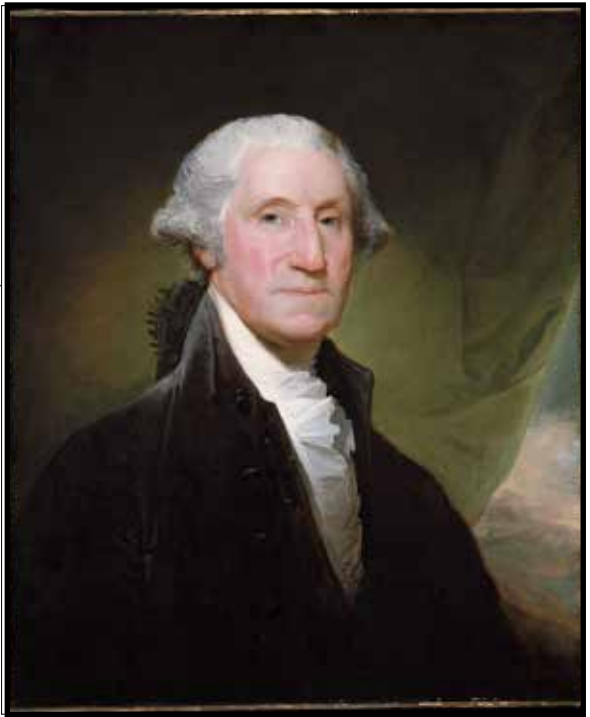


# George Washington

A large, stylized handwritten signature of George Washington in black ink, written vertically on the left side of the page.

Born: Feb. 22, 1732, Popes Creek Va.

Died: Dec. 14, 1799

Political Party: Federalist

Vice president: John Adams

In office: April 30, 1789 – March 4, 1797

- Washington was the oldest of six. His father, Augustine Washington, died when he was 11.
- He was nominated in 1775 by Samuel and John Adams as the Continental Army's commander-in-chief.
- The nation's first president and a divers leader, he's often called the "Father of His Country."
- Washington was inaugurated April 30, 1789 in New York City, then the nation's capital.
- After retiring from public life in 1797, Washington opened a distillery, manufacturing whiskey near his Mt. Vernon home.
- When he died, Washington owned 300 slaves. He had come to oppose slavery and in his will ordered the slaves freed after the death of his wife, Martha.