## WILLIAM ELLERY

STATE - Rhode Island

AGE - 48 (Born: 12/22/1727)

HOME - Newport, Rhode Island

**EDUCATION - Harvard College** 

FAMILY - 2 Marriages, 16 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer

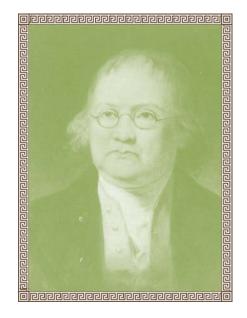
WHAT HE IS LIKE - Patriotic, Wealthy, Busy, Scholar

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - In the Library

BEFORE THE CONGRESS William Ellery grew up in Newport, Rhode Island and tried several professions before deciding to become a lawyer. He supported the Independence Movement early on and worked on several Revolutionary committees. Rhode Island sent him as a delegate to the Continental Congress in May of 1776.

AT THE CONGRESS He bravely supported the Declaration even though he thought that all of the delegates were signing their own death warrants. He stood behind the table where the delegates signed the Declaration of Independence to see their expressions as they signed.

DATE OF DEATH 2/15/1820, (92 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, William Ellery of Rhode

Island, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.

AT THE SIGNING: During the signing of the Declaration of Independence you stand

next to John Hancock and watch the delegates sign. When John

Adams asks you what you are doing, you say: I am watching

these men sign their death warrants!!

William Elleryn