

## **Oliver Wolcott (1726-97)**

**SEE WOLCOTT OF CT GENEALOGY, PART II**

- 1726 November 26, born in Windsor, Connecticut, son of Roger Wolcott; brother Erastus becomes a Revolutionary War general
- 1747 graduates from Yale and is commissioned a captain by the governor of New York; raising a company of volunteers, he serves on the northern frontier until the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle
- 1750 studies medicine with his brother, Dr. Alexander Wolcott
- 1751 before he enters practice, he is chosen sheriff of the newly organized county of Litchfield
- 1774-86 serves on the Connecticut governing council and is judge of the county court of common pleas; also serves as judge of probate for the Litchfield district many years
- 1774-86 active in the Connecticut militia, he rises to the rank of major-general
- 1775 a revolutionary from the start; he is appointed to represent Connecticut in the Continental congress in July; he is one of the commissioners of Indian affairs for the northern department with the objective of keeping the Iroquois neutral; the Wyoming controversy between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and the dispute between the settlers of Vermont and the authorities of the New York are compromised mainly by his effort
- 1776 he signs the Declaration of Independence, then returns to Connecticut to command fourteen regiments of Connecticut militia that are sent to the defense of New York; in November, he sits again in the Continental Congress but must flee to Baltimore with that body
- 1777 in the summer, he once again organizes militia units and brings thousands of reinforcements to General Israel Putnam on Hudson river; he then joins the northern army under General Horatio Gates with three or four hundred volunteers and is assigned to the command a brigade of militia that helps surround, defeat, and capture the army of General John Burgoyne at Saratoga
- 1778 February, 1778, once again he joins Congress, this time at York, Pennsylvania
- 1779 summer; when the British ravage the coast of Connecticut, he heads a division of militia
- 1780 back in Congress, he remains a member until 1784
- 1785 he is appointed one of the commissioners of Indian affairs for the northern department who negotiate a treaty of peace with the Six Nations.
- 1786 elected lieutenant governor of Connecticut, he serves until 1796
- 1796 elected governor, he serves until his death
- 1797 December 1; dies in Litchfield, Connecticut

