

The Story of Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed was a real person. There are many stories (some true and some not true) about him. He was given the nickname, Johnny Appleseed, because he planted apple trees around much of America and gave seeds to many people so they could plant their own apple trees.

Johnny Appleseed's real name was Jonathan Chapman. He was born in Leominster, Massachusetts on September 26, 1774.

Johnny Appleseed gave away seeds and planted trees in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario, Canada.



Johnny Appleseed tried to live a simple life. He did not eat meat, wore used and ragged clothes, and was quite religious.

Many stories have been written about Johnny Appleseed. One story is that when he traveled he wore his cooking pot on his head as a hat. Since it was so long ago we don't know if it is true or not!

Johnny Appleseed died on March 18, 1845. He was 70 years old. He spent more than 50 years helping people enjoy apples.

Johnny Appleseed has been honored for his contributions on many occasions. In 1966, the United States Postal Service created a 5-cent stamp design in his honor.



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