

Independence National Historical Park



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b. Shadwell, 4/13/1743; d. Monticello, 7/4/1826.

Jefferson is remembered today as a Virginia politician and plantation owner, an author and architect, the first Secretary of State and the third President of the United States. He wished to be remembered for these three accomplishments: author of the Declaration of Independence, author of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and father of the University of Virginia.



"I cannot live without books."