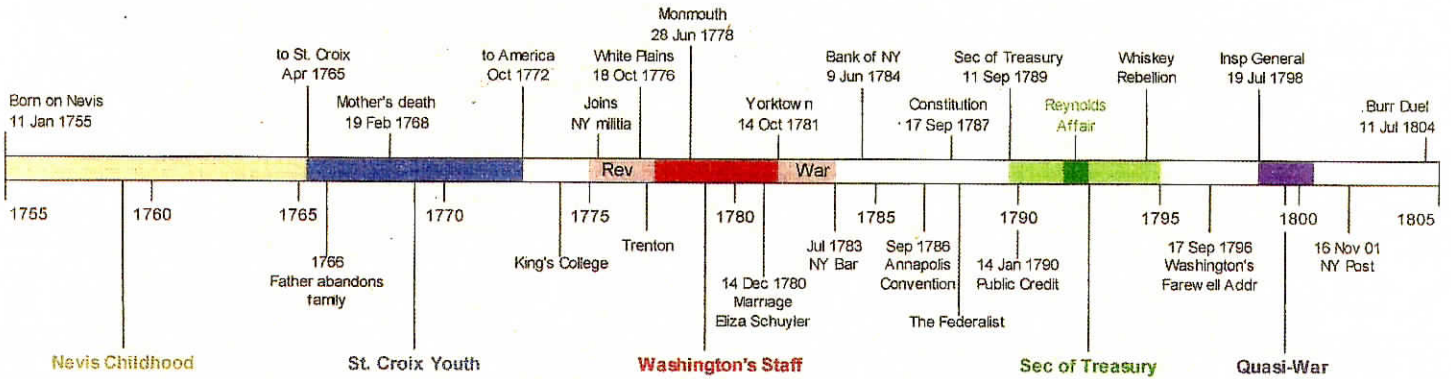


# ALEXANDER HAMILTON

## SOLDIER, FINANCIER, STATESMAN, FOUNDER

It is difficult to imagine a more humble origin for our subject. Born the illegitimate son of a shopkeeper on a small island in the West Indies, abandoned by his father at an early age, orphaned in adolescence, lacking a formal primary education, yet by his ambitious energy, intellect, and moral and physical courage, he rose to the highest level of statesmanship and authority to become one of the most powerful and influential of the founders of his adoptive country.



Timeline of Hamilton's Life

This seven-frame display exhibit uses philatelic material, postcards, significant historical ephemera, and other noteworthy collateral items to illustrate the events in Hamilton's life and to highlight his influence on the government, economy, politics, and society of the United States. It covers his 49-year lifespan including a brief background on the origins of his parents and depicts important aspects of his continued legacy.

The exhibit presents material in chronological order according to the timeline of his life. Many items are contemporary with his lifetime and include examples of free frank covers from him and his associates.



Hamilton 30c National Bank Note pair + four singles with 15c orange  
 (front from registered legal wrapper, March 1879, paid 10c registration fee plus 37x UPU rate from NY to Paris)