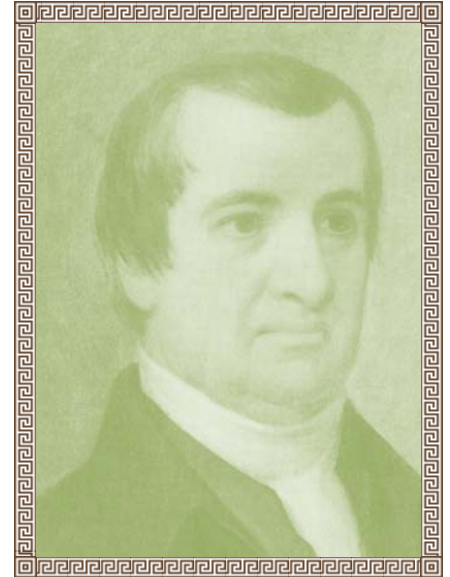


# ABRAHAM CLARK



**STATE** - New Jersey

**AGE** - 50 (Born: 2/15/1726)

**HOME** - Roselle, New Jersey

**EDUCATION** - Grammar School, Self-taught

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 10 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Surveyor, Sheriff, Mathematician

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Patriot, Intelligent, Helpful to Others

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Outside Surveying and Giving Legal Advice

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Abraham Clark owned a small farm and became a surveyor. To help solve boundary disputes, Abraham studied Law. He became a Sheriff for his home county. Abraham supported the Independence Movement and attended several Revolutionary conventions. In June of 1776, he and four other men replaced New Jersey's earlier delegates who had opposed independence. Abraham's two sons fought in the war and were captured and held prisoner by the British.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Despite poor health, concern for his family, and the safety of his home, located not far from an area controlled by the British, Abraham Clark bravely voted for independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 9/15/1794, (68 Years Old)

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**CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:** You like Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, when delegates object to the passage in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People and others object to the passage that is critical of slavery, you agree to take the two passages out of Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration.

**FINAL VOTING:** When the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, Abraham Clark of New Jersey, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Abra Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.