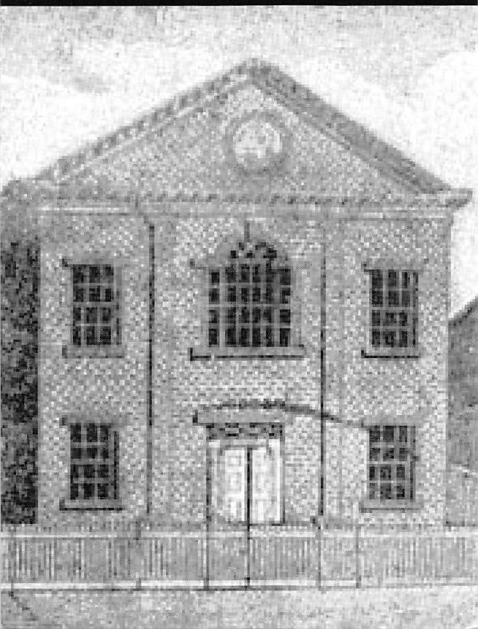


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Manumissions and Hamilton

African Free School as a step to freedom

During his childhood on the Island of Nevis in the Caribbean, Hamilton observed the cruel treatment of slaves. During the 1780s, he was a founder of the New York Manumission Society that advocated the abolition of slavery. The African Free School Established in 1794 by the society educated enslaved and free black students. The school endured beyond Hamilton's death in 1804, and by 1835 it had educated thousands.

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