

# William Few

Georgia (small state)

## Personal Background

You were born on a farm in Maryland in 1748. Your family was poor, and you received little schooling. After a move to North Carolina, one of your brothers was hanged as a result of a fight between frontiersmen and the royal governor, and the family farm was destroyed. The family then moved to Georgia. By this time, you had taught yourself law, and you became a lawyer in the city of Augusta. When the Revolutionary War began, you were an enthusiastic Patriot. You soon proved your ability as a leader and became a lieutenant colonel. You served in the state assembly and the Continental Congress.

You miss a good part of the Constitutional Convention while you are busy in Congress. However, you do cast important votes in favor of a strong national government.

## 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 national legislature should have one house.

**Issue 2:** You strongly believe that slaves should be counted equally with other people in 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.