

THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

1757-1834

Born in Chavaniac, France. Inherited great wealth and title after the death of parents and grandfather. Moves to Paris, 1768. King's Musketeers, 1771. Marries Adrienne de Noailles, 1774. Joins Noailles regiment and Freemasons, 1775. Sails for U.S., 1777. Commissioned major general in Continental Army (without a command), 1777. Wounded at Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 1777. At Valley Forge, 1777-78. Returns to France, January 1779. Returns to U.S. with French fleet and army, 1780. In command of all U.S. forces in Virginia, 1781. Commands capture of Redoubt Ten at Yorktown. Made citizen of Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut. Returns to France 1782. Visits U.S., 1784. While in France lobbies for U.S. Leader French Revolution. Sends Washington key to the Bastille, 1789. General French Army. Proscribed by French radicals. While escaping to The Netherlands is captured and imprisoned by Germans/Austrians, 1792-97. Returns to France, 1799. Visits U.S., 1824-25.