


The Friends of the 
John Dickinson Mansion,
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A Society for Extension of Public Knowledge about John Dickinson and his Mansion

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Dear Friends,

The past was never as clear-cut as we imagine. Solutions were rarely simple, and victories were seldom complete. And, even when people understood the stakes, making the right moral choice always exacted a price.

From that point of view, yesterday sounds much like today. Yet, we can look to America's past and clearly see a few individuals whose actions stand up under scrutiny and whose voices speak to us with honest political insight and refreshing moral clarity.

John Dickinson is chief among them. As you know from your past support of the Friends of John Dickinson Mansion, Dickinson fought for liberty. He stood for the rights of all. He outlined political principles that stood the test of time. Born into a slaveholding family, Dickinson came to see the immorality of slavery, manumitted his slaves, and fought to end slavery in Delaware. He thought the Declaration of Independence was premature, but he immediately took up arms to defend the new country.

Your past support of the Friends helped shine a light on Dickinson's life and writings. Now, as the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of its birth, and amid the partisan anger spread through the nation, Dickinson's example of honesty in government and tolerance of all viewpoints is needed more than ever.

By joining us as members and sharing this mission with your family and friends together, we elevate the life and contribution of John Dickinson. Together, we will participate in planned activities and events over the next several years leading to the country's

celebration in 2026. As a member, you will receive notice of these events before the general public.

Now more than ever, the Board and I welcome your continued participation in sharing John Dickinson's story throughout America. Complete the membership form, and please sign up another person to grow our voice. I appreciate your help.



Ray Seigfried
Board Chair

PS – Please continue as a member in 2024 – you can sign up today via this QR code. Also, if we do not have your email, please send it in with your membership form!

