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Charles Carroll of Carrollton the III was born September 13, 1737. Carroll is the son of Annapolis and Elizabeth Brooke. He was born an illegitimate and an only child. When Carroll was born his parents were not yet married. Annapolis and Elizabeth were not married for reasons of inheritance of the Carroll estate farm. His family lived in Annapolis Maryland and grew up as a wealthy Roman Catholic. He started Jesuit College St. Omer in France at only age 8. At age 17, he graduated from Louis the Grande. He continued his studies in Europe till age 28 and then moved back home.

Carroll got married to Mary Darnell on June 5, 1768. In 1772, Carroll protested the British right to tax Maryland. He did this all while being anonymous and with no representation. Carroll wanted to stand up to armed colonies and went to the Continental Congress with no representative. In 1775, Carroll served in the First Committee of Safety at Annapolis and also represented the Provincial Committee. In 1776, Benjamin Franklin and Carroll's cousins went with him to Canada to persuade them to join and support the 13 colonies.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Carroll of Carrollton was elected the representative of Maryland. When he got elected it was too late to vote for the Declaration, but he signed it anyways. He was one of the four to sign

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from the state of Maryland. Through the War of Independence, Carroll was on the Board of War. In 1778, Carroll returned to Maryland and became part of the formation of the state government. Maryland elected him for the Continental Congress again in 1780, but he turned down the offer and decided not to serve. He then changed to the first Federal Congress in 1788, and in 1790 went back to become the State Senate. He lasted there for 10 years and then in 1800 retired from the post.

After leaving his job in the State Senate, Carroll considered having himself a very quiet life. However, he did take part in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. He was the very last signer of the Declaration of Independence to live and died November 14, 1832 at the age of 95. He was most famous for being a catholic singer and that is what he is known for today.

The Carroll Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Charles Carroll of Carrollton III's death. If you don't know who I am, I am part of the Second Continental Congress. I believe

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that Charles Carroll had so many accomplishments in life. He was an amazing singer, a State Senator of Maryland, and founding father of America and leader of our 13 colonies. You all should be very proud of his accomplishments. I'm sorry he did not get to attend The Democratic Party Convention due to his health issues. I was looking forward to listening to him and hearing what he had to say. He did so much for our country, especially Maryland. He was Maryland's voice, and got us through the thick and thin. I have so much sympathy for you and your family, and if you need anything, do not hesitate to ask. Charles Carroll was a very dedicated and hardworking man. He lived such a great and successful long life. I thought it was so great that he was asked to sign the Declaration of Independence, even though he signed August 2<sup>nd</sup>. To sum up everything, I really do admire him and believe he was an amazing person. Again I am truly sorry for the passing of Charles Carroll.

Sincerely,

Your Friend

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