

# SAMUEL CHASE



**STATE** - Maryland

**AGE** - 35 (Born: 4/17/1741)

**HOME** - Princess Anne, Maryland

**EDUCATION** - Taught by his father, Studied Law

**FAMILY** - 2 Marriages, 2 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Lawyer

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Patriot, Good Speaker, Hot Temper, Intelligent

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - With his friend Charles Paca

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Samuel Chase grew up near Baltimore where his father was an Anglican clergyman. He studied law and became a lawyer. In 1764, he joined the Maryland legislature and became a critic of the King and a supporter of the independence movement. He played an important role in making sure that Maryland voted for independence and was elected by the state to be a delegate to the Continental Congress.

**AT THE CONGRESS** He arrived in Philadelphia just in time to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was a strong supporter of independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 6/19/1811 (70 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, Samuel Chase of Maryland, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.***

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Samuel Chase". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.