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The Library of Virginia Brings the George Washington Statue by Jean-Antoine Houdon and Other Masterpieces Online on Google Arts & Culture for Presidents Day

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February 15, 2017 – Starting today, nearly 500 artifacts from the Library of Virginia can be viewed online on Google Arts & Culture by people around the world through an ongoing partnership between Google and the Library. Thanks to this new virtual collection, users will be able to see the George Washington statue by Jean-Antoine Houdon, the Mutual Assurance Policy for Mount Vernon, a virtual tour of Monticello, and many other treasures of the Library in just a few clicks at <http://bit.ly/VApres>. This effort is part of Google Arts & Culture's Presidents Day Collection (g.co/american-democracy), which celebrates the history of the United States presidency from George Washington to present day. Explore a president's journey to and time in the Oval Office—from exciting political campaigns, to first days in office, to defining moments of the presidency.

Virginia is known as the "Mother of Presidents," with eight presidents born in the commonwealth. Four of the first five presidents called Virginia home. This exhibition will explore the lives of these men and the places where they lived through maps, documents, portraits, and embedded videos. You can virtually tour many of the presidents' homes using Google Street View imagery, as captured by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities' Encyclopedia Virginia (www.encyclopediavirginia.org/vr). Perfect for self-guided learning or classroom use!

Virtual Tour with Street View

Using the Street View feature, users can move around Monticello, James Madison's Montpelier, James Monroe's Ash Lawn-Highland, and Woodrow Wilson's birthplace virtually, selecting works of interest and clicking to discover more or dive into high-resolution images, where available.

About the Library of Virginia

The Library is one of the oldest agencies of Virginia government, founded in 1823 to preserve and provide access to the state's incomparable printed and manuscript holdings. Our collection, which has grown steadily through the years, is the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government.

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