



John Singleton Copley

Who were the famous Loyalists?

Because the Loyalists were on the losing side of the war, their names are not as well known today as those of the Patriots.

John Singleton Copley was a painter who painted portraits of Paul Revere and Samuel Adams before leaving for England. It was his father-in-law's tea that was destroyed during the Boston Tea Party.

Samuel Quincy was a lawyer whose father, brother, and wife were Patriots. It was his duty to try to convict the British soldiers involved in the "Boston Massacre." His brother, Josiah, worked with John Adams to defend the soldiers.



Joseph Galloway

Joseph Galloway was a Pennsylvania delegate to the Continental Congress, but later became the leader of the Loyalists in Philadelphia. He finally joined the British army and left America in 1778.

Dr. Benjamin Church of Boston was thought to be a strong Patriot and was head of the doctors taking care of the wounded Patriots. But he was really a Loyalist spy who was captured when he sent a coded message to a British officer, telling about the size and strength of the Continental Army. He was put into prison for several years, then sent to the West Indies and told not to return.

Thomas Hutchinson was the governor of Massachusetts. The Boston Tea Party happened when he insisted that the tea be unloaded

Flora MacDonald came to North Carolina from Scotland with her husband, Allan. She had been active in politics before she came to the colonies. Now she rode around the countryside getting soldiers to join the Royal American Regiment.



Thomas Hutchinson