



Jacob Broom

1752 - 1810

Delaware Delegate to
the Philadelphia Convention

Occupations: Farmer, surveyor, shipper, importer, real estate speculator, and merchant.

Political Accomplishments: Elected by New Castle Countians to serve as a member of Delaware's House of Assembly during the 1780s. Selected by Delaware's General Assembly to serve as a delegate to the federal convention in Philadelphia in 1787. He was among the first of the representatives from the nine states to arrive in Philadelphia and participated in the opening session on May 25, 1787. Mr. Broom was active in Wilmington politics. He served as a ferry commissioner, director of the Wilmington Bridge Company, postmaster of the City of Wilmington in 1790, and chairman of the board of directors for the Delaware Bank. Mr. Broom built the first cotton mill on the Brandywine River in 1794.

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