

# JOHN MORTON

**STATE** - Pennsylvania

**AGE** - 52 (Born: 1724)

**HOME** - Ridley Township (Chester), Pennsylvania

**EDUCATION** - Taught by Stepfather

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 8 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Surveryor, Farmer

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Family Man, Home Town Boy, Slave owner

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Talking with Benjamin Franklin

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** John Morton grew up in Pennsylvania and learned surveying from his stepfather. When he was 30, John entered politics and this became his major work from then on. He became an important judge in Pennsylvania. Despite his rise within Pennsylvania politics, John Morton was very loyal to the people in his home town.

**AT THE CONGRESS** John Morton was sent to the Continental Congress in 1774. At the congress he was one of a group of moderate delegates, men who had not yet decided to vote for independence or against it. However, on July 1, 1776, on the advice of his friend Benjamin Franklin, John Morton suddenly decided to vote for independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 1777, (53 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, John Morton of Pennsylvania, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

*John Morton*