

# ARTHUR MIDDLETON

**STATE** - South Carolina

**AGE** - 34 (Born: 6/26/1735)

**HOME** - Charleston, South Carolina

**EDUCATION** - Hackney School, Cambridge University (England)

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 9 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Plantation Owner, Legislator

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Very Wealthy, Revolutionary, Slave Owner, Tough, Quiet

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Fund-raising for the Continental Army

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Arthur Middleton grew up in South Carolina. He attended school and college in England where he studied law. He returned to South Carolina to manage his large plantation and serve in the colonial legislature. Arthur was a strong revolutionary and played a large part in arming the Patriot militia. He organized a night raid on a British ammunition storehouse and raised money to buy weapons for the Patriot army.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Arthur Middleton was chosen to replace his more conservative father at the Continental Congress in 1776. He voted for independence and signed the Declaration of Independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 1/1/1787, (44 Years Old)



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**CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:** You like Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, you object to the passage that is critical of slavery because you own slaves. You will agree to accept the Declaration of Independence only if Congress takes the passage out.

**FINAL VOTING:** After the passages are taken out and the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, Arthur Middleton, Fr. of South Carolina, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Arthur Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.