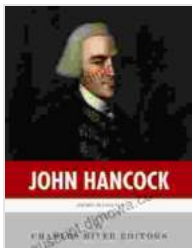


# American Legends: The Life of John Hancock

## A Founding Father of the United States

John Hancock was born on January 12, 1737, in Braintree, Massachusetts. He was the son of a wealthy merchant and landowner, and he inherited a large fortune from his father. Hancock attended Harvard College and graduated in 1754. After college, he worked as a merchant and became involved in politics. Hancock was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. He was also a delegate to the Continental Congress, where he played a key role in the drafting and signing of the Declaration of Independence.



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Hancock's large and distinctive signature on the Declaration of Independence is one of the most famous signatures in American history. It is said that Hancock signed his name so boldly so that King George III could read it without his glasses. Hancock's signature is a symbol of his

courage and determination, and it has become an iconic symbol of the American Revolution.

Hancock served as the first and third President of the Continental Congress. He also served as the first Governor of Massachusetts. During his time as Governor, Hancock led Massachusetts through the difficult years of the Revolutionary War. He also helped to establish the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

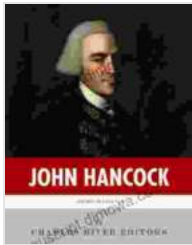
Hancock died on October 8, 1793, at the age of 56. He is buried in the Granary Burying Ground in Boston. Hancock is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history. He was a brave and determined leader who helped to secure the independence of the United States.

### **Legacy of John Hancock**

John Hancock's legacy is one of courage, determination, and patriotism. He was a key figure in the American Revolution, and his signature on the Declaration of Independence is one of the most famous signatures in American history. Hancock also served as the first and third President of the Continental Congress and as the first Governor of Massachusetts. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history.

Hancock's legacy can be seen in the many places that bear his name. The John Hancock Tower in Boston is one of the tallest buildings in the city. The John Hancock Center in Chicago is a famous shopping and dining destination. The John Hancock Financial Services company is one of the largest financial services companies in the world. These places are a testament to Hancock's lasting legacy.

John Hancock was a true American legend. He was a brave and determined leader who helped to secure the independence of the United States. His legacy is one of courage, determination, and patriotism. Hancock is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history.



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