

CARTER BRAXTON



STATE - Virginia

AGE - 39 (Born: 9/10/1736)

HOME - Newington Plantation, Virginia

EDUCATION - College of William & Mary

FAMILY - 2 Marriages, 18 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Plantation Owner

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Rich, Conservative, Against Violence, Slave Owner

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Dining with Philadelphia Society

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Carter Braxton was a wealthy plantation and ship owner and a member of the Virginia legislature at the age of 25. When problems with Great Britain began, Carter sided with the Patriots but he did not like violence. He did his best to prevent fighting between Tories and Patriots in Virginia. When the American Revolutionary War began, the British captured most of his ships and burned his plantation. He was selected as representative to the Continental Congress when another delegate died.

AT THE CONGRESS As a conservative, Carter Braxton at first criticized the independence movement but later changed his mind and supported the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 10/10/1797, (61 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 in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People because you have friends in England, and you also 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 two passages 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, Carter Braxton of Virginia vote aye, for the Declaration of Independence.

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