

The Liberty Bell



The Bell Rings

- The Liberty Bell has rung many times. However most people only know about one, very famous ring.
- This time was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.
- The Liberty Bell didn't ring for just one reason
- It was rung to call the assembly together and to summon people together for special announcements and events

The Bell's History

- On July 8, 1776 the Bell rang out from Independence Hall summoning Citizens to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.
- Also, on June 6, 1944 the Bell's sound was broadcasted throughout the country



Words on the Bell

- On the Bell it says **PASS AND STOW PHILADA MDCCLIII**
- Inscribed on the Bell are the words “*By order of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania for the State House in Philada.*”

Notice that the word Pennsylvania was spelled Pensylvania



The Materials

- **Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc and Iron**
- **Silver, Antimony, Arsenic, Gold and Nickel**
- **When John Pass and John Stow remade the bell, they added 1.5 ounces of copper for every 1 pound of the old bell**

Crack!!!



- There are many different stories and theories about the Crack and how it came to be
- Though it is agreed that the final expansion of the crack was on Washington's birthday in 1846
- This last expansion caused the bell to become unringable
- The Crack is 12in. To 15in. long

Unusual Facts about the Bell

- The Bell was cracked the first time it was rung
- The note of the bell is E-flat
- The Bell weighed 2080 pounds when it was first cast



The Bell as an Icon

- The Liberty Bell was given its iconic status in 1837
- This is when abolitionists adopted the Bell as a symbol for their movement
- The Bell was first used in this association as a frontispiece to an edition of *Liberty*, a New York anti-slavery Society
- Today the Liberty Bell is at the State House in Pennsylvania


