



One of the most famous paintings of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, which hangs in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda and is shown on the back of the \$2 bill. See the arrow pointing to Roger Sherman. The oil on canvas was painted by Connecticut artist John Trumbull of Lebanon. A smaller version can be viewed at the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven.

A PROJECT CREATED BY THE CONNECTICUT SECRETARY OF THE STATE, FLAT ROGER SHERMAN IS inspired by the Flat Stanley Project,

which was started in 1995 by a 3rd-grade teacher to encourage letter-writing between students as they shared where Flat Stanley accompanied them. Unlike Flat Stanley, who was originally a book character, Flat Roger Sherman is based on a real person: one of the nation's most important (and often overlooked) Founding Fathers, who grew up and lived in Connecticut.



Flat Stanley, the inspiration for Flat Roger Sherman

Roger Sherman was the only person to sign all four of America's founding documents. He believed in participation, compromise, and making sure different voices were heard.

The system he helped shape — where people choose their leaders and have a say in decisions — still guides our country today. With Flat Roger, you can explore how that system shows up in your life!

