

U.S. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE

School children visiting historic Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, view, and hear the story of, the Liberty Bell which was rung on July 4, 1776 to announce the adoption of the United States Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. The guide (lower right) is pointing to the crack which appeared in the bell on July 8, 1835 when it was being tolled for the funeral of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States. The bell, which rests on its original timbers, has been seen by millions of persons from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries. Engraved on it are the words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus XXV,10). The bell was transported to Allentown, Pennsylvania, when the British forces occupied Philadelphia in 1777, and was replaced in 1781 following George Washington's victory at Yorktown, Virginia, the battle which ended the North American colonists' successful struggle for independence. (SI-60477)

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