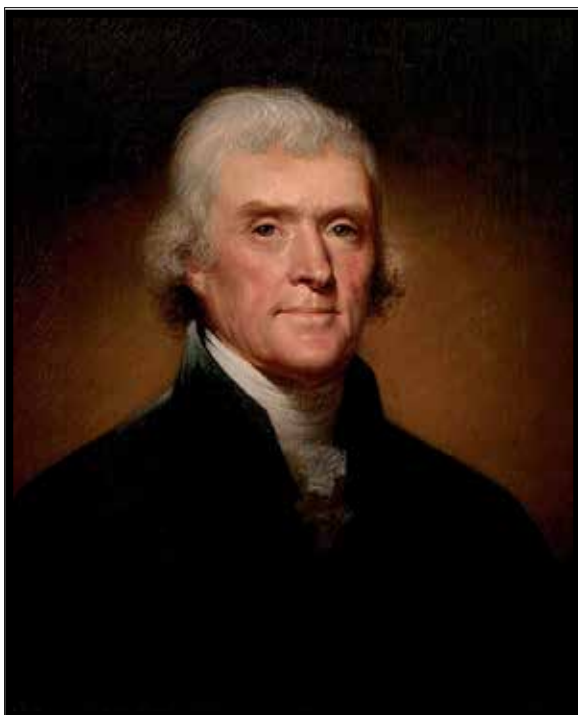


Thomas Jefferson



Born: April 13, 1743, Shadwell, Va.

Died: July 4, 1826

Political Party: Democratic-Republican

Vice president: Aaron Burr (1801-05)

George Clinton (1805-09)

In office: March 4, 1797 – March 4, 1801

- He played violin and cello. While engaged to Martha Wayles Skelton, he purchased her a pianoforte, an early 1700s piano.
- A voracious reader, he loved books. When the British burned the Library of Congress, he sold it one of his libraries for \$23,950.
- An attorney and delegate to Virginia's House of Burgesses, Jefferson designed Monticello, his Charlottesville, Va., home.
- One of the Committee of Five, chosen to draft a declaration of independence, Jefferson was its main author. The final draft was presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776.
- Chosen by Washington as his Secretary of State, Jefferson and Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton fought bitterly, notably over whether the federal government was responsible for states' debt.