

Genius of Finance

- As the representative of the 12th Congressional District (Pennsylvania), during his 3 terms was the Chair of the Finance Committee (now House Ways & Means) as well as leader of the Democrat-Republicans in the House.
- Fourth and longest serving Secretary of the Treasury. During his tenure reduced the national debt-to-GDP ratio by about 50%, including the \$15 million raised for the Louisiana Purchase.
- Led the American delegates negotiating the Treaty of Ghent to end the War of 1812.



Ron Duquette
6805 Bulkeley Rd.
Lorton, VA 22079

Meet Albert Gallatin

*Fourth Secretary
of the Treasury*



Financial Genius and Statesman

Albert Gallatin, born in the city-state of Geneva in 1761, came to America in 1780 after refusing the offer of the Landgrave of Hesse to become a Lt. Colonel in the army that was providing mercenaries to the British forces.

After coming to America he took the oath of allegiance to Virginia. Appointed to the United States Senate in Pennsylvania where he had purchased Friendship Hill as his home, he was ejected because he had not been a citizen for 9 years. However, Pennsylvania returned him to legislative office for 3 terms as the Representative from the 12th Congressional District. Thomas Jefferson selected him as his Secretary of the Treasury in 1801, the post he held for the next 13 years.

Gallatin went on to become the de facto leader of the delegation sent to Ghent to negotiate the treaty which ended the War of 1812. Subsequently, he was appointed as the Minister (in today's terms, Ambassador) to France and then Minister Plenipotentiary to Britain.

Returning from his diplomatic duties, Gallatin settled in New York City and was one of the founders and the first president of New York University. At age 88, after years of distinguished service, Gallatin died in 1849 and is buried in New York City's Trinity Church Cemetery.

A Partial List of Gallatin Presentations

- Friendship Hill, Gallatin's home near Point Marion, PA
- Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY (2016, 2017) - author of the play *From Plattsburgh to the Peace*
- The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation: Philadelphia and National Capital Chapters; National Conference (2016)
- Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, MT
- Museum of American Finance, New York City
- Swiss Embassy, Washington, D.C. and the Swiss Consulate General, New York City
- Gadsby's Tavern, Alexandria, VA
- Dumbarton House, Georgetown, Washington, DC
- David Bradford House, Washington, PA



Learning More

Albert Gallatin may not be the most mentioned individual in history books discussing the early years of America's history as an independent nation but his contributions to the growth of our country give us many lessons for today. Not only that, fiscal practices he instituted as Secretary of the Treasury are still in use today by that Department of our government.

Today, Ron Duquette, a retired US Army officer descended from a French soldier who was at Mont Royal (Montreal), New France in 1640 portrays Albert Gallatin with a flair developed in a variety of theatrical experiences in French masterworks by Moliere, Anouilh, Rostand and others; through Shakespeare (King Lear, The Merchant of Venice, Hamlet) and musical theater (such as Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience).

To retain Mr. Duquette's services to portray Albert Gallatin for your organization or historic presentation, call (703) 362-5373, e-mail him at ron.albertgallatin@gmail.com or write him at Ron Duquette, 6805 Bulkley Rd., Lorton, VA 22079. You may also visit him on his web site: <http://hon-albert-gallatin.com>.

Photography:

Inside: At Friendship Hill Historic Site, July 22, 2017 with Col. James Monroe (James "Jay" G. Harrison III) Photo by Elaine Ackerson of La Cherche Consulting
Reverse right: Portrait photo, July 30, 2015 by Steve Whysall, Whysall Photography
Reverse left: At Friendship Hill National Historic Site, July 22, 2017. Photo by Sean Ackerson of La Cherche Consulting