

A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF
PATRICK HENRY

He was a lithe active man. Six feet in height weighing about 160 lbs. His hair was dark & curling. His features were classical, more Grecian than Roman, & his countenance commanding, but capable of every variety of expression. The most remarkable feature was his eye-which was deeply set, & well shaded - the color hazel & blue, but bright or dark, benign or piercing at will, & reflecting instantly every emotion of the soul of the speaker.

Note: Taken from "Patrick Henry: Corrections of biographical mistakes,..." by Patrick Henry's great-grandson Edward Fontaine, 1872. Transcribed by Mark Couvillon. p. 8. [Patrick Henry Fontaine was born in 1775 and lived with Henry from the age of ten years (1785) "until he was grown." (p. 6); it is his son who recounts here Henry's physical description.]