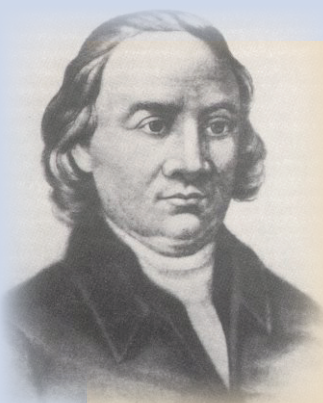


2010 Conference

Join us 14-15 June 2010
for a Conference at the
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on John Morton



John Morton is an historical figure whose story crosses many geographical and temporal boundaries. His great-grandfather was among the first Finnish settlers of what is now Pennsylvania, and no more than three generations later, Morton cast the tie breaking vote for independence within the Pennsylvania delegation. He later signed the Declaration of Independence – one of the most important documents in American history – at great personal peril. Discovering more about Morton's life and the migration of his ancestors is a primary aim of the John Morton Project and will ultimately lead to additional insights into important aspects of United States, Finnish, and Swedish histories.

Morton's great-grandfather Mårten Mårtensson was among the many so-called "forest Finns" who migrated from their ancestral home of Finland – then under the control of the Swedish crown – to the new world. Mårten arrived in America in the mid-1650s and settled in the Delaware Valley of Pennsylvania – now part of suburban Philadelphia – and prospered, as did many Finns, Swedes, and settlers from a variety of European nations.

Mårten Mårtensson's great-grandson, John Morton, was born in Ridley Pennsylvania in 1725. He became involved in the politics of Pennsylvania, which was a colonial possession of the British crown at the time. Morton served as a representative in Pennsylvania's provincial assembly, a county Sheriff, and a delegate to the First Continental Congress. An influential figure for the people of Pennsylvania, he also presided over the committee that drafted the Articles of Confederation. The pinnacle of his political career was his involvement in shaping and signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, which proved to be the first monumental step in the creation of the United States of America.

Join us at the University of Helsinki on 14-15 June 2010 for a two-day gathering of discussions and lectures by historians and migration experts from Finland, Sweden, and the United States.

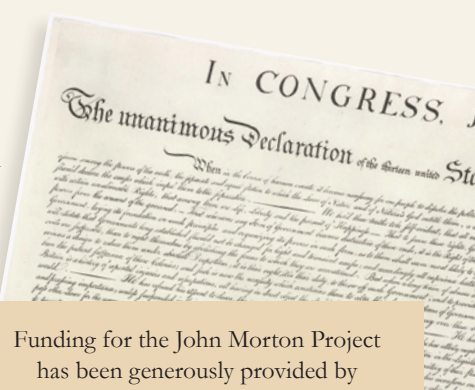
This is a rare opportunity to discover more about the rich and interconnected histories of these three great nations and hear about the latest research being done by talented scholars on both sides of the Atlantic.

Featured Speakers

- Dr. Olavi Koivukangas, University of Turku, Finland, *"John Morton's Great Grandfather was from Finland, Sweden"*
Dr. Auvo Kostiainen, University of Turku, Finland, *"The Prospects of DNA Study on the Roots of John Morton in Finland"*
Dr. Peter Lillback, Westminster Theological Seminary, USA, *"John Morton's Only Surviving Correspondence to Great Britain"*
Dr. Katri Sieberg, Erkko Chair of North American Studies at the University of Tampere, Finland, *"The Declaration of Independence"*
Dr. Maud Wedin, University of Uppsala, Sweden, *"Morton Ancestors in the Swedish Woodlands"*
Dr. Robert Wright, Augustana College, USA, *"How Throwing People Out of Their Homes Created a Revolution"*
Mr. Henry Buehner, Temple University, USA, *"Contextualizing John Morton: Understanding the World that Shaped a Leader"*

Special Guests

- Ambassador Marilyn Ware, former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Finland
H.E. Bruce Oreck, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Finland
Ambassador Antti Lassila, Former Finnish Ambassador and Consul General of Finland in New York
Dr. Henrik Meinander, University of Helsinki
Mr. Donald Ward, President of Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and John Morton Descendant



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