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Name: Philip John Schuyler

Years: November 10, 1733 – November 18 1804

Residence: Albany, NY

Brief Biography:

Philip John Schuyler was born to John Schuyler and Cornelia Van Cortlandt, he grew up in wealthy and well educated surroundings with many opportunities. During the Anglo-French struggle he joined the military to help. Around the same time he married Catherine Van Rensselaer, and eventually had fifteen children together. From this time until the Revolutionary War, Schuyler became involved in politics. He began on the Albany City Council, then assemblyman, and then he moved on to New York assembly. Also during this political period he also obtained many acres of land around Saratoga and the Mohawk Valley, which he turned into mills and farmland. When the Revolutionary War began Schuyler was a leading figure, he was an important general under George Washington. In 1775 he led a failed attack on Quebec and the loss of Fort Ticonderoga made many people question his skills and lose faith in him. After a self-requested court martial in 1778, which cleared his name and after the Revolutionary War, Schuyler returned to politics. From 1778 to his death in 1804 Schuyler was a member of the Continental Congress, the New York State Senate, and a New York State Senator.

For More Information: *The Life of General Philip Schuyler* by Bayard Tuckerman;
Philip Schuyler and the American Revolution in New York, 1733-1777 by Don R. Gerlach

Resources: American National Biography Online, Encyclopedia Britannica Online