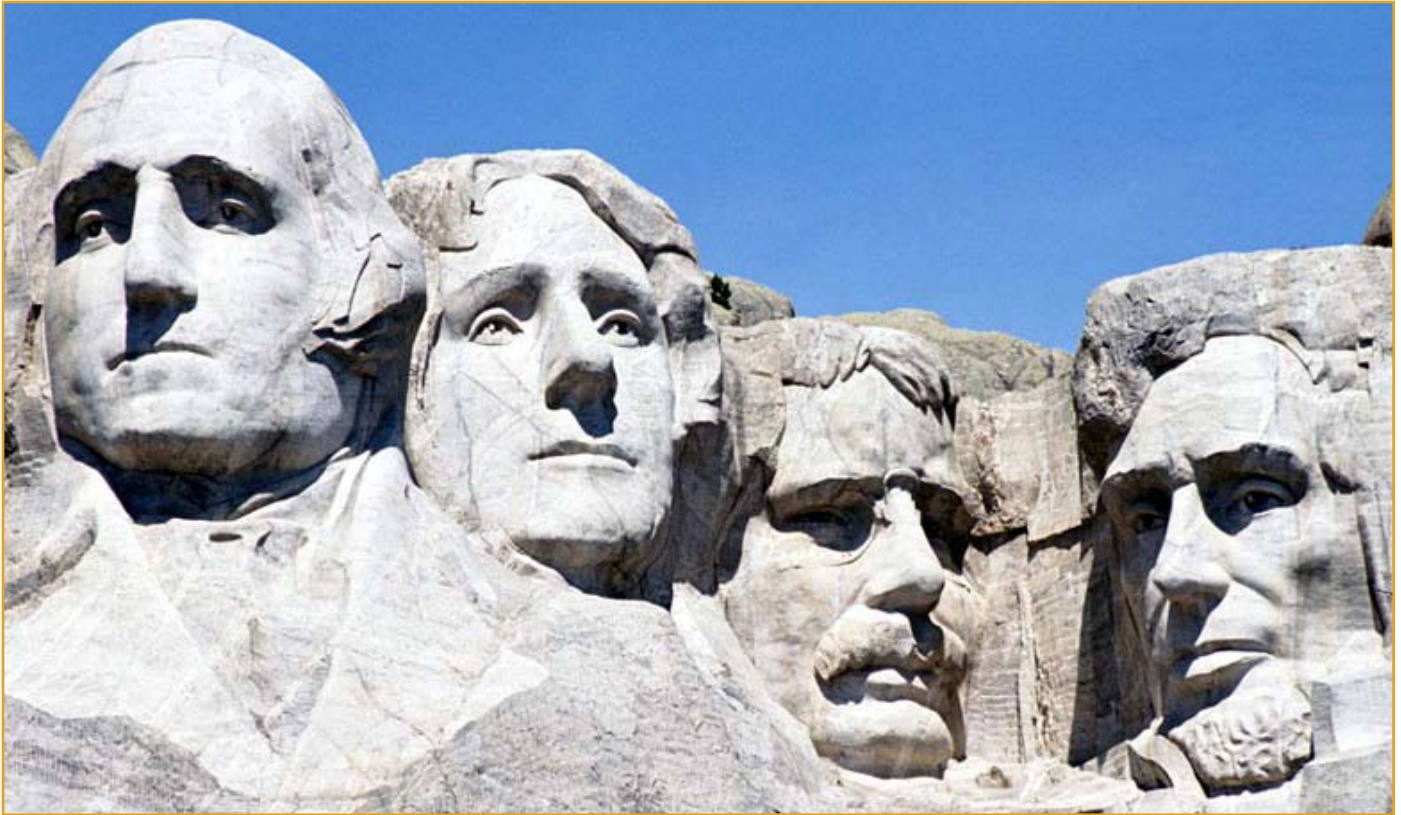


Famous Land Surveyors



George Washington

Appointed in 1749 to be the Surveyor General in Virginia in 1749 and the first Registered County Surveyor in America.

Thomas Jefferson

Appointed County Surveyor for Albermarle County in Virginia in 1773. As Secretary of State under George Washington, and later as President, Jefferson appointed surveyors to facilitate settlement of the frontier. Perhaps one of his most famous presidential actions was organizing the Lewis & Clark Expedition to explore and survey the Louisiana Purchase from 1804 to 1806.

Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln served as Deputy County Surveyor as well as Postmaster and operator of a general store and was elected to the Illinois legislature at the beginning of his political career while working as a surveyor.

Captain James Cook

This British explorer, who was born in 1728, sailed into every ocean and surveyed the areas he found.

Benjamin Banneker

Banneker was a self-taught, African American mathematician, astronomer, and surveyor, appointed in 1789 by President George Washinton to survey the area that would become Washington D.C. He completed the project between 1791 and 1793.

Daniel Boone

This famous explorer and frontiersman was also a land surveyor, typically working in Kentucky to resolve settlers' claims to land titles.

Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

These two gentlemen's land surveying efforts resulted in the "Mason-Dixon line," the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, which divided the "slave states" from the "free states" during debates in Congress over the Missouri Compromise in 1820. Today, this line is still used to distinguish the South from the North.