

GEORGE WYTHE

STATE - Virginia

AGE - 50 (Born: 1726)

HOME - Litchfield, Connecticut

EDUCATION - Local School, Self-taught

FAMILY - 2 Marriages, 1 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer, Professor, Legislator

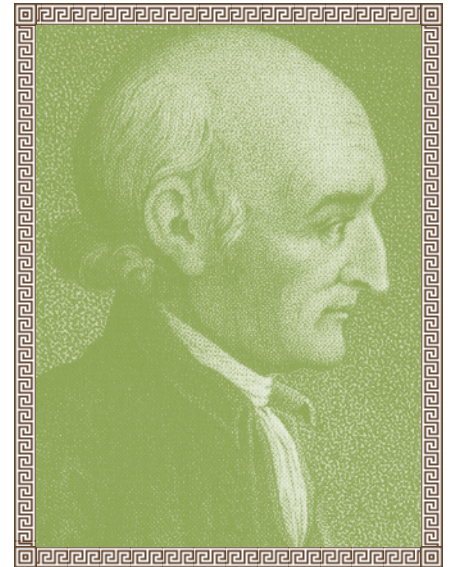
WHAT HE IS LIKE - Patriot, Smart, Great Teacher

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - With his friend Thomas Jefferson

BEFORE THE CONGRESS George Wythe grew up in Virginia. When his parents died he went to live with his older brother. George had some schooling but learned more by studying on his own. He loved to read about law and later studied with a lawyer. After becoming a lawyer he decided to also try politics. This brought Wythe to Williamsburg which was the capitol of Virginia at that time. Wythe became a member of the Independence Movement in Virginia. While he was busy working for the government, George still found time to teach his student, Thomas Jefferson, about the law. The two men were friends for the rest of their lives.

AT THE CONGRESS George Wythe arrived at the Continental Congress in 1775. During the debate over independence and the signing of the Declaration of Independence George was in Virginia drafting the Virginia State Constitution, but he did sign the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 6/8/1806, (80 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: After the passages are taken out and the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, George Wythe of Virginia, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

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