

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial



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b. Poland, 2/4/1746; d. Switzerland, 10/15/1817.

As a military engineer, Gen. Kosciuszko helped the U.S. gain her independence by building fortifications at Saratoga and West Point. Later, inspired by the American Revolution, he fought for Poland's liberty from Russia. Kosciuszko, wounded and exiled, returned as a hero to Philadelphia. He never gave up the fight for a free Poland.

"I authorize Thomas Jefferson in purchasing negroes... and giving them liberty in my name... teaching them to be defenders of their liberty and country." {from his will}

He is as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known -- Thomas Jefferson