

## ALEXANDER HAMILTON 1757-1804

Born on Nevis, Leeward Islands, British West Indies. Came to America in 1772. Entered King's College (Columbia), 1773. Wrote pamphlets and newspaper essays favoring independence, 1774-75. Commissioned by Second Provincial Congress to command artillery company, 1776. George Washington's aide-de-camp with rank of lieutenant colonel, 1777-81. Married Elizabeth Schuyler, daughter of Philip Schuyler, 1780. Led attack on redoubt at Yorktown, 1781. Settled in Albany, studied law, and admitted to bar, 1782. Member, Confederation Congress, 1782-83, 1788. Opened law office in New York City, 1783. Argued case of *Rutgers v. Waddington*, 1784. A founder of Bank of N.Y., 1784. Delegate to Annapolis Convention, 1786; drafted report of Convention. Member, state Assembly, 1787. Delegate to Constitutional Convention, 1787; signed Constitution as only N.Y. delegate. Published attack on Gov. George Clinton, 21 July 1787. Possible author of "Cæsar" essays, 1787. Co-author of "Publius": *The Federalist*, 1787-88. Member, New York Convention, 1788; voted to ratify Constitution. U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, 1789-95. Leader of Federalist Party. After retirement from Treasury, returned to New York City to practice law; remained active in politics. Major General (second in command) of Provisional Army raised to meet potential threat from France, 1798. Opposed Aaron Burr's election as U.S. Senator, 1797, as President, 1800-1801, and as governor of N.Y., 1804. Killed in duel with Burr.