

Meriwether Lewis Randolph, Jeffersons grandson

Reading Level: Elementary School

Meriwether Lewis was born in 1810 at Monticello. His mother was Martha Jefferson Randolph. His father was Thomas Mann Randolph. He was named for Meriwether Lewis, the explorer.

Meriwether Lewis studied at the University of Virginia. He went west, and was appointed the Secretary of the Arkansas Territory. In 1835 he married Elizabeth Martin. They had one son.

Meriwether Lewis died of malaria in 1837. By then, he owned over ten thousand acres in the new state of Arkansas.



Miniature portrait of
Meriwether Lewis Randolph