## Abigail James

## Patriot, Mother, Writer: Abigail Adams

Who was Mercy Otis Warrens cousin plus, had her son and husband become President of the United States? If you don't know it was the famous patriot Abigail Adams .This tough patriot was born on November, 22, 1744 in Weymouth, Massachusetts and at the time no one knew she'd become famous .Abigail Adams had poor health as a child which kept her from the little education she could get as a girl during the colonial time. Her parents were high class and let Abigail use their private library, where, she read about many things. Abigail ran the family farm while her husband John Adams was away working at the Second Continental Congress. Abigail Adams learned many tricks about farming. Even though she was busy, she still managed to sew and make soap for her family. Besides caring and supporting her family, she complained about the king and taxes.

"Don't forget the ladies." was a quote in one of the amazing letters Abigail Adams wrote that helped win the Revolutionary War. This incredible patriot wrote them to tell the army, General Washington and John Adams where the British enemy was hiding. In addition, she also wrote to tell John about the economic status of Boston and the many shortages they were having. Her letters were so detailed it sounded like she was in the war herself. The rights this nationalist fought for were independence and rights for women. Mrs. Adams disagreed with the amount of rights women had and believed woman were equal to men. This intelligent woman also believed that young ladies and gentlemen should receive a formal education. She believed in that so much she taught her children instead of sending them to school. Slavery also made her mad because it took rights away from other people. Abigail Adams letters were later published by Charles Francis Adams and are still being read today.

It has been said that Abigail Adam's thoughts and lifestyles are shown today through many people. Her inspirational letters helped America today. Abigail Adams gave the Militia helpful hints and encouraged them to keep going. The army didn't have many supplies and wanted to surrender at times. This remarkable writer made sure the men

knew what they were fighting for. It showed the men that people believed in them and they had to keep fighting. If they had given up what would have happened? We wouldn't have a vote on taxes or laws which make many citizens angry. We wouldn't pick our president or representatives. The declaration of Independence would not have been written and all the rights it provided would be lost. She helped to win the war. The Revolutionary War gave us freedom. It was a tense time for all.

Suppose that your husband has been away for years, you need to teach your kids, run the family farm, make soap and write letters to friends and relatives. On top of that you have to do this while a war is going on. How would you feel? Would you feel pressured, scared, anxious, nervous, excited, busy or stressed? Well this how is poor Abigail Adams felt. We can only imagine how she felt during this stressful time of war. I'd be petrified, my husband being away and having to protect myself. If only I could melt spoons to make bullets like Abigail did. I would feel exhausted after a long day of farming and then teaching my kids. I would be a little scared teaching my kids but she was so smart it was probably easy. Plus she was always thinking about Independence. Abigail didn't like the war but she couldn't stand the king and taxes. She couldn't afford to pay the extra taxes. So she was aggravated with King George because he was passing taxes without a vote. (That is called Taxation without Representation.) I would be so overwhelmed I wouldn't know what to think. Is it possible that she wrote letters to get her feelings out?

It's incredible that Abigail Adams did so much during the American Revolution. Organizing protests, fighting for rights and the one she did the most, writing letters. She was an astounding patriot who did a lot for her country. She wasn't actually in the war but her letters sounded like she was. She complained about the king and his taxes just as much as any man would. Abigail Adams and her cousin Mercy Otis Warren believed in Independency. This extraordinary patriot believed in a formal education for young ladies and gentlemen. She believed they were equal. Her letters reminded the men what they were fighting for and to never give up. She wrote letters to her friends and family. She loved her husband John Adams, and wrote many letters to him and told him to remember the

ladies when making the new laws for the colonies. . She wasn't the only patriotic member of her family. Her husband became the first vice president and the second President of the United States of America. Later on her son John Quincy Adams became the 6<sup>th</sup> President of the United Sates. Abigail Adams was a strong patriot and supported her family until she died on October, 28, 1818. From working at home, to giving hints to the militia, she was extremely amazing. Her spirit as a patriot, mother, writer and person will live on forever.