

THOMAS JEFFERSON

1743-1826

Born "Shadwell," Albemarle Co. Attended College of William and Mary, 1760-62. Studied law under George Wythe, admitted to Virginia bar, 1767. Represented Albemarle in House of Burgesses, 1769-75, in all revolutionary conventions (did not attend last two), and in House of Delegates, 1776-79, 1782-83. Delegate to Congress, 1775-76, 1783-84; author and signer, Declaration of Independence, 1776; author, Ordinance for Government of Western Territory, 1784. Governor, 1779-81. Author, Virginia statute of religious freedom, enacted in 1786. Minister Plenipotentiary to negotiate treaties in Europe, 1784-85, and to France, 1785-89. U.S. Secretary of State, 1790-93. U.S. Vice President, 1797-1801. Author, Kentucky Resolutions, 1798. President of U.S., 1801-09. Founder, University of Virginia, 1819, and rector, 1819-26. Died July 4, 1826, fiftieth anniversary of approval of the Declaration of Independence.