

Hamilton Grange National Memorial



Alexander Hamilton

Orphan witness to horrors, adult slavery opponent

As a poor orphan with few options, while a boy in the Caribbean Hamilton worked as a clerk for a shipping company that participated, in part, in the slave trade. He saw firsthand the horrors that captive Africans endured from passage, and then the brutal conditions of sugar harvesting. This unique perspective influenced his work against slavery later.

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