

JAMES MADISON

1809 - 1817



James Madison was born in Virginia in 1751. He graduated from Princeton and was active in Virginia politics and in the Continental Congress. He was an influential member of the Constitutional Convention. Along with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, he wrote the Federalist Papers. President Jefferson appointed James Madison as his Secretary of State in 1801.

Dolley Payne Madison, born in 1768, is one of the best known and best loved of the First Ladies. She grew up in Philadelphia in the strict discipline of the Society of Friends. She was a young widow with one son in 1794, when she married James Madison, who was 17 years older than she. Theirs was a happy marriage, though they had no children.



In 1809 **President James Madison** succeeded Jefferson as president. Madison was re-elected in 1812. Tensions with Britain culminated in the war of 1812 for which Madison and the nation were not united or prepared. In 1814, the British captured Washington, forcing Madison to flee to Virginia. During the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a poem that would eventually supply the lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner". Although no territories were gained or lost during the war of 1812, nationalism soared and there was a newfound sense of unity after the victories by the U.S. Navy and at the Battle of New Orleans. On leaving the White house, Madison retired to Virginia where he died in 1836.

After marrying James Madison, Dolley put aside her somber Quaker dress and chose the newest fashions while in the White House. She was famous for her social graces and political acumen. When forced to flee the White House in 1814, she saved the portrait of George Washington from the British. After Madison's death in Virginia, she returned to Washington, where she died in 1849.

Arizona Timeline

1810 – Mexican Revolution begins. An eleven year fight for Mexico's independence from Spain.

Mining, ranching and missions prosper and Spanish troops continue the long battle with the Apache.