BENJAMIN RUSH
Patriot and Physician

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Common Sense

Why was he removed from Congress?

* Americans belonged in 5 classes according to Rush, p. 174

Rush, p. 174
1. Rank Tory
2. Moderate Man
3. Fervid Whig
4. Furious Whig
5. Staunch Whig

Come to hate—Dr. Shippen above all men.

What was the Common Calamity?

Rush's Resolution, p. 191

When did he begin to criticize Gen. Wash. to Adams—

Shippen was married to the sister of Richard Henry Lee a member of Congress

* The changes of Rush on page 201
1774 — pop. 2.5 mil. | John Adams — 39  Sam Adams — 52

She played significant Benjamin Rush — 29

She and Washington met.

b. Dec 24, 1746 4th of July child

Charles I. Scheduled to marry Sarah 6 mo. She died 3 wks. before

of TB. Rush submitted a bill to her father (he paid)

married Richard Stockton's daughter — married Julia — 22, Nov 17

she would have been close to 30

First met her when he picked up as a child when sold from Princeton

Stockton and Rush both signed Dec. 8th. After 6 Indep.

had 13 children — died

on Richard — most famous p105. Served 6 yrs.

chap 2

William Shipper

John Morgan

Election — not abandoned the theory — Dr. Vampir

Dr. John Redmon — Rush under his tutelage for 2 years

Religion p35

slaves etc. — at 17 Rush first antagonism toward England

his Dominate his soul — admitted to his friend Morgan

that he bedded a married woman.

his autobiography — what year

from 18 to 40 TB mild — his sick — didn't write about this

1766 — sailed for Liverpool —

his only one "Polly" Fisher — married Tom Bradford

publishing of PA Journal.

chap 31 — two personality flaws p194

impertinence

1st prudence for mediocrity

Shipper and Morgan were patrician class — enjoyed p195

advantage of their position and wealth —

were arrogant, pride, domineering.

Army men fell victim to small pop. 1 Apr. 8 Aug.

Shipper 1st court martial 3/7 yrs. later

11 Apr. 17 — Shipper became King's 1st medical officer.
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Types of colonies

Proprietary PA/MD/DE
Corporate RI/Conn.
Royal GA/NC/SC/VA
New Jers., NY/WA

BENJAMIN RUSH

Closest Founding Father

Member of PA committee – most not for independence from England—Rush for independence.
When he found out that King George III was sending mercenaries to America.
Rush elected to Congress July 22, 1776
Signed Dec. of Ind. Jan. 1776
Quote from Benj. Franklin p. 150

Rush was originally angered over the Stamp Act
Went to Edinburgh – met David Hume
Slavery opponent age 23 – 1st writing p. 86
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More religious than - Episcopal/Presb./Methodists

In a celebrated party

In a personal manner when he lectured

We wrote on prison reform

2. opposition to capital punishment for felons

6. for education of women

7. evils of slavery / liquor / tobacco

6. need to abolish lengthy oaths

6. obligations to extend charity to the less fortunate

He was self-righteous

Wife and fiery child named after William (Rush)

First born John (insane)

Punishment should be included in school curricula

Christianity - only true and perfect religion


Feb 1812 - Letters between Adams and Jeff. declared

Outwitted immediately after Rush's death - his penchant for bloodletting in treating madness

- Chap. 15

Wanted capital in Phili. p.315

Letter to Adams - would accept no position in govt.

Washington would never put him in the Cabinet.

To Adams, attachment to monarchy - Rush, a Republican who believed like Jefferson.

We lectured had more children, suffered loss of friends, like Franklin etc. Left Episcopal church.

Act in had Presbyterian church.

Medicine became everything. The most influential physician through the Civil War.

- Chap 19

Yellow fever p.328 - 4,000 died - 10% of pop.

Rush's diagnosis was wrong - it was caused by infected mosquitoes.

Rush a piece in American Daily Advertiser.

100 persons buried every day.

Each became symptomatic.

His solution - phlebotomy; purging; bloodletting; heavy doses of mercury.

Critics thought he was all wrong.

We insisted that yellow fever was local in origin.

Nephron Miasma generated by malarial blood. He insisted that yellow fever was local in origin.

Nephron Miasma generated by malarial blood.
Chap 19 cont.
lost most of his patients — his friend "nominate him to teach medicine at Columbia. Hamilton blocked it. became Rush was a Republican.
Rush sues to William Coblentz for Libel
after 2 yr. wait he wins $5000 - Cobl. move to N.Y.
Money paid in 1801 ($400) after settlement. Money went Channing.
Because of Coblentz he was letter.

Chap 15 Propagandist p. 259
Feud between Shippen and Rush and Morgan.
Rush resigns from University, with Shippen joins faculty.
Morgan dies 10 yr. later devastated.
1782 - Rush writes 9 essays for Penn. Journal

Pseudonym - "Ratification" and "Leonidas"
4th article about need for strong Navy (like Adams).

p 282 - Dickinson College - 1782 - seeking a charter
the City Presbyterian c.v. Real Inc.
State passed charter - found not to exceed 80 at Carlisle Sept

Onto:spen "feminist"
Father American (Psychiatry) 1790 - Should treat mental illness the way we treat physical illness.
He opposed all facts
Rush's mantis
"All will end well." 275
PA- 1st medical school in Amhurst.
1791-12-
2872 student in Rush's class.
1807- became father of U.S. medicine.
*Rush's most famous remark, P 296
He would have mandated Christian education.
*played no role in Constitution.
PA. Justifying Convention.
He wanted Adams as first President.