



Aaron Burr

February 6, 1756 - September 14, 1836

Staten Island, New York

Aaron Burr, third Vice President of the United States and the man whose duel with Alexander Hamilton still teaches American ambition its hardest parable, died on Staten Island, New York, on September 14, 1836. He was eighty. The last years had been quieter than the headlines of 1804: exile and return, remarriage and lawsuit, a restless lawyer's practice on the edge of a republic that never quite forgave him.

Born in Newark on February 6, 1756, into a family of ministers and college presidents, Burr fought in the Revolution, built a New York political machine that rivaled the Clintons and Livingstons, and reached the vice presidency after the deadlocked election of 1800. The Weehawken duel that killed Hamilton made him a national exile in all but passport. Western schemes, an acquittal for treason, and years abroad followed - a career that historians still argue as brilliance spoiled by pride, or pride that mistook brilliance for destiny.

He returned to New York, practiced law, and lived long enough to see the generation that remembered him as villain begin to treat him as a complication. Staten Island was an ending without a parade: lodging, illness, and a death that did not erase the pistol shot that had already written his epitaph in schoolbooks.

He died on Staten Island on September 14, 1836. Hamilton's grave on Manhattan had already become pilgrimage; Burr's memory remained argument.

What survives beyond the duel is a sharper lesson about early American politics: factions were personal, honor was lethal, and the Constitution's silence on succession and party left room for men who played close to the edge. Burr played closer than most. Notice Nearby keeps the death date beside the myth, so the calendar does

not reduce him to a single morning in New Jersey.

Services

Died on Staten Island, New York, September 14, 1836. Third U.S. Vice President; buried at Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, New Jersey.

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