

# WHERE ALEXANDER HAMILTON WAS BORN

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On January 11, 1755,

Alexander Hamilton was born in this home on the island of Nevis, part of the British Leeward Islands Colony in the Caribbean. It was his mother Rachel's home inherited from her father – she and Alexander's father, James Hamilton from Scotland, were never married. It was a scandal back then to be “born out of wedlock,” over which young Alexander triumphed.

His birthplace is hallowed as a museum with displays and photos describing his extraordinary path from a penniless orphan (James abandoned him, then Rachel died) to being one of America's principal Founding Fathers. It leaves quite an impact on you, being in the very place where the history described actually began.

Nevis (*nee-viss*) is an especially beautiful Caribbean island yet less visited than it's well-known neighbor, St. Kitts. Together, they form the sovereign nation of St. Kitts & Nevis. If it's ever your good fortune to get to St. Kitts – make sure to take the short ferry ride over to Nevis. It has a history, beauty and charm all its own. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #283 photo ©Jack Wheeler*)

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