

# OLIVER WOLCOTT



**STATE** - Connecticut

**AGE** - 49 (Born: 11/20/1726)

**HOME** - Litchfield, Connecticut

**EDUCATION** - Local Schools and Yale College

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 4 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Army Colonel, Doctor, Lawyer, Legislator

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Patriot, Modest, Smart, Brave

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Looking for medicine for the troops and himself.

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Oliver Wolcott grew up in Connecticut where he went to school and college. After graduating college at the top of his class, Oliver became a Captain in the Militia and fought in the French and Indian War. After the war he studied medicine and law. Oliver was interested in politics and joined the colonial legislature. Even though he had a political career he loved the army and he rose to the rank of Colonel.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Oliver Wolcott arrived at the Continental Congress in 1775. In June of 1776, he became ill and had to return home to Connecticut. He was not in Philadelphia in July to vote for independence or in August to attend the formal signing of the Declaration of Independence but he signed the document later on.

**DATE OF DEATH** 12/1/1797, (71 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, Oliver Wolcott of Connecticut, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

*Oliver Wolcott*