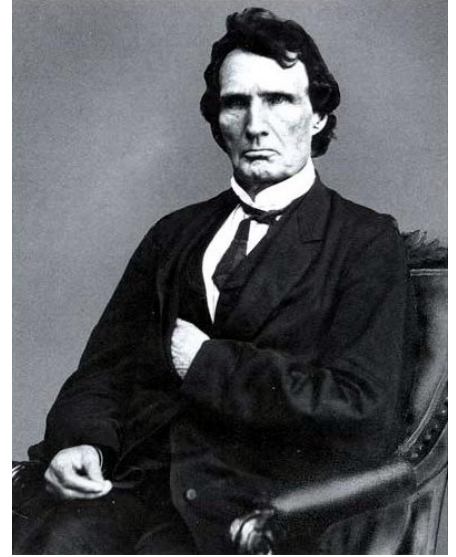


# Quick Facts

<b>Born:</b>	April 4, 1792 Danville, VT
<b>Died:</b>	August 11, 1868 Washington, D.C.
<b>Resting place:</b>	Shreiner-Concord Cemetery Lancaster, PA
<b>Alma mater:</b>	Dartmouth College
<b>Nicknames:</b>	Thad, "The Great Commoner", "The Old Commoner"



- Prior to becoming a lawyer, he briefly served as a teacher in York, Pennsylvania
- Promoted Reconstruction plans, such as the unsuccessful "forty acres and a mule"
- Led the movement to impeach President Andrew Johnson, who vetoed Reconstruction bills after the Civil War
- Known as the Father of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- Served in the Pennsylvania state legislature and U.S. House of Representatives for Pennsylvania
- Owned the Caledonia Iron Works which now serves as Caledonia State Park
- Helped establish Gettysburg College by securing a state grant for \$18,000
- Featured in Lincoln (2012), a biographical historical drama directed by Steven Spielberg
- In 1835, famously gave a speech in defense of Pennsylvania's public education system

