

# 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 it's 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

