

HIGHLIGHTS OF PATRICK HENRY'S LIFE

- 1736 May 29 - Born at Studley in Hanover County.
- 1754 - Married Sarah Shelton at Rural Plains.
- 1760 - Admitted to the bar and started his practice.
- 1763 - Gave the famous "Parson's Cause" speech.
- 1765 May 20 - First seated in the House of Burgesses. Continued to serve till 1774.
- 1765 May 29 - Famous "Stamp Act" speech in House of Burgesses at Williamsburg.
- 1774-75 - Virginia's representative to Continental Congress in Philadelphia.
- 1775 March 23 - "Give me liberty or give me death" speech at St. John's Church in Richmond.
- 1775 - Death of Sarah Shelton at Scotchtown.
- 1776-79 - First governor of Virginia for 3 one year terms.
- 1777 October 9 - Married Dorothea Dandridge, granddaughter of Governor Alexander Spotswood.
- 1780-84 - Member of the House of Delegates representing Henry County.
- 1784-86 - Governor of Virginia for 2 one year terms.
- 1794 - Moved to Red Hill in Charlotte County.
- 1795 - Refused offer from President Washington to serve as Secretary of State.
- 1796 - Refused an offer from President Washington to serve as Chief Justice of Supreme Court.
- 1796 - Refused an offer from the General Assembly to serve as Governor.
- 1799 - Refused an offer from President Adams to serve on the Mission to France.
- 1799 March 4 - Patrick Henry last public appearance.
- 1799 - Elected to the House of Delegates.
- 1799 June 6 - Died and was buried at Red Hill, Charlotte County.