

JOSIAH BARTLETT



STATE - New Hampshire

AGE - 46 (Born: 11/21/1729)

HOME - Kingston, New Hampshire

EDUCATION - Grammar School and Medical Training

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, 12 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Doctor, Justice of the Peace, Militia Colonel, Legislator

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Family Man, Patriot, Persistent, Loves New Hampshire

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Helping Sick People

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Before the Independence Movement, Josiah Bartlett was famous for his medical skill and his experiments in diagnosing and treating disease. In 1774, Josiah cast his lot with the revolutionaries. He became a member of the New Hampshire Committee of Correspondence. At that time Tories burned his house to the ground, but he immediately built another one on the very same spot. Because of his patriotism he was elected to congress.

AT THE CONGRESS Josiah Bartlett rarely participated in congressional debates because it seemed to him that they were a waste of time. But he did sit on various committees and worked towards gaining independence. Because of the voting order, he was the first representative to vote for independence and the second to sign the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 5/19/1795, (65 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, Josiah Bartlett of New Hampshire, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

AT THE SIGNING:

After you sign you say to all the signers: *"Now I'm going to the WEST WING!"*

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