

# MATTHEW THORNTON



**STATE** - New Hampshire

**AGE** - 62 (Born: 1714)

**HOME** - Londonberry, New Hampshire

**EDUCATION** - Local Schools, Medical Schools

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 5 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Doctor, Legislator

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Patriot, Honest, Funny, Brave

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Arriving late

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Matthew Thornton lived in Ireland until he was four years old when his parents moved to New Hampshire. Matthew was educated in local schools and later studied medicine with a doctor. Thornton became a successful doctor. He was later a surgeon in the New Hampshire Militia during the French and Indian War. He was interested in politics and joined the colonial legislature.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Matthew Thornton arrived at the Continental Congress in 1776. He arrived too late to vote for independence, but he was a Patriot and did sign the Declaration of Independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 6/24/1803, (89 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, Matthew Thornton of New Hampshire, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

*Matthew Thornton*