

Alexander Hamilton – The Orphan and Washington’s Right-Hand Man



- Born on the West Indian Island of Nevis, January 11, 1755 or 1757
- Orphaned in 1768
- Joined New York militia in 1775
- Commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in the Continental Army and George Washington appointed Hamilton as his aide-de-camp in 1777
- Appointed as commander of a battalion of light infantry and participated in the Battle of Monmouth, the Battle of Long Island and the Battle of Yorktown in 1781
- Member of the Continental Congress from 1782 to 1783
- One of 39 signers of the U.S. Constitution in 1787
- Appointed as the first Secretary of the Treasury in 1789
- Mortally wounded in a duel with Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804
- Died July 12, 1804, New York
- Buried in Trinity Churchyard, in New York City

NOT SO FUN FACT: Hamilton’s son, Philip, had died in a duel three years earlier (1801) at the same location.