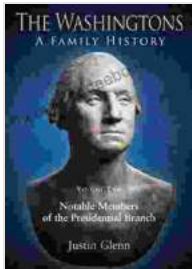


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George Washington and Martha Washington were the first president and first lady of the United States. They were both influential figures in the early history of the country and played a vital role in shaping its future.

George Washington

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Pope's Creek, Virginia. He was the son of Augustine Washington, a wealthy planter, and Mary Ball Washington. Washington had limited formal education, but he was a voracious reader and self-educated in many fields. He was also a skilled surveyor and farmer.

Washington began his military career in the Virginia militia during the French and Indian War. He quickly rose through the ranks and became a respected military leader. In 1775, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Under Washington's leadership, the Americans fought for their independence from Great Britain. After the war, Washington resigned his commission and returned to Mount Vernon, his plantation in Virginia.

In 1789, Washington was unanimously elected as the first president of the United States. He served two terms and is considered one of the greatest presidents in American history. During his presidency, Washington established many of the traditions and institutions that are still in place today. He also led the country through a period of economic growth and expansion.

Washington died on December 14, 1799, at Mount Vernon. He is buried there beside his wife, Martha.

Martha Washington

Martha Washington was born on June 2, 1731, in New Kent County, Virginia. She was the daughter of John Dandridge, a wealthy planter, and Frances Jones Dandridge. Martha had a limited formal education, but she was a well-read and intelligent woman.

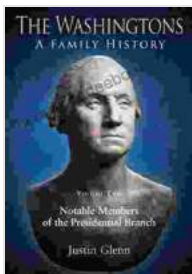
Martha married Daniel Parke Custis in 1750. They had four children together, but only two survived to adulthood. Custis died in 1757, and Martha inherited his large estate. In 1759, she married George Washington.

Martha Washington was a supportive and loving wife. She traveled with George during the Revolutionary War and provided him with much-needed emotional support. She was also a gracious and hospitable first lady. She presided over the White House with dignity and charm.

Martha Washington died on May 22, 1802, at Mount Vernon. She is buried there beside her husband.

Legacy

George and Martha Washington were two of the most important figures in American history. They played a vital role in the founding of the United States and helped to shape its future. Their legacy continues to inspire Americans today.



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