

# GEORGE WASHINGTON

1789 - 1797



**George Washington** was born February 22, 1732 in Bridges Creek, Virginia, the son of a wealthy landowner. He served in the Virginia House of Burgesses, was Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and was inaugurated the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

**Martha Custis Washington** was born in 1731 in New Kent County, Virginia. She was a wealthy widow when she married George Washington in 1759. They had no children of their own, but the two children from Martha's previous marriage resided with them at Mount Vernon.



**President George Washington** served as a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses for 12 years and was one of Virginia's seven delegates to the First Continental Congress. He was chosen as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1775. His leadership through the Revolutionary War brought an untrained and poorly equipped army of patriots to victory over the British. Washington had profound influence on the drafting of the Constitution of the United States in 1787. He was chosen unanimously to be the first President of the United States, inaugurated on April 30, 1789 at the Federal Hall in New York City. As one of our most popular presidents he guided the nation through its early years. Though many wanted him to remain, he left office in 1797, establishing what is now known as the “no third term” tradition. He retired to his Mount Vernon estate and died a few years later on December 14, 1799. Today many visit the monument in Washington, D.C., built to honor this great man.

Martha Washington's greatest concern was always the comfort and happiness of her husband and children. In temporary capitals at New York and Philadelphia, the President and First Lady entertained in formal style but with warm hospitality. After leaving public life, George and Martha retired to their Mount Vernon home, where Martha died in 1802.

## Arizona Timeline

1700's and early 1800's -

The northwest area of Arizona is populated by native American people: Mohave, Hualapai and Paiute indians.

Spanish Troops campaign against the Apache Indians in lands ruled by Spain in northern Mexico.

Juan de Anza and Franciscan Father Graces explore across present day Arizona.

Tucson is established by the Spanish.