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New Hampshire (small state)

Personal Background

You were born in New Hampshire in 1755 to a large and distinguished family. As a youth, you attended local schools and worked in your father's general store. During the Revolutionary War, you enlisted in the Continental Army and soon became a captain. You served in the army throughout the war. After the war, you returned to helping your father in the store, but your main interest was politics. You were a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1786 to 1788.

Views on Issues at the Constitutional Convention

Issue 1: You firmly believe that all states should have an equal vote in the national legislature. You think that the legislature should have one house.

Issue 2: You believe that slaves should be counted for determining the taxes paid by a state, but not for determining a state's representation in the national legislature.

Issue 3: You believe that the executive should be elected by the national legislature.

Sign the Constitution? Yes.