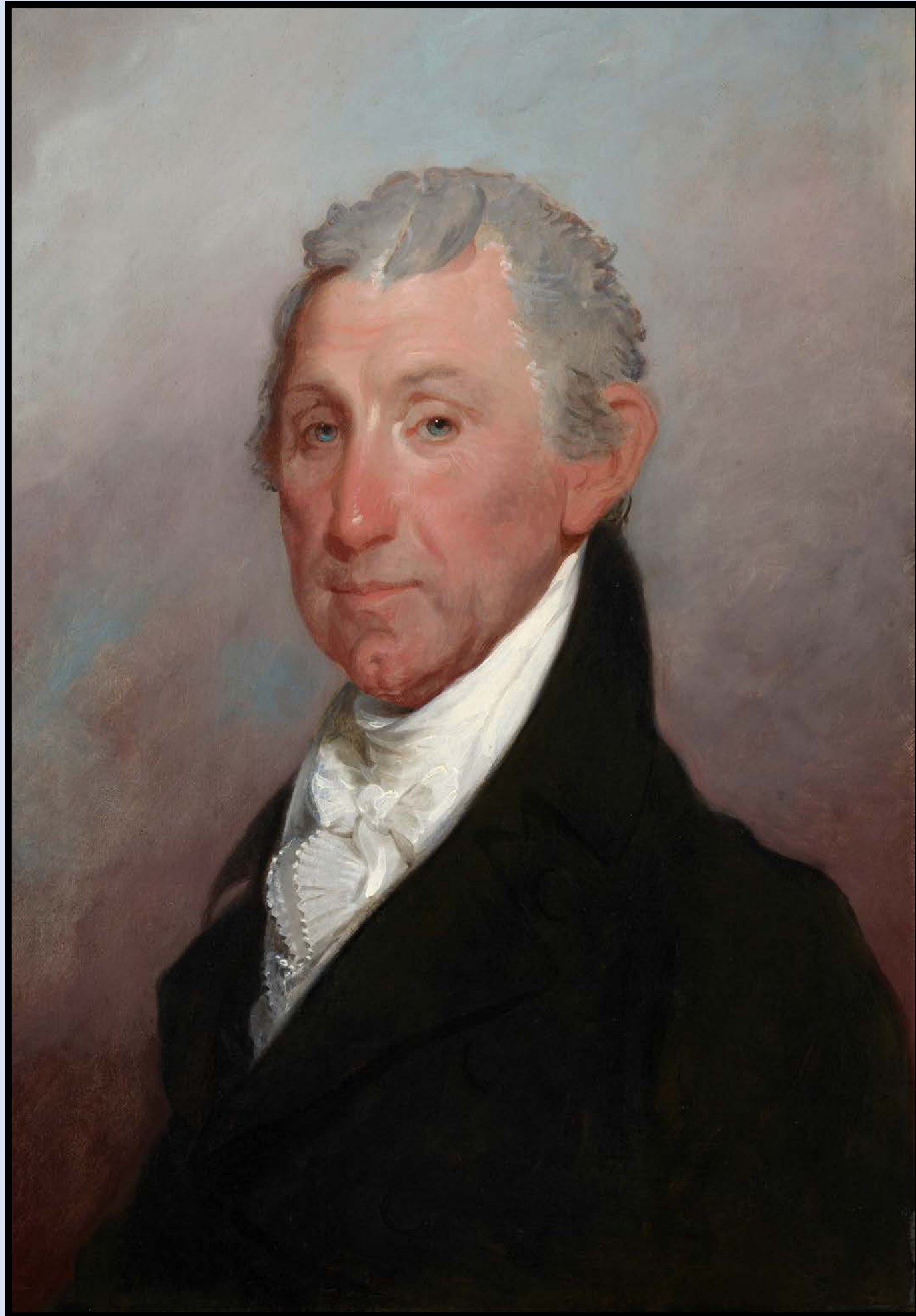


- *Served two terms: 1809-17*
- Married Dolley Payne Todd (1768-1849) in 1794
- Stepchild: John Payne Todd (1792-1852)
- Nicknamed the “*Father of the Constitution*” and “*Architect of the Bill of Rights*”
- *Played pivotal role in drafting the U.S. Constitution*
- Prior careers: state legislator, congressman and secretary of state
- Visit: *Montpelier and James Madison Museum of Orange County History in Montpelier, Virginia*



James Monroe

5th President



**Born April 28, 1758
at Monroe Hall,
in Westmoreland County, Virginia**

**Died July 4, 1831
in New York, New York**

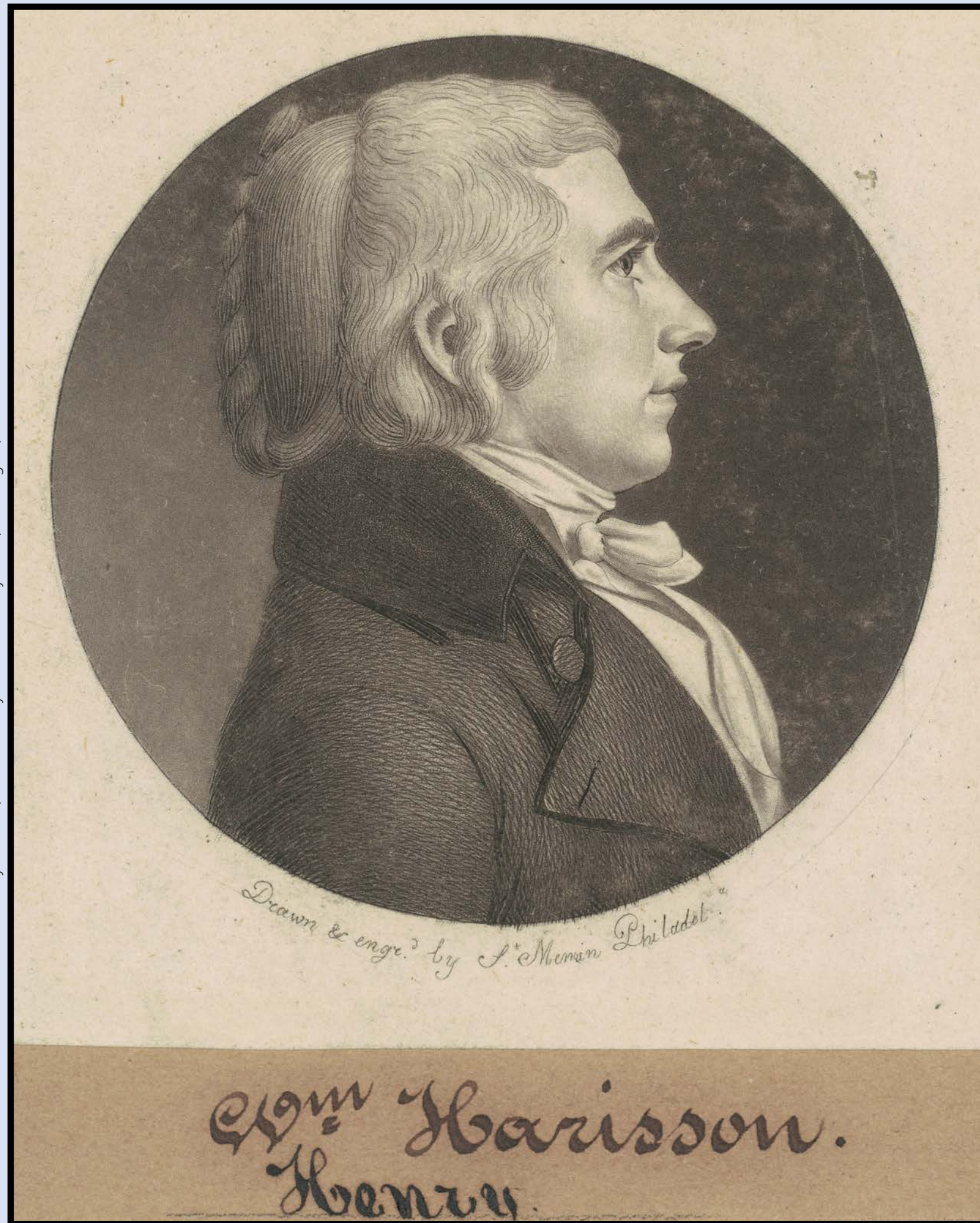


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- Served two terms: 1817-25
- Married Elizabeth Kortright (1768-1830) in 1786
- Children: Eliza (1786-1840), James Spence (1799-180) Maria Hester (1802-1850)
- Best known for the Monroe Doctrine
- Last president to have fought as an officer during the American Revolution
- Prior careers: lawyer, soldier, congressman and diplomat
- Visit: Highland in Charlottesville, Virginia; James Monroe Museum and Memorial library in Fredericksburg, Virginia



William Henry Harrison 9th President



Born February 9, 1773
at Berkeley in Charles City
County, Virginia

Died April 4, 1841
in Washington, D.C.



- Served for one month
- Married Anna Symmes (1775-1864) in 1795
- Nicknamed "Old Tippecanoe"
- Served the shortest term in presidential history
- The *first president to die in office*
- The last president to be born a British subject
- Prior careers: military officer, state legislator, senator, diplomat and county clerk
- Visit: *Berkeley Plantation*



John Tyler 10th President



Born March 29, 1790
in Charles City County,
Virginia

Died January 18, 1862
in Richmond, Virginia



- *Served one term: 1841-45*
- Married Letitia Christian (1790-1842) in 1813. Married Julia Gardiner (1820-1889) in 1844
- The first vice president to *take office after the death of a president*
- *The first president to marry while in office*
- The only former president to defect to a foreign country
- *Fathered more children than any other president (15)*
- Prior careers: planter, lawyer, state legislator, congressman and vice president
- Visit: *Sherwood Forest in Charles City, Virginia*



Zachary Taylor 12th President

Born November 24, 1784
at Montebello near
Gordonsville, Virginia

Died July 9, 1850
in Washington, D.C.



- Served for sixteen months
- Married Margaret Mackall Smith (1788-1852) in 1810
- Nicknamed "Old Rough and Ready"
- The first president to be elected without having held any prior political office
- The second president to die in office
- The last president to own enslaved people while in office
- The only person to receive three Congressional Gold Medals
- Prior careers: military officer and planter
- Visit: *James Madison Museum of Orange County Heritage in Orange, Virginia*



Woodrow Wilson 28th President

**Born December 28, 1856
in Staunton, Virginia**

**Died February 3, 1924
in Washington, D.C.**



- *Served two terms: 1913-21*
- Married Ellen Louise Axson (1860-1914) in 1885 and Edith Bolling Galt (1872-1961) in 1915
- Children with Ellen: Margaret Woodrow (1886-1944), Jessie Woodrow (1887-1933) and Eleanor Randolph (1889-1967)
- *The only president to have earned a PhD*
- *The last president to have lived in a home with enslaved staff*
- *Awarded a Nobel Prize for founding the League of Nations*
- Prior careers: lawyer, professor, college president and governor
- Visit: *Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Staunton, Virginia and President Woodrow Wilson house in Washington DC*