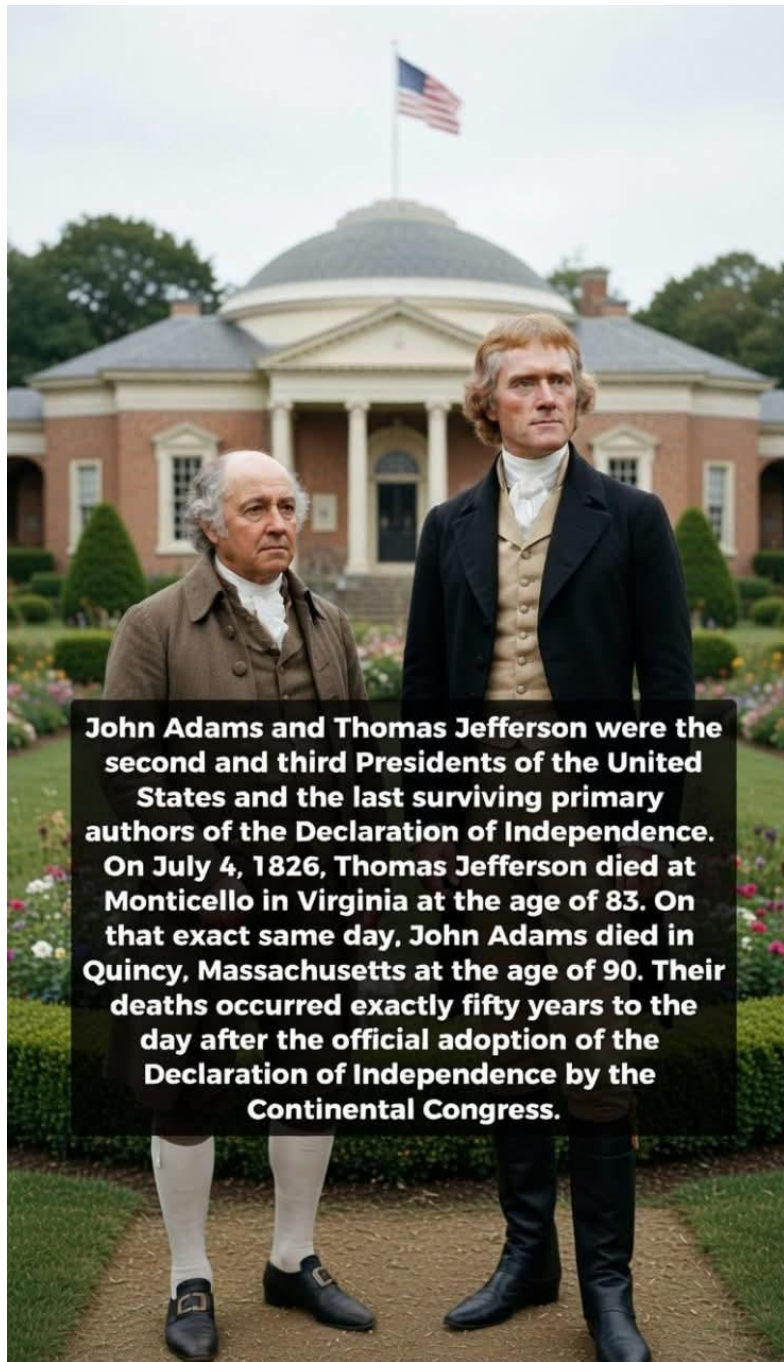


On July 4, 1826 — exactly 50 years after the



John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the second and third Presidents of the United States and the last surviving primary authors of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1826, Thomas Jefferson died at Monticello in Virginia at the age of 83. On that exact same day, John Adams died in Quincy, Massachusetts at the age of 90. Their deaths occurred exactly fifty years to the day after the official adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress.

Declaration of Independence was adopted — two of its main authors passed away on the very same day. Thomas Jefferson died at Monticello at the age of 83. John Adams died in Quincy, Massachusetts at the age of 90. These two Founding Fathers, who had once been rivals and then close friends again, left this world within hours of each other on America's 50th

birthday. A remarkable coincidence that still feels almost poetic. What an incredible chapter in American history.