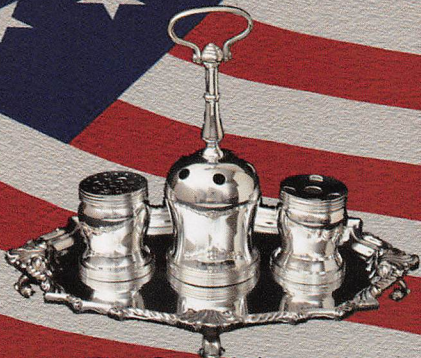


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made in Philadelphia by Philip Syng, 1752.

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Silversmith Philip Syng was a friend of Benjamin Franklin's. He made a baptismal bowl for Sally Franklin and co-founded the University of Pennsylvania. Syng also made this silver inkstand (used for writing with quill pens) for Pennsylvania lawmakers to sign bills into law. It is most famous for being used to sign both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in Independence Hall.

*"Resolved, That the Declaration passed on the 4th... be signed by every member of Congress."
Continental Congress 7/19/1776*

See the Syng Inkstand in the West Wing of Independence Hall.

UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS