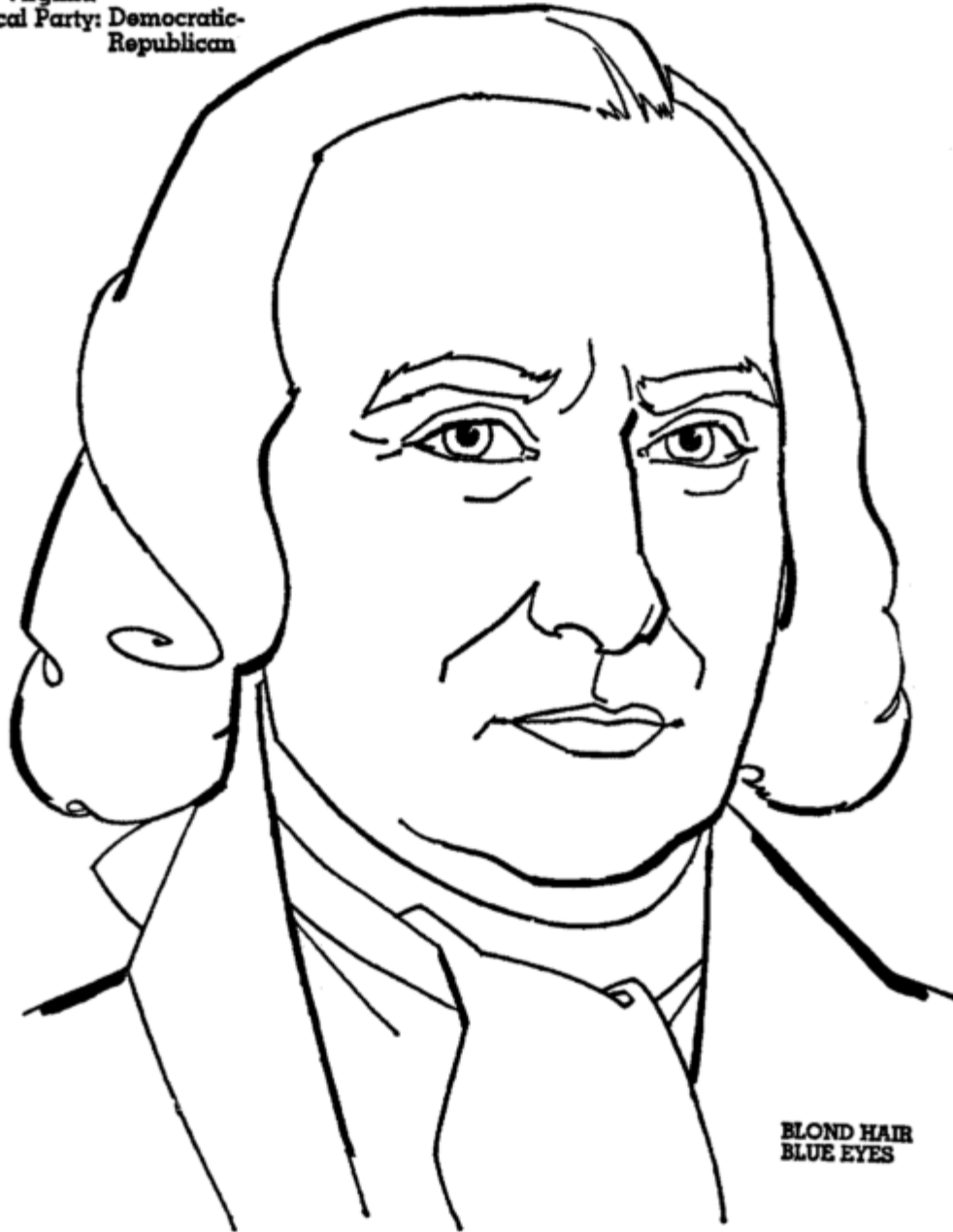


JAMES MADISON
Term: 1809 - 1817
Born: Virginia
Political Party: Democratic-
Republican



"The Father of the Constitution," James Madison originated the system of checks and balances regulating the three branches of the United States government (legislative, executive and judicial). President Madison joined with his close friend Thomas Jefferson in forming the Democratic-Republican Party.