

## The legacy

The Fish family has deep roots in U.S. history:

**Nicholas Fish** - Born in 1758 in New York City. He was a major in the American Revolution and a New York City alderman from 1806-1817.

**Hamilton Fish** - Born in 1808, New York City; named for Alexander Hamilton. Served in the House of Representatives, 1843-45, but was defeated in a bid for re-election. Lieutenant governor of New York, 1848-1849. Served in the U.S. Senate, 1851-57, but did not run for a second term. U.S. secretary of state, 1869-77.

**Hamilton Fish** - Born in 1849 in Albany. Member of the New York state Legislature from 1874 to 1896, serving as Assembly speaker twice. Served a two-year term in the House of Representatives beginning in 1909.

**Hamilton Fish**: Born in 1888 in Garrison. Elected as a Progressive to the state Legislature in 1914 and served one term. Commanded a company of black soldiers in World War I. Served 12 terms in Congress beginning in 1920. Defeated for re-election in 1944.

**Hamilton Fish Jr.** - Born in 1926 in Washington, D.C. Elected to Congress in 1968 and served 13 terms. Forced by cancer in 1993 to forgo another term. He dropped the junior in his name after his father died, allowing his son Hamilton Fish III to become Hamilton Fish Jr.

**Hamilton Fish III** - Progressive Democrat who edited The Nation magazine. Ran for Congress in 1988 and 1994; defeated both times. Fish III changed his name to Fish Jr. during the last campaign.

— WAYNE A. HALL

