



Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (1787-1851)

- A **hearing** educator who became committed to **deaf education** after meeting Alice Cogswell.
- Traveled to **Europe in 1815** to learn methods for teaching deaf students.
- Met **Abbé Sicard, Jean Massieu, and Laurent Clerc** at the **Institut National des Jeunes Sourds** in France.
- Brought **Laurent Clerc** to America, combining **French Sign Language (LSF)** with local deaf sign systems to develop **ASL**.
- Co-founded the **American School for the Deaf** in 1817.