

JOHN MORTON LIFE

John Morton (1724 to 1777)
Ann Justice (Justis, Justic) (wife, 1732 to 1799)

Signer of Declaration of Independence

In 1775, while speaker of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, John Morton was elected a Member of Congress, and in the ever memorable session of 1776, he attended that august body for the last time, establishing his name in the grateful remembrance of the American People by signing the Declaration of Independence.

The inscription on the north side of the memorial reads:

John Morton being censured by his friends for his boldness in giving his casting vote for the Declaration of Independence, his prophetic spirit dictated from his death bed the following message to them: 'Tell them they shall live to see the hour when they shall acknowledge it to have been the most glorious service I ever rendered to my country.'



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(1724—April, 1777)



John Morton's grave in the Old St. Paul's Church Burial Ground, Chester, Pennsylvania.