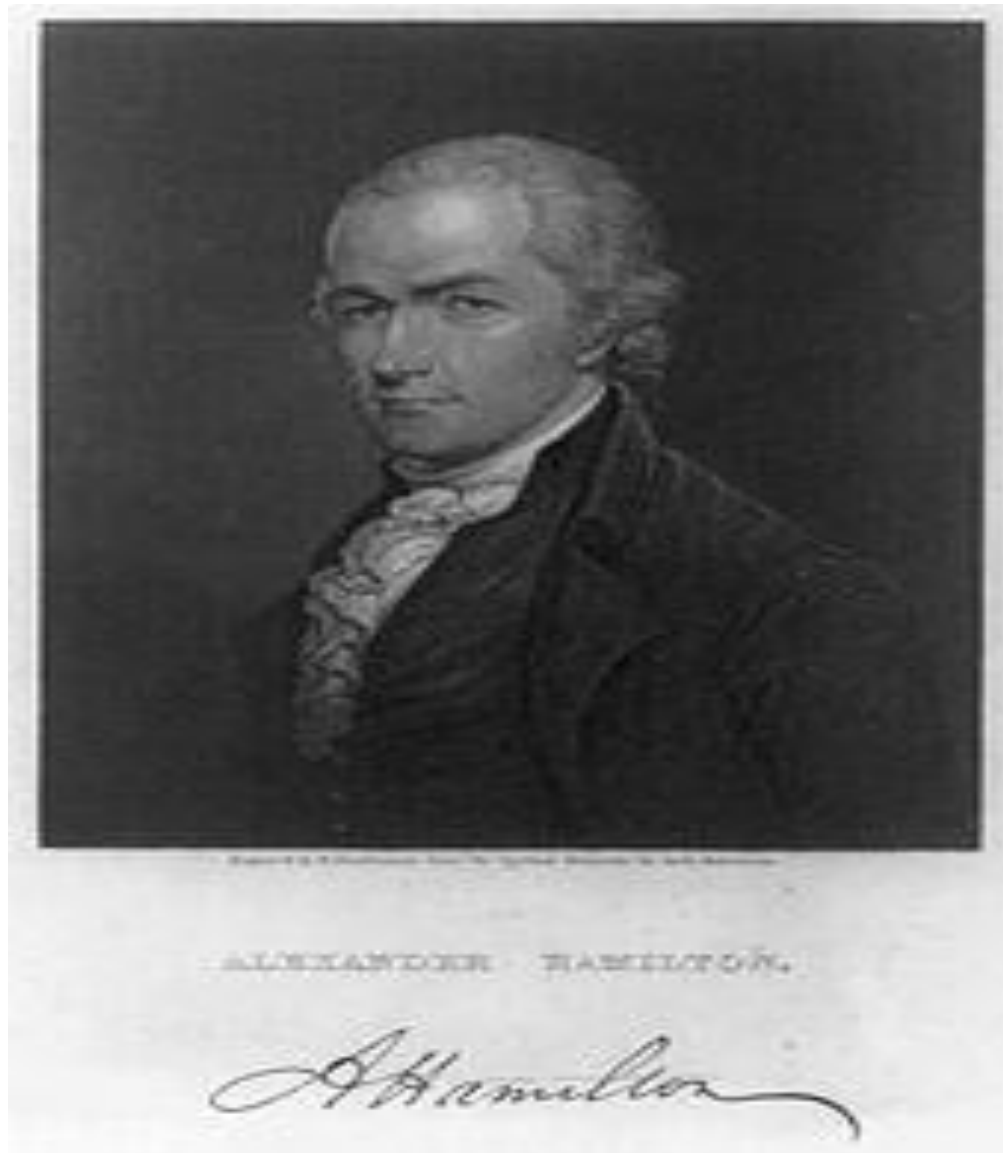


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ALEXANDER HAMILTON – JANUARY 11, 1755 – JULY 12, 1804

Alexander Hamilton a [Founding Father](#), soldier, economist, political philosopher, one of America's first constitutional lawyers and the first [United States Secretary of the Treasury](#). Historian [Richard B. Morris](#) in 1973 identified the following seven figures as the key Founding Fathers: [John Adams](#), [Benjamin Franklin](#), [Alexander Hamilton](#), [John Jay](#), [Thomas Jefferson](#), [James Madison](#), and [George Washington](#).

As Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the primary author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration, especially the funding of the state debts by the Federal government, the establishment of a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. He became the leader of the Federalist Party, created largely in support of his views, and was opposed by the Democratic-Republican Party, led by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

CHILDHOOD IN THE CARIBBEAN

Alexander Hamilton was born in Charlestown, the capital of the island of Nevis, in the Leeward Islands; Nevis was one of the British West Indies. Hamilton was born out of wedlock to Rachel Faucette Buck, a married woman of partial French Huguenot descent, and James A. Hamilton, the fourth son of the Scottish laird Alexander Hamilton of Grange, Ayrshire.



The Birthplace And Early Childhood Home Of Alexander Hamilton, In [Nevis, West Indies](#).

His mother moved with the infant Hamilton to [St. Croix](#) in the Virgin Islands, then ruled by Denmark. It is not certain whether the year of Hamilton's birth was 1757 or 1755; most historical evidence after Hamilton's arrival in North America supports the idea that he was born in 1757, and many historians had accepted this birth date. Hamilton's early life in the [Caribbean](#) was recorded in documents first published in Danish in 1930; this evidence has caused historians since then to opt for a birth year of 1755. Hamilton listed his birth year as 1757 when he first arrived in the Thirteen Colonies. He celebrated his birthday on January 11.

US SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

President George Washington appointed Hamilton as the **first United States Secretary of the Treasury** on September 11, 1789. He left office on the last day of January 1795.

LEGACY

ALEXANDER HAMILTON ON THE \$10.00 NOTE AND POSTAGE STAMPS.



1870

1888

1956

1957

**STATUE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON IN FRONT OF THE
US TREASURY BUILDING.**

