

ROGER SHERMAN



STATE - Connecticut

AGE - 55 (Born: 4/19/1721)

HOME - New Haven, Connecticut

EDUCATION - Grammar School, Self-Education

FAMILY - 2 Marriages, 15 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Farmer, Cobbler, Shopkeeper, Lawyer, Legislator, Writer

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Patriot, Honest, Hard Working, Kind

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Meeting with Adams, Jefferson, Franklin & Livingston!

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Roger Sherman grew up in Massachusetts helping his father on the farm and learning the cobbler's trade from him. When his father died he moved with his brother to Connecticut. He became a successful lawyer and judge. However, Roger gave up these jobs to open a store at Yale College and later he worked for the college. Roger was a Patriot and joined the Independence Movement.

AT THE CONGRESS Roger Sherman arrived at the Continental Congress in 1774. He was a very important member of the congress. He was a member of the Committee of Five who drafted the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 7/23/1793, (72 Years Old)

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CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: You were a member of the Committee of Five who drafted 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, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

Roger Sherman