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John Cadwalader

John Cadwalader was born in Pennsylvania in 1742, the son of Dr. Thomas Cadwalader.



John and Elizabeth Lloyd Cadwalader and their Daughter Anne (1772) by Charles Willson Peale.

He was a cousin to the Dickinsons. He was quite active politically and militarily. He was a member of the Philadelphia Committee of Safety, Captain of the city's "silk stocking" militia company, Commanding Officer of a city battalion and Colonel of a Pennsylvania militia regiment, which he took became in 1776.

He was involved in Washington's plan for attack on Trenton in 1776, however, he and his men were unable to cross the Delaware south of Trenton in sufficient strength to be of any real aid. Material contributions were made through military intelligence at Princeton. He was appointed a Continental Brigadier and declined. Washington himself admired him. In 1777, Washington requested Cadwalader's services.

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