



Historic Insights



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Forgotten Founding Fathers: Pennsylvania and Delaware in the American Revolution



This lecture explores the foundations of our republic, with a special emphasis on the key roles that ten men from Pennsylvania and Delaware played in our struggle for liberty and creation of our system of government. These individuals were active in this grand drama, framing the debates as signers of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *U.S. Constitution*, hands-on participants in events which helped form “a more perfect union.”

Lecture Outline:

- Pennsylvania and Delaware: Building Blocks for the Republic
- Robert Morris: Financial Savior
- John Dickinson: Principled Statesman
- Thomas McKean: Gifted Politician
- Gouverneur Morris: Preamble Architect
- Caesar Rodney: Fearless Rider
- James Wilson: Legal Scholar... and Golfer
- Thomas Fitzsimons: Forgotten Patriot
- George Clymer: Silent Benefactor
- Gunning Bedford, Jr.: Small State Advocate
- George Read: Reluctant Revolutionary
- The Eyes of the Revolution; Unheralded Patriots
- Colonial Taverns and Coffeehouses
- Lessons from the Founding Fathers



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