

Designated Landmark

HAMILTON GRANGE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, NEW YORK

Location: New York County, 287 Convent Avenue, New York City.

Ownership: U.S. Government, administered by the National Park Service.

Significance

Built in 1801-02, Hamilton Grange was the only home Alexander Hamilton owned and here he lived from 1802 until his death on July 11, 1804. Although not of the Revolutionary period, the house nevertheless has strong associations with Hamilton, who was an aid-de-camp to Washington from 1777 to 1781 and later (1789-1795) a chief architect of Washington's Federalist Government and founder of a sound currency and responsible fiscal policy in the new established United States.

Description of the House

Designed by the architect John McComb and built at a cost of \$1,500 in 1801-02, Alexander Hamilton named his new dwelling "The Grange" after that of his paternal grandfather, Alexander Hamilton, Laird of The Grange, in Ayrshire, Scotland. The residence is a two-story frame structure in the Federal-period style of architecture. In 1889 the house was moved 500 feet from its original site. The building was acquired by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society in 1924. Encroachments on the present location have obscured Hamilton Grange. In 1962, to make possible a National Monument to Hamilton in a suitable location, the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society donated the house to the Federal Government and the City of New York deeded the land for the proposed relocation. In poor condition, and not open to visitors, the National Park Service plans to move the Grange to a new site and completely restore the house to its 1802-04 appearance.

Classified as a site of national significance under Theme XII, Military and Political Affairs, 1783-1830, December 19, 1960.