

## **Justice John Morton**

1725-1777

### **Term**

1774-1776 (years taken from Lawmaking and Legislators in Pennsylvania)

### **Professional Experience**

- Land surveyor, 1750-1770s
- Supervisor of the Highways, Ridley Township, 1754
- Justice of the Peace, Chester County, 1757-November 1764, May 1770-April 1774
- Member, Pennsylvania General Assembly, June 28, 1756-1766, 1769-1776; Speaker, March 15, 1775
- Road Commissioner, Chester County, 1762
- Justice for the Trial of Negroes, May 1762, December 1770
- Provincial Commissioner, 1762, 1771-1774
- Delegate, Stamp Act Congress, 1765
- High Sheriff, Chester County, 1766-1769
- Commissioner, Proposed Indian Trade Congress, 1770
- Governor John Penn appointed Morton, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, April 29, 1774-July 1776
- Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1774-July 1776
- Delegate, First Continental Congress, 1774
- Delegate, Second Continental Congress, 1775-1776
- Member, Committee to draft the Articles of Confederation, 1776

### **Honors and Awards**

- Pennsylvania Delegate, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

### **Sources**

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