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The following sketches outline the political careers of the principal Delaware leaders. Their affiliations in state politics are indicated by the terms “Whig” and “Tory” and in national politics after 1789 by the terms “Federalist” and “Democratic-Republican.”

**BASSETT, RICHARD (1745–1815)**
Tory/Federalist


**BEDFORD, GUNNING, JR. (1747–1812)**
Whig/Democratic-Republican


**BROOM, JACOB (1752–1810)**
Tory/Federalist


**COLLINS, THOMAS (1732–1789)**
Tory/


**DICKINSON, JOHN (1732–1808)**
Tory/Federalist; Democratic-Republican

Born Talbot County, Md. Family moved to Kent County, Del., 1740. Studied law in Philadelphia and in Middle Temple, London. Admitted to Philadelphia bar, 1757. Kent delegate to House and

READ, GEORGE (1733–1798)
Tory/Federalist

RODNEY, THOMAS (1744–1811)
Whig/Democratic-Republican
TILTON, JAMES (1745–1822)
Whig/Democratic-Republican


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