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## Archive #9

## Notices and Updates From the Home Page

July 4, 2006 - **Independence Day**

### A Few Thoughts

1. Our system of government is based on the writings of John Locke, an English philosopher, who wrote that government should be based on the “natural” or “God-Given” rights of man. We are born with these rights, they are not “granted” by any government. Included in those rights are: Life, Liberty , and **Property**. It was Thomas Jefferson who later changed it to “Life, Liberty , and the Pursuit of Happiness.” He did this to keep slavery out of the discussion on how to establish our government, as slaves were considered “property.”

2. When people come together to form a government, the rights are neither surrendered to the government, not taken away from them by the government.

3. If we allow a government to require us to get a permit to exercise a right, such as own and use Property, we are in effect saying that the government has a right to license that right. Logically, if we allow the government the ability to require us to get a permit to enjoy a right, we are also saying that the government has the power to deny us that license and thereby deny us that which was formerly our “right.” We have been enjoying the “right to farm” for about 10,000 years, without being forced to ask the government its permission to do so. I suggest that we should not start doing so now.

4. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was the date that representatives of 13 of the British colonies in America signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring those colonies to be independent of the rule of the British government. By that Declaration, the Colonies declared themselves to be independent States.

5. Later, it was those 13 independent States which agreed to form a central

government and establish the United States . Got that? The States established the Federal Government. The Federal Government did not establish the States.

6. Representatives from those independent States later wrote the U.S. Constitution. In that Constitution, later ratified by the States, the States established a LIMITED Federal Government. The Constitution included the provision that only certain powers were granted to the Federal Government, and that any power not specifically granted to the Federal Government, or specifically denied to the states, were reserved to the people of the United States .

**REMEMBER: When you sit down to compromise on something you already own (such as the right to own and use your property), you lose!**

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Never forget that many suffered and died to guarantee our rights and our freedom.  
**Never give up in the defense of Liberty , NEVER!!**