



Significant Signers Daniel Carroll

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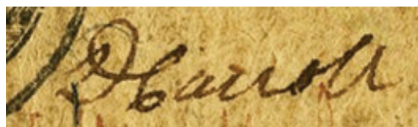
I try to add notes to my inventory that would make a difference to even the best collections. These notes are part of a series I have acquired that contain significant signers of great documents in history and Americana from the birth of our Nation in Colonial times. I am speaking of documents such as the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Stamp Act Congress and the U. S. Constitution.

My series of articles called "Significant Signers" profiles great patriots that not only signed these important documents but also signed issues of Colonial currency. These notes were actually handled and signed by each patriot. The signatures were not printed by presses,



This edition covers Daniel Carroll (7/22/1730 - 5/7/1795), a member of the Continental Congress. He was a leading politician from Maryland. His signature appears on the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution. . The notes he signed are well worth having in a super collection.

The notes he signed are from: the Continental Congress, dated: 2/17/1776 & 2/26/1777.



Daniel Carroll was member of a prominent Maryland family of Irish descent. A collateral branch was led by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Daniel's older brother was John Carroll, the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States. John Carroll University in Cleveland Ohio was named after his brother. John Carroll University is also, by coincidence, where I earned my undergraduate degree.



Daniel was born in 1730 in Upper Marlboro, MD. Befitting the son of a wealthy Roman Catholic family, he studied for 6 years (1742-48) under the Jesuits at St. Omer's in Flanders. Then, after a tour of Europe, he sailed home and soon married Eleanor Carroll, apparently a first cousin of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Not much is known about the next two decades of his life, except that he reluctantly backed the War for Independence and remained out of the public eye. No doubt he lived the life of a gentleman farmer.



In 1781 Carroll entered the political arena. Elected to the Continental Congress that year, he carried to Philadelphia the news that Maryland was at last ready to accede to the Articles of Confederation, to which he soon penned his name. During the decade, he also began a tour in the Maryland Senate that was to span his lifetime and helped George Washington promote the Patowmack Company, a scheme to canalize the Potomac River so as to provide a transportation link between the East and the trans-Appalachian West.



Carroll did not arrive at the Constitutional Convention until July 9, but thereafter he attended quite regularly. He spoke about 20 times during the debates and served on the Committee on Postponed Matters. Returning to Maryland after the convention, he campaigned for ratification of the Constitution but was not a delegate to the state convention.

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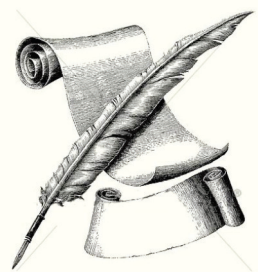
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In 1789 Carroll won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he voted for locating the Nation's Capital on the banks of the Potomac and for Hamilton's program for the federal assumption of state debts. In 1791 George



Washington named his friend Carroll as one of three commissioners to survey and define the District of Columbia, where Carroll owned much land. Ill health caused him to resign this post 4 years later, and the next year at the age of 65 he died at his home near Rock Creek in Forest Glen, MD. He was buried there in St. John's Catholic Cemetery.



Please do not miss the next installment of the "Significant Signers" series. Ask for a copy at the next show, call me or refer to my web page of articles at <http://www.oldbucks.com/page14.html>.

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