

When Alexander Hamilton Lived

Date	Event
1755–1757	<p>Alexander was born on the British island of Nevis in the West Indies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Seven Years' War, also called the French and Indian War, began in 1756.• The first steam engine in the Western Hemisphere was used at a copper mine in the New Jersey colony.
1765	<p>Alexander moved to St. Croix with his mother.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Britain passed the Stamp Act, which forced American colonists to pay a tax to the king for all documents, including newspapers.• The world's first savings bank opened in Germany.
1773	<p>Alexander arrived in New York to attend college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The colonists rebelled against the British Parliament's Tea Act through the Boston Tea Party.• Land surveyor George Rogers Clark, at the age of twenty-one, began laying out the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

- 1775 Alexander joined the American colonists' army.
- George Washington became the leader of that army.
 - The American Revolution began with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 1783 Alexander was elected to the Continental Congress.
- The American Revolution ended with the Treaty of Paris.
 - The Montgolfier brothers invented the first hot-air balloon, on which the first passengers were a sheep, a rooster, and a duck.
- 1787 Alexander attended the Constitutional Convention.
- Three states, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, ratified the Constitution.
 - Oliver Evans's automatic flour mill, invented in 1780, made white bread widely available in America.
- 1789 Alexander became America's first Secretary of the Treasury.
- George Washington was elected as the first President of the United States.

- North Carolina became the twelfth state in the Union when it ratified the Constitution only after James Madison wrote the Bill of Rights (added to the Constitution in 1791).

1801

Alexander founded the *New York Evening Post*.

- The House elected Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr as the third President of the United States.
- John Chapman, also known as “Johnny Appleseed,” began planting apple trees in the Ohio Valley.

1804

Alexander fought in a duel with Aaron Burr and was killed.

- Lewis and Clark began their expedition across the American Northwest.
- There were seventeen states in the Union.