GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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aided writing of and signed the Declaration of Independence; cooperated with Thomas Paine in publishing "Common Sense"; professor of chemistry at Philadelphia; analyzed mineral ores and spring water; wrote first chemistry textbook by an American; first American psychiatrist; founded first free dispensary in the US, first antislavery society, and the College of Physicians; "father of chemistry in America".

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