## New Discoveries in the Lives of Alexander Hamilton, His Family, and Friends

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Alexander Hamilton is one of the most well-known and influential figures in American history. As one of the Founding Fathers, he played a key role in the creation of the United States of America. However, there is still much that we do not know about Hamilton's life. In recent years, new discoveries have been made that have shed light on his personal life, his relationships with his family and friends, and his political career.



Discovering Hamilton: New Discoveries in the Lives of Alexander Hamilton, His Family, Friends, and Colleagues, From Various Archives Around the World

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Hamilton's Early Life

Alexander Hamilton was born on the island of Nevis in the West Indies in 1755. His father, James Hamilton, was a Scottish merchant, and his mother, Rachel Faucette, was a woman of mixed African and European descent. Hamilton's parents never married, and he was raised by his mother and her extended family.

Hamilton showed a talent for learning at an early age. He attended grammar school in Nevis and later studied at King's College in New York City. While at King's College, Hamilton became involved in politics. He wrote and delivered speeches that criticized British rule in America.

#### Hamilton's Military Career

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, Hamilton joined the Continental Army. He served under General George Washington and quickly rose through the ranks. Hamilton played a key role in several important battles, including the Battle of Trenton and the Battle of Yorktown.

Hamilton's military career was cut short in 1781 when he was wounded in a duel. He resigned from the army and returned to New York City, where he began a career in law and politics.

#### Hamilton's Political Career

Hamilton was a key figure in the movement for American independence. He served as a delegate to the Continental Congress and helped to draft the Declaration of Independence. He also played a leading role in the ratification of the Constitution.

After the war, Hamilton served as the first Secretary of the Treasury under President George Washington. In this role, he helped to establish the

financial system of the United States. He also played a key role in the creation of the Bank of the United States.

Hamilton was a strong supporter of a strong central government. He believed that the federal government should have the power to regulate commerce, raise taxes, and declare war.

#### Hamilton's Personal Life

Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler in 1780. The couple had eight children together. Hamilton was a devoted husband and father. He loved spending time with his family and took an active role in his children's education.

Hamilton was also a close friend of George Washington. The two men shared a deep respect for each other and worked together to build the United States of America.

#### Hamilton's Death

Hamilton was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804. The duel was the result of a long-standing feud between the two men. Hamilton was mortally wounded and died the next day.

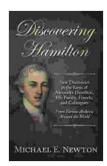
Hamilton's death was a major loss for the United States. He was a brilliant statesman who played a key role in the founding of the nation.

#### **New Discoveries**

In recent years, new discoveries have been made that have shed light on Hamilton's life. These discoveries include:

- The discovery of a new portrait of Hamilton. The portrait, which was painted in 1792, shows Hamilton in his prime. It is the only known portrait of Hamilton that was painted during his lifetime.
- The discovery of new letters written by Hamilton. These letters provide new insights into Hamilton's thoughts and feelings. They also reveal new details about his relationships with his family and friends.
- The discovery of new archaeological evidence. This evidence has helped to shed light on Hamilton's military career. It has also helped to identify the location of his grave.

The new discoveries that have been made in recent years have helped to provide a more complete picture of Alexander Hamilton's life. These discoveries have shown that Hamilton was a brilliant statesman, a devoted husband and father, and a close friend of George Washington. Hamilton's legacy continues to inspire Americans today.

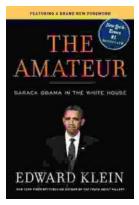


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