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# A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHILDHOOD



## THREE FASCINATING FORT SCHUYLER FACTS:

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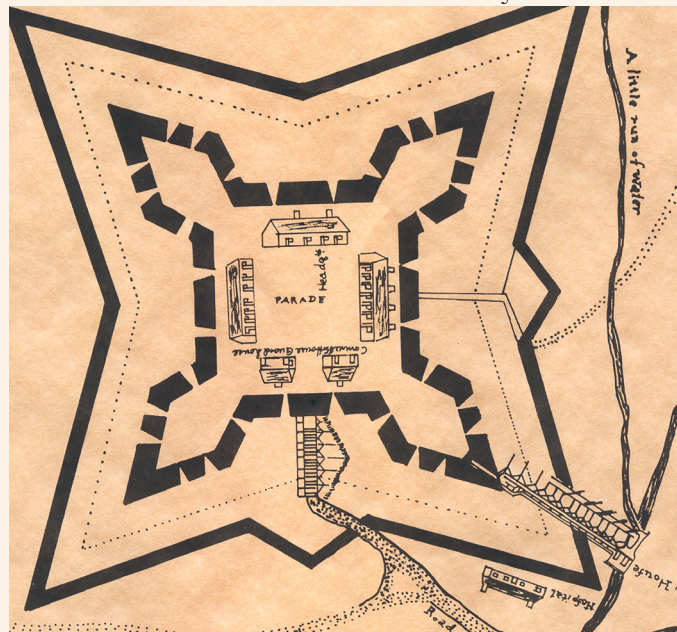
Alexander Milliner Maroney  
A Witness to Fort Schuyler



Alexander was born around 1770, so he was just 6 years old when the United States declared independence on July 4, 1776. He and his mother, who worked as a laundress, probably lived in the American camp at Fort Schuyler while his stepfather served there. During the Revolution, many children lived at the fort with their families. In this picture, Alexander was 94 years old.

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### The Garrison of Fort Schuyler

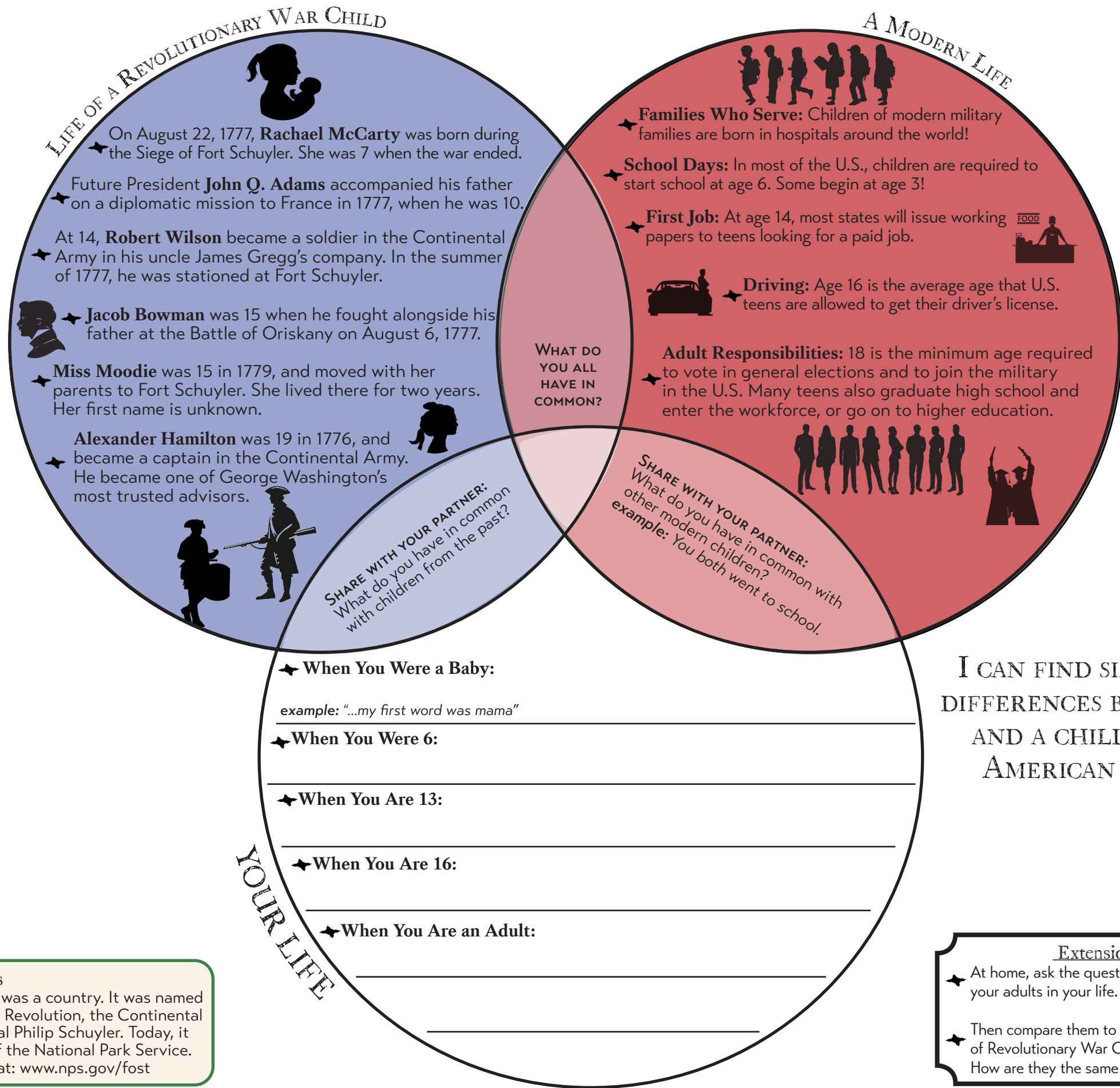


A "garrison" is a group of soldiers who live and work in a fort. Most soldiers at Fort Schuyler were between 18 and 20 years old, but some were as young as 12! This drawing shows what Fort Schuyler looked like when they lived there.

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### A Place with Many Names

Fort Stanwix was built in 1758, before the United States was a country. It was named after British General John Stanwix. During the American Revolution, the Continental Army called it Fort Schuyler to honor American General Philip Schuyler. Today, it is known as Fort Stanwix National Monument; a part of the National Park Service. You can learn more about its people and history at: [www.nps.gov/fost](http://www.nps.gov/fost)



I CAN FIND SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MY LIFE AND A CHILD'S LIFE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

### Extension Activity

- At home, ask the questions in the white circles to your adults in your life.
- Then compare them to yours, your friends, and that of Revolutionary War Children. How are they the same and how are they different?