

WILLIAM HOOPER



STATE - North Carolina

AGE - 34 (Born: 6/17/1742)

HOME - Wilmington, North Carolina

EDUCATION - Boston Latin, Harvard College

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, 3 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Patriotic, Self-Assured, Talkative

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - In your room making up your mind whether to vote for independence

BEFORE THE CONGRESS William Hooper grew up in Boston, but moved to North Carolina to seek his fortune. His father was a Tory and didn't understand how William could disagree with the policies of the King. Hooper himself had a hard time trying to decide whether to support independence or oppose it. Despite his difficulty making up his mind, William predicted that the colonies would break away from England and earned the nickname "The Prophet of Independence."

AT THE CONGRESS William Hooper was elected to the Continental Congress in 1774. He finally made up his mind and signed the Declaration of Independence.

DATE OF DEATH 10/14/1790, (48 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 in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People because you have friends in England, and you also 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 two passages 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, William Hooper of North Carolina, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

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