

## **Samuel B. Morse**

**Dates:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1791 -April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1872

**Residency:** Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie, New York.

**Bio:** Morse was educated at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts and graduated from Yale in 1810. He relocated to Europe between 1811 and 1814 and exhibited his work at the Royal Academy in 1813. After ten years in Europe focusing on portraiture, Morse returned to the US in 1825. He became president of the New York Academy of Design and ran unsuccessfully for New York Mayor. On a trip to Europe in 1832, he overheard a conversation about electromagnetism that inspired his idea for the Electric Telegraph. It was the most advanced communication technology by 1838. In 1842, Morse was funded \$30,000 by the US government to wire the nation with the electric telegraph. Morse died of pneumonia in 1872.

**Major Achievements:** Developed Morse Code and the Electric Telegraph, both significant advancements in the Industrial Revolution. Also, his wealth funded grants for Yale and Vassar.

