
THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
1774-1779

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PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING

Philadelphia, Pa	From September 5, 1774, to October 26, 1774
Philadelphia, Pa	From May 10, 1775, to December 12, 1776
Baltimore, Md	From December 20, 1776, to March 4, 1777
Philadelphia, Pa	From March 5, 1777, to September 18, 1777
Lancaster, Pa	From September 27, 1777 (one day only)
York, Pa	From September 30, 1777, to June 27, 1778
Philadelphia, Pa	From July 2, 1778, to June 21, 1783
Princeton, N.J.	From June 30, 1783, to November 4, 1783
Annapolis, Md	From November 26, 1783, to June 3, 1784
Trenton, N.J.	From November 1, 1784, to December 24, 1784
New York City	From January 11, 1785, to November 4, 1785
New York City	From November 7, 1785, to November 3, 1786
New York City	From November 6, 1786, to October 30, 1787
New York City	From November 5, 1787, to October 21, 1788
New York City	From November 3, 1788, to March 2, 1789

PRESIDENTS OF CONGRESS

PEYTON RANDOLPH, ¹ of Virginia	Elected September 5, 1774
HENRY MIDDLETON, of South Carolina	Elected October 22, 1774
PEYTON RANDOLPH, ² of Virginia	Elected May 10, 1775
JOHN HANCOCK, of Massachusetts	Elected May 24, 1775
HENRY LAURENS, of South Carolina	Elected November 1, 1777
JOHN JAY, of New York	Elected December 10, 1778
SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, of Connecticut	Elected September 28, 1779
THOMAS MCKEAN, of Delaware	Elected July 10, 1781
JOHN HANSON, of Maryland	Elected November 5, 1781
ELIAS BOUDINOT, of New Jersey	Elected November 4, 1782
THOMAS MIFFLIN, of Pennsylvania	Elected November 3, 1783
RICHARD HENRY LEE, of Virginia	Elected November 30, 1784
JOHN HANCOCK, ³ of Massachusetts	Elected November 23, 1785
NATHANIEL GORHAM, of Massachusetts	Elected June 6, 1786
ARTHUR ST. CLAIR, of Pennsylvania	Elected February 2, 1787
CYRUS GRIFFIN, of Virginia	Elected January 22, 1788

SECRETARY OF THE CONGRESS

CHARLES THOMSON, of Pennsylvania	Elected September 5, 1774
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¹ Resigned October 22, 1774.

² Departed Congress May 23, 1775, to resume duties as Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses.

³ Resigned May 29, 1786, never having served, owing to continued illness.

DELEGATES IN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS**CONNECTICUT****Dates of Attendance**

Andrew Adams..... 1778	Benjamin Huntington..... 1780, 1782-1783, 1788	Joseph Spencer 1779
Joseph P. Cooke 1784-1785, 1787-1788	Samuel Huntington 1776, 1778-1781, 1783	Jonathan Sturges..... 1786
Silas Deane 1774-1776	William S. Johnson..... 1785-1787	James Wadsworth..... 1784
Eliphalet Dyer..... 1774-1779, 1782-1783	Richard Law..... 1777, 1781-1782	Jeremiah Wadsworth..... 1788
Pierpont Edwards 1788	Stephen M. Mitchell 1785-1788	William Williams 1776-1777
Oliver Ellsworth..... 1778-1783	Jesse Root..... 1778-1782	Oliver Wolcott 1776-1778, 1780-1783
Titus Hosmer 1778	Roger Sherman 1774-1781, 1784	

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

John Canfield..... 1786	William Hillhouse..... 1783, 1785	Joseph Trumbull..... 1774
Charles C. Chandler..... 1784	William Pitkin..... 1784	Erastus Wolcott..... 1774, 1787, 1788
John Chester..... 1787, 1788	Jedediah Strong..... 1782, 1783, 1784	
James Hillhouse 1786, 1788	John Treadwell 1784, 1785, 1787	

DELAWARE**Dates of Attendance**

Gunning Bedford, Jr..... 1783-1785	Nathaniel Mitchell..... 1787-1788	James Tilton..... 1783-1784
John Dickinson 1779	John Patten 1786	Nicholas Van Dyke 1777-1781
Philemon Dickinson..... 1782-1783	William Peery 1786	John Vining 1784-1785
Dyre Kearney 1787-1788	George Read 1774-1777	Samuel Wharton..... 1782-1783
Eleazar McComb..... 1783-1784	Caesar Rodney 1774-1776	
Thomas McKean 1774-1776, 1778-1782	Thomas Rodney 1781-1782, 1786	
	James Sykes..... 1777	

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Gunning Bedford, Sr. 1786	Isaac Grantham 1787	John McKinly 1784
John Evans..... 1776	Henry Latimer 1784	Samuel Patterson 1784

GEORGIA**Dates of Attendance**

Abraham Baldwin... 1785, 1787-1788	Lyman Hall 1775-1777	Edward Telfair..... 1778, 1780-1782
Nathan Brownson 1777	John Houstoun..... 1775	George Walton 1776-1777, 1780-1781
Archibald Bulloch 1775	William Houstoun..... 1784-1786	John Walton 1778
William Few 1780-1782, 1786-1788	Richard Howly 1780-1781	Joseph Wood..... 1777-1778
William Gibbons 1784	Noble Wimberly Jones 1781-1782	John Zubly..... 1775
Button Gwinnett..... 1776	Edward Langworthy 1777-1779	
John Habersham..... 1785	William Pierce..... 1787	

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Benjamin Andrew 1780	Joseph Habersham 1784	Henry Osborne..... 1786
Joseph Clay 1778	Lachlan McIntosh 1784	Nathaniel Pendleton..... 1789
Samuel Elbert 1784	William O'Bryen 1789	Samuel Stirk 1781
James Gunn 1787		

MARYLAND

Dates of Attendance

Robert Alexander..... 1776	John Hall..... 1775	William Paca..... 1774–1779
William Carmichael..... 1778–1779	John Hanson..... 1780–1782	George Plater..... 1778–1780
Charles Carroll (“Barrister”)..... 1776–1777	William Harrison, Jr. 1786	Richard Potts..... 1781
Charles Carroll of Carrollton..... 1776–1778	William Hemsley..... 1782–1783	Nathaniel Ramsey..... 1786–1787
Daniel Carroll..... 1781–1783	John Henry ... 1778–1780, 1785–1786	John Rogers..... 1775–1776
Jeremiah T. Chase..... 1783–1784	William Hindman..... 1785–1786	David Ross..... 1787–1789
Samuel Chase..... 1774–1778	John E. Howard..... 1788	Benjamin Rumsey..... 1776–1777
Benjamin Contee..... 1788	Daniel Jenifer of St. Thomas..... 1779–1781	Joshua Seney..... 1788
James Forbes..... 1778–1780	Thomas Johnson..... 1774–1776	William Smith..... 1777
Uriah Forrest..... 1787	Thomas Sim Lee..... 1783	Thomas Stone..... 1775–1776, 1778, 1784
Robert Goldsborough..... 1774–1776	Edward Lloyd..... 1783–1784	Matthew Tilghman..... 1774–1776
	James McHenry..... 1783–1785	Turbutt Wright..... 1782

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Edward Giles..... 1782	Richard Ridgely..... 1784, 1785	Stephen West..... 1780
Luther Martin..... 1784	Gustavus Scott..... 1784	
Joseph Nicholson..... 1777	William Smallwood..... 1784	

MASSACHUSETTS

Dates of Attendance

John Adams..... 1774–1777	John Hancock..... 1775–1778	Samuel A. Otis..... 1787–1788
Samuel Adams..... 1774–1781	Stephen Higginson..... 1783	Robert Treat Paine..... 1774–1776
Thomas Cushing..... 1774–1776	Samuel Holten..... 1778–1780, 1783–1785, 1787	George Partridge..... 1779–1785
Francis Dana..... 1777–1778, 1784	Jonathan Jackson..... 1782	Theodore Sedgwick..... 1785–1786, 1788
Nathan Dane..... 1785–1788	Rufus King..... 1784–1787	George Thatcher..... 1787–1789
Elbridge Gerry..... 1776–1780, 1783–1785	James Lovell..... 1777–1782	Artemas Ward..... 1780–1781
Nathaniel Gorham..... 1782–1783, 1786–1787, 1789	John Lowell..... 1782	
	Samuel Osgood..... 1781–1784	

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

James Bowdoin..... 1774	Timothy Edwards..... 1778	James Warren..... 1782
Tristram Dalton..... 1783, 1784	Levi Lincoln..... 1781	
Timothy Danielson..... 1780, 1782, 1783	Caleb Strong..... 1780	
	James Sullivan..... 1782, 1783	

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dates of Attendance

Josiah Bartlett..... 1775–1776, 1778	John Langdon..... 1775–1776, 1787	John Sullivan..... 1774–1775, 1780–1781
Jonathan Blanchard..... 1784	Woodbury Langdon..... 1779	Matthew Thornton..... 1776–1777
Nathaniel Folsom ... 1774, 1777–1780	Samuel Livermore..... 1780–1782, 1785–1786	John Wentworth, Jr..... 1778
Abiel Foster..... 1783–1785	Pierse Long..... 1785–1786	William Whipple..... 1776–1779
George Frost..... 1777–1779	Nathaniel Peabody..... 1779–1780	Phillips White..... 1782–1783
John Taylor Gilman..... 1782–1783		Paine Wingate..... 1788
Nicholas Gilman..... 1787–1789		

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Samuel Ashley..... 1779	Elisha Payne..... 1784	Timothy Walker, Jr..... 1777, 1778, 1782, 1785
George Atkinson..... 1780, 1785	John Pickering..... 1787	Joshua Wentworth..... 1779
Benjamin Bellows..... 1781	John Sparhawk..... 1786	Benjamin West..... 1787
Moses Dow..... 1784	Ebenezer Thompson..... 1778, 1783	

NEW JERSEY**Dates of Attendance**

John Beatty	1784–1785	Jonathan Elmer	1777–1778, 1781–1783, 1787–1788	William Livingston	1774–1776
Elias Boudinot	1778, 1781–1783	John Fell	1778–1780	James Schureman	1786–1787
William Burnett	1780–1781	Frederick Frelinghuysen	1779	Nathaniel Scudder	1778–1779
Lambert Cadwalader	1785–1787	John Hart	1776	Jonathan D. Sergeant	1776–1777
Abraham Clark	1776–1778, 1780–1783, 1786–1788	Francis Hopkinson	1776	Richard Smith	1774–1776
Silas Condict	1781–1783	Josiah Hornblower	1785–1786	John Stevens	1784
Stephen Crane	1774–1776	William C. Houston	1779–1781, 1784–1785	Charles Stewart	1784–1785
Jonathan Dayton	1787–1788	James Kinsey	1774–1775	Richard Stockton	1776
John De Hart	1774–1776			John C. Symmes	1785–1786
Samuel Dick	1784–1785			John Witherspoon	1776–1782

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

John Cooper	1776	Thomas Henderson	1779	William Paterson	1780, 1787
Elias Dayton	1778	John Neilson	1778		

NEW YORK**Dates of Attendance**

John Alsop	1774–1776	John Haring	1774, 1785–1787	Gouverneur Morris	1778–1779
Egbert Benson	1784, 1787–1788	John Jay	1774–1776, 1778–1779	Lewis Morris	1775–1777
Simon Boerum	1774–1775	John Lansing, Jr.	1785	Ephraim Paine	1784
George Clinton	1775–1776	John Laurance	1785–1787	Philip Pell	1789
Charles DeWitt	1784	Francis Lewis	1775–1779	Zephaniah Platt	1785–1786
James Duane	1774–1783	Ezra L'Hommedieu	1779–1783, 1788	Philip Schuyler	1775, 1777, 1779–1780
William Duer	1777–1778	Philip Livingston	1775–1778	John Morin Scott	1780, 1782
William Floyd	1774–1776, 1779–1783	Robert R. Livingston	1775–1776, 1779–1780, 1784	Melancton Smith	1785–1787
Leonard Gansevoort	1788	Walter Livingston	1784–1785	Henry Wisner	1775–1776
David Gelston	1789	Isaac Low	1774	Abraham Yates	1787–1788
Alexander Hamilton	1782–1783, 1788	Alexander McDougall	1781	Peter W. Yates	1786

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

John Hathorn	1788	Samuel Jones	1788
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NORTH CAROLINA**Dates of Attendance**

John B. Ashe	1787	Benjamin Hawkins	1781–1783, 1787	John Penn	1775–1780
Timothy Bloodworth	1786	Joseph Hewes	1774–1776, 1779	William Sharpe	1779–1781
William Blount	1782–1783, 1786–1787	Whitmell Hill	1778–1780	John Sitgreaves	1785
Thomas Burke	1777–1781	William Hooper	1774–1777	Richard D. Spaight	1783–1785
Robert Burton	1787	Samuel Johnston	1780–1781	John Swann	1788
Richard Caswell	1774–1775	Allen Jones	1779–1780	James White	1786–1788
William Cumming	1785	Willie Jones	1780	John Williams	1778–1779
Cornelius Harnett	1777–1779	Abner Nash	1782–1783	Hugh Williamson	1782–1785, 1788

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Ephraim Brevard	1781	Alexander Martin	1786	Thomas Polk	1786
Charles Johnson	1781, 1784, 1785	Adlai Osborn	1784	Benjamin Smith	1784
Joseph McDowell	1787	Thomas Person	1784	John Stokes	1787
Nathaniel Macon	1785				

PENNSYLVANIA

Dates of Attendance

Andrew Allen	1775–1776	Charles Humphreys.....	1774–1776	Joseph Reed	1778
John Armstrong, Sr.	1779–1780	Jared Ingersoll	1780	James R. Reid	1787–1789
John Armstrong, Jr.	1787–1788	William Irvine	1787–1788	Samuel Rhoads	1774
Samuel J. Atlee.....	1778–1782	David Jackson	1785	Daniel Roberdeau	1777–1779
John B. Bayard	1785–1786	James McLene	1779–1780	George Ross	1774–1777
Edward Biddle	1774–1775	Timothy Matlack.....	1780	Benjamin Rush	1776–1777
William Bingham.....	1786–1788	Samuel Meredith	1786–1788	Arthur St. Clair	1786–1787
William Clingan.....	1777–1779	Thomas Mifflin.....	1774–1775, 1782–1784	James Searle	1778–1780
George Clymer	1776–1777, 1780–1782	John Montgomery	1782–1784	William Shippen, Sr.	1779–1780
Tench Coxe	1789	Joseph Montgomery.....	1780–1782	James Smith	1776–1778
John Dickinson	1774–1776	Caldwalader Morris	1783–1784	Jonathan B. Smith.....	1777–1778
Thomas Fitzsimons.....	1782–1783	Robert Morris	1775–1778	Thomas Smith.....	1781–1782
Benjamin Franklin	1775–1776	John Morton	1774–1776	George Taylor.....	1776
Joseph Galloway	1774	Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg.....	1779–1780	Thomas Willing.....	1775–1776
Joseph Gardner.....	1784–1785	Richard Peters, Jr.....	1782–1783	James Wilson.....	1775–1777, 1783, 1785–1786
Edward Hand.....	1783–1784	Charles Pettit.....	1785–1787	Henry Wynkoop	1779–1782
William Henry	1784–1785				

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

Matthew Clarkson	1785	William Montgomery	1784	William Moore.....	1777
Samuel Duffield	1777				

RHODE ISLAND

Dates of Attendance

Jonathan Arnold	1782–1783	John Gardner	1789	Nathan Miller	1786
Peleg Arnold.....	1787–1788	Jonathan J. Hazard.....	1788	Daniel Mowry, Jr.....	1781
John Collins	1778–1780, 1782–1783	Stephen Hopkins.....	1774–1776	James M. Varnum	1780–1781, 1787
Ezekiel Cornell.....	1780–1782	David Howell.....	1782–1785	Samuel Ward	1774–1776
William Ellery.....	1776–1785	James Manning.....	1786		
		Henry Marchant	1777–1779		

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

William Bradford.....	1776	Sylvester Gardner.....	1787	Paul Mumford	1785
John Brown	1784, 1785	Thomas Holden.....	1788, 1789	Peter Philips.....	1785
George Champlin.....	1785, 1786	Daniel Manton	1787		

SOUTH CAROLINA

Dates of Attendance

Robert Barnwell.....	1789	Richard Hutson.....	1778–1779	Isaac Motte.....	1780–1782
Thomas Bee.....	1780–1782	Ralph Izard	1782–1783	John Parker.....	1786–1788
Richard Beresford	1783–1784	John Kean	1785–1787	Charles Pinckney.....	1785–1787
John Bull	1784–1787	Francis Kinloch.....	1780	David Ramsay	1782–1783, 1785–1786
Pierce Butler	1787	Henry Laurens.....	1777–1780	Jacob Read	1783–1785
William H. Drayton	1778–1779	Thomas Lynch, Sr.....	1774–1776	Edward Rutledge	1774–1776
Nicholas Eveleigh	1781–1782	Thomas Lynch, Jr.....	1776	John Rutledge	1774–1775, 1782–1783
Christopher Gadsden.....	1774–1776	John Mathews.....	1778–1781	Thomas T. Tucker.....	1787–1788
John L. Gervais.....	1782–1783	Arthur Middleton.....	1776–1777, 1781–1782		
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1776–1778	Henry Middleton.....	1774–1775		
Daniel Huger.....	1786–1788				

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

John Barnwell.....	1784	Rawlins Lowndes	1779	Thomas Sumter.....	1783
Alexander Gillon.....	1784	William Moultrie.....	1784	Paul Trapier	1777

VIRGINIA**Dates of Attendance**

Thomas Adams	1778-1779	John Harvie.....	1777-1778	James Monroe	1783-1786
John Banister.....	1778	James Henry	1780	Thomas Nelson, Jr.....	1775-1777, 1779
Richard Bland	1774-1775	Patrick Henry	1774-1775	Mann Page	1777
Theodorick Bland.....	1780-1783	Thomas Jefferson.....	1775-1776, 1783-1784	Edmund Pendleton	1774-1775
Carter Braxton.....	1776	Joseph Jones	1777, 1780-1783	Edmund J. Randolph.....	1779, 1781-1782
John Brown	1787-1788	Arthur Lee.....	1782-1784	Peyton Randolph.....	1774-1775
Edward Carrington.....	1786-1788	Francis Lightfoot Lee	1775-1779	Meriwether Smith.....	1778-1779, 1781
John Dawson.....	1788	Henry Lee.....	1786-1788	John Walker	1780
William Fitzhugh.....	1779	Richard Henry Lee	1774-1779, 1784-1785, 1787	George Washington.....	1774-1775
William Fleming	1779	James Madison	1780-1783, 1787-1788	George Wythe.....	1775-1776
William Grayson.....	1785-1787	James Mercer.....	1779		
Cyrus Griffin	1778-1780, 1787-1788	John F. Mercer.....	1783-1784		
Samuel Hardy	1783-1785				
Benjamin Harrison	1774-1777				

Delegates Who Did Not Attend and Dates of Election

John Blair.....	1781	Gabriel Jones	1779	George Mason	1777
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