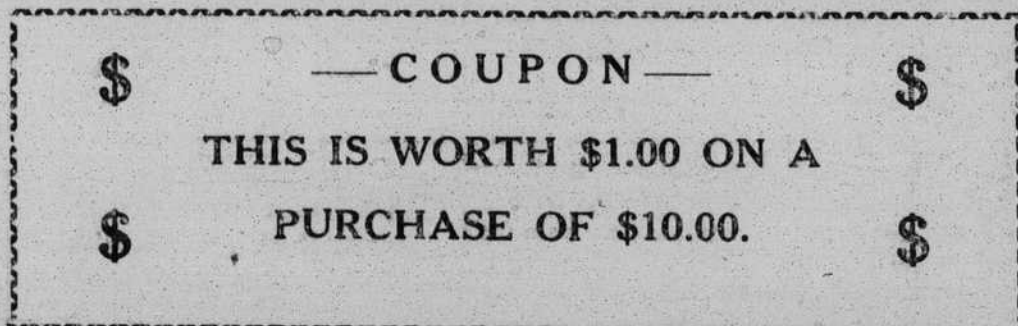


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### Lost Relic Of Hamilton Part Of Duel Site Slab

(New York Times)

Among the curious relics of early New York preserved in the museum room of the New York Historical Society is a marble slab that was part of a monument erected in 1806 to commemorate the spot on the Weehawken dueling ground where Alexander Hamilton was shot by Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804. The slab was presented to the society several years ago by the late Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer. It bears an inscription stating that the monument was erected by the St. Andrew's society of the state of New York.

The monument long since disappeared and this single stone with its weather-worn inscription is the only remaining remnant. This stone, lost for many years, had been recovered from a junk shop and given to Mrs. Van Rensselaer's husband's family. When Mrs. Van Rensselaer presented the slab to the New York Historical society George A. Morrison, Jr. who was secretary of the St. Andrew's society at the time, discovered three entries in the books of his predecessors from April 1 to December 1, 1806, showing that the sum of \$740.15 was paid for the monument.

Mr. Morrison then made a search of the New York newspapers of the period and found a reference to the society's annual dinner on November 30, 1805, the following:

**Erection of the Monument**

"I give us great pleasure to learn that the St. Andrew's society yesterday passed a resolution offered by Dr. Tillary to erect a plain, neat monument in memory of that great and good man, Major General Alexander Hamilton, on the spot where he received the wound which terminated in his death and which deprived America of her greatest pride and ornament."

In a report of the next annual dinner it was announced that the monument had been erected and paid for. To quote:

"The monument is in the form of an obelisk or pedestal four feet square and nearly three feet above the base. The obelisk itself is composed of four pieces of white marble, eight feet in length, and is surmounted by a flaming urn; the elevation of the whole structure is fourteen feet, enclosed with a neat iron railing, the ground having been generously ceded to the St. Andrew's society by Captain James Deas, one of its members. Visible to Whole Harbor

"The site of the monument commands a view of the City of New York

and of the west side of the island and an extensive water prospect reaching from a point several miles above it in the North River across the Bay through the Narrows to a point several miles below them, so that every inhabitant of the city and every stranger who approaches our port may see at once the memorial which the society has erected to the irreparable loss which America has sustained in the death of her most distinguished citizen.

"The front of the pedestal bears the following inscription: 'On this spot fell, July 11, 1804, Major Gen. Alexander Hamilton. As an expression of their affectionate regard and in memory of their deep regret for his loss, the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York have erected this monument.'"

The slab which bears the above inscription is the one now owned by the New York Historical society.

Captain Deas, who owned the land and a large tract on the heights above the dueling field, has recorded that he frequently stopped would-be duelists from fighting on the ground near the monument, and finally in desperation he felt obliged to destroy the memorial that marked the field.

A letter signed "Hoboken," published in the New York Columbian on July 13, 1815, reveals the state of popular feeling at the time regarding the Hamilton monument on the dueling ground. It says:

"It is a subject of complaint to the citizens in the vicinity and a standing absurdity and outrage on the morals, manners and feeling of society. By the pernicious effect of a conspicuous example the young and chivalrous are invited to combat and feel a degree of vainglory in measuring ground where that great man fell from all his glory and usefulness and furnished a bloody beacon to posterity which should be at least shrouded from the light of day.

"Nowadays the boats arrive from your island in broad daylight, the combatants take their stand on each side of the ominous monument and before the inhabitants can reach the spot the mischief is done and the unfortunate survivors hurried off to soon to be arrested by the gathering neighborhood.

"Such is the sensation, I understand excited by this modern Aecclame that it is not to be expected the pillar will long retain its station; it being a baneful nuisance, not a vestige of which should be suffered to remain on earth."

The land owned by Captain Deas was purchased later by James Gore King, a banker and member of the old firm of Prince, Ward and King. On the heights he erected his country home, known as Highwood. In 1833 Hugh Maxwell, who was then president of St. Andrew's society, discovered in a junk shop the marble slab bearing the inscription and presented it to Mr. King. It remained in the King family until Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, as one of the heirs of Archibald Gracie King, presented the relic to the New York Historical society.

**Dog Has Maid, Costs Mistress \$4,000 A Year**  
New York World.

Francie, a shy black and tan dog came back yesterday from Paris, on the Olympic with a lavishly augmented wardrobe, and it was rumored, a bit seasick. Francie weighs less than six pounds, but she costs her lives at the Hotel Madison, more than \$4,000 a year.

Mrs. Williams has other dogs, but Francie is the favorite, according to a maid who looks after the dog's wants.

Mrs. Williamson and her husband, a retired broker, took Francie abroad to obtain all the latest fashions in dog apparel and at Quarantine she described her pet's newest clothes.

Francie was wearing a genuine chinchilla coat and made a complete change of clothes between the time the Olympic dropped anchor at Quarantine, Mrs. Sidney M. Williams, whoantine and reached her pier at West Fourteenth street.

Listed in the dog's wardrobe were all sorts of hats, knitted vests of various colors, dresses, for day and evening wear, overcoats and even toilet articles, made especially for her! And, finally, Francie has a maid.

After the custom men had inspected their trunks and baggage and locked over Francie's wardrobe, the couple proceeded to the hotel, where Francie met the other five dogs owned by Mrs. Williams.

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