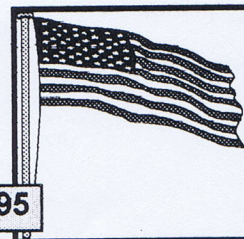


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THOMAS JEFFERSON

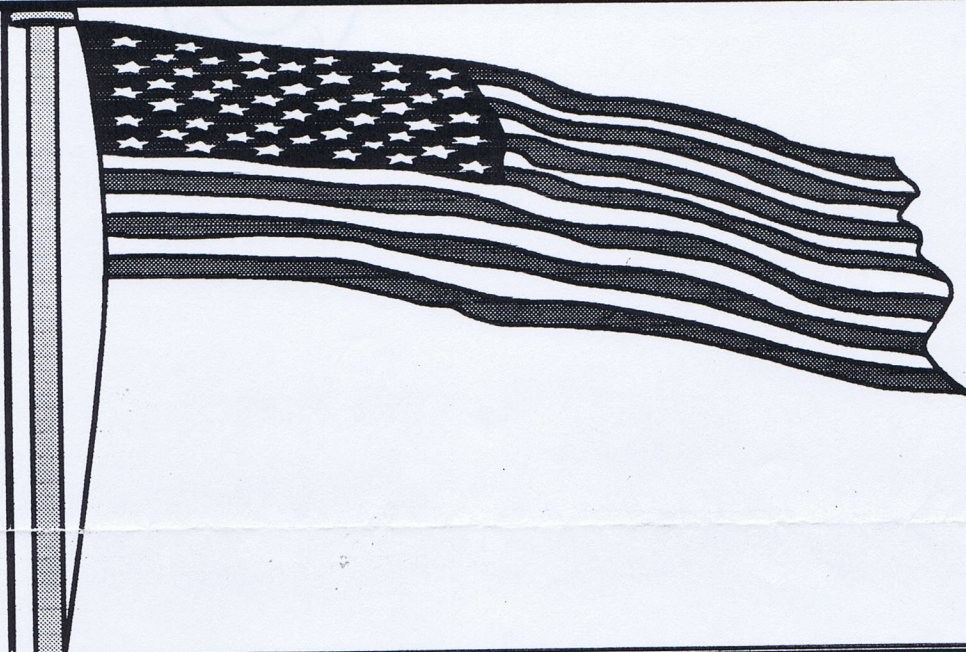
Jefferson was a tall, straight-bodied, loose-jointed man. He stood and walked straight. He had hazel eyes and freckled face; he had a long, high nose; and no one ever thought of him as handsome. His hair was reddish, becoming sandy as he grew older. He had plenty of hair as an old man. Unlike gentlemen of his day, he never wore a wig.

In the fashion of his time, he dressed in a long dark coat, usually blue, a ruffled stock, or cravat, a red waistcoat, short knee breeches, and shoes with bright buckles. Except in his days of courtship and married life, he paid little attention to clothes. When he was president of the United States he made a habit of plainness both in dress and in matters of ceremony.

As the third president, Jefferson had been the author of the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom. In an age of great men Jefferson was remarkable for his wide-range curiosity on many subjects. He helped the U. S. get started, and his plans for the future helped us grow. Many of the good things Americans enjoy today have come from Jefferson's devotion to human rights.

Jeffersons' father, Peter Jefferson, was a land surveyor of Welsh ancestry. His mother, Jane Randolph, was of the old Virginia aristocracy. Jefferson was the third child and oldest son in a family of four sons and six daughters. Most of his brothers and sisters died in infancy. He was born April 13, 1743 at Shadwell, Virginia near the mountain on which he later built his home, Monticello.

Jefferson was the first president elected in a two-party campaign, the first to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C. and first to start his term in the new White



"Oh say can you see by the dawns' early light——"

MEETING NEWS

Meeting Time: Tuesday July 25,
1995 at 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Place: Jefferson Davis
Community
College; Thomas
E. McMillan
Museum

Hostesses: Doris & Flannery
Bruner

Program: Mr. Huff has another
surprise program!

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house. He had much to do with the design of the capitol. He died July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and on the same day as his old friend and political rival, John Adams.

Inscribed on his tombstone is:

Here was buried
Thomas Jefferson
Author of
The Declaration
of
American Independence
of the
Statue of Virginia
for
Religious Freedom
ans Father of the
University of Virginia

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Historical Society Committee appointed to place plaques in the Elmore Building and Ole Willies building is: Doris Bruner, Chairman; Doris Atkins, and Helen Hildreth
