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b. Port Conway, VA 3/16/1751; d. Montpelier, 6/28/1836.

James Madison is known as the "Father of the Constitution" for the important role he played in drafting the U.S. Constitution, and helping to secure its ratification. Later, as Secretary of State, he supervised the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the size of the country. Madison went on to become the fourth President of the United States, leading the nation through the War of 1812.



"No government, any more than an individual, will long be respected without being truly respectable."