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built by John Folwell, Philadelphia, 1779.

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In 1787, George Washington sat in this chair as President of the Constitutional Convention. On September 17, as the Constitution was signed, Ben Franklin expressed his optimism for the future of the new nation while looking at the design on the chair back:

*"Often and often... I have looked at that {sun}... without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting, but now at length, I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun."*

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See the Rising Sun Chair in Independence Hall.