

### Personal Background

You were born in Scotland in 1741 or 1742, and you were educated at universities there. You came to America in 1765 and decided to study law. After becoming involved in Revolutionary politics, you wrote a pamphlet on the British Parliament that was widely read in both England and America. As a delegate to the Continental Congress, you were one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. During the war, you were a conservative Patriot who associated with the wealthy and powerful. As a lawyer, you defended the interests of Loyalists. You have been elected to Congress twice.

You are respected for your honesty and are very influential at the Constitutional Convention, where you are one of the most active speakers.

### Views on Issues at the Constitutional Convention

**Issue 1:** You strongly believe that states must be represented in the national legislature on the basis of their populations. You think that the legislature should have two houses.

**Issue 2:** You believe that three fifths of the slaves should be counted for determining a state's representation in the national legislature as well as the taxes to be paid by a state.

**Issue 3:** You believe the national executive should be elected directly by the people, but you are willing to listen to other options.

**Sign the Constitution?** Yes.