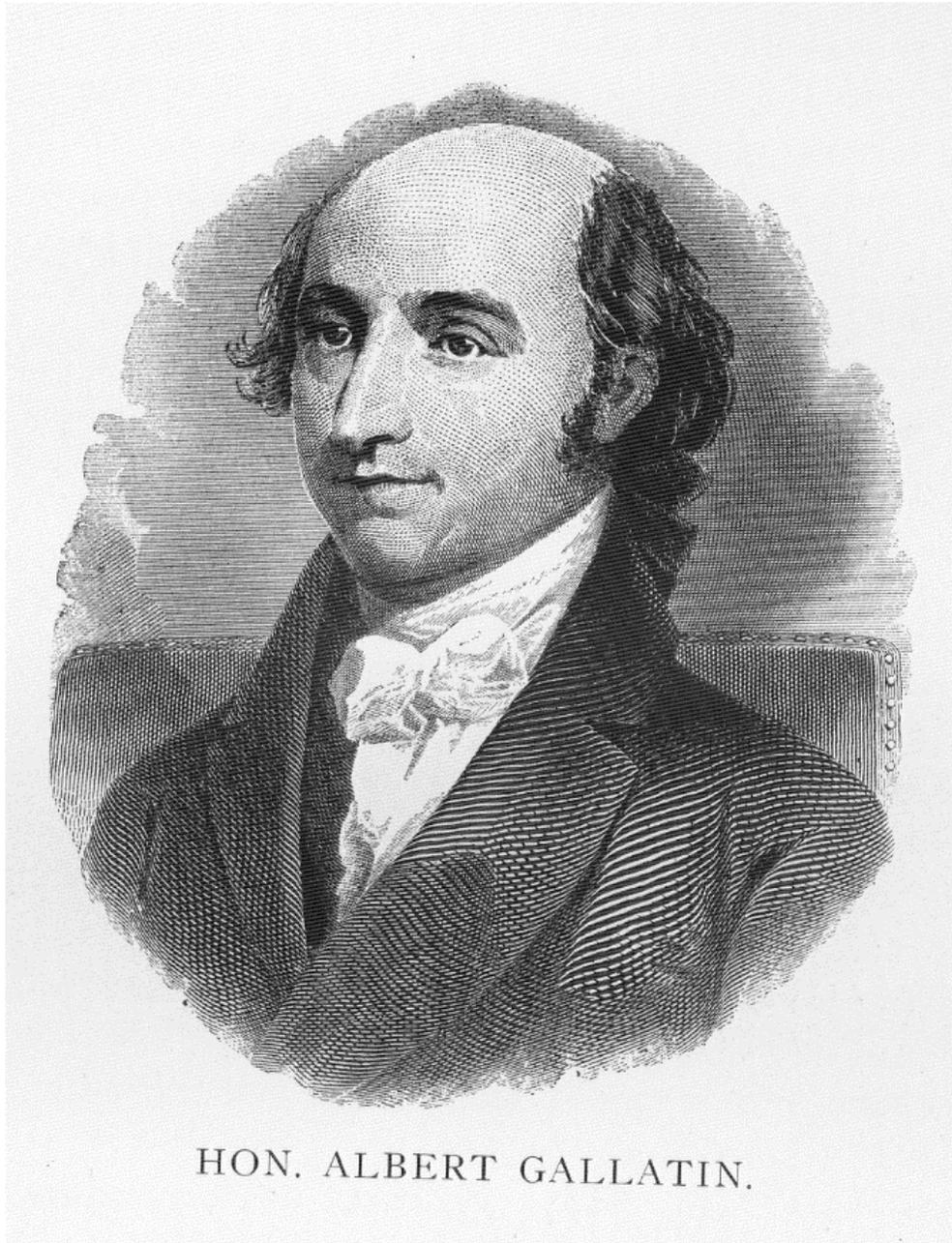


# Albert Gallatin: A Most Astonishing Man

Friendship Hill National Historic Site

## Teacher's Guide



# **Lesson: Gallatin's Family Life and Timeline**

## **Teacher Instructions**

Gallatin was a happy family man and enjoyed being with his wife and children. The family got to experience many locations as Gallatin moved from one political assignment to another. Students will read about Gallatin's family life and where the family lived in the student reading. Then using the dates in the reading, the students will make a Gallatin family life timeline.

## **GUIDING QUESTION:**

What was Albert Gallatin's family life like?

## **OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of this lesson the students will be able to:

- State whether Gallatin had a family
- List two places Gallatin lived
- Form an opinion as to whether Gallatin enjoyed being with his family

## **MATERIALS**

- Copies of the handouts

## **PROCEDURES:**

1. Read the teacher background information on Albert Gallatin.
2. Introduce the guiding question to students.
3. Hand out copies of the student reading and the activity sheet.
4. Have the students complete the timeline.
5. Review the guiding question.

## **STANDARDS**

- Pennsylvania Standard Area - 8.1: Historical Analysis and Skills Development
  - Standard - 8.1.5.A, 8.1.6.A, 8.1.7.A, 8.1.8.A
- Pennsylvania Standard Area - 8.3: United States History
  - Standard - 8.2.5.A, 8.2.6.C, 8.2.7.D, 8.2.8.D
  - Standard - 8.3.5.C, 8.3.6.C, 8.3.7.C, 8.3.8.C
  - Standard - 8.3.5.D, 8.3.6.D, 8.3.7.D, 8.3.8.D

## **SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING LEARNERS**

You can read the material out loud to the students. You may also have some of the timeline completed allowing the students to add fewer events.

## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Map the different places Albert Gallatin and his family lived.

Add Gallatin's career accomplishments to the timeline.

## ASSESSMENT

Dates for elements of the timeline:

<u>1761</u>	Gallatin was born
<u>1780</u>	Gallatin moved to America
<u>1789</u>	Gallatin married Sophia Allegre
<u>1789</u>	Gallatin's wife Sophia died
<u>1793</u>	Gallatin married Hannah Nicholson
<u>1796</u>	Gallatin's son James was born
<u>1800</u>	Gallatin's son Albert Rolaz was born
<u>1803</u>	Gallatin's daughter Frances was born
<u>1849</u>	Gallatin's wife Hannah died
<u>1849</u>	Gallatin died

Here are some places the family lived to include on the timeline:

<u>1786</u>	Gallatin buys the land Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
<u>1789</u>	Gallatin builds a brick house at Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
<u>1801</u>	Gallatin and his family move to Washington, DC
<u>1816</u>	Gallatin and his family move to Paris, France
	Gallatin's son supervises the construction of a stone addition to Friendship Hill, Pennsylvania
<u>1821</u>	
<u>1824</u>	Gallatin and his family move to Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
	Gallatin and his family leave Friendship Hill and eventually settle in New York City, New York
<u>1825</u>	

## **Lesson: Gallatin's Family Life and Timeline**

### **Student Reading**

Albert Gallatin was born to a wealthy family on January 29, 1761 in Geneva, Switzerland. After receiving a good education he moved to America in 1780 to seek a life of adventure.

After moving around and doing many different kinds of work, in 1786, he buys land in western Pennsylvania. He calls it Friendship Hill. Three years later he marries Sophia Allegre and builds a brick house at Friendship Hill. Sadly Sophia dies that same year after only five months of marriage.

It takes a few years before Gallatin started dating another woman. In 1793 he married Hannah Nicholson. Hannah was a "city belle." She missed her family, friends and the city life when she was living with Gallatin in the country at Friendship Hill. The Gallatins soon had a family. Their son James was born in 1796, their son Albert Rolaz in 1800 and their daughter Frances in 1803. Gallatin loved being with his wife and family and missed them when he was separated from them.

When Gallatin became Secretary of the Treasury in 1801 the family moved to Washington DC. The Gallatin's house was always open to guests and politicians were regularly stopping by. The family was glad to have so many friends to talk to.

In 1816 Gallatin is appointed the American minister to France and the family moved to Paris, France. The family loved their time there.

Gallatin began to plan to move his family back to America. In 1821 he sent his son Albert Rolaz to supervise the construction of a large, fancy, new stone addition to his house at Friendship Hill. With the addition completed the whole family moved in in the spring of 1824. Gallatin and his son Albert Rolaz were both very happy in the country at Friendship Hill, but the rest of the family was not. After a year and a half the family left Friendship Hill.

The Gallatin family eventually settled in New York City. There in May of 1849 Hannah dies. Gallatin passed away three months later.



# Student Handout: Gallatin's Family Life and Timeline

## Activity Worksheet

**Directions:** Use the student reading to get the dates of the events below. Use this information to make a timeline of Gallatin family life. You can also add where the family was living to the timeline.

Here are some events to include on the family timeline:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin was born
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin moved to America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin married Sophia Allegre
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's wife Sophia died
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin married Hannah Nicholson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's son James was born
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's son Albert Rolaz was born
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's daughter Frances was born
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's wife Hannah died
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin died

Here are some places the family lived to include on the timeline:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin buys the land Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin builds a brick house at Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin and his family move to Washington, DC
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin and his family move to Paris, France
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin's son supervises the construction of a stone addition to Friendship Hill, Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin and his family move to Friendship Hill, New Geneva, Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gallatin and his family leave Friendship Hill and eventually settle in New York City, New York