



Doorkeeper for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Doorkeeper was an officer of the House of Representatives from 1682 to 1915. As the name implies, the Doorkeeper maintained the opening and closing of the door to the House Chamber while the legislature was in session. He would allow individuals to enter the Chamber and would remove those who were not privileged to stay on the floor.

Early in the history of the House, the Doorkeeper would also keep inventory of and provide maintenance to the House's property, which included furniture, curtains, books, and other materials. Occasionally, the Doorkeeper would also serve as the chief Messenger. In this role, he would deliver materials to and from legislators, the Governor, or any other person or group in need of a delivery related to the legislature.

Some duties of the Doorkeeper eventually overlapped those of the Sergeant-at-Arms. From time to time, he would visit the home of a Representative to escort that Member back to the House Chamber.

Eventually, the position of Doorkeeper was eliminated and the duties were transferred to the offices of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Clerk, and Custodians.

Session Dates	Name	County	Date Elected
1682-1685	unknown		
1686-1688	Richard Reynolds	Philadelphia	5/10/1686
1689	William Elingworth	Philadelphia	5/10/1689
1690	George Moore	Philadelphia	5/12/1690
1691	unknown		
1692	Charles Ware	Philadelphia	5/11/1692
1693	Thomas Curtis	Philadelphia	5/16/1693
1694-1696	unknown		
1697-1699	Daniel Smith	Philadelphia	5/12/1697
1699	Thomas Woodmanson	Philadelphia	
1700	William Woodmansey	Delaware	5/12/1700
1700	John Grant		10/16/1700
1700	William Woodmansey	Delaware	8/3/1701
1701	unknown		
1702	House did not formally organize		
1703	unknown		
1704-1707	Nicholas Rosogans		unknown
1708	unknown		
1709-1718	Nicholas Rosogan		unknown

1719	unknown		
1720	Nicholas Rosogan		unknown
1721	unknown		
1722-1723	Nicholas Rosogan		unknown
1724-1726	unknown		
1727	John Eyer		unknown
1728	unknown		
1729-1730	James Mackey		10/16/1729
1731	John Campbell		10/15/1731
1732-1735	John Remington		
1736-1740	Stephen Potts		10/15/1736
1741-1748	Thomas Burden		
1749-1755	Edward Kelly		10/15/1749
1755-1757	David Edwards		11/1755
1758-1776	Andrew McNair		10/16/1758
1776	Jacob Lehre		2/18/1777
1776	William Hurry		3/4/1777
1777	Peter Bollinger		11/20/1777
1778-1780	William Hurry		11/6/1778
1781-1784	unknown		
1785-1801	Joseph Fry		10/27/1785
1802-1812	Henry Lechler	Lancaster	12/9/1802
1813-1819	James Taylor	Franklin	12/9/1813
1820-1833	Thomas Wallace	Dauphin	12/8/1820
1834	William Gould		12/4/1834
1835	George Shaver	Somerset	12/3/1835
1836-1838	Douglass Hyde		12/9/1836
1840	Joseph Jackson		1/8/1840
1841	George Shaver	Somerset	1/7/1841
1842	Hugh Lindsay	Berks	1/6/1842
1843	William Karns, Jr.	Berks	1/4/1843
1844-1846	Andrew Krause		1/3/1844
1847	Jacob Sanders		1/8/1847
1848-1849	Emanuel Ziegler	Adams	1/7/1848
1850	Isaac Beck	York	1/2/1850
1851-1853	Jacob Coleman	Berks	1/9/1851
1854	unknown		
1855	John J. Horn	Northampton	1/4/1855
1856-1857	Jacob Coleman	Berks	1/2/1856
1858	Samuel Taylor	Carbon	1/6/1858
1859-1860	John C. Morgan	Chester	1/6/1859

1861	E.D. Pickett		1/2/1861
1862	Caspar Gang	Allegheny	1/8/1862
1863	Sebastian Lieber	Berks	1/7/1863
1864-1865	James McJunkin	Butler	1/6/1864
1866-1867	James McGowen	Lawrence	1/3/1866
1868	J.H. Hall		1/10/1868
1869	W.H. Clark		1/6/1869
1870	J.H. Hall		1/4/1870
1871	H.K. Sample	Allegheny	1/3/1871
1872	Christian Hock	Allegheny	1/2/1872
1873-1874	William Moore	Allegheny	1/7/1873
1875	Ephraim Jones	Allegheny	1/6/1875
1876-1877	D.W. Aiken	Lawrence	1/4/1876
1878	unknown		
1879	J.H. Carr	Mercer	1/8/1879
1881	John C. Hetzell	Allegheny	1/5/1881
1883	James Hagan	Allegheny	1/3/1883
1885	William H. Paradise	Westmoreland	1/7/1885
1887	Henry Zehringer	Allegheny	1/4/1887
1887	James L. Williams	Allegheny	1/4/1887
1887	Peter L. Jaquett	Chester	1/4/1887
1887	Charles Caldwell	Armstrong	1/4/1887
1889	Robert M. Jones	Westmoreland	1/1/1889
1891	David Jones	Allegheny	1/6/1891
1893	Frank Van Dusen	Tioga	1/3/1893
1895	B.F. Davis	Luzerne	1/1/1895
1897	Theo Burchfield	Blair	1/20/1897
1899-1901	T.C. Snyder	Clearfield	1/20/1899
1903	Cornelius Moyer	Berks	1/21/1903
1905-1909	Henry A. Campfield	Crawford	1/18/1905
1911	Alfred Devlin	Pike	1/18/1911
1913-1915	John R. McCarter	Philadelphia	1/20/1913