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THE FOUNDING FATHERS WERE NOT INFALLIBLE HEROES BUT REAL INDIVIDUALS GRAPPLING WITH THE ENORMOUS BURDEN OF SHAPING A NATIONS DESTINY He LEAVES US WITH A SENSE OF WONDER AT THE FRAGILITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT URGING US TO ENGAGE WITH THE PAST TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING THE NATION TODAY FAQs 1 WHAT MAKES FOUNDING BROTHERS STAND OUT FROM OTHER HISTORICAL WORKS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ELLISS UNIQUE FOCUS ON THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FOUNDING FATHERS THEIR PERSONAL STRUGGLES AND THE POLITICAL COMPLEXITIES OF THEIR TIME SETS THIS BOOK APART He HUMANIZES THESE FIGURES REVEALING THEIR FLAWS AND MOTIVATIONS CREATING A MORE NUANCED AND ENGAGING NARRATIVE THAN TRADITIONAL HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS 2 WHY IS THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1783 AND 1800 SO IMPORTANT IN AMERICAN HISTORY THIS PERIOD WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC THE DRAFTING AND RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION THE FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL IDENTITY IT WAS A TIME OF INTENSE POLITICAL DEBATE AND PERSONAL STRUGGLES SHAPING THE FOUNDATION OF THE NATION WE KNOW TODAY 3 HOW DOES ELLIS USE PERSONAL ANECDOTES AND RELATIONSHIPS TO BRING HISTORY TO LIFE BY FOCUSING ON THE LIVES AND INTERACTIONS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS ELLIS REVEALS THE HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF HISTORICAL EVENTS He SHOWS HOW PERSONAL RIVALRIES FRIENDSHIPS AND POLITICAL AMBITIONS SHAPED THE COURSE OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC MAKING THE PAST FEEL MORE ACCESSIBLE AND RELATABLE 4 WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUNDING BROTHERS CONCEPT THE TERM HIGHLIGHTS THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND THEIR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN SHAPING THE NATION IT EMPHASIZES THAT THEIR ACTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR BETTER OR WORSE HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES 5 HOW DOES ELLISS WORK CHALLENGE TRADITIONAL NARRATIVES ABOUT THE FOUNDING FATHERS BY EXPOSING THEIR FLAWS AMBITIONS AND COMPLEXITIES ELLIS CHALLENGES THE ROMANTICIZED IMAGE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS AS FLAWLESS HEROES He PRESENTS A MORE NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CHARACTERS AND MOTIVATIONS OFFERING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND ITS ENDURING LEGACY 3

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PULITZER PRIZE WINNER NATIONAL BESTSELLER A LANDMARK WORK OF HISTORY EXPLORES HOW A GROUP OF GREATLY GIFTED BUT DEEPLY FLAWED INDIVIDUALS HAMILTON BURR JEFFERSON FRANKLIN WASHINGTON ADAMS AND MADISON CONFRONTED THE OVERWHELMING CHALLENGES BEFORE THEM TO SET THE COURSE FOR OUR NATION A SPLENDID BOOK HUMANE LEARNED WRITTEN WITH FLAIR AND RADIANT WITH A CALM INTELLIGENCE AND WIT THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW THE UNITED STATES WAS MORE A FRAGILE HOPE THAN A REALITY IN 1790 DURING THE DECADE THAT FOLLOWED THE FOUNDING FATHERS RE EXAMINED HERE AS FOUNDING BROTHERS COMBINED THE IDEALS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WITH THE CONTENT OF THE CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE PRACTICAL WORKINGS OF OUR GOVERNMENT THROUGH AN ANALYSIS OF SIX FASCINATING EPISODES HAMILTON AND BURR S DEADLY DUEL WASHINGTON S PRECEDENT SETTING FAREWELL ADDRESS ADAMS ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP WITH HIS WIFE THE DEBATE ABOUT WHERE TO PLACE THE CAPITAL FRANKLIN S ATTEMPT TO FORCE CONGRESS TO CONFRONT THE ISSUE OF SLAVERY AND MADISON S ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK HIM AND JEFFERSON AND ADAMS FAMOUS CORRESPONDENCE FOUNDING BROTHERS BRINGS TO LIFE THE VITAL ISSUES AND PERSONALITIES FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT DECADE IN OUR NATION S HISTORY

FROM THE FIRST SHOTS FIRED AT LEXINGTON TO THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE JOSEPH J ELLIS GUIDES US THROUGH THE DECISIVE ISSUES OF THE NATION'S FOUNDING AND ILLUMINATES THE EMERGING PHILOSOPHIES SHIFTING ALLIANCES AND PERSONAL AND POLITICAL FOIBLES OF OUR NOW ICONIC LEADERS WASHINGTON JEFFERSON MADISON HAMILTON AND ADAMS HE CASTS AN INCISIVE EYE ON THE FOUNDERS' ACHIEVEMENTS ARGUING THAT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS PARADOXICALLY AN EVOLUTION AND THAT PART OF WHAT MADE IT SO EXTRAORDINARY WAS THE GRADUAL PACE AT WHICH IT OCCURRED HE EXPLAINS HOW THE IDEA OF A STRONG FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS EVENTUALLY EMBRACED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND DETAILS THE EMERGENCE OF THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM WHICH STANDS AS THE FOUNDERS' MOST ENDURING LEGACY ELLIS IS EQUALLY INCISIVE ABOUT THEIR FAILURES AND HE MAKES CLEAR HOW THEIR INABILITY TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TO REACH A JUST SETTLEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICANS HAS PLAYED AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER WITH ELOQUENCE AND INSIGHT ELLIS STRIPS THE MYTHIC VENEER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION TO REVEAL MEN BOTH HUMAN AND INSPIRED POSSESSED OF BOTH BRILLIANCE AND BLINDNESS AMERICAN CREATION IS AN AUDIOBOOK THAT DELINEATES AN ERA OF FLAWED GREATNESS AT A TIME WHEN UNDERSTANDING OUR ORIGINS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

THE AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF *FOUNDING BROTHERS* AND *THE QUARTET* NOW GIVES US A DEEPLY INSIGHTFUL EXAMINATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE VIEWS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON THOMAS JEFFERSON JAMES MADISON AND JOHN ADAMS TO SOME OF THE MOST DIVISIVE ISSUES IN AMERICA TODAY THE STORY OF HISTORY IS A CEASELESS CONVERSATION BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT AND IN AMERICAN DIALOGUE JOSEPH J ELLIS FOCUSES THE CONVERSATION ON THE OFTEN ASKED QUESTION WHAT WOULD THE FOUNDING FATHERS THINK HE EXAMINES FOUR OF OUR MOST SEMINAL HISTORICAL FIGURES THROUGH THE PRISM OF PARTICULAR TOPICS USING THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PRESENT TO SHED LIGHT ON THEIR VIEWS AND IN TURN TO MAKE CLEAR HOW THEIR NOW CENTURIES OLD IDEAS ILLUMINATE THE DISTURBING IMPASSE OF TODAY'S POLITICAL CONFLICTS HE DISCUSSES JEFFERSON AND THE ISSUE OF RACISM ADAMS AND THE SPECTER OF ECONOMIC INEQUALITY WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM MADISON AND THE DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL INTENT THROUGH THESE JUXTAPOSITIONS AND IN HIS HALLMARK DRAMATIC AND COMPELLING NARRATIVE VOICE ELLIS ILLUMINATES THE OBSTACLES AND PITFALLS PARALYZING CONTEMPORARY DISCUSSIONS OF THESE FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES

AN ILLUMINATING STUDY OF THE INTERTWINED LIVES OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC JOHN ADAMS AARON BURR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ALEXANDER HAMILTON THOMAS JEFFERSON JAMES MADISON AND GEORGE WASHINGTON DURING THE 1790S WHICH ELLIS CALLS THE MOST DECISIVE DECADE IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY THE GREATEST STATESMEN OF THEIR GENERATION AND PERHAPS ANY CAME TOGETHER

TO DEFINE THE NEW REPUBLIC AND DIRECT ITS COURSE FOR THE COMING CENTURIES ELLIS FOCUSES ON SIX DISCRETE MOMENTS THAT EXEMPLIFY THE MOST CRUCIAL ISSUES FACING THE FRAGILE NEW NATION BURR AND HAMILTON S DEADLY DUEL AND WHAT MAY HAVE REALLY HAPPENED HAMILTON JEFFERSON AND MADISON S SECRET DINNER DURING WHICH THE SEAT OF THE PERMANENT CAPITAL WAS DETERMINED IN EXCHANGE FOR PASSAGE OF HAMILTON S FINANCIAL PLAN FRANKLIN S PETITION TO END THE PECULIAR INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY HIS LAST PUBLIC ACT AND MADISON S EFFORTS TO QUASH IT WASHINGTON S PRECEDENT SETTING FAREWELL ADDRESS ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC OFFICE AND OFFERING HIS COUNTRY SOME FINAL ADVICE ADAMS S DIFFICULT TERM AS WASHINGTON S SUCCESSOR AND HIS ALLEGED SCHEME TO PASS THE PRESIDENCY ON TO HIS SON AND FINALLY ADAMS AND JEFFERSON S RENEWED CORRESPONDENCE AT THE END OF THEIR LIVES IN WHICH THEY COMPARED THEIR DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE REVOLUTION AND ITS LEGACY IN A LIVELY AND ENGAGING NARRATIVE ELLIS RECOUNTS THE SOMETIMES COLLABORATIVE SOMETIMES ARCHLY ANTAGONISTIC INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THESE MEN AND SHOWS US THE PRIVATE CHARACTERS BEHIND THE PUBLIC PERSONAS ADAMS THE EVER COMBATIVE ICONOCLAST WHOSE CLOSEST POLITICAL COLLABORATOR WAS HIS WIFE ABIGAIL BURR CRAFTY SMOOTH AND ONE OF THE MOST DESPISED PUBLIC FIGURES OF HIS TIME HAMILTON WHOSE AUDACIOUS MANNER AND DEEP ECONOMIC SAVVY MASKED HIS HUMBLE ORIGINS JEFFERSON RENOWNED FOR HIS ELOQUENCE BUT SO RECLUSIVE AND TACITURN THAT HE RARELY SPOKE MORE THAN A FEW SENTENCES IN PUBLIC MADISON SMALL SICKLY AND PARALYZINGLY SHY YET ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE DEBATERS OF HIS GENERATION AND THE STIFFLY FORMAL WASHINGTON THE ULTIMATE REALIST LARGER THAN LIFE AND AMERICA S ONLY TRULY INDISPENSABLE FIGURE ELLIS ARGUES THAT THE CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT PERMITTED THE INFANT AMERICAN REPUBLIC TO ENDURE WERE NOT PRIMARILY LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL OR INSTITUTIONAL BUT INTENSELY PERSONAL ROOTED IN THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION OF LEADERS WITH QUITE DIFFERENT VISIONS AND VALUES REVISITING THE OLD FASHIONED IDEA THAT CHARACTER MATTERS *FOUNDING BROTHERS* INFORMS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN POLITICS THEN AND NOW AND GIVES US A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE UNPREDICTABLE FORCES THAT SHAPE HISTORY

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A COMPANION VERSION NOT THE ORIGINAL BOOK SAMPLE BOOK INSIGHTS 1 THE MOST CONCISE VERSION OF THE STORY MIGHT GO LIKE THIS ON THE MORNING OF JULY 11 1804 AARON BURR AND ALEXANDER HAMILTON WERE ROWED ACROSS THE HUDSON RIVER IN SEPARATE BOATS TO A SECLUDED SPOT NEAR WEEHAWKEN NEW JERSEY THERE IN ACCORD WITH THE CUSTOMS OF THE CODE DUELLO THEY EXCHANGED PISTOL SHOTS AT TEN PACES HAMILTON WAS STRUCK ON HIS RIGHT SIDE AND DIED THE FOLLOWING DAY 2 HAMILTON AND BURR WERE BOTH BOARDING SMALL BOATS TO CROSS THE HUDSON RIVER AND THEY WERE TO MEET AT WEEHAWKEN THEY WERE POLAR OPPOSITES IN TERMS OF APPEARANCE AND BEHAVIOR AND THEIR GENEALOGIES CREATED TEMPERAMENTAL AND STYLISTIC CONTRASTS 3 THE DUEL WAS HELD ON A NARROW LEDGE AT WEEHAWKEN JUST ABOVE THE WATER

HAMILTON HAD CHOSEN THE WEAPONS A PAIR OF HIGHLY DECORATED PISTOLS OWNED BY HIS WEALTHY BROTHER IN LAW JOHN CHURCH 4 THE DUEL WAS SET UP SO THAT BOTH MEN WERE ARMED WITH EXTREMELY POWERFUL BUT EXTREMELY INACCURATE WEAPONS IF STRUCK IN A VITAL SPOT BY THE OVERSIZED BALL THE CHANCES OF A SERIOUS OR MORTAL INJURY WERE HIGH

NATIONAL BESTSELLER THE PULITZER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR OF *FOUNDING BROTHERS* TELLS THE UNEXPECTED STORY OF AMERICA'S SECOND GREAT FOUNDING AND OF THE MEN MOST RESPONSIBLE ALEXANDER HAMILTON GEORGE WASHINGTON JOHN JAY AND JAMES MADISON ELLIS EXPLAINS OF WHY THE THIRTEEN COLONIES HAVING JUST FOUGHT OFF THE IMPOSITION OF A DISTANT CENTRALIZED GOVERNING POWER WOULD DECIDE TO SUBORDINATE THEMSELVES ANEW THESE MEN WITH THE HELP OF ROBERT MORRIS AND GOUVERNEUR MORRIS SHAPED THE CONTOURS OF AMERICAN HISTORY BY DIAGNOSING THE SYSTEMIC DYSFUNCTIONS CREATED BY THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION MANIPULATING THE POLITICAL PROCESS TO FORCE THE CALLING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONSPIRING TO SET THE AGENDA IN PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRATING THE DEBATE IN THE STATE RATIFYING CONVENTIONS AND FINALLY DRAFTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS TO ASSURE STATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT CREATED THE NEW REPUBLIC ELLIS GIVES US A DRAMATIC PORTRAIT OF ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL AND MISCONSTRUED PERIODS IN AMERICAN HISTORY THE YEARS BETWEEN THE END OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE FORMATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THE QUARTET UNMASKS A MYTH AND IN ITS PLACE PRESENTS AN EVEN MORE COMPELLING TRUTH ONE THAT LIES AT THE HEART OF UNDERSTANDING THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A MAJOR NEW HISTORY FROM OUR MOST TRUSTED VOICE ON THE REVOLUTIONARY ERA THE AUTHOR OF THE PULITZER PRIZE WINNING *FOUNDING BROTHERS* AND THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER *AMERICAN SPHINX* AND FEATURED IN THE *AMERICAN REVOLUTION* A FILM BY KEN BURNS SARAH BOTSTEIN AND DAVID SCHMIDT ON PBS AN ASTOUNDING LOOK AT HOW AMERICA'S FOUNDERS WASHINGTON JEFFERSON FRANKLIN MADISON ADAMS REGARDED THE ISSUE OF SLAVERY AS THEY DRAFTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION A DARING AND IMPORTANT WORK THAT ULTIMATELY RECKONS WITH THE TWO GREAT FAILURES OF AMERICA'S FOUNDING THE FAILURE TO END SLAVERY AND THE FAILURE TO AVOID INDIAN REMOVAL ON THE EVE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HALF A MILLION ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE EMBEDDED IN THE NORTH AMERICAN POPULATION THE SLAVE TRADE WAS FLOURISHING EVEN AS THE THIRTEEN COLONIES ARMED THEMSELVES TO DEFEND AGAINST THE IDEA OF BEING GOVERNED WITHOUT CONSENT THIS PARADOX GAVE BIRTH TO WHAT ONE OF OUR MOST ADMIRED HISTORIANS JOSEPH J ELLIS CALLS THE GREAT CONTRADICTION HOW COULD A GOVERNMENT THAT HAD BEEN JUSTIFIED AND FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES ARTICULATED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE INSTITUTIONALIZE SLAVERY HOW COULD IT PERMIT A TIDAL WAVE OF WESTERN MIGRATION BY SETTLERS WHO

UNDERSTOOD THE PHRASE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS TO MEAN THE PURSUIT OF INDIAN LANDS WITH NARRATIVE GRACE AND A FLAIR FOR IRONY AND PARADOX ELLIS ADDRESSES THE QUESTIONS THAT LIE AT AMERICA'S TWISTED ROOTS QUESTIONS THAT TURNED EVEN THE SHARPEST MINDS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION INTO MENTAL CONTORTIONISTS HE DISCUSSES THE FIRST DEBATES AROUND SLAVERY AND THE TREATMENT OF NATIVE AMERICANS FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO THE TREATY OF NEW YORK REVEALING THE THINKING AND RATIONALIZATIONS BEHIND JAY HAMILTON AND MADISON'S REVISIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AND HIGHLIGHTS THE KEY ROLE OF FIGURES LIKE QUAKER ABOLITIONIST ANTHONY BENEZET AND CREEK CHIEF ALEXANDER MCGILLIVRAY ELLIS WRITES WITH CANDOR AND DEFTNESS HIS CLARION VOICE RISING ABOVE PRESENTIST HISTORIANS AND PARTISANS WHO ARE EAGER TO MAKE THE FOUNDERS INTO TROPHIES IN THE ONGOING CULTURE WARS INSTEAD ELLIS TELLS A STORY THAT IS ROOTED IN THE COEXISTENCE OF GRANDEUR AND FAILURE BRILLIANCE AND BLINDNESS GRACE AND SIN

THIS BOOK DISCUSSES THE INFLUENCE OF WASHINGTON FRANKLIN JEFFERSON HAMILTON AND JOHN ADAMS ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE U.S.

JEFFREY H. MORRISON OFFERS READERS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE POLITICAL THOUGHT AND CAREER OF JOHN WITHERSPOON, A SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER AND ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL AND OVERLOOKED FOUNDING FATHERS. WITHERSPOON WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND WAS THE ONLY CLERGYMAN BOTH TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND TO RATIFY THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DURING HIS TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY AT PRINCETON. WITHERSPOON BECAME A MENTOR TO JAMES MADISON AND INFLUENCED MANY LEADERS AND THINKERS OF THE FOUNDING PERIOD. HE WAS UNIQUELY POSITIONED AT THE CROSSROADS OF POLITICS, RELIGION, AND EDUCATION DURING THE CRUCIAL FIRST DECADES OF THE NEW REPUBLIC. MORRISON LOCATES WITHERSPOON IN THE CONTEXT OF EARLY AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND CHARTS THE VARIOUS INFLUENCES ON HIS THINKING. THIS IMPRESSIVE WORK OF SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS A BROAD TREATMENT OF WITHERSPOON'S CONSTITUTIONALISM, INCLUDING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDIATING INSTITUTIONS OF RELIGION AND EDUCATION AND TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS FROM THE COLONIAL THROUGH THE EARLY FEDERAL PERIODS. THIS BOOK WILL BE APPRECIATED BY ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY AND THOUGHT AND IN THE RELATION OF RELIGION TO AMERICAN POLITICS. I HAVE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR SUCH A BOOK ON JOHN WITHERSPOON. THIS BOOK IS NOT ONLY WELL RESEARCHED BUT WELL WRITTEN. THE STORY MORRISON TELLS IS QUITE WONDERFUL. MICHAEL NOVAK, AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. DR. JOHN WITHERSPOON IS AT ONCE AN EXCEPTIONALLY INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND A SADLY NEGLECTED ONE. PROFESSOR MORRISON'S BOOK FILLS THIS GAP IN

AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY BRILLIANTLY IT IS ESPECIALLY REVEALING OF 18TH CENTURY VIEWS ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EDUCATION RELIGION AND SOCIETY MORRISON PRESENTS NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE EARLY AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING OF BALANCING FAITH GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY IT WILL CHANGE OUR CONCEPTIONS OF THIS PERIOD AND PROVIDE FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS EVERYONE INTERESTED IN THE AMERICAN FOUNDING ERA IS INDEBTED TO MORRISON FOR THIS ILLUMINATING BOOK GARRETT WARD SHELTON UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA S COLLEGE AT WISE AT LAST WE HAVE A FULL AND LEARNED ACCOUNT AS THE TITLE STATES OF JOHN WITHERSPOON AND THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF WITHERSPOON S DIRECT ROLE IN THE CRUCIAL EVENTS OF 1775 1790 AS AN ADVOCATE OF INDEPENDENCE AND FRIEND OF THE CONSTITUTION AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO EARLY AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOST IMPORTANT AS A MENTOR TO JAMES MADISON AND OTHER PRINCETON REVOLUTIONARIES AND NATION BUILDERS MORRISON REVEALS WITHERSPOON S HIGH STANDING IN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL HISTORY MADISON REMEMBERED WITHERSPOON S INJUNCTION TO HIS STUDENTS TO LEAD USEFUL LIVES HE PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL RALPH KETCHAM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

INCLUDES SECTION BOOK REVIEWS

THE ESSAYS IN THIS COLLECTION FOCUS ON ELEVEN OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC AND THEIR OPINIONS AND THINKING ABOUT THE PROPER ROLE OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC LIFE

JOHN ADAMS LAWYER CONGRESSMAN DIPLOMAT VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT HAD ONE OF THE MOST VARIED AND PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC CAREERS OF AMERICA S REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS TAKEN FOR GRANTED OR EVEN DISCOUNTED THROUGH MUCH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HAVE IN THE PAST DECADE ATTRACTED THE INCREASINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC ATTENTION OF HISTORIANS POLITICAL SCIENTISTS AND THE LARGER PUBLIC THIS COLLECTION OF ESSAYS THE FIRST EVER ON ITS SUBJECT PROVIDES UNIQUE INSIGHTS ON ADAMS S LIFE FROM YOUTH THROUGH OLD AGE AND HIS VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUNDING OF THE NATION AN INTRODUCTION BY THE EDITOR LAYS OUT THE BREADTH OF ADAMS S LIFE AND CAREER IN GENERAL SETTING THE STAGE FOR FOCUSED EXPLORATIONS OF THE ESSENTIAL ASPECTS OF HIS RICH LEGACY INCLUDING TOPICS THAT HAVE SELDOM IF EVER BEEN EXAMINED IN ANY DETAIL AN INDISPENSABLE RESOURCE FOR ANY READER WHO WISHES TO UNDERSTAND ADAMS OR HIS WORLD THE VOLUME INCLUDES NINE ESSAYS ALL BY LEADING AUTHORITIES ON THE MAN AND HIS ERA JOHN ADAMS AND THE MASSACHUSETTS PROVINCIAL ELITE BY WILLIAM PENCAR BEFORE FAME YOUNG JOHN ADAMS AND THOMAS JEFFERSON BY JOHN FERLING JOHN ADAMS AND THE BOLDER PLAN BY GREGG L LINT IN THE SHADOW OF WASHINGTON JOHN ADAMS AS VICE PRESIDENT BY JACK D WARREN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1796 BY JOANNE B FREEMAN THE DISENCHANTMENT OF A RADICAL WHIG JOHN ADAMS RECKONS WITH FREE SPEECH BY RICHARD D BROWN SPLENDID MISERY ABIGAIL ADAMS AS FIRST



LADY BY EDITH B GELLES JOHN ADAMS AND THE SCIENCE OF POLITICS BY C BRADLEY THOMPSON AND PRESIDENTS AS HISTORIANS JOHN ADAMS AND THOMAS JEFFERSON BY HERBERT SLOAN EACH OPENS A NEW WINDOW ON A HISTORICALFIGURE POISED FOR FRESH APPRECIATION AND SIGNIFICANCE

A MAN BORN TO AN ELITE FAMILY COACOOCHEE USED THE POWER OF HIS STATUS IN CREATIVE WAYS AND MILLER USES HIS CAREER TO EXPLAIN HIS LEADERSHIP IN TERMS OF SEMINOLE KNOWLEDGE AND GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE SHOWING THAT COACOOCHEE S CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP WAS LINKED AS CLOSELY TO SPIRITUAL AS TO POLITICAL OR MILITARY IMPERATIVES HER ACCOUNT OFFERS A MORE NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF THE SEMINOLE COSMOS PARTICULARLY THE REALITY GOVERNING COACOOCHEE S AWARENESS OF HIS OWN TRIBE S CIRCUMSTANCES AND OF LONG STANDING BORDERLANDS DISPUTES SHE DRAWS ON SEMINOLE AMERICAN AND MEXICAN SOURCES TO HELP UNTANGLE THE HISTORIES OF VARIOUS EMIGRANT TRIBES TO THE BORDERLANDS SHE ALSO EXAMINES THE STATUS OF SEMINOLES TODAY IN LIGHT OF THE SUPPRESSION OF COACOOCHEE S STORY INCLUDING MODERN SEMINOLE S ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THEIR LOST HOMELAND AT EL NACIMIENTO BOOK JACKET

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