

WHO WAS THOMAS WORTHINGTON



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| Name: | Thomas Worthington |
| Born: | 1773 |
| Place of Birth: | Charles Town, VA |
| Died: | 1827 |
| Moved to Ohio: | 1796 |
| Brought family: | 1798 |
| Reason for move: | To start plantation life |
| Residence: | Chillicothe (Adena) |
| Occupation(s): | Farmer, surveyor, legislator, governor, and 1802: Delegate to Washington from Ohio |

- Thomas Worthington led the delegation to Philadelphia to seek statehood for Ohio.
- He owned a large estate in southern Ohio where he grew many crops and created many finished goods like cloth and farm implements.
- He opposed the Territorial Governor, Arthur St. Clair, who wanted to maintain Ohio as a territory.
- He was politically a Republican and an admirer of Thomas Jefferson.
- Worthington felt the ordinary citizens should be a part of the government.
- He believed statehood would increase the economy of Ohio.
- Worthington inherited slaves while in Virginia but freed the slaves. Many of the freed slaves came with Worthington to Ohio to work on his estate as freedmen and tenant farmers.

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