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John Hancock

John Hancock played a very important role outside the battles of the Revolutionary War. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He helped a lot because he made decisions for the Continental Army that were country saving. He was an important person throughout the war. The colonists were lucky to have John on their side.

John's childhood was comfortable but when he was adopted by his aunt and uncle Lydia and Thomas Hancock at 13 it got better. John Hancock was born January 23, 1735. He lived a comfortable life with his mother Mary Hawke, father John Hancock Sr. and seven other siblings. He was the only one out of his seven siblings to move into his aunt and uncle's house. He moved because his mother Mary Hawke could not afford all of the children after his father John Hancock Sr. died when John was a young boy. He was lucky to move in with them because his uncle ran a very successful shipping business and made a great deal of money. As John grew, he got accepted into Harvard College where his father went. He graduated in 1754 and helped his uncle with the business.

When his uncle passed away, John took over the business. He also inherited the Hancock mansion that is located at 36 Hancock St in Lexington, Massachusetts. He grew up to be very wealthy and successful. He married Dorothy Quincy and had one boy named John Hancock Jr. But after 18 years of marriage they got divorced. Though his life was great it ended on October 8, 1793.

John Hancock was head of many of the important groups in the war. John was elected Boston selectmen a part the New England government in the colonies in 1765. A year later he won Massachusetts colonial legislature which he was elected by the people of the colony for the British government. He was the President of the Continental Congress, which is why he signed the Declaration of Independence. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was also the leader of the Sons of Liberty for events like the Boston Tea party. He did a lot outside of the battles that really helped our country become independent. We could have not do a lot with a big help from John. Think if we had a different president of the Continental Congress different things could have happened. We could have not gained our land for the United States of America, we could still be part of Britain.

John was very brave to do these things for the colonies. It was a very scary job he could have been caught at any time and used. He could have also hurt or worse killed. It was a different kind of scary than fighting though. He was such a brave person and nothing stopped him. He held huge responsibilities and never show he was scared even if he was. He signed the Declaration of Independence which was the document that we claimed our country with. If John did not sign, was not involved in other political matters, or was a Loyalist, we might not be a country. It is very brave what John Hancock and other Patriots did for us.

John Hancock played a very important role in the American Revolution. He signed papers, made decisions, and lead important groups. He was and still is a very great role model. He held such a huge responsibility on his shoulders and never gave up. John Hancock was a great role model, was great help during the Revolutionary War and saved our country.