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## SUMMARY

**Creator:** United States. National Park Service

**Title:** Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records

**Dates:** 1897-1999 (bulk 1960s-1990s)

**Extent:** 11.25 linear feet (24 document boxes, 1 microfilm case, 1 flat box, 2 rolls, 5 map drawers ["MD"])

**National Park Service Accession Number:** HAGR-00040 (part); HAGR-00042; HAGR-00046

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### Historical Statement:

Hamilton Grange was the only home ever owned by Alexander Hamilton (1755 -1804), one of America's founding fathers and the first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton commissioned the house in 1801 but lived there for only two years before he was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804. Hamilton's widow, Elizabeth, owned the house until 1833, after which it had several owners until it was ultimately acquired by St. Luke's Church in 1889. That year, the house was moved from its original site on West 143rd Street to West 141<sup>st</sup> Street and Convent Avenue. The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society acquired the property in 1924, with a mission to restore it as a historic site and museum of Hamiltoniana. In 1962, The Grange was conveyed by its owner at the time, The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society (ASHPS), to the United States Government for inclusion in the National Park Service (NPS). On April 27, 1962, Public Law 87-438 authorized the establishment of Hamilton Grange as a National Memorial the purpose of which was to "preserve and restore the former dwelling house of Alexander Hamilton (commonly known as The Grange) as a fitting memorial to Alexander Hamilton, interpreting this resource in a manner to instill in the visitor an awareness and an appreciation of the role this extraordinary and complex man played in the political and economic development of the United States." After more than four decades of efforts to find a site where the structure could be fully restored, the National Park Service moved it to its present location in St. Nicholas Park in Harlem, in New York City, in 2008.

### Scope and Content:

This collection consists of administrative records related to Hamilton Grange National Memorial. The records are comprised of correspondence, memoranda, draft memoranda and documents, meeting minutes, petitions, historic structure reports, general management plan/environmental impact statements, related research, progress reports, maintenance and construction files, bid

invitations, contracts, drawings, plans, financial records, news clippings, ephemera, photographs and microfilm.

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## PROVENANCE NOTE

The records that comprise this collection form part of Accession HAGR--00040, the entirety of Accessions HAGR--00042 and HAGR--00046. The HAGR--00040 records were originally housed in 7 boxes and one map drawer of oversized records which were discovered in the curatorial office and collections storage/library area in Federal Hall in 1990. HAGR--00042 consisted of one box of General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement preparation and background documents originally from the files of Richard Wells, the Project Director of the Office of Urban Projects, North Atlantic Region. HAGR--00046 consisted of one box of HAGR administrative records removed from Vault 6 in Federal Hall.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

Hamilton Grange was the only home ever owned by Alexander Hamilton, one of America's founding fathers and the first Secretary of the Treasury. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, under President George Washington, Alexander Hamilton worked diligently to place the nation on good financial footing. His ideas on credit, taxation and a national bank did much to provide stability in the new nation's economy and government. In 1795, Hamilton resigned as Secretary of the Treasury and returned to New York to practice law. In 1800, he purchased a tract of land on the wooded hills overlooking the Hudson River, north of the city (now the Hamilton Heights section). In 1801, Hamilton commissioned architect John McComb, Jr., famous for his work on New York City's City Hall, to design a Federal style country home on a sprawling 32 acre estate in upper Manhattan. He named his new home after his paternal grandfather's estate, Laird of the Grange, in Ayrshire, Scotland. Hamilton Grange was built when upper Manhattan was rural countryside, where fresh air and privacy made the area a favored retreat for prominent New Yorkers. The hilltop site he selected for the structure commanded spectacular views on all sides of the Hudson and Harlem Rivers, New Jersey and Long Island. Two years after he and his family moved into the Grange, Alexander Hamilton was killed in his famous duel with Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804.<sup>1</sup>

Elizabeth Hamilton owned the Grange until 1833, when she moved to Washington D.C. to live with her daughter Eliza. The house was occupied by a succession of tenants and gradually the property was subdivided. Through the years, The Grange lost its extensive wooded grounds, and the sweeping views it had always commanded were blocked off by new construction; the Manhattan street grid was extended north to Harlem, and West 143rd Street was to be built through the site where the Grange stood. Meanwhile, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, located on Hudson Street in Greenwich Village, decided to follow the migration of its congregation and move uptown. The rector of St. Luke's, Reverend Isaac Tuttle, was perusing the neighborhood where the Grange was located looking for a site for a new church building. The owner of the Grange at the time, Amos Cotting, was reluctant to destroy the house and thought donating the house would be a good investment, so he made an agreement with the rector to donate the Grange to the church for use as a temporary chapel until the new church building could be completed. He also donated the plot of land where the Grange was to be moved in order to avoid demolition.

In 1889, The Grange was moved several blocks to the southeast, to West 141<sup>st</sup> and Convent Avenue. The new site – still within bounds of the original Hamilton estate – had one serious drawback: the new lot that it was relocated to was not large enough to allow the house to be placed with the front facing the road. In order for the house to fit on the lot, the front and back porches were removed and the house was turned sideways with its old front facing the future church; the verandas that were at the sides of the house were now at the front and back. The house served St. Luke's parish as a chapel until the church was completed next door in 1892, and then it became the rectory.<sup>2</sup>

In 1924, the property was acquired by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, which planned to restore it and turn it into a museum of Hamiltoniana. Although the ASHPS made many

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<sup>1</sup> Alfred Mongin, *Historic Structure Report Part II, Part A (Historical Data Section)* (New York City: NPS, 1965). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 3, Folder 1.

<sup>2</sup> National Park Service, *Hamilton Grange National Memorial Project* (New York City: NPS, Circa 1972). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 23, Folder 7.

repairs, due to the urbanization of the Hamilton Heights area throughout the years, the building started to decay; the structure was too closely wedged in between an apartment building on the north and St. Luke's Church on the south, the latter being on the northeast corner of West 141<sup>st</sup> Street and Convent Avenue. Removal of the building to a new location was necessary in order to give it a better setting and permit its restoration to its original architectural form. There were numerous efforts to relocate Hamilton Grange, but they were unsuccessful.

In 1962, The Grange was conveyed by its owner, The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society (ASHPS), to the United States Government for inclusion in the National Park Service (NPS). On April 27, 1962, Public Law 87-438 authorized the establishment of Hamilton Grange as a National Memorial; the purpose of which as stated was to "preserve and restore the former dwelling house of Alexander Hamilton (commonly known as The Grange) as a fitting memorial to Alexander Hamilton, interpreting this resource in a manner to instill in the visitor an awareness and an appreciation of the role this extraordinary and complex man played in the political and economic development of the United States."

Plans to relocate and fully restore Hamilton Grange to its original glory proved challenging for the NPS after they acquired the property. Feasibility studies, Historic Structure Reports, and Master Plans were commissioned by the Superintendents of NPS Manhattan Sites, which administered Hamilton Grange. Restorations and repairs were undertaken to preserve Hamilton Grange throughout the years. During 1978-1979, the NPS initiated Phase I of the Hamilton Grange Restoration Project, and in the 1990s, alternatives for future management and use of Hamilton Grange National Memorial were presented and analyzed in the General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.<sup>3</sup> In 2008, the NPS ultimately succeeded in moving the Grange to St. Nicholas Park, in Harlem in New York City.

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<sup>3</sup> National Park Service, *Hamilton Grange National Memorial Project* (New York City: NPS, Circa 1972). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 23, Folder 7.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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Prior to the National Park Service, Hamilton Grange was administered by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and a number of documents created or received by the Society are now found within these National Park Service records, as the NPS often used the earlier records for reference and sometimes incorporated them into their own working files.

## ARRANGEMENT NOTE

The records are organized into three series: Restoration, Relocation, and General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Records. Some of the series have been further subdivided into subseries. All documents have been arranged alphabetically or chronologically within the folders. Oversized and legal sized items are housed in separate containers or map drawers; such items are listed beneath the folder from which they originated. There are often multiple copies and draft versions of historic structure reports and management plans. In the contents lists, the abbreviation “MD” stands for map drawer.



## SERIES OUTLINE

- I. Restoration
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Historic Structures Reports
  - C. Project and Management Reports
  - D. Construction and Maintenance Records
  - E. Exhibit and Furnishing Records
  - F. Financial Records
  - G. Legal Records
  - H. Research Files
    - I. Press Clippings, Press Releases and Ephemera
  - J. Photographs
  - K. Microfilm
  
- II. Relocation
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Project/Management Reports
  - C. Construction and Maintenance Records
  - D. Legal Records
  
- III. General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Records

## SERIES NOTES AND CONTENTS LISTS

### Series I: Restoration (1897-1991)

Extent: 10.4 linear feet

Scope and Content: Materials in this series include correspondence, memoranda, draft memoranda and documents, meeting minutes, historic structure reports, related research, progress reports, maintenance and construction files, bid invitations, contracts, specifications, drawings, plans, financial statements, news clippings, press releases, ephemera, and photographs concerning the restoration of Hamilton Grange.

Following research into the physical history of the structure, its furnishings and inhabitants, the NPS made plans to restore it to its 1802-1804 condition, and to furnish it as inhabited by Alexander Hamilton and his family. Unfortunately, the location of the structure prohibited proper restoration. Although the NPS was not able to follow through with their ultimate goal for Hamilton Grange until 2008, through preventative maintenance and other steps, the NPS took measures to arrest deterioration and minimized fire hazards until restoration work could fully begin. The records also document the 1978 restoration work undertaken on the statue of Hamilton by the sculptor William Ordway Partridge (Subseries 1).

Historic Structure Reports (HSRs) are contained in Subseries 2 along with records related to the research that went into their creation. The Historic Structure Reports were used to help facilitate the rehabilitation and restoration of Hamilton Grange as it was in the days of Alexander Hamilton, as well as find a new site for the structure. The reports were first created in 1963, by historian Alfred Mongin, with further reports submitted by him in 1965. Parts I and II of the Historical Structure Reports (Historical Data Section), prepared by Mongin, were designed to relate and document the story of the construction of Hamilton Grange in 1802 and to document the physical alterations to the structure from 1802 to the time the reports were written.<sup>4</sup> In 1964, Architect Newton P. Bevin was contracted to prepare the Historic Structures Report Part II (Architectural Data Section). The object of this report was to evaluate the condition of the exterior and interior fabric, and to make recommendations for the safe removal of the structure to a new site.<sup>5</sup> In 1977, Ann Whidden was appointed to write an additional Historic Structures Report. The intent of the report was to present the results of a detailed architectural examination of the Hamilton Grange and to make recommendations for its restoration.<sup>6</sup> Some of the contents of her report were drawn from the earlier reports by Alfred Mongin and Newton P. Bevin. The draft version of her report can be found in this subseries, while a copy of a second draft of her report can be found in Series 3: General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Records. In 1980, an addendum to the reports was created by Ann Whidden, entitled "The Historical Setting of Hamilton

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<sup>4</sup> Alfred Mongin, *Historic Structure Report Part II, Part A (Historical Data Section)* (New York City: NPS, 1965). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 3, Folder 1.

<sup>5</sup> Newton P. Bevin, *Historic Structure Report Part II, (Architectural Data Section)* (New York City: NPS, 1964). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 2, Folder 5.

<sup>6</sup> Ann Whidden, *Historic Structure Report: Architectural Data Section (Second Draft)* (New York City: NPS, 1977). National Park Service, Hamilton Grange National Memorial Administrative Records (HAGR 901) Box 26, Folder 4.

Grange and its Neighborhood in Upper Manhattan.” There are multiple copies and draft versions of the historic structure reports.

Subseries 5 (Exhibit and Furnishing Records) includes correspondence of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. This subseries also contains early-20<sup>th</sup> century inventories of books and artworks found in Hamilton Grange. Subseries 9 (Press Clippings, Press Releases and Ephemera) includes press clippings, press releases, and ephemera belonging to the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and similar materials that predate the ASHPS’s ownership of the Grange.

Photographic material is concentrated in Subseries 10, which contains photographic prints, film negatives and slides; and Subseries 11, which contains microfilm. In addition to these subseries, there are photographs interspersed throughout this series, in Box 1, Folder 4; Box 2, Folders 2-5; Box 3, Folders 2-4; Box 6, Folder 7; Box 11, Folder 6; Box 15, Folder 4 and 9; and Map Drawer (MD) 11, Folder 1.

### Subseries A: Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society	1958-1977
1	2	General Correspondence - National Park Service	1960-1964
1	3	General Correspondence - National Park Service	1963-1976
1	4	Partridge - Hamilton Statue (Technical Arrangements for Restoration and Publicity)	1977-1978
26	1	Partridge – Hamilton Statue. Article: "Restoring St. Louis Statues"	1977 November 13
26	1	Partridge – Hamilton Statue: Article: "The New Way to Brighten Up Those Old Statues is a Blast"	1978 April 26

### Subseries B: Historic Structure Reports

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	1	Historic Structures Report Part I	1963 October 17
2	2	Historic Structures Report Part I	1963 October 17
2	3	Historic Structures Report Part I (Historical Data Section)	1963 June
2	4	Historic Structures Report Part I (Historical Data Section)	1963 June
2	5	Historic Structures Report Part II (Architectural Data Section) (1 of 2)	1964 April
2	6	Historic Structures Report Part II (Architectural Data Section) (2 of 2)	1964 April
2	7	Historic Structures Report Part II (Architectural Data Section) (partial)	1964 April
2	8	Historic Structures Report Part II (Historical Data Section) (1 of 2)	1965 April
2	9	Historic Structures Report Part II (Historical Data Section) (2 of 2)	1965 April
3	1	Historic Structures Report Part II, Part A (Historical Data Section) (1 of 2)	1965 April
3	2	Historic Structures Report Part II, Part A (Historical Data Section) (2 of 2)	1965 April
3	3	Historic Structures Report Part II, Part B (Historical Data Section) (1 of 2)	1965 April
3	4	Historic Structures Report Part II, Part B (Historical Data Section) (2 of 2)	1965 April
4	1	Historic Structures Report (Addenda)	1980 October 10
4	2	Historic Structures Report (Addenda) (2 copies)	1980 October 10
4	3	Historic Structures Report - Notes	1975 February 2

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	4	Historic Structures Report - Publications	1975 April 11
4	5	(Historic Structure Report?) (Copy?)	undated
4	6	(Historic Structure Report?) Corrections (1 of 2)	undated
4	7	(Historic Structure Report?) Corrections (2 of 2)	undated
5	1	Illustrations From Historic Structures Report	1965
5	2	Illustrations From Historic Structures Report - Drawings/Plans	1965
26	2	Illustrations From Historic Structures Report - Drawings/Plans	1965
5	3	Illustrations From Historic Structures Report - Measured Drawings	1965
MD6	2	Illustrations From Historic Structures Report - Measured Drawings	1965
5	4	Research for Historic Structures Report (HSR)	1968-1980
5	5	Whidden Historic Structures Report (HAGR Management Plans)	undated
26	3	Whidden HSR: Architectural Drawings, Plans of House, and Floor Plans	undated
5	6	Whidden - Miscellaneous Notes for Architectural Data Section Historic Structures Report (1 of 3)	1977, undated
MD6	1	Whidden – Miscellaneous Notes – Article: Rita Reif, "The Tour de Force of Redecorating Boscobel." <i>The New York Times</i> , July 21, 1977.	1977 July 21
5	7	Whidden - Misc. Notes for Architectural Data Section Historic Structures Report (2 of 3)	1977, undated
5	8	Whidden - Misc. Notes for Architectural Data Section Historic Structures Report (3 of 3)	1977, undated
5	9	Whidden's Original Draft (#1) and Notes (1 of 2)	1977
5	10	Whidden's Original Draft (#1) and Notes (2 of 2)	1977

### Subseries C: Project and Management Reports

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	1	Management Standards	1978 August 14
6	2	Reports (1 of 2)	1977-1980
6	3	Reports (2 of 2)	1980-1985, undated
23	1	Reports (2 of 2)	1980-1985, undated
6	4	Restoration	1977-1978
6	5	Statement for Management	circa 1970s
6	6	Trip Reports	1978

### Subseries D: Construction and Maintenance Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	7	Architectural Data	1968
7	1	Basement and First Floor	1981-1984, undated
7	2	Basement and First Floor Restoration - Draft Specifications	1981
7	3	Cellar Stairs and Ceiling Contract Preparation (1815-1-A)	1982-1984
8	1	Compliance (106) for Restoration and Adaptive Use of 1st Floor and Basement	1981
8	2	Construction and Maintenance	1963-1978

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
8	3	Construction and Maintenance	1971-1974
8	4	Contractor Files (JC Bomcowitz)	1978-1991
8	5	Correspondence - In House (Management Plans)	1977-1978
8	6	Curran Security Alarms, Inc.	1982
8	7	Dreyfus Alarm Systems, Inc. cx1600-0-0032 (1 of 2)	1980
8	8	Dreyfus Alarm Systems, Inc. cx1600-0-0032 (2 of 2)	1980-1981
23	2	Dreyfus Alarm Systems, Inc. cx1600-0-0032 (2 of 2)	1980-1981
8	9	Dreyfus Alarm Systems, Inc. cx1600-0-0032	1982 March 25
8	10	Exterior Repairs - East and West Elevations	1991
MD6	3	Exterior Repairs - Architectural Drawings: East and West Elevations	1991
8	11	Exterior Repairs - Project Documents	1991 August 19
8	12	Exterior Repairs – Specifications	1991 July
8	13	Exterior Restoration	1978-1980
8	14	Fire Alarm and Detection System (1 of 2)	1979-1980
23	3	Fire Alarm and Detection System: Correspondence, Brochures, Notes, etc.	1979-1980
MD6	4	Fire Alarm System, Drawing #91980	1980 September 19
8	15	Fire Alarm and Detection System (2 of 2)	1980-1981
9	1	Fire Alarm and Detection System Specifications (CX1600-0-0018)	1980
9	2	Fire Escape	1974-1975
9	3	General Development Plan	circa 1969
MD6	5	General Development Plan	circa 1969
9	4	Heating Rehab	1971
9	5	Heating System	1958-1967
9	6	Heating System Hamilton Grange # 14-10-5-951-4	1965-1970
9	7	Holmes Equipment Removal	1981 February 4
9	8	Holmes Protection	1976 May 27
9	9	Interior Painting	1970 October 26
9	10	Interior Painting - Bids (Sol. #951-68-10)	1967-1968
9	11	Interior Paint Study	1981 July 10
9	12	Landscaping	1980
9	13	Miscellaneous	1983
9	14	Paint Analysis - Hamilton Grange NM	1968 February 26
9	15	Painting, Cleaning, and Rehabilitation of HAGR	1967-1973
9	16	Painting, Cleaning and Rehabilitation Sol # 4570-73-13 (CX457030014)	1973
23	4	Painting, Cleaning and Rehabilitation Sol # 4570-73-13 (CX457030014)	1973
9	17	Rehabilitation - Hamilton Grange	1960-1973
9	18	Rendering of Hamilton Grange by Chester B. Price	1940
26	4	Rendering of Hamilton Grange by Chester B. Price	1940
9	19	Restoration	1964 January 15
9	20	Restoration Drawings	1964 May
MD10	6	Restoration Drawings	1964 May
9	21	Restoration - Fire Rated Enclosure	1984 July

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MD11	4	Restoration - Fire Rated Enclosure	1984 July
9	22	Restoration - First Floor Interior and Basement	1978-1982
MD10	4	Restoration - First Floor Interior and Basement	1978-1982
9	23	Restoration - Measured Drawings	1964 March 17
MD11	5	Restoration - Measured Drawings	1964 March 17
9	24	Restoration - Window Hardwares	1983 August
MD11	1	Restoration - Window Hardwares	1983 August
9	25	Restoration and Rehabilitation - contract# 14-10-0529-2801	1963-1966
9	26	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I - Construction Drawings	1978 July 15
MD11	6	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I - Construction Drawings	1978 July 15
9	27	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - CX1600-8-9021	1978
9	28	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 IFB 1815-78A (CX1600-8-9021) (1 of 2)	1978
10	1	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 IFB 1815-78A (CX1600-8-9021) (2 of 2)	1979-1980
23	5	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 IFB 1815-78A (CX1600-8-9021) (2 of 2)	1979-1980
10	2	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 IFB 1815-78A (CX1600-8-9021)	1979
26	5	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 IFB 1815-78A (CX1600-8-9021)	1979
10	3	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Plans/Drawings	1978 July 15
MD6	6	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Plans/Drawings	1978 July 15
10	4	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Project Manual	1978 August 7
10	5	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Project Manual	1978 August 7
10	6	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Project Manual (2 copies) (1 of 2)	1978 August 7
10	7	Restoration of Hamilton Grange Phase I, Package #102 - Project Manual (2 copies) (2 of 2)	1978 August 7
10	8	Roof Hatch Replacement (106)	1980
10	9	Room Layouts	1964
MD6	6	Room Layouts	1964
10	10	Second Floor Plan	1964
10	11	Wiring	circa 1980

### Subseries E: Exhibit and Furnishing Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	12	Carpets	1980-1982
23	6	Carpets	1980-1982
10	13	Collection Management and Preservation	1977-1980
10	14	Exhibit Materials	1984
MD8	7	Exhibit Materials	1984
10	15	Exhibit Papers (1983)	1983-1984

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MD11	3	Exhibit Papers (1983) - Drawing by: M. Drucker	1983 April 7
	10	Exhibit Plans	1980
	10	Exhibit Plans (3 copies)	1980
	11	Furnishing Plan	1963
	11	Furnishing Plan (1 of 2)	1964 August
	11	Furnishing Plan (2 of 2)	1964 August
	11	Furnishing Plan (1 of 2)	1964 August
	11	Furnishing Plan (2 of 2)	1964 August
	11	Furnishing Plan - Notes	1963-1985
	12	Furnishings	1973 November 12
	12	Grange Fabric and Collections	1980-1985
MD11	2	Grange Fabric and Collections - Exhibit Plans and First floor Interior Restoration and Basement Renovation	1981
	12	Hamilton Grange National Memorial - Correspondence	1981-1986
	12	Inventories	1965-1970
	12	Lighted Cases 81-82	undated
	12	Miscellaneous Drawings, Plans, etc.	1984
MD10	1	Miscellaneous Drawings, Plans, etc.	1984
ROLL	1	Miscellaneous Drawings, Plans, etc.	1984
	12	Museum Collection Items (1 of 2)	1924-1953
	12	Museum Collection Items (2 of 2)	1964-1975
	12	Planning/object list	undated

### Subseries F: Financial Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	10	Trust	1983
26	6	Trust - Article: "Harlem Keeps its Fingers Crossed"	1983 May 19
12	11	Trust Account - Hamilton Grange N.M. (Finances)	1979

### Subseries G: Legal Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
13	1	Break-ins	1972-1979
13	2	Enabling Legislation	1962-1980
13	3	Enabling Legislation	1979
13	4	Guidelines for the Preparation of Compliance Documents	1974-1977
14	1	Legislation and Legal Documents (1 of 2)	1924-1962
14	2	Legislation and Legal Documents (2 of 2)	1963-1974

**Subseries H: Research Files**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
14	3	“Alexander Hamilton a 5’7” Giant” by Todd Jackson (Biography)	1978
14	4	Background Research and Correspondence	1963-1966
14	5	Background Research (H-14 Area History)	undated
14	6	H-14 - Area and Service History	undated
14	7	History and Background	1954-1971, undated
14	8	Outstanding Personalities No. 27 - Alexander Hamilton	1972
14	9	Research	1963-1972, undated
15	1	Research	1980-1984, undated
26	7	Research - Final Account of Alexander Hamilton with John McComb Jr.	undated
15	2	Research	undated
15	3	Research Notes on Lands Owned by Alexander Hamilton	1980

**Subseries I: Press Clippings, Press Releases and Ephemera**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
15	4	Events	1978-1983
15	5	Friends of HAGR	undated
15	6	Negatives of Invitation to Re-Opening of HAGR	1984 June 9
26	8	Negatives of Invitation to Re-Opening of HAGR	1984 June 9
15	7	Newspaper Articles and Publications	1897-1978
MD7	4	Newspaper Articles: Clarence Dean, “City Hopes to Put Hamilton Grange Back in Sun.” <i>The New York Times</i> , March 4, 1955.	1955 March 4
15	8	Press Clippings	1899-1966
15	9	Press Clippings	1908-1974, undated
MD7	1	Press Clippings	1908-1974, undated
15	10	Press Clippings	1910-1971, undated
MD7	2	Press Clippings	1910-1971, undated
15	11	Press Clippings	1924-1963
26	9	Press Clippings	1924-1963
15	12	Press Clippings	1974 November 27
23	7	Press Clippings	1974 November 27

**Subseries J: Photographs**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
15	13	Photographs	1967-1981, undated
15	14	Photograph of Dueling Pistols	undated
15	15	Slides and Film Negatives	1897-1979



**Subseries K: Microfilm**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
16	1	Microfilm - Roll #1: Artistry and Skill in the Architecture of John McComb Jr.	undated
16	2	Microfilm - Roll #2: HAGR Detail Drawings, Index of American Design, WPA, Avery Library	undated
16	3	Microfilm - Rolls #3-4: Alexander Hamilton Papers	undated
16	4	Microfilm - Roll #5: Alexander Hamilton Papers	undated
16	5	Microfilm - Roll #6: Alexander Hamilton Papers	undated
16	6	Microfilm - Roll #7: Morris Popham Papers	undated

**Series II: Relocation (1897-1980)**

Extent: 2 linear feet

Scope and Content: In 1889, The Grange was moved several blocks from its original site to a less than ideal location, which necessitated that it be turned sideways and its original front and back porches removed, along with other alterations. In 1924, when the threat to the preservation of the house became more acute, it was acquired by the ASHPS. Despite the modifications, the basic structure remained intact. Detailed engineering, architectural, and historical data studies were made to facilitate the rehabilitation and restoration of The Grange as it was in the days of Alexander Hamilton, but the encroachment of other buildings near the structure due to the urbanization of the Hamilton Heights area prevented this process. A new location had to be secured. Some proposed sites included the campus of the College of the City of New York at West 130<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Nicholas Terrace, St. Nicholas Park, and Claremont Site (General Grant National Memorial). None of the proposed locations came to fruition during the time frame covered in these records; various plans and attempts to move and fully restore the building were initiated and failed until 2008, when the building was at last successfully moved to St. Nicholas Park.

Materials in this series include: correspondence, memoranda, draft memoranda and documents, petitions, meeting minutes, historic structure reports, related research, progress reports, maintenance and construction files, bid invitations, contracts, specifications, drawings, plans, financial statements, ephemera, and photographs concerning the attempted relocation of Hamilton Grange.

Photographs are located in Box 23, Folders 2 and 5; and Box 24, Folder 1.

**Subseries A: Correspondence**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
17	1	Endowment and Funding (Finances)	1958-1972
17	2	Information (Relocation)	1954-1973
17	3	Petitions from the HAGR Residents Association (Relocation)	1968 May 7
17	4	Planning and Development (Management Plans)	1961-1971
MD7	3	Planning and Development Map: Community Planning Board District 9	1971 April
17	5	Relocation - Community Relations	1962-1974
17	6	Relocation/Funding/Efforts	1965-1980, undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
23	8	Relocation/Funding/Efforts	1965-1980, undated
26	10	Relocation/Funding/Efforts - Newspaper: Hamilton Grange News	1977 September
17	7	Relocation, NPS Policy	1951-1975
24	1	Relocation, NPS Policy	1951-1975
17	8	Tax Assessment	1964 November 4

### Subseries B: Project and Management Reports

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
18	1	Area Investigation Report	1960-1967
26	11	Area Investigation Report - Plans: Alternate Site 5 and Alternate Site 4B	1967 March 30- 1967 April 11
18	2	Cultural Resource Boundary Report	1981-1982, undated
26	12	Cultural Resource Boundary Report - Land Ownership Map	undated
18	3	Different Sites Survey	circa 1972
18	4	Hamilton Grange National Memorial Project: Prospectus	1969
18	5	Management Plans	1964-1967
26	13	Management Plans - Plan of Hamilton Terrace	1967
18	6	Management Plans	1966-1969
18	7	Management Plans	circa 1972
18	8	Master Plan	1958-1969
18	9	Master Plan	circa 1968
18	10	The Master Plan	1963
MD10	2	The Master Plan	1963
18	11	Monthly Progress Reports 10-771	1965
18	12	Reports (Management)	1954-1971, undated
24	2	Reports (Management)	1954-1971, undated

### Subseries C: Construction and Maintenance Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
18	13	Construction Program	1962-1970
18	14	Construction Program PCP	1963-1967
19	1	Feasibility Study for Moving and Restoring Hamilton Grange	1979
19	2	Feasibility Study for Moving and Restoring Hamilton Grange	1980 April 21
19	3	Feasibility Study for Moving and Restoring Hamilton Grange (cx1600-9-0020)	1978-1980
19	4	Feasibility study for Moving and Restoring Hamilton Grange - Meadows/Woll Architects	1980
19	5	Grange maps and blueprints	1963-1964
26	15	Grange maps and blueprints	1963-1964
19	6	Hamilton Grange	1963-1979
24	3	Hamilton Grange	1963-1979

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
26	18	Hamilton Grange - Poster: Proposed Facilities for Studio Museum in Harlem and Hamilton Grange News	1977
19	7	Hamilton Terrace Site 4B	1967
26	14	Hamilton Terrace Site 4B	1967
19	8	Insulation - cx-1600-1-0052	1982-1983
19	9	Maps of Lands belonging to The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society	1923-1925
MD7	5	Maps of Lands belonging to The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society	1923-1925
19	10	Map of Lands - John W. Draper (Negative)	1902 July 8
MD7	6	Maps of Lands - John W. Draper	1902 July 8
19	11	Miscellaneous Letters	1963-1987
19	12	Moving Notes (?)	undated
MD8	1	Moving Notes (?)	undated
19	13	Relocation	1975-1980
19	14	Relocation - Maps and Plans	1967-1968
MD8	2	Relocation - Maps and Plans	1967-1968
19	15	Relocation - Proposed Sites	1954-1967
MD10	5	Relocation - Proposed Sites	1954-1967
19	16	Specifications - Moving & Restoration of Hamilton Grange	1964
19	17	Specifications (Relocation)	1978
19	18	St. Nicholas Terrace - Architectural Drawings	1964-1974
MD10	7	St. Nicholas Terrace - Architectural Drawings	1964-1974
19	19	Topographical Survey of St. Nicholas Park	1941-1983
MD10	3	Topographical Survey of St. Nicholas Park	1941-1983

#### **Subseries D: Legal Records**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
19	20	Land Status (Maps, Certificate of Disclaimer) – Relocation	1974-1975
24	4	Land Status (Maps, Certificate of Disclaimer) – Relocation	1974-1975
MD8	3	Land Status Map 01	1974
19	21	Legislative Support Data	1984

#### **Series III: General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Records (1964-1999)**

Extent: 1.35 linear feet

Scope and Content: A General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was produced in the 1990s in order to establish and guide the overall management, development, use, and resource conservation of Hamilton Grange National Memorial. Four alternatives for future management and use of Hamilton Grange National Memorial are presented and analyzed in this document. This series consists

of General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement preparation and background documents belonging to Richard Wells, the Project Director of the Office of Urban Projects, North Atlantic Region. There are multiple copies of the draft versions of the General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement; many of the drafts include notes, comments, and suggestions from the various offices of the Department of the Interior where they were sent for review. Materials in this series include: Draft and Final General Management Plan/Statements, correspondence, memoranda, petitions, related research, Historic Structure Reports, feasibility studies, maintenance and construction files, bid invitations, contracts, specifications, drawings, plans, financial statements, news releases, and news clippings.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
20	1	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Correspondence	1993-1999
20	2	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft	1993 April
20	3	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with comments)	1992-1993
20	4	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1992 August-September
20	5	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1992
25	1	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1992
20	6	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1993
25	2	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1993
26	17	General Management Plan - St. Nicholas Park - Historic and St. Nicholas Park - Existing Conditions	1993
20	7	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (with notes)	1993 April-December
20	8	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (Region and WASO Review)	1992 September-1993 March
20	9	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Draft (WASO Review)	1992-1993
20	10	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Final	1995 January
20	11	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Final (with comments)	1994 July
20	12	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Illustrations	1991-1994
MD8	6	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Illustrations	1991-1994
ROLL	2	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Illustrations	1991-1994
21	1	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Preliminary Draft of Final	1994 July
21	2	General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement - Review/Notes	1992-1998
21	3	Hamilton Grange and the Harlem Community	1977-1993
21	4	Historic Structures Report (Architectural Data Section) - Second Draft	1977 September
21	5	Historic Structures Report Part II (Architectural Data Section) - Second Draft	1964 April
21	6	News Clippings	1993

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MD8	4	News Clippings	1993
21	7	News Releases	circa 1990's
21	8	Petition/Sign-in Sheet - Public Protest of Relocation	1993 July 13
25	3	Petition/Sign-in Sheet - Public Protest of Relocation	1993 July 13
21	9	Public Comments on Restoration and Relocation (Duplicates)	1992-1993
22	1	Public Comments on Restoration and Relocation (Duplicates)	1993-1994
22	2	Relocation - Correspondence, (1 of 2)	1992-1994 May
MD8	5	Plans/Drawings: St. Nicholas Park Alterations and Proposed New Location of HAGR	1994
22	3	Relocation - Correspondence, (2 of 2)	1994 June-1999
26	16	Relocation - Drawings/Prints of Hamilton Grange	1999
22	4	Relocation - St. Nicholas Park	1992
22	5	Restoration - Correspondence	1992
22	6	Restoration Phase I - Contracts	1984-1992
25	4	Restoration Phase I - Contracts	1984-1992
22	7	Restoration - Engineering Analysis/Cost Estimates	1992
22	8	Restoration - Scope	1992
25	5	Restoration - Scope	1992
22	9	Restoration and Relocation - Feasibility Study	1980 April 21
22	10	Restoration and Relocation - Proposed Action/General Management Plan	1994

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