



Name of Property: Hamilton Grange (Updated Documentation)
City, State: New York, New York
Period of Significance: 1802-1804
NHL Criteria: 2, Exception 2
NHL Theme: IV. Shaping the Political Landscape
2. Governmental Institutions
4. Political Ideas, Culture, and Theories
V. Developing the American Economy
7. Governmental Policies and Practices
8. Economic Theory
VIII. Changing Role of the United States in the World Community
2. Commerce

Previous Recognition: 1960 National Historic Landmark
1962 Hamilton Grange National Memorial (NPS)

National Historic Context: V. Political and Military Affairs, 1783-1860
A. Confederation Period, 1783-1789
B. The Constitution
C. Early Federal Period, 1789-1800
D. Jeffersonian Period, 1800-1811

NHL Significance:

- Hamilton Grange is nationally significant for its association with Alexander Hamilton, one of America's influential founding fathers. Although Hamilton lived in this house for only a few years before his untimely death, The Grange is the only remaining residence associated with Alexander Hamilton.

- Alexander Hamilton played numerous public roles throughout his career, including that of soldier, lawyer, essayist, politician, economist, leader of the Federalist Party, and Treasury Secretary. He worked on developing a strong Federal government to unite the newly-independent states and devoted himself to the challenge of ratifying the U.S. Constitution.
- As President Washington’s Treasury Secretary, Hamilton was responsible for solving the crisis of crippling war debts and overseeing the establishment of America’s credit and the creation of the Bank of the United States.

Integrity:

- On April 27, 1962, The Grange was designated a National Memorial under Public Law 87-438 to be administered by the National Park Service (NPS). A 1908 New York State Assembly law and the 1962 Public Law 87-438 both directed that Hamilton Grange be moved to a more appropriate location. The 1995 NPS General Management Plan for the Memorial recommended that The Grange be relocated and “preserved in a fitting setting” for its proper administration and interpretation as a national memorial because at its location on Convent Avenue it was wedged within inches between a church and an apartment house. In 2008, the building was moved to a new site one block away in St. Nicholas Park which was the recommended location for a move by the New York State Assembly in 1908. Interior and exterior rehabilitation work was completed in 2011.
- The updated documentation justifies how the building in its new location and setting meets the NHL criteria exception for a moved building as this is the only surviving property most importantly associated with Alexander Hamilton, a figure of transcendent national significance. In its new location, a full rehabilitation and historic interpretation have been possible, which its former Convent Avenue location would not have allowed.

Owner of Property: National Park Service

Acreage of Property: 0.93 acre

Origins of Nomination: Because of the building’s relocation, the 1960 NHL documentation needed to be updated. The NPS Northeast Regional Office worked with the NPS Denver Service Center to hire a contractor to prepare the updated documentation for the property description and boundary. The NHL Program in WASO had a contractor strengthen the national significance section of the nomination.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Updating the nomination for Hamilton Grange will provide the NHL Program, the NPS, and the public with the most current documentation for this NHL.
- Updating the descriptive and geographic portions of the nomination provided an opportunity to update and strengthen the statement of significance to reflect the most current scholarship on Alexander Hamilton.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation:

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of):

Advisory Board Recommendation: