

JAMES WILSON

STATE - Pennsylvania

AGE - 33 (Born: 9/14/1742)

HOME - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION - School and Colleges in Scotland

FAMILY - 2 Marriages, 7 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer, Professor, Legislator

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Smart, Wealthy, Conservative, Tall

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Lecturing at the University

BEFORE THE CONGRESS James Wilson lived in Scotland until he was twenty-five years old when he moved to Philadelphia to teach at the University of Pennsylvania. Soon he left his job as a professor to study law. He became a lawyer and then became interested in revolutionary politics. He became known as a Patriot through his writing.

AT THE CONGRESS James Wilson arrived at the Continental Congress in 1776. He was a moderate and did not want independence. He thought at first that England and America could settle their differences. However, when the vote for independence came he supported breaking with England and signed the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 8/21/1798, (55 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, James Wilson of Pennsylvania, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

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