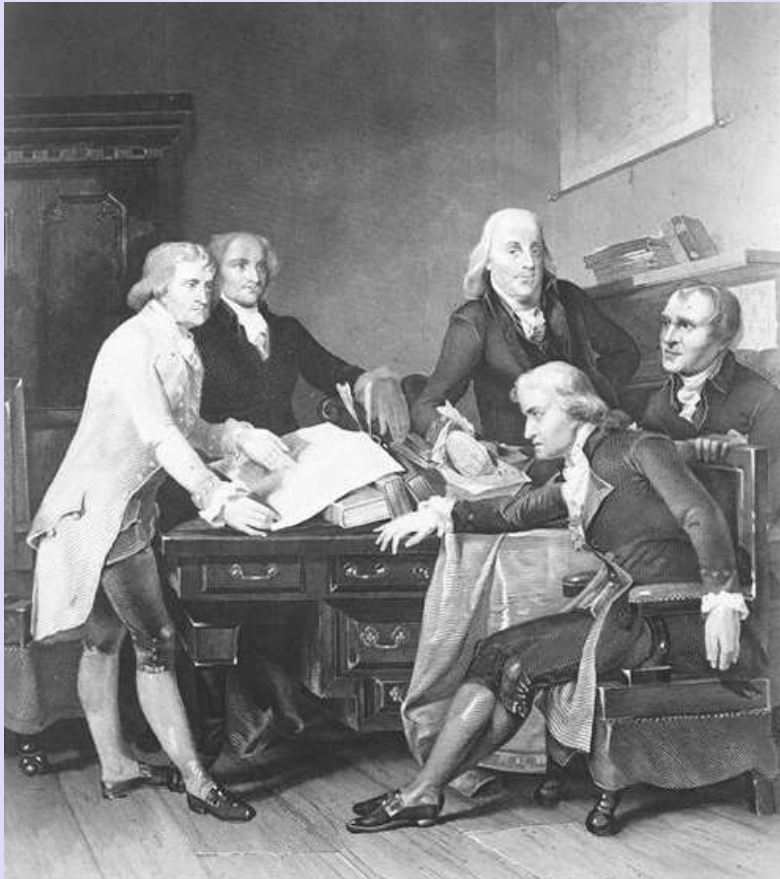


Who was involved?



- Benjamin Franklin
- John Adams
- Robert R. Livingston
- Roger Sherman
- Thomas Jefferson

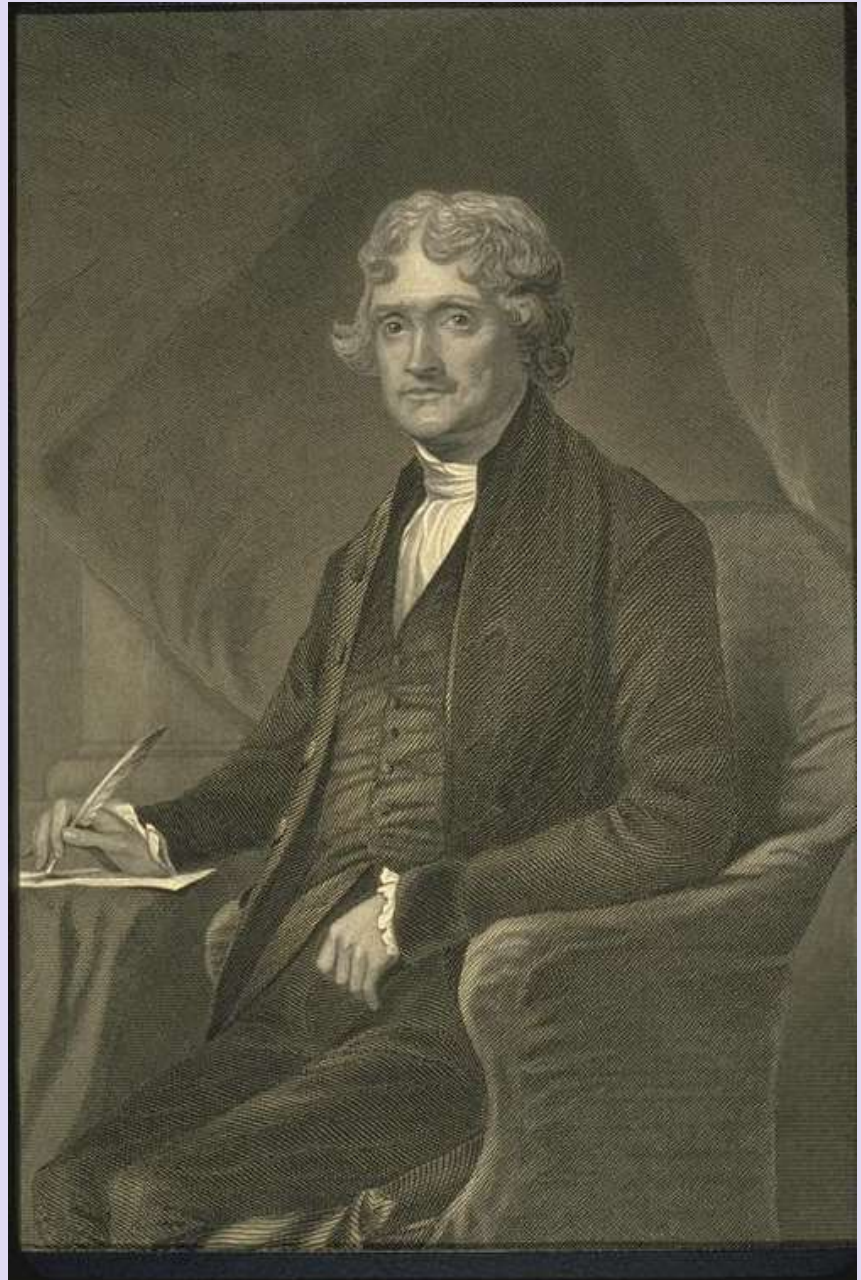
Where did it all take place?

This is a replica of the Graff house where Jefferson wrote the majority of the 1st draft of the Declaration of Independence. The original building (at this location) was destroyed in 1888.

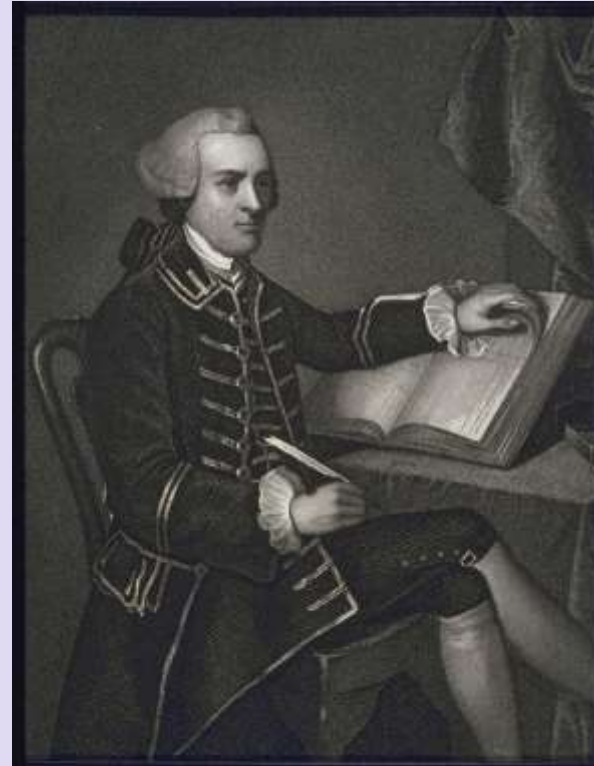


What did it
look like?

Who wrote
the first
draft?



Who signed it
first?



John Hancock

The Declaration of Independence

- Why did they write a declaration of independence?
- “ a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”
 - Britain was 1 of the most powerful nations in world. It was imperial like many other nations.
 - America needed to explain why independence was necessary so that other nations wouldn't feel threatened..
 - also wanted to make sure that no other nations (France) would join Britain.

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