

THOMAS LYNCH, JR.



STATE - South Carolina

AGE - 26 (Born: 8/5/1749)

HOME - Peach Tree Plantation, South Carolina

EDUCATION - Eton, Cambridge University (England)

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, No Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Plantation Owner, Legislator

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Wealthy, Revolutionary, Unlucky

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - Taking care of his sick father.

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Thomas Lynch, Jr. was born in South Carolina to a wealthy family that owned a large rice plantation. After attending school and college in England, he returned home and became active in politics. Like his father he was a member of the Independence Movement in South Carolina. When his father went to Philadelphia to serve at the Continental Congress, Thomas stayed at home and served in the South Carolina legislature.

AT THE CONGRESS Thomas Lynch, Jr. came to Philadelphia to take care of his father who had suffered a stroke while at the Continental Congress. Thomas attended the Congress for his father and voted for him. They were the only father and son team to serve in the Continental Congress. However, because the older Lynch was too sick to take part in the ceremony, only the younger Lynch signed the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH Late in 1779, (30 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, Thomas Lynch, Jr. of South Carolina, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

Thomas Lynch Jr.