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CT	Huntington, Samuel		No	CT	MA	Congregationalist	Limited common school education	N/A	Lawyer	Yes [1]	Married	No
CT	Sherman, Roger	MA	No	MA	MA	Calvinist	Limited formal education	N/A	Lawyer, Surveyor, *shoemaker? [2]	No [3]	Widowed, Remarried	No
CT	Williams, William		No	MA	MA	Congregationalist	Graduate school	Harvard	Merchant	No	Married	Yes
CT	Wolcott, Oliver		No	CT	CT	Congregationalist	College	Yale	Lawyer	No	Married	Yes
DE	McKean, Thomas	PA	Yes	Ireland	Ireland	Episcopalian	Graduate school	New London Academy; study of law with David Finney	Lawyer	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
DE	Read, George	MD	Yes	Ireland	Wales	Episcopalian	Formal education	New London Academy	Lawyer	No	Married	No
DE	Rodney, Cæsar		No	DE	DE	Anglican	Formal education	College of Philadelphia	Planter	No	Never married	No*
GA	Gwinnett, Button	<b>England</b>	Yes	Wales	England	Congregationalist	No formal education	N/A	Merchant, Planter	Yes [4]	Married	Yes
GA	Hall, Lyman	CT	No	CT	CT	Congregationalist	Graduate school	Yale	Physician, Minister	No	Widowed, Remarried	No
GA	Walton, George	VA	No	VA	VA	Anglican	No formal education	N/A	Lawyer, Carpenter	Yes [5]	Married	No*
MA	Adams, John		No	MA	MA	Unitarian	Graduate school	Harvard, AM	Lawyer	No	Married	No*
MA	Adams, Samuel		No	MA	MA	Puritan	College	Harvard, AM	Merchant, but primarily Politician	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
MA	Gerry, Elbridge		Yes	England	MA	Congregationalist	Graduate school	Harvard	Merchant	No	Married	No
MA	Hancock, John		No	MA	MA	Congregationalist	College	Harvard	Merchant	No	Married	Yes
MA	Paine, Robert Treat		No	MA	MA	Congregationalist	College	Harvard	Lawyer, Scientist	No	Married	No
MD	Carroll, Charles, III		No* (see note) [6]	MD	MD	Catholic	Graduate school [7]	College of St. Omer, Bruges and Liège; Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris	Merchant, Planter, Lawyer	No	Widowed, Remarried	No*
MD	Chase, Samuel		Yes	England	MD	Anglican	No formal education	N/A	Lawyer	No [8]	Widowed, Remarried	No
MD	Paca, William		No	MD	MD	Anglican	Graduate school	College of Philadelphia; Inner Temple (London)	Lawyer, Planter	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
MD	Stone, Thomas		No	MD	MD	Episcopalian	Formal education	Mr. Blaizedel's School	Lawyer	No	Widowed, Remarried	No
NC	Hewes, Joseph		No	NJ	PA	Anglican	College	College of New Jersey	Merchant	Yes [9]	Never married	Yes
NC	Hooper, William	MA	Yes	Scotland	MA	Episcopalian	College	Harvard	Lawyer	No	Married	Yes
NC	Penn, John	VA	No	VA	VA	Quaker	No formal education	N/A	Lawyer	No	Married	No*
NH	Bartlett, Josiah	MA	No	MA	MA	Universalist Church	College [10]	Study of medicine	Physician	No	Married	No
NH	Thornton, Matthew	<b>Ireland</b>	Yes	Ireland	Ireland	Presbyterian	College	Worcester Academy	Physician	No	Married	Yes
NH	Whipple, William	ME	No	MA	MA	Congregationalist	Formal education [11]	N/A	Merchant, Ship Captain	No	Married	No*
NJ	Clark, Abraham		No	NJ	NJ	Presbyterian	No formal education [12]	N/A	Surveyor, Lawyer	No	Married	No
NJ	Hart, John		No	NJ	CT	Baptist	No formal education	N/A	Land owner	No	Married	No
NJ	Hopkinson, Francis	PA	Yes	England	DE	Episcopalian	Graduate school	College of Philadelphia	Lawyer, Musician	No	Married	No

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NJ	Stockton, Richard		No	NJ	NJ	Quaker	College	Samuel Finley's academy at Nottingham; College of New Jersey	Lawyer	No	Married	Yes
NJ	Witherspoon, John	Scotland	Yes	Scotland	Scotland	Presbyterian	Graduate school	University of Edinburgh	Minister	No	Married	No
NY	Floyd, William		No	NY	NY	Presbyterian	No formal education	N/A	Land Speculator	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
NY	Lewis, Francis	Wales	Yes	Wales	Wales	Episcopalian	Formal education	Westminster School, London	Merchant	Yes [13]	Married	Yes
NY	Livingston, Philip		No	NY	NY	Presbyterian	College	Yale	Merchant	No	Married	Yes
NY	Morris, Lewis		No	NY	NY	Episcopalian	College	Yale	Planter	No	Married	No*
PA	Clymer, George		No	PA	PA	Quaker	No formal education	N/A	Merchant	Yes [14]	Married	No
PA	Franklin, Benjamin	MA	Yes	England	England	Deist	Limited formal education [15]	N/A	Scientist, Printer	Yes [16]	Married by common law	No
PA	Morris, Robert	England	Yes	England	England	Anglican	Limited formal education [17]	N/A	Merchant	Yes [18]	Married	No* [19]
PA	Morton, John		No	PA	PA	Episcopalian	Limited formal education [20]	N/A	Surveyor, Farmer	No	Married	Yes
PA	Ross, George	DE	Yes	Scotland	DE	Anglican	Limited formal education [21]	N/A	Lawyer	No	Married	No
PA	Rush, Benjamin, Dr.		No	PA	PA	Universalist Church	Graduate school	Samuel Finley's academy at Nottingham; College of New Jersey; University of Edinburgh	Physician, Professor	No	Married	No*
PA	Smith, James	Ireland	Yes	Ireland	Ireland	Presbyterian	College	College of Philadelphia	Lawyer	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
PA	Taylor, George	Ireland	Yes	Ireland	PA	Presbyterian	No formal education	N/A	Merchant	Yes (former indentured servant)	Married	No
PA	Wilson, James	Scotland	Yes	Scotland	Scotland	Presbyterian	Graduate school	Universities of St Andrews, Glasgow, and Edinburgh	Lawyer, Professor	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
RI	Ellery, William		No	MA	RI	Unitarian	College	Harvard	Lawyer, Merchant	No	Widowed, Remarried	No
RI	Hopkins, Stephens		No	RI	RI	Quaker	No formal education	N/A	Merchant, Surveyor, Scientist, Judge	No	Widowed, Remarried	No
SC	Heyward, Thomas, Jr.		No	SC	SC	Episcopalian	Graduate school	Middle Temple, London	Lawyer, Planter	No	Widowed, Remarried	No
SC	Lynch, Thomas, Jr.		No	SC	SC	Episcopalian	Graduate school	Indigo Society School; Eton College; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; Middle Temple, London	Lawyer, Planter	No	Married	No
SC	Middleton, Arthur		No	SC	SC	Episcopalian	Graduate school	Cambridge University; Middle Temple	Lawyer	No	Married	Yes
SC	Rutledge, Edward		Yes	Ireland	SC	Anglican	College	Inns of Court, Middle Temple	Lawyer, Planter	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
VA	Braxton, Carter		No* (see note) [22]	VA	VA	Episcopalian	College	College of William and Mary	Planter	No	Widowed, Remarried	No

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VA	Harrison, Benjamin		No	VA	VA	Episcopalian	Some, incomplete college education	College of William and Mary	Planter, Farmer	No	Married	Yes
VA	Jefferson, Thomas		Yes	VA	England	Deist	Graduate school [23]	College of William and Mary	Lawyer, Planter, Scientist, Architect	No	Married	No
VA	Lee, Francis Lightfoot		No	VA	VA	Episcopalian	No formal education [24]	N/A	Planter	No	Married [25]	No
VA	Lee, Richard Henry		No	VA	VA	Episcopalian	Formal education [26]	Wakefield Academy	Planter	No	Widowed, Remarried	Yes
VA	Nelson, Thomas, Jr.		No	VA	VA	Episcopalian	College	Cambridge University	Merchant, Planter	No	Married	Yes
VA	Wythe, George		No	VA	VA	Quaker	College	College of William and Mary	Lawyer	No	Married	Yes
		Total Diff Than Rep = 20	Total Net Children of Immigrants = 18			Anglicans = 8	Some, limited, or no formal education = 17	International = 12		Total=9	Never Married = 2	Total = 23
		Born internationally = 8				Catholics = 1						No* = served in militia <i>after</i> signing the Declaration: 9
			Children of Immigrants = 10			Quakers = 5						
		Total number of signers born in another colony (not international): 12 / 48				Universalist = 2						
		*6 of these 12 were children of immigrants; Total number of signers who were children of immigrants and born in another colony: 6 / 10				Unitarians = 2						
						Episcopalians = 16						
						Puritans = 1						
						Presbyterians = 8						
						Deists = 2						
						Congregationalists = 9						
						Calvinists = 1						
						Baptists = 1						
						non-Anglican/Episcopalian = 32						

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[1] Cooper, farm

[2] debates about whether he was a shoemaker

[3] shoemaker

[4] merchant

[5] Carpenter

[6] Irish-American  
Grandfather immigrated from Ireland

[7] Considered one of the most well formally educated, multi lingual; due to catholicism was serenely limited in terms of legal studies so mostly private tutoring

[8] While was a brick and tile layer, became a lawyer

[9] merchant

[10] (honorary medical degree Dartmouth, studied Ancient Greek and Latin)

[11] Public schools + tutoring

[12] Tutor, self-taught; limited education

[13] mercantile business

[14] his uncle's counting room to prepare for a mercantile profession

[15] 1 year in grammar school and 1 year with tutor; ended by age of 10

[16] printing tho experienced a lot of social mobility and growth

[17] 1 year formal education, besides that tutoring

[18] shipping, banking

[19] Supplied the military supplies and financed the war

[20] 3 months

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[21] home education only

[22] Grandparents were prominent families in England  
he held lands in England  
Lived there for several years

[23] College-educated

[24] limited education with tutor, Wakefield Academy,

[25] No children

[26] Tutor, Wakefield Academy,