Hamilton Grange

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The Feuding Founding Fathers

The Debate of the Century between Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson

Sunday May 12, 2013 11AM – 2PM

Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson were two of the most influential founders of the United States. During the Revolutionary War Jefferson served in the legislature in his home state and Hamilton rose to military prominence as General Washington's right hand man and a battlefield hero.

The new Constitution written after independence was won formed the Executive Branch of government. George Washington as the first President created a cabinet of advisors, with Jefferson as Secretary of State and Hamilton as Secretary of the Treasury. It was here that the two Secretaries clashed on the role and administration of government, where Hamilton saw the Constitution as an elastic document that allowed the federal government great latitude to achieve its goals as a nation, Jefferson saw it as a limit on national power that left most authority with the individual states. These are ideas that are still debated today.

Join the debate at Hamilton Grange on May 12, and enjoy all that Hamilton Grange has to offer.

Plan Your Visit

Hamilton Grange National Memorial Visitor Center will be open 9 AM to 5 PM for this special program.

An open-house format will be in effect this day, which allows visitors up to the maximum capacity of 15 to visit the furnished floor of the home at any given time, on a first-come/first-served basis. The visitor center, including the film in the media room and the exhibits remain open all day. Please call for more information.

There are numerous ways to get to Hamilton Grange using public transportation. Please visit www.mta.info for more information and maps.

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