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### ABOUT US

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The Paterson Great Falls are the second largest waterfalls by volume east of the Mississippi River after Niagara Falls. The Falls and 119-acre surrounding areas are protected as part of the Great Falls National Historical Park administered by the National Park Service. The United States Congress authorized its establishment in 2009—the nation’s 397 park system unit. In 1778, Alexander Hamilton used the Falls and chose the site to propel his brand – A National Manufactory, America’s first planned industrial city.

Some of the Paterson’s industrial “firsts” include: a water powered cotton spinning mill (1793), continuous roll paper (1812), the colt revolver (1837), the Rogers Locomotive (1837) and the Holland Submarine (1878).

### INCLUSIONS

- Passaic County Historical Society
  - Lambert Castle Museum
- Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park
- The Paterson Museum
- Hamilton Park – Weekhowken, NJ
  - The Dueling Grounds
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# DISCOVER GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

EST. 1792



# HISTORY WITHIN HISTORY

The Great Falls of the Passaic River drove the imagination of a young Alexander Hamilton to harness the power of water to manufacture goods in the United States. The story of Paterson and the Great Falls is one of national importance. Here, in 1792, Hamilton founded America's first planned city of industry and innovation, helping to spur what would become the world's largest and most productive economy.

After the Revolutionary War, Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury, knew this county needed to be economically independent. He led the founding of Paterson and the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures (S.U.M.) New Jersey's first corporation. The S.U.M. constructed America's first multitiered waterpower system to attract entrepreneurs and workers who would manufacture goods and develop new inventions. A system of water channels or raceways, the most significant power system of the day, diverted water from the Passaic River above the falls to mills along its route.

Paterson became the manufacturing hub for locomotives, textiles, silk finishing and dyeing, machine tools, paper, sailcloth, twine, and airplane engines. By the mid-1800s, the city was home to the largest producers of locomotives in this country and nearly half of the nation's silk trade, earning Paterson the nickname "Silk City." Paterson is also the birthplace of the Colt Revolver and the prototype for the first operable submarine.

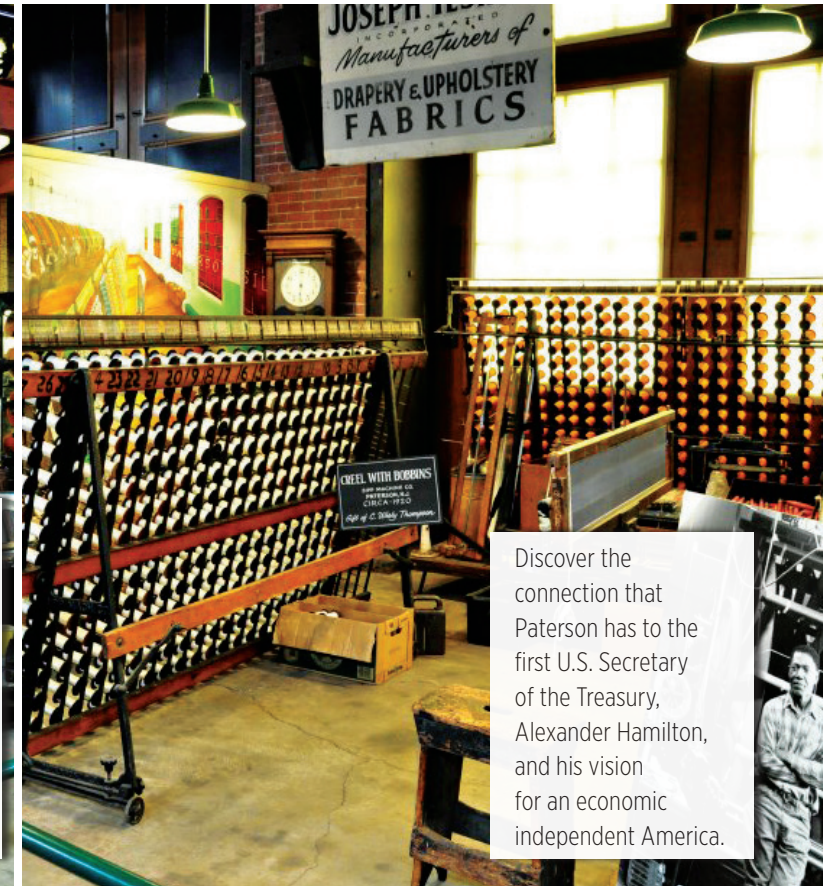
The S.U.M. fulfilled the vision of its founder for more than 150 years, moving the United States from an agrarian, slaved-based economy to one based in industry and freedom. Paterson attracted successive waves of immigrant entrepreneurs, skilled craftsmen, and workers, the "diversity of talents" Hamilton had hoped would be drawn to America. Immigrants still settle here to pursue their "American Dream" and to weave their threads into the storied fabric of Silk City.



Beginning with the first people to populate the Passaic River Valley, we have crafted a display of artifacts and replications representing the Delaware-Lenape culture. This exhibit is designed to generate an appreciation of the ingenuity and harmonious environmental utilization of this indigenous culture that occupied a vast geographic area known as Lenapehoking.



From the Silk City Exhibit, featuring the winders, warpers and power-looms that produced beautiful fabrics, to the Write Aeronautical Corporation, manufacturers of airplane engines that powered the Golden Age of Aviation, you will recognize why Paterson's products were sought-after worldwide.



Discover the connection that Paterson has to the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, and his vision for an economic independent America.



Discover the natural beauty that Paterson is built upon and learn about the geography, its famous worldwide mineral location and the Great Falls.



Learn about the Irish immigrant and Paterson schoolteacher who invented the modern submarine.



Find out how Sam Colt, John P. Holland and other inventors have utilized Paterson for their inventions.

THE PATERSON  
museum

Changing exhibits compliment the museum's permanent displays.