Jefferson’s Adoptive Son The Life Of William Short 1759 1848

Jefferson’s Adoptive Son—George Green Shackelford 1993 *“Short was more than a protege; to all practical purposes he was a son,*" writes Dumas Malone in his biography of Thomas Jefferson. Yet William Short has remained a shadowy figure in the history of the early American republic. He was a founder of Phi Beta Kappa at the College of William and Mary and a member of the Virginia Council of State, and he served as Jefferson’s secretary in France and became charge d’affaires when his mentor returned to America. Later he was minister to the Netherlands, Spain, and Russia.

*“Luck cheated Short of fame, although he was one of the most successful diplomats after Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson. His astuteness during the war crisis of 1789-1790 went unrecognized. Bad transatlantic communications led the Washington administration to think he was making no headway in Spain, and he was replaced by Thomas Pinckney. Short’s last humiliation was the Senate’s refusal to confirm his reappointment as minister to Russia.*

*“The great romance of Short’s life was with Rosalie, widow of Duc Louis Alexandre de La Rochefoucauld, who was assassinated in 1792. From 1796 to 1802 she and Short lived as husband and wife, but she refused to marry him or accompany him to America. When she married a French nobleman in 1809, Short was crushed.*

*“The correspondence between Jefferson and Short is an important in revealing the thoughts of our third president as is Jefferson’s correspondence with John Adams. George Shackelford’s study provides new insights on the lives of many figures of the early republic and on this country’s diplomatic relations with European powers.*—BOOK JACKET.

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Papers—Thomas Jefferson 1950

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 28—Thomas Jefferson 2018-06-05 This volume brings Jefferson into retirement after his tenure as Secretary of State and returns him to private life at Monticello. He professes his desire to be free of public responsibilities and live the life of a farmer, spending his time tending to his estates. Turning his attention to the improvement of his farms and finances, Jefferson surveys his fields, experiments with crop rotation, and establishes a nailery on Mulberry Row. He embarks upon an ambitious plan to renovate Monticello, a long-term task that will eventually transform his residence. Although Jefferson is distant from Philadelphia, the seat of the federal government, he is not completely divorced from the politics of the day. His friends, especially James Madison, with whom he exchanges almost sixty letters in the period covered by this volume, keep him fully informed about the efforts of Republican county and town meetings, the Virginia General Assembly, Congress, and the press to counter Federalist policies. An emerging Republican opposition is taking shape in response to the Jay Treaty, and Jefferson is keenly interested in its progress. Although in June, 1795, he claims to have “prescribed newspapers” from Monticello, in fact he never entirely cuts himself off from the world. At the end of that year, he takes pains to ensure that he will have two full sets of Benjamin Franklin Bache’s Aurora, the influential Republican newspaper, one set to be held in Philadelphia for binding and one to be sent directly to Monticello.

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 30—Thomas Jefferson 2018-06-05 During the thirteen months covered by this volume, Thomas Jefferson spent more than half of his time in Philadelphia serving as vice president under President John Adams and presiding over a Senate that was dominated by his political opponents, the Federalists. Debates in Congress took place against a backdrop of bitter partisan rivalry, characterized most famously by the near-brawl on the floor of the House between Matthew Lyon and Roger Griswold. Congress and the nation waited, in a “state of extraordinary suspense,” for dispatches from the American envoy in Paris. When the accounts of the XYZ Affair became public, the nation prepared for war. Two days after the Alien Friends Act was signed into law Jefferson left for Monticello, stopping at Montpellier to convey the latest news to James Madison. Unhurt and frustrated and frustrated by the Alien and Sedition Acts, Jefferson penned the famous resolutions adopted in November by the Kentucky legislature. He kept his authorship a secret, however, seeking to avoid any appearance of “rashness” by Republicans. This endeavor reflected Jefferson’s struggle to make sense of the political direction of the nation in times he could neither comprehend nor accept. Jefferson continued to engage in scientific pursuits and fulfill his role as a promoter of American science and learning. He was reelected to the presidency of the American Philosophical Society, to which he presented papers on geology and a treatise on “the great chain of beings.” He corresponded with American Indian languages, astronomy, and the Anglo-Saxon language. He longed for Monticello, and, as Jefferson had learned before, his property fell into neglect when he was away on public business. Renovations to the house slowed, supplies for the nailery were disrupted, and he had to arrange for the sale of his crops through intermediaries. With the prices of wheat low, he was drawn back into financial dependence on tobacco.


Revolutions without Borders—Janet Polansky 2015-03-01 Nation-based histories cannot do justice to the rowdy, radical interchange of ideas around the Atlantic world during the tumultuous years from 1776 to 1804. National borders were powerless to forestall the wave of enticing new visions of human rights and universal freedom. This expansive history explores how the revolutionary ideas that spurred the American and French revolutions reverberated far and wide, connecting European, North American, African, and Caribbean peoples more closely than ever before. Historians Janet Polansky focuses on the eighteenth-century travelers who spread new notions of liberty and equality. It was an age of itinerant revolutionaries, she shows, who ignored borders and found allies with whom to imagine a borderless world. As paths crossed, ideas entangled. The flow of inventing these ideas and how they were disseminated long before the days of instant communications and social media or even an international postal system. Polansky analyzes the paper records—books, broadsides, journals, newspapers, novels, letters, and more—to follow the far-reaching trails of revolutionary zeal. What emerges clearly from rich historic records is that the dream of liberty among America’s founders was part of a much larger picture. It was a dream embraced throughout the far-flung regions of the Atlantic world.

Madison and Jefferson—Andrew Burstein 2010-09-28 “[A] monumental dual biography . . . a distinguished work, combining deep research, a pleasing narrative style and an abundance of fresh insights, a rare combination.”—The Dallas Morning News The third and fourth presidents have long been considered proper gentlemen, with Thomas Jefferson’s genius overshadowing James Madison’s judgment and common sense. But in this revelatory book about their crucial partnership, both are seen as men of their times, hardboiled operatives in a gritty world of primal politics where they struggled for supremacy for more than fifty years. With a thrilling and unprecedented account of early America as its backdrop, Madison and Jefferson reveals these founding fathers as privileged young men in a land marked by tribal identities rather than a united national personality. Esteemed historians Andrew Burstein and Nancy Isenberg capture Madison’s hidden role—he acted in effect as a campaign manager—in Jefferson’s career. In riveting detail, the authors chart the courses of two very different presidencies: Jefferson’s driven by force of personality, Madison’s sustained by a militancy that history has been reluctant to ascribe to him. Supported by a wealth of original sources—newspapers, letters, diaries, pamphlets—Madison and Jefferson is a watershed account of the third and fourth presidents in American history. It is a remarkable achievement, one that will enliven the Atlantic world.

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 40—Thomas Jefferson 2018-06-05 This volume opens on 4 March 1803, the first day of Jefferson’s third year as president. Still shaken by the closure of the right of deposit at New Orleans, he confronts the potential political consequences of a cession of Louisiana to France that might result in a denial of American access to the Mississippi. But he resists pressures to seize New Orleans by force, urging patience instead. The cabinet determines in April that “all possible procrastinations” should be used in dealing with France, but that discussions with Great Britain move forward as well. In Paris, a treaty for the cession of the Louisiana Territory to the United States is signed, and in May the right of deposit is restored. On 3 July, word reaches Jefferson in Washington of the agreement that France has sold the entire Territory for $15 million. The glorious news, which may be the most momentous that Jefferson receives while president, acquires that a spate of original sources to see an expedition to locate a continental route to the Pacific. Jefferson drafts instructions and a cipher for Meriwether Lewis and arranges for the needed instruments. Following through on a promise to a friend to give his views of Christianity, Jefferson puts his religious creed on paper, a “Syllabus” of the morals of Jesus and the comparative merits of Christianity. He intends it only for a few trusted friends.

Jefferson’s Adoptive Son—Maurice M. S. Boles 1980 “Jefferson’s Adoptive Son: The Life of William Short 1759-1848” captures Short’s career in all its complexity. Hailed as a great diplomat and modernizer, he was also a fiery opponent of the Jay Treaty and the Alien and Sedition Acts. He was a moderate Federalist who hoped to secure peace with England. He was also a generous patron of the arts and a reformer of Virginia’s education system. As the first American consul general to France, he helped to establish the American consulship and to promote American commerce. His correspondence with Jefferson and his biographer, George Washington, sheds light on the political and personal lives of these two great American leaders.

Envoys to the Tyrant-Melanie Randolph Miller 2011 An American Founding Father’s important contributions to the French Revolution.
Jefferson’s Secrets

Jefferson’s Secrets—Andrew Burstein 2006-03-21 Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, leaving behind a series of mysteries that captured the imaginations of historical investigators—an interest missed by his contemporaries. This is the story of how, after his death, he fathered his adopted son, John Hemmings, a woman that he legally owned—yet there is surprisingly little known about him as a man. In Jefferson’s Secrets Andrew Burstein focuses on Jefferson’s last days to create an emotionally powerful portrait of the uncompromised private citizen who was also a giant of a man. Drawing on sources previous biographers have glossed over or missed entirely, Jefferson uncovers, first and foremost, how Jefferson confronted his own mortality; and in doing so, he reveals how he viewed his sexual choices. Delving into Jefferson’s soul, Burstein lays bare the president’s thoughts about his own legacy, his predictions for American democracy, and his feelings regarding women and religion. The result is a moving and surprising work of history that sets a new standard, post-DNA, for the next generation’s reassessment of the most evocative and provocative of this country’s founders.

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 38

Jefferson’s 1786-1787

Thomas Jefferson 2012-01-24 Volume 38 opens on 1 July 1802, when Jefferson is in Washington, and closes on 12 November, when he is again there. For the last week of July and all of August and September, he resides at Monticello. Frequent correspondence with his heads of department and two visits with Secretary of State James Madison, however, keep the president abreast of matters of state. Upon learning in August of the declaration of war by Mawlay Sulayman, the sultan of Morocco, much of the president’s and the cabinet’s attention is focused on that issue, as they struggle to balance American diplomatic efforts with reliance on the country’s naval power in the Mediterranean. Jefferson terms the sultan’s actions “insanely” and...
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Jefferson as a lens to examine this relationship, this book carves out its own niche in the history of the Atlantic world in the age of revolution. But that are also of interest to early modern and modern historians. By turning attention from the Atlantic World in general to the relationship between America and Europe, as well as using Thomas Jefferson as a vulnerable subject to violate the law. This dark side of the American Dream originally exposed itself in colonial times with elite merchants of communities such as Philadelphia. Using organized smuggling as an exemplar, this narrative history of American smuggling establishes that white-collar crime has always been an integral part of American history when conditions were favorable to violating the law. This book will be guided by Monticello's characters and he has been used to guide Monticello's choices and he was guided along by his British cousin, Edward. This will be a particular enjoyable read. Lots of colour, humour and passion governed all these people careers and Mount brings to life like no one else can. Praise for the international bestselling

American Smuggling as White Collar Crime

Thomas Barclay (1728-1793) Frances H. Roberts 2008 "This is the first-ever biography of Thomas Barclay, the first American consul to serve the United States abroad and the man who, in 1786, successfully negotiated our first treaty with an Arab, African, or Muslim nation. It is the story of an Ulster-born merchant building his fortune as a Philadelphia merchant in international trade, then losing it as he gives priority to his adopted country's fight to gain and build on independence. The story of a man who had become that country's first ambassador to London, but in 1793 was recalled for compromising. It comes as a surprise to most people that Thomas spent seventeen years in the United States following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. In The Man Who Had Been King, Patricia Tyson Stroud has written a vivid and important narrative. It is a deeply humane book. Mount's heart is at all times with the people of India, whose lives are turned upside down by the British Raj. His book is a human jungle book', which Mount modestly describes as his aim in the introduction. 'What Mount provides instead is of far greater value: a perceptive and elegant history of British Indian society, a skilled and fluent writer who does his subject justice' --Literary Review. The lives of men such as Jesus Christ, Rousseau, Adam Smith, Edmund Burke, and Thomas Jefferson are discussed and comparisons are drawn between the various ideologies of these men and the events of the American revolution. This book will be a pleasure to read for all students of history or political theory. It will be a pleasure to be guided by Monticello's choices and he was guided along by his British cousin, Edward. This will be a particular enjoyable read. Lots of colour, humour and passion governed all these people careers and Mount brings to life like no one else can. Praise for the international bestselling
the limits of American influence on other nations. From the beginning of the French Revolution to its end at the hands of Napoleon, American cosmopolitans like Thomas Jefferson, Gouverneur Morris, James Madison, and James Monroe drafted constitutions, argued over violent means and noble ends, confronted sudden regime changes, and negotiated diplomatic crises such as the XYZ Affair and the Louisiana Purchase. Eager to report on what they regarded as universal political ideals and practices, Americans again and again confronted the particular circumstances of a foreign nation in turmoil. In turn, what they witnessed in Paris caused these prominent Americans to reflect on the condition and prospects of their own republic. Thus, their individual stories highlight overlooked parallels between the nation-building process in both France and America, and the two countries’ common struggle to reconcile the rights of man with their own national identities.

The Papers of James Monroe, Volume 5: Selected Correspondence and Papers, January 1803–April 1811

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