

# The Intimate Life of Alexander Hamilton: Based Chiefly Upon Original Family Letters

Alexander Hamilton was one of the most important figures in American history. He was a Founding Father, the first Secretary of the Treasury, and a brilliant military strategist. But what was his personal life like? What were his relationships with his family and friends? What were his hopes and dreams? We can learn a lot about Hamilton's intimate life from his own letters and those of his family and friends.



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## Hamilton's Childhood

Alexander Hamilton was born on January 11, 1757, in Charlestown, Nevis, in the British West Indies. His father, James Hamilton, was a Scottish merchant, and his mother, Rachel Fawcett Laven, was a French Huguenot. Hamilton's parents were not married, and his father abandoned the family

when Hamilton was a young child. Hamilton was raised by his mother and her family.

Hamilton had a difficult childhood. His mother died when he was 11 years old, and he was orphaned. He was taken in by his uncle, Peter Lytton, who sent him to school in New York City. Hamilton excelled in school, and he quickly developed a reputation for his intelligence and ambition.

### **Hamilton's Marriage**

In 1780, Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler, the daughter of Philip Schuyler, a wealthy landowner and Revolutionary War general. Elizabeth was a beautiful and intelligent woman, and she was devoted to her husband. The couple had eight children together.

Hamilton's marriage was a happy one, but it was not without its challenges. Hamilton was often away from home on business, and Elizabeth had to raise the children on her own. She also had to deal with Hamilton's financial problems.

### **Hamilton's Career**

Hamilton was a brilliant military strategist, and he played a key role in the American Revolution. He served as an aide-de-camp to George Washington, and he commanded the first battalion of the Continental Army.

After the war, Hamilton was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury. He was responsible for creating the nation's financial system, and he is considered one of the greatest Secretaries of the Treasury in American history.

## Hamilton's Death

Hamilton was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804. The duel was the result of a long-standing political rivalry between the two men.

Hamilton's death was a tragic loss for the nation. He was a brilliant statesman, and he had much more to give. But his legacy lives on, and he is considered one of the most important figures in American history.

Alexander Hamilton was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a brilliant statesman, a devoted husband and father, and a loyal friend. He was also a man of great ambition, and he was not afraid to take risks. Hamilton's life was cut short by tragedy, but his legacy lives on. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history.



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