

## Thaddeus Stevens

- Fought for emancipation, black fighting units and black suffrage before, during and after the Civil War
- Opposed secret societies, particularly the Masons
- Helped draft the 14th amendment (granted citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States," which included former slaves recently freed. In addition, it forbids states from denying any person "life, liberty or property, without due process of law" or to "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.")
- Proposed impeachment of President Andrew Johnson

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v. 1. January 1814-March 1865, Volume one covers Steven's political career from his Vermont youth to the end of the Civil War. It includes letters and speeches from his early days as a Gettysburg lawyer and as a representative in the Pennsylvania assembly through his antislavery efforts to the 1865 passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, freeing all slaves.

v. 2. April 1865-August 1868, Volume two covers Steven's later years during the tumultuous period from the end of the Civil War to his death in 1868. It includes letters, speeches, and remarks Stevens delivered as he championed equal rights for the freedmen and steered key Reconstruction measures through Congress. This volume also contains letters from loyalists and ex-Confederates to Stevens reflecting their reactions to conditions in the South.

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