

William Hooper House in Wilmington



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William Hooper served as a Member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina from 1774 to 1777. He was also a signer of the United States Declaration of Independence, along with fellow North Carolinians Joseph Hewes and John Penn.

Hooper was born in Boston and studied at the University of Edinburgh before coming to Boston. He graduated from Harvard University in 1760 and thus began his practice of law. In 1764 he removed to Wilmington, North Carolina where he was the Circuit Court lawyer for the Cape Fear region. Later, in 1770, he was appointed Deputy Attorney General of North Carolina.