

# Christ Church Burial Ground (est. 1719)



More than 4,000 people are buried on this 2-acre plot, including five signers of the Declaration of Independence. This is the final resting place for military heroes, medical pioneers, ten mayors of Philadelphia, victims of Yellow Fever and families of the Colonial and Revolution era, as well as Christ Church members into the last decade.

In 1864, the warden of Christ Church, Edward L. Clark, compiled a book of the inscriptions that were already fading on the soft marble. Today only 1,300 markers remain and we have placed plaques in front of some containing the original inscriptions.



*This is still an active burial ground. Please watch your step as you walk through this historic and sacred place and refrain from touching or walking on any of the gravestones. Grave rubbings are not permitted.*

Lives of the Silent Stones, a book about this burial ground, is available at the gift cart and at Christ Church.



**Samuel Wheeler, 1820**  
Made the iron gates at Christ Church

**John Clark, 1803**  
Merchant and fire hero

**Tench Francis, 1800**  
Merchant and patriot

**Michael Hillegas, 1804**  
First Treasurer of the US

**Dr. Thomas Bond, 1784**  
Founded first public hospital

**Philip Syng, Jr., 1789**  
Silversmith, Junto member

**• Dr. Benjamin Rush, 1813**  
Signer of Declaration

**Commodore Thomas Truxton, 1822**  
Commander of the Constellation

**Commodore William Bainbridge, 1833**  
Commander of Old Ironsides

**Franklin Watkins, 1972**  
Philadelphia painter

**Theophilus Grew, 1759**  
Tutor of Franklin children

ENTRANCE

Arch Street

5th Street

**• Dr. Benjamin Franklin, 1790**  
Signer of Declaration and Constitution

**Sarah Franklin Bache, 1808**  
Leading fundraiser during Revolution

**Matthew Clarkson, 1800**  
Heroic Philadelphia mayor

**Thomas Lawrence, 1754**  
Five-term mayor

**John Dunlap, 1812**  
Published first daily newspaper

**David Hall, 1772**  
Franklin's printing partner

**Samuel and Elizabeth Powel, 1793, 1830**  
Mayor and social leader

**J.H.C. Heineken, 1808**  
Consul from Holland

**Gen. Jacob Morgan, 1802**  
Battles of Princeton and Monmouth

**Robert Wallace, 1723**  
Earliest legible marker

**Rev. John Andrews, 1813**  
Minister, educator

**John Spurrier, 1798**  
Developed idea of composting

**Rebecca Keyser, 1864**  
Family servant for 92 years

**• George Ross, 1779**  
Signer of Declaration

**John Taylor, 1803**  
Gravedigger here for 50 years

**• Francis Hopkinson, 1791**  
Signer of Declaration, musician, judge

**• Joseph Hewes, 1779**  
Signer of Declaration

## CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND

5th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia



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• Signers of the Declaration of Independence

