

## Biography of Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence, was born April 13, 1743, in Virginia. When Jefferson was fourteen years old, his father died leaving the entire estate to Jefferson.

He lived on a large estate in Virginia with six sisters and one brother. After the family tragedy, Jefferson entered the school of James Marry near Charlottesville, Virginia. He then attended the college of William and Mary in Virginia. Upon completing college in 1762, Jefferson studied law.

Jefferson went on to become a successful lawyer; however, political issues began to concern him. He was particularly interested in America gaining its independence from Great Britain. In 1776, he was asked to author the Declaration of Independence. Thus was the beginning of a political career that would include being elected Governor of Virginia and then President of the United States.

Beyond his political career, Thomas Jefferson was an architect and inventor. He designed his own home, Monticello, and his home included many of his inventions.

Jefferson died July 4, 1826, fifty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

