

Independence National Historical Park



J. P. Madison

Dolley Madison

b. North Carolina 5/20/1768; d. Wash. D.C., 7/12/1849.

Dolley Madison set the example for future First Ladies when her husband, James, became our fourth president. Described as gracious and fashionable, Dolley charmed her husband's political friends and enemies alike. Family played an important part in her life. She enjoyed a close bond with her sisters Lucy and Anna.



"We have all a great hand in the formation of our own destiny...by doing all that is good."