

William Blount

North Carolina (medium state)

Personal Background

You were born in North Carolina in 1749, the oldest son of a large family, and received a good education. During the Revolutionary War, you enlisted as a paymaster in the North Carolina forces. After the war, you become active in politics and served in the North Carolina legislature and as a delegate to the Continental Congress.

You are absent from the Constitutional Convention for more than a month while you attend the Continental Congress. As the convention goes on, you support the Constitution only reluctantly. A fellow delegate describes you as “plain, honest, and sincere.”

Views on Issues at the Constitutional Convention

Issue 1: You believe that states should be represented in the national legislature based on their population. You think that the legislature should have one house.

Issue 2: You believe that three fifths of the slaves should be counted only 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.