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Quote:

"I've learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."

Gender: Female

Age: 57

Location: Virginia at Mount Vernon

Latest Blog Entry:

April 30, 1789 George is being inaugurated as the President of the United States today. I had a hard time accepting and supporting his candidacy, and I will not be attending the ceremony in New York. I will be joining my husband shortly, and I am prepared to serve my country. I know my husband and grandchildren will give me strength.

March 5, 1789 My two grandchildren, Nelly and Wash, bring me much joy. I am so happy that they are here with me at Mount Vernon. They help me through this difficult time as George is so dedicated to leading the country.

General:

Music: Bach and Schubert

Books: Any book of poetry; Almanac; current newspaper printed by the people

Heroes: George Washington, my husband and Thomas Jefferson

About Me: My name is Martha Washington and I am married to the first President of the United States. I have endured many hardships, and lived through the Revolutionary War. My husband has just been inaugurated and I will be joining him in the current capital of New York. It will be my job to run the household as well as serve as hostess at many formal dinner parties. I am here to support my husband and the country for which he fought.

Who I'd Like to Meet: People who are interested in the independence of our country. I enjoy talking to people and hearing the stories about their families. Families are what make our country strong.

Details

Status: Married to George Washington

Hometown: New Kent County, Virginia

Children: 4 children; two died at a young age

Education: Informal education; trained at home in music, sewing, household management; tutored.

Occupation: Wife, Mother, and the first First Lady

Friend Space:



Abigail Adams



Thomas Jefferson

Past Blogs:

December 18, 1775

George has just become the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, and he took charge of his army at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Our son Jacky and his wife Nelly traveled with me for over two weeks so we could be with George at Christmas. The trip was difficult, but we are happy to be together. I know it will be a long time until I can see my husband again.

November 12, 1775

The holidays are approaching. My family takes comfort in my famous cake. Here is the recipe:

Take 40 eggs and divide the whites from the yolks and beat them to a froth. Then work 4 pounds of butter to a cream and put the whites of eggs to it a spoon full at a time till it is well work'd. Then put 4 pounds of sugar finely powdered to it in the same manner, then put in the yolks of eggs and 5 pounds of flour and 5 pounds of fruit. 2 hours will bake it. Add to it half an ounce of mace and nutmeg half a pint of wine and some fresh brandy.

Comments:



Martha,
Thank you for all of your support. I could not do my job without you! George



Martha,
I am looking forward to joining you for dinner once you arrive in New York. Safe travels! Abigail



I respect your husbands hard work and dedication to our country. Tom