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Martha Washington

b. Chestnut Grove, 6/2/1731; d. Mt. Vernon, 5/22/1802.

Martha was a widow with two children when she married George Washington in 1759. When he left for war, she managed their plantation and joined him at Valley Forge and Morristown. When George became President, Martha ran the presidential home, serving as a model for future First Ladies.

"I am still determined to be cheerful and to be happy in whatever situation I may be, for I have also learnt that the greater part of our happiness or misary depends upon our dispositions, not upon our circumstances."