

Rolling Toward Revolution...

May, 1772

- ❖ The Class of 1772 at the College of New Jersey, Princeton graduated three young men from the area, whose would make names for themselves in the coming revolution and beyond.
 - Aron Burr, Jr. , the orphaned son of the College's first president would serve as an officer in the Continental Army and later attain some infamy as the fourth American Vice President and later duelist. (Buried: Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York)
 - Classmate William Bradford, the son-in-law of Elias Boudinot, future President of the Continental Congress, would also serve his country in the army, and later as its second attorney general. (Buried in Burlington, NJ).
 - Another classmate, Philip V. Fithian, became a clergyman and the Chaplin of Heard's Brigade, New Jersey Militia. He would be an early casualty in the looming war. All studied under John Witherspoon, College president and future signer of the Declaration of Independence. (Buried in Princeton).
- ❖ Rev. John K. Witherspoon, a native Scotsman, trained numerous patriots and subsequent leaders of the young nation. He would become the only clergyman and the only college president to sign the Declaration. He would represent Somerset County after the war in the state assembly. (Buried in Princeton).

