Justice Caleb Cowpland (Copeland/Copland/Coupland)

1692-1757

Term

1750-1757

Professional Experience

- Tax Collector, Chester Township, 1719
- Constable, Chester Township, 1719-1720
- Overseer of the Poor, Providence Township, 1720, 1723
- Tax Assessor, Chester County, 1726-1727
- Member, General Assembly, 1729, 1731-1736
- Collector of the Assize, Chester County, 1730-1733
- Chief Burgess, Borough of Chester, 1731-1738
- Justice of the Peace, Chester County, 1731-1750; President Justice 1747-1750
- Supervisor of the Highway, Chester Township, 1736
- Commission of the Peace, Delaware County, 1737
- Trustee, General Land Office, 1738-1744
- Governor James Hamilton appointed Cowpland, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, September 20, 1750; sworn in on September 21, 1750
- Justice of Oyer and Terminer, Philadelphia County, 1752
- Justice of Oyer and Terminer, Chester County, 1752

Memberships and Associations

- Clerk, Chester Monthly Meeting, 35 years
- Chester Preparative Meeting, 9 years
- Providence Preparative Meeting, 3 years

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