

Fun Facts Central

National Constitution Center:

- On display here is one of the original 12 copies of the Bill of Rights that was sent to President George Washington in 1789.
- Signer's Hall has 42 statues of the Founding Fathers. The only one shown seated is Ben Franklin.

Independence Hall:

- Independence Hall is the epicenter of the Independence National Historic Park, and is home of the debates and adoptions of both the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.
- Independence Hall contains George Washington's original chair, which has a carved design of a rising sun on the front of the chest rail.
- The Signer's Garden includes "The Signer," a sculpture made in 1980 based on George Clymer who signed both the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Liberty Bell:

- The bell was cast in the Whitechapel Foundry in London and sent to the Pennsylvania State House in 1753. It was cast 3 times in total; once in 1752 and twice in 1753.
- The Liberty Bell weighs 2,080 pounds. The bell is suspended from what is believed to be its original yoke, made of American elm. It is made of 70% copper, 25% tin and small amounts of lead, zinc, arsenic, gold, and silver.
- The Liberty Bell was rung on July 8, 1776 for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. It was rung for special occasions, like announcements of the King and Washington's Birthday.
- Bible verse on Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" Leviticus XXV X
- The Liberty Bell receives x-rays to monitor its famous crack caused in February 1846, when it was rung for Washington's Birthday. There is also evidence to suggest the bell received a hairline crack in 1752, when it arrived in Philadelphia.
- Philadelphia had the largest free black population before the Civil War and the Liberty Bell was a symbol of freedom for the abolitionist movement.
- Speaking for the woman's suffrage movement, Susan B. Anthony read the "Declaration of the Rights of Women of the United States," in front of the Liberty Bell on July 4, 1876.
- Missouri School for the Blind students get a special opportunity to touch the Liberty Bell with guidance by a US park ranger.