

Declaration's Keeper

Note: Charles Thomson was the secretary of the Continental Congress during writing of Declaration of Independence. He printed and held document for first 15 years. Friend of Thomas Jefferson, and numerous other members of Congress. Credited with sharp mind and clear eye during those trying times.

This is his possible reflections later in life.

By C.E. Warner 8-6-21

Organized, logical, pristine to fault.

Soft spoken word, but powerful paper.

For secretary Adams did exult.

Presentation supreme, history maker.

In Philadelphia debate begun.

Thirteen voices have thirteen opinions.

Boston aggrieved, south concerned, New York none.

Black issue abandoned, south's dominions.

Thomas Jefferson writes, Congress re-writes.

Consensus elusive, tempers plain.

Boston relents, gains history invites.

Document finished, public dangers strain.

Weary, unpleasant politics no more.

Religious study up until death's door.