



BAILLY, Joseph Alexis

Paris 1823 or 1825 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States
1883

Révérend Dr. John Witherspoon (1723-1794)

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1876

bronze

statue

Acc. No.:

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Fairmount Park

Provenance

- 1876, Erected by members of the Presbyterian Church for the 1876 Centennial Exhibition, dedicated July 4
- Moved at Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park, North side of the East end loop of the Horticulture Center

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Comment

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Scottish born Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon (1723-1794), the only active clergyman in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence and was an early President of Princeton University. This bronze and granite memorial was erected by members of the Presbyterian Church for the 1876 Centennial Exhibition.

The artist Bailly fled France in 1848 when he was conscripted into the army against his will. He settled in Philadelphia in 1850, and taught at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Trained as a furniture wood carver with studies at the French Institute, he also sculpted the marble George Washington in Philadelphia City Hall's Conversation Hall.
