

# WILLIAM PACA



**STATE** - Maryland

**AGE** - 35 (Born: 10/31/1740)

**HOME** - Wye Plantation (Abington), Maryland

**EDUCATION** - Private Tutors, University of Pennsylvania

**FAMILY** - 2 Marriages, 5 Children

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Planter, Legislator

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Wealthy, Slave Owner, Outspoken, Lively, Patriot

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - Buying guns for the army and clothes for himself

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** William Paca grew up in Maryland. He went to college in Philadelphia, but later completed his education in England where he studied law. When he returned to Maryland he worked as a lawyer in Annapolis. Later, William became a member of the Maryland legislature where he became a leader of the Patriots in the colony.

**AT THE CONGRESS** William Paca was sent to the Continental Congress in 1774. When the Maryland Legislature refused to allow its delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence, William Paca and the other two delegates from Maryland got them to change their minds. He signed the Declaration of Independence.

**DATE OF DEATH** 10/13/1799, (58 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, William Paca of Maryland, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

*Wm Paca*