

10 Fun Facts About Roger Sherman

1 He's the only person to sign all four founding documents.

That's the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, U.S. Constitution, and Continental Association.

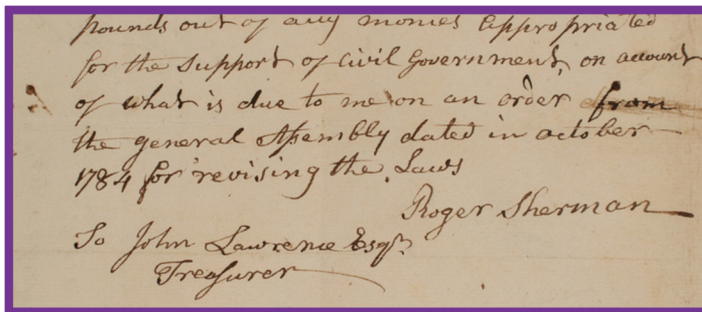


2 He didn't go to college.

Roger Sherman was largely self-taught. He learned by reading books, often late at night, while working full-time.

3 He started out as a shoemaker.

Before shaping a nation, he was literally making shoes. He later became a surveyor, merchant, lawyer, and judge.



4 He helped solve one of the biggest arguments in U.S. history.

At the Constitutional Convention, large and small states were fighting. Sherman helped create the "Great Compromise," which gave us the U.S. House and Senate.

5 He wasn't flashy, but people trusted him.

He wasn't known for big speeches like some other Founding Fathers. He was known for being practical, thoughtful, and steady. And people listened.

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History is more than dates and documents. It's also the choices people made. Unlike many in the 1700s, including some Founding Fathers, Roger Sherman did not support slavery, offering insight into the values he brought to public life.

6 He held a LOT of jobs in government.

He served as a judge, state legislator, congressman, and New Haven's first mayor.

7 He believed everyday people should have a voice.

Sherman strongly supported representative government, meaning leaders should reflect the people they serve.

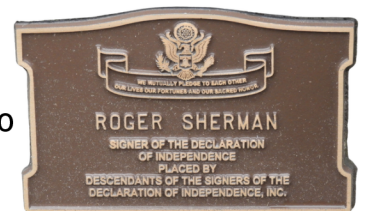


8 He helped shape how elections work today.

He believed states, and not the federal government, should run their elections, which became part of the U.S. Constitution.

9 He raised a big family.

He had 15 children, so he understood busy, everyday life. But he still made civic engagement a priority.



10 He proved you don't have to be famous to make history.

He's not the best-known Founding Father, but his ideas are still part of how our government works every single day.

