



**Name:** Hamilton Fish III

**Years:** December 7, 1888 - January 18, 1991

**Residence:** Garrison, New York; Cold Spring, New York

**Brief Biography:** Hamilton Fish III was born in Garrison, New York on December 7, 1888. His father was Hamilton Fish II, a New York State congressman in the House of Representatives. Just like his father and grandfather he will also go into politics as a republican for New York State. However, unlike both of those men, who went to Columbia law school, Hamilton Fish III went to Harvard. Due to his imposing figure, over six feet tall and over two hundred pounds, he was on Harvard's football team as tackle. He was so successful at this position he was later put into the college football hall of fame. When he graduated he got an offer to become a captain of an African American regiment called the Harlem Hellfighters. He accepted it and was shipped out to France. He came back a decorated war veteran and then began his career in politics. He became a republican representative and nearly served over twenty five years in congress. He was heavily in favor of isolationism and he was anti-communist and against the new deal. His most important legislation he would pass was the building of a war memorial called the Tomb of the Unknowns; a monument dedicated for all those who fell in World War I. Later, Hamilton Fish was accused of being a Nazi sympathizer, would later be discredited and would lose his next election. After his fall from politics he wrote an autobiography describing his life in politics. Finally, on January 18, 1991, Hamilton Fish III died at the age of 102 years old.

**Major Achievements:**

- Highly successful football player at Harvard
- Became a captain leading an African American regiment in World War 1
- Over twenty five years' service in the House of Representatives

- Put forward legislature that end up building The Tomb of the Unknowns, a tomb remembering all those who fell in World War I.

***For more Information:*** Seek more information at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*

***Resources:*** Fish, Hamilton, III. *Hamilton Fish: Memoir of an American Patriot*. Washington, D.C: An Eagle Publishing Company. 1991.