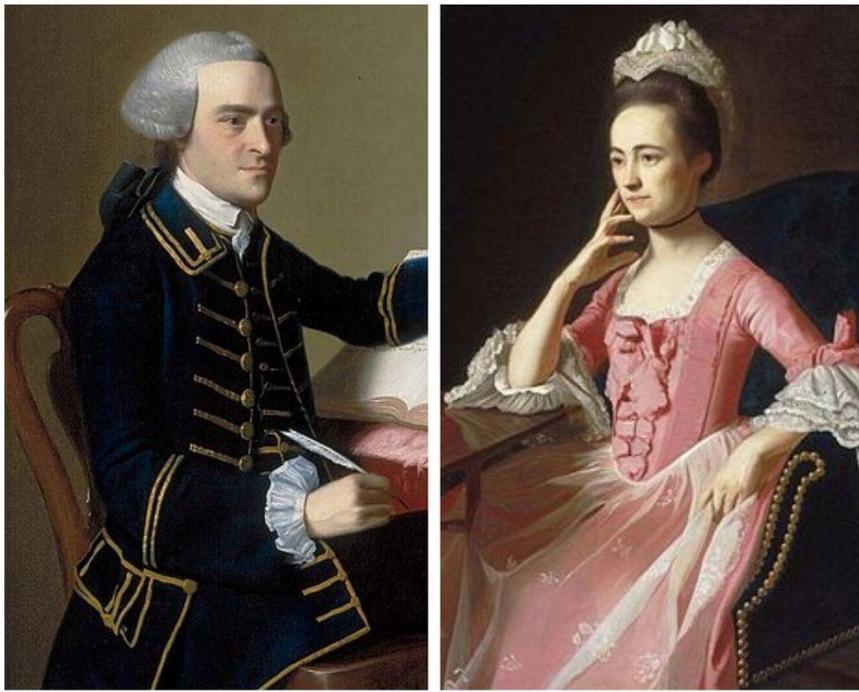




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August 28 – John Hancock Marries Dorothy Quincy

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On August 28, 1775, John Hancock married Dorothy Quincy at the Burr Homestead in Fairfield. Their hometown of Boston had been under siege since April and they sought refuge at the home of Thaddeus Burr, located on what is now Old Post Road in Fairfield.

As President of the Continental Congress, Hancock spent much of the summer of 1775 in Philadelphia. When Congress recessed on August 1, 1775, Hancock returned to Fairfield to wed his fiancée of seven years. Reverend Andrew Eliot, minister at Fairfield's Congregational Church, presided over the nuptials.

Hancock served in the Continental Congress during some of the toughest moments of the Revolutionary War. He was later elected the Governor of Massachusetts and stayed involved in the growth and development of the young United States. John Hancock and Dorothy Quincy had two children: Lydia Henchman Hancock was born in 1776 and died 10 months later and John George Washington Hancock was born in 1778 and died in 1787. After Hancock's death on October 8, 1793, Quincy remarries in 1796. Quincy dies at the age of 82 on February 3, 1830.

Images: *John Hancock*, 1765, John Singleton Copley. Courtesy of Museum of Fine Arts Boston (*left*); *Dorothy Quincy (Mrs. John Hancock)*, c. 1772, John Singleton Copley. Courtesy of Museum of Fine Arts Boston (*right*).