

# *Ancestors of US President George Washington*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. US President George Washington**<sup>1</sup>, born February 22, 1731/32 in WASkesfield Popes Creek, Westmoreland, Virginia; died December 14, 1799 in Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia. He was the son of **2. Captain Augustine Washington** and **3. Mary Ball**. He married **(1) Martha Dandridge Custis**<sup>2</sup> January 06, 1759 in St. Peters Church, Kent Virginia. She was born June 02, 1731 in New Kent, Va., and died May 22, 1802 in Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia. She was the daughter of John Dandridge and Frances Orlando Jones.

Notes for US President George Washington:

Washington, George (1732-1799), first president of the United States (1789-1797) and one of the most important leaders in United States history. His role in gaining independence for the American colonies and later in unifying them under the new U.S. federal government cannot be overestimated. Laboring against great difficulties, he created the Continental Army, which fought and won the American Revolution (1775-1783), out of what was little more than an armed mob. After an eight-year struggle, his design for victory brought final defeat to the British at Yorktown, Virginia, and forced Great Britain to grant independence to its richest overseas possession.

With victory won, Washington was the most revered man in the United States. A lesser person might have used this power to establish a military dictatorship or to become king. Washington sternly suppressed all such attempts on his behalf by his officers and continued to obey the weak and divided Continental Congress. However, he never ceased to work for the union of the states under a strong central government. He was a leading influence in persuading the states to participate in the Constitutional Convention, over which he presided, and he used his immense prestige to help gain ratification of its product, the Constitution of the United States.

Although worn out by years of service to his country, Washington reluctantly accepted the presidency of the United States. Probably no other man could have succeeded in welding the states into a lasting union.

Washington fully understood the significance of his presidency. "I walk on untrodden ground," he said. "There is scarcely any part of my conduct which may not hereafter be drawn in precedent." During eight years in office, Washington laid down the guidelines for future presidents.

Washington lived only two years after turning over the presidency to his successor, John Adams. The famous tribute by General Henry Lee, "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," accurately reflected the emotions that Washington's death aroused. Later generations have crowned this tribute with the simple title "Father of His Country."

**HEARLY LIFE** George Washington was born on his father's estate in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on February 22, 1732. He was the eldest son of a well-to-do Virginia farmer, Augustine Washington, by his second wife, Mary Ball. The Washington family was descended from two brothers, John and Lawrence Washington, who emigrated from England to Virginia in 1657. The family's rise to modest wealth in three generations was the result of steady application to farming, land buying, and development of local industries.

Young George seems to have received most of his schooling from his father and, after the father's death in 1743, from his elder half-brother Lawrence. The boy had a liking for mathematics, and he applied it to acquiring a knowledge of surveying, which was a skill greatly in demand in a country where people were seeking new lands in the West. For the Virginians of that time the West meant chiefly the upper Ohio River valley. Throughout his life, George Washington maintained a keen interest in the development of these western lands, and from time to time he acquired properties there.

George grew up a tall, strong young man, who excelled in outdoor pursuits, liked music and theatrical performances, and was a trifle awkward with girls but fond of dancing. His driving force was the ambition to gain wealth and eminence and to do well whatever he set his hand to.

His first real adventure as a boy was accompanying a surveying party to the Shenandoah Valley of northern Virginia and descending the Shenandoah River by canoe. An earlier suggestion that he should be sent to sea seems to have been discouraged by his uncle Joseph Ball, who described the prospects of an unknown colonial youth in the British Navy of that day as such that "he had better be put apprentice to a tinker." When he was 17 he was appointed surveyor of Culpeper County, Virginia, the first public office he held.

In 1751 George had his first and only experience of foreign lands when he accompanied his half-brother Lawrence to the island of Barbados in the West Indies. Lawrence was desperately ill with tuberculosis and

thought the climate might help, but the trip did him little good. Moreover, George was stricken with smallpox. He bore the scars from the disease for the rest of his life. Fortunately this experience gave him immunity to the disease, which was later to decimate colonial troops during the American Revolution.

EARLY CAREER Militia Officer Lawrence died in 1752. Under the terms of his will, George soon acquired the beautiful estate of Mount Vernon, in Fairfax County, one of six farms then held by the Washington family interests. Also, the death of his beloved half-brother opened another door to the future. Lawrence had held the post of adjutant in the colonial militia. This was a full-time salaried appointment, carrying the rank of major, and involved the inspection, mustering, and regulation of various militia companies. Washington seems to have been confident he could make an efficient adjutant at the age of 20, though he was then without military experience. In November 1752 he was appointed adjutant of the southern district of Virginia by Governor Robert Dinwiddie.

HOME STATE Virginia

PARTY None

TERMS IN OFFICE 1789-1793 1793-1797

VICEPRESIDENT John Adams \_

Washington owned more than 13,000 hectares (33,000 acres) distributed over several states. \_ Washington lived in New York City and Philadelphia during his presidency.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS

Made the first presidential veto, blocking a 1792 bill to increase the number of U.S. representatives. Issued a proclamation of neutrality in 1793 that kept the United States out of the French Revolutionary Wars. Laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Capitol building in the District of Columbia. Put down the Whiskey Rebellion, a 1794 tax revolt in Pennsylvania, by summoning the militia of several states. Prevented another war with Great Britain through an unpopular treaty negotiated by Chief Justice John Jay in 1794.

CAREER

1749 Served as surveyor for Culpeper County, Virginia. 1755 Became Commander in Chief of Virginia forces. 1758 Elected to the House of Burgesses, the legislative assembly of Virginia. 1774 Served as a Virginia delegate to the First Continental Congress. 1775-1783 Led the Continental Army in the American War of Independence. 1787 Served as President of the Constitutional Convention. 1789-1797 President of the United States. 1798 Appointed by President John Adams as Lieutenant-General and Commander in Chief of all the armies of the United States.

Washington rejected a movement among army officers to make him king of the United States. \_ Washington is the only president who was elected unanimously. \_ Washington set many precedents for the presidency, including the service of only two terms.

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More About US President George Washington:

Burial: Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia

More About Martha Dandridge Custis:

Burial: Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia

### *Generation No. 2*

**2. Captain Augustine Washington<sup>3</sup>**, born 1693 in Bridges Creek, Westmoreland, Virginia; died April 12, 1743 in Ferry Farm, King George, Virginia. He was the son of **4. Lawrence Washington** and **5. Mildred Warner**. He married **3. Mary Ball** March 06, 1730/31 in Epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia, North America.

**3. Mary Ball<sup>4</sup>**, born 1708 in Epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia; died August 25, 1789 in Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia. She was the daughter of **6. Joseph Ball** and **7. Mary Montague**.

More About Mary Ball:

Burial: Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia

Children of Captain Washington and Mary Ball are:

- i. Samuel Washington, born Abt. 1726.
- ii. Charles Washington, born Abt. 1728.
- iii. Lawrence Washington, born Abt. 1729.
- iv. John Augustine Washington, born Abt. 1730.
- 1 v. US President George Washington, born February 22, 1731/32 in WASkesfield Popes Creek, Westmoreland, Virginia; died December 14, 1799 in Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia; married Martha Dandridge Custis January 06, 1759 in St. Peters Church, Kent Virginia.
- vi. Elizabeth Washington, born June 20, 1733.
- vii. Mildred Washington, born June 21, 1739.

*Generation No. 3*

**4. Lawrence Washington** He married **5. Mildred Warner**.

**5. Mildred Warner**

Child of Lawrence Washington and Mildred Warner is:

- 2 i. Captain Augustine Washington, born 1693 in Bridges Creek, Westmoreland, Virginia; died April 12, 1743 in Ferry Far, King George, Virginia; married Mary Ball March 06, 1730/31 in epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia, North America.

**6. Joseph Ball**<sup>7</sup>, born May 25, 1649 in Millenkick, Lancaster, Virginia; died July 11, 1711 in Oakley, Lancaster, Virginia. He was the son of **12. William Ball** and **13. Hannah Atherald**. He married **7. Mary Montague** 1700 in King George, Virginia.

**7. Mary Montague**<sup>8</sup>, born 1665 in Christ Church, King George, Virginia; died April 12, 1743 in Ferry Far, King George, Virginia. She was the daughter of **14. Peter Montague** and **15. Mary Doodes**.

More About Joseph Ball:

Burial: Epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia

Children of Joseph Ball and Mary Montague are:

- i. Martha Ball, born Abt. 1675.
- ii. John Ball I
- 3 iii. Mary Ball, born 1708 in Epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia; died August 25, 1789 in Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia; married Captain Augustine Washington March 06, 1730/31 in epping Forest, Lancaster, Virginia, North America.
- iv. Frances Ball, born October 13, 1709.
- v. Sinah Ball, born February 14, 1726/27.
- vi. Jesse Ball, born June 27, 1716.

*Generation No. 4*

**12. William Ball**, born Abt. 1615 in Barkham Manor, Barham, Berkshire, England; died November 1680 in Millenbeck, Lancaster, Virginia. He was the son of **24. William Ball** and **25. Eliabeth Webb**. He married **13. Hannah Atherald** July 02, 1638 in London, England.

**13. Hannah Atherald**<sup>9</sup>, born 1619 in London, Middlesex County, England; died 1695 in Millenbeck, Lancaster, Virginia. She was the daughter of **26. Thomas Atherold** and **27. Mary Harvey**.

More About William Ball:

Burial: November 08, 1680, St. Marys White Chapel, Lancaster, Virginia

More About Hannah Atherald:

Burial: Millenbeck, Lancaster, Virginia

Children of William Ball and Hannah Atherald are:

- i. John Ball
- 6 ii. Joseph Ball, born May 25, 1649 in Millenkick, Lancaster, Virginia; died July 11, 1711 in Oakley, Lancaster, Virginia; married Mary Montague 1700 in King George, Virginia.

**14. Peter Montague** He married **15. Mary Doodes**.

**15. Mary Doodes**

Child of Peter Montague and Mary Doodes is:

- 7 i. Mary Montague, born 1665 in Christ Church, King George, Virginia; died April 12, 1743 in Ferry Far, King George, Virginia; married Joseph Ball 1700 in King George, Virginia.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**24. William Ball**, born Abt. 1573 in wiltshire, Milenbeck County, England; died November 17, 1647 in New Haven, Ct.. He was the son of **48. John Ball** and **49. Elizabeth Webb**. He married **25. Eliabeth Webb**.

**25. Eliabeth Webb**, born Abt. 1592 in Virginia.

Child of William Ball and Eliabeth Webb is:

- 12 i. William Ball, born Abt. 1615 in Barkham Manor, Barham, Berkshire, England; died November 1680 in Millenbeck, Lancaster, Virginia; married Hannah Atherald July 02, 1638 in London, England.

**26. Thomas Atherold** He married **27. Mary Harvey**.

**27. Mary Harvey**

Child of Thomas Atherold and Mary Harvey is:

- 13 i. Hannah Atherald, born 1619 in London, Middlesex County, England; died 1695 in Millenbeck, Lancaster, Virginia; married William Ball July 02, 1638 in London, England.

#### *Generation No. 6*

**48. John Ball**, born May 05, 1548 in wiltshire, England; died 1628 in wiltshire, England. He was the son of **96. John Ball** and **97. Agnes Hathoway**. He married **49. Elizabeth Webb**.

**49. Elizabeth Webb**

Child of John Ball and Elizabeth Webb is:

- 24 i. William Ball, born Abt. 1573 in wiltshire, Milenbeck County, England; died November 17, 1647 in New Haven, Ct; married (1) Eliabeth Webb; married (2) Alice Waltham 1590; married (3) Joanna King Abt. 1605 in Wilshire, England.

#### *Generation No. 7*

**96. John Ball**, born Abt. 1525 in Workingham, England; died 1599 in Workingham, England. He married **97. Agnes Hathoway** Abt. 1545.

**97. Agnes Hathoway**

Child of John Ball and Agnes Hathoway is:

- 48 i. John Ball, born May 05, 1548 in wiltshire, England; died 1628 in wiltshire, England; married Elizabeth Webb.

#### *Endnotes*

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