

STORIES of New Jersey

William Pierce, delegate from Georgia to the Constitutional Convention, said of him:

Governor Livingston is confessedly a man of the first rate talents, but he appears to me rather to indulge a sportiveness of wit than a strength of thinking. He is, however, equal to anything, from the extensiveness of his education and genius. His writings teem with satyr and a neatness of style. But he is no orator, and seems little acquainted with the guiles of policy.



The Bennett House at Parsippany, the haven of Governor Livingston during the Revolution, as it looks today. Insert - Small house once attached to the Bennett House, now moved across the road.

Livingston was re-elected Governor annually for 14 years until his death at Elizabeth in 1790. The same winter his body was moved to New York. Liberty Hall passed out of the family but still stands, part of an estate known as Ursino, now in Union Township on the northeastern edge of Elizabeth.