**John Adams**

John Adams was one of the founding fathers of the United States. He fought for American Independence as a Massachusetts delegate to the Continental Congress. He was a member of the team that worked on the Declaration of Independence. He also was one of only two people who signed the Declaration to later become president. The other one was Thomas Jefferson.

He was born in 1735 in the state of Massachusetts. He was born in a very influential family and his father was an important man. His father also wanted him to be good at school and to work hard in his studies. Adams was a very smart man. He went to university, in Boston, to study law.

Adams first served as Vice President under George Washington. He found this job boring and insignificant. However, when Washington stepped down, Adams ran for presidency and barely won over Thomas Jefferson in 1797. He became the second President of the United States for four years between 1797 and 1801. He lost the elections in 1801 against Thomas Jefferson - the man he had beaten four years ago.

John Adams died in 1826 on July 4th, the same day as his political rival, Thomas Jefferson. His son John Quincy Adams would later become the sixth president of the United States.