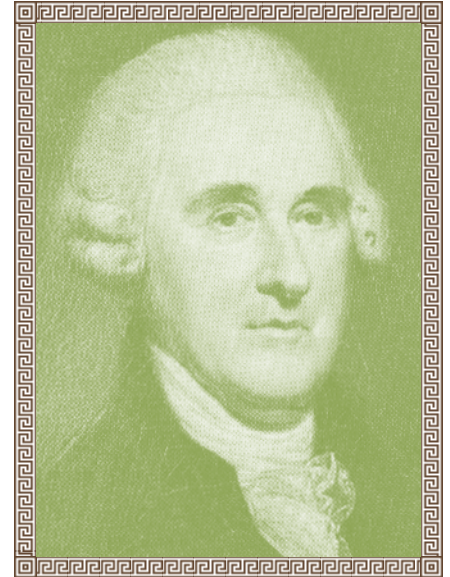


# THOMAS MCKEAN



**STATE** - Delaware

**AGE** - 42 (Born: 3/19/1735)

**HOME** - New Castle, Delaware

**EDUCATION** - Reverend Alison's Academy, Law School

**FAMILY** - 2 Marriages, 11 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Lawyer, Legislator, Sheriff, Captain in Militia

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Revolutionary, Nice to his Friends, Tall and Thin, Smart

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Looking for Caesar Rodney!

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Thomas McKean grew up in Pennsylvania near the New Jersey and Delaware boundaries. His cousin taught him the subject of law and Thomas became a lawyer. McKean also like to serve the public and he worked in number of jobs to help others. Thomas was an early supporter of the Independence Movement and attended the Stamp Act Congress in New York in 1765. He believed so strongly in the opposition to the King that he challenged another delegate at the Stamp Act Congress to a duel for not supporting the cause.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Thomas McKean joined the Continental Congress in 1774 and was a leading voice for independence. However, the other delegate from Delaware opposed independence. So McKean sent an urgent message to the third delegate who was at home on military matters to rush to Philadelphia to cast the deciding vote for independence. He was the last to sign the Declaration of Independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 6/24/1817, (83 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, Thomas McKean of Delaware, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

When George Read votes against the Declaration of Independence and ties Delaware's vote, you shout: *Caesar Rodney where are you?*

*Tho M. Kean*