

JOHN PENN



STATE - Pennsylvania

AGE - 36 (Born: 5/6/1740)

HOME - Stovall, North Carolina

EDUCATION - Local Schools, Law School

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, 3 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Funny, Likeable, Could Keep a Secret, Likes A Good Joke

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Making friends every where he goes by making them laugh!

BEFORE THE CONGRESS John Penn grew up in Virginia where his father owned a farm. When his father died, John could have taken over the farm, but decided that he would rather become a lawyer. A relative who owned a large library let John use it to continue his education. Penn became a very successful lawyer in Virginia, but later decided to move to North Carolina. Penn became one of the leaders of the Independence Movement in North Carolina.

AT THE CONGRESS John Penn was sent to the Continental Congress in 1775. He did not talk a lot in Congress, but when he did people liked what he said because John had a good sense of humor. John Penn signed the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 9/14/1788, (48 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, John Penn of North Carolina, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

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