

# 1st Congress 1789-1791

# U. S. Congressional Election

26 November 1788

Federalist = 6, Anti-Federalist\* = 2

## AT LARGE ELECTION

The first Congressional election in Pennsylvania was conducted at large with each voter casting a vote for eight candidates. At the time, the Federalists had a narrow (10-8) margin in the state Senate, and (36-33) in the House.

Fearing that the Anti-Federalists might win a majority in a Congressional delegation elected by district, The Federalists approved an at-large election in which frontier dissension was overwhelmed by the larger number of voters in southeastern Pennsylvania. Two candidates, Muhlenberg and Heister, were claimed by the *Federal Gazette*, as being Federalists, but that the Anti-federalists had “artfully placed the names” on their ticket.

Name	Party	Vote	Revised	Residence (District)
<b>Muhlenberg, Frederick A.</b>	Federal	8,707	(8,736)	Philadelphia City
<b>Wynkoop, Henry</b>	Federal	8,246	(8,275)	Bucks County
<b>Hartley, Thomas</b>	Federal	8,163	(8,191)	York County
<b>Clymer, George</b>	Federal	8,094	(8,123)	Bucks County
<b>Fitzsimons, Thomas</b>	Federal	8,086	(8,116)	Philadelphia City
<b>Scott, Thomas</b>	Federal	8,068	(8,096)	Washington County
<b>Muhlenberg, John Peter</b>	Anti-Federal	7,417	(7,467)	Montgomery County
<b>Hiester, Daniel</b>	Anti-Federal	7,403	(7,455)	Berks County
<b>Not elected</b>				
Allison, John	Federal	7,067	(7,091)	Franklin County
Chambers, Stephen	Federal	7,050	(7,077)	Lancaster County
Findley, William	Anti-Federal	6,586	(6,637)	Westmoreland County
Irvine, William	Anti-Federal	6,492	(6,546)	Cumberland County
Pettit, Charles	Anti-Federal	6,481	(6,534)	Philadelphia City
Montgomery, William	Anti-Federal	6,348	(6,398)	Northumberland County
McClenachan, Blair	Anti-Federal	6,223	(6,275)	Philadelphia County
Whitehill, Robert	Anti-Federal	5,850	(5,902)	Cumberland County

The political state of Pennsylvania in 1788, and its influence on the organization and conduct of the Congressional election can be found in Harry Marlin Tinkcom, *The Republicans and Federalists in Pennsylvania, 1790-1801*, pp.21-24.

Sources: *Federal Gazette* (Philadelphia), 1, 5 January 1789; Dubin, *Congressional Elections*, pp. 2-3.

Totals in the *Federal Gazette* for 1 January were identified as the “official results.” However, these did not include the returns from, Fayette County. These were published on 5 January and are included in parentheses in the table above. There were no more than 85 voters in the entire county and the addition had no effect on the results.

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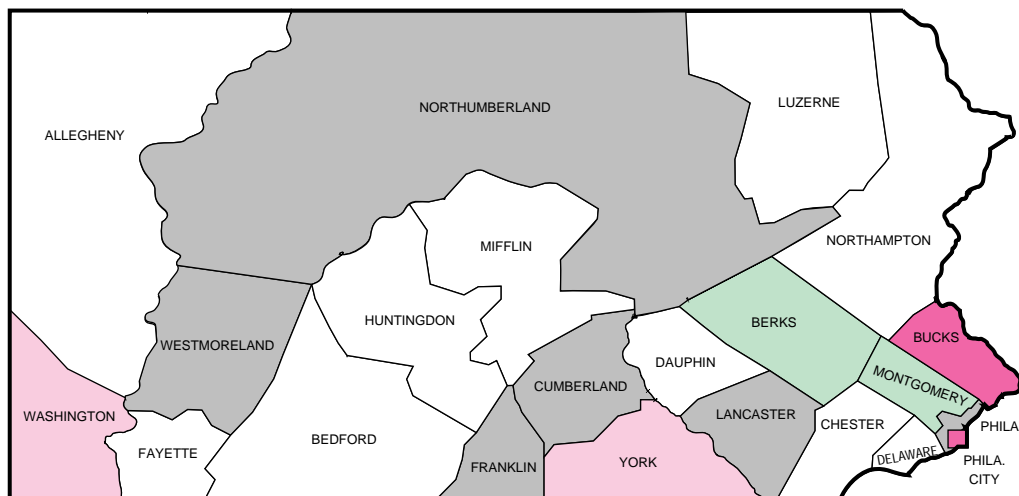
### At Large Election

Counties with 1 or 2 Federalist residents elected

Counties with an Anti-federalist resident elected

Counties with a defeated candidate

Counties with no candidate



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