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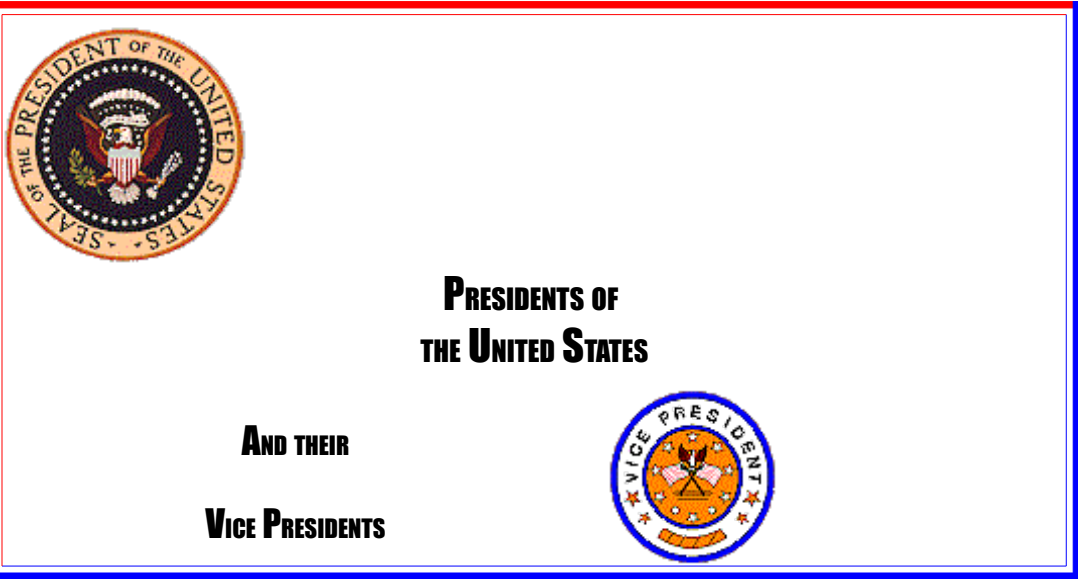
"I do solemnly swear (or affirm)
that I will faithfully execute the
office of president of the United
States, and will to the best of my
ability, preserve, protect and defend
the constitution of the United
States."

President's Oath of Office

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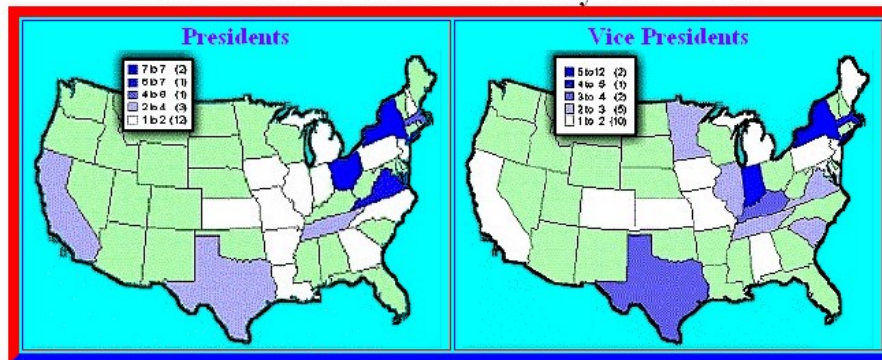
	Inauguration Date	End of Presidency	President:	Home	Vice President:	Home
1st	Apr 30, 1789	Mar 3, 1797	George Washington	VA	John Adams	MA
2nd	Mar 4, 1797	Mar 3, 1801	John Adams	MA	Thomas Jefferson	VA
3rd	Mar 4, 1801	Mar 3, 1809	Thomas Jefferson	VA	Aaron Burr (<i>1st Term</i>)	NY
					George Clinton (<i>2nd Term</i>)	NY
4th	Mar 4, 1809	Mar 3, 1817	James Madison	VA	George Clinton* (<i>1st Term</i>)	NY
					Elbridge Gerry* (<i>2nd Term</i>)	MA
5th	Mar 4, 1817	Mar 3, 1825	James Monroe	VA	Daniel D. Tompkins	NY
6th	Mar 4, 1825	Mar 3, 1829	John Quincy Adams	MA	John C. Calhoun	SC
7th	Mar 4, 1829	Mar 3, 1837	Andrew Jackson	TN	John C. Calhoun** (<i>1st Term</i>)	SC
					Martin Van Buren (<i>2nd Term</i>)	NY
8th	Mar 4, 1837	Mar 3, 1841	Martin Van Buren	NY	Richard M. Johnson	KY
9th	Mar 4, 1841	Apr 4, 1841	William H. Harrison*	VA	John Tyler	VA
10th	Apr 6, 1841	Mar 3, 1845	John Tyler	VA	Vacant	
11th	Mar 4, 1845	Mar 3, 1849	James Knox Polk	TN	George M. Dallas	PA
12th	Mar 4, 1849	Jul 9, 1850	Zachary Taylor*	LA	Millard Fillmore	NY
13th	Jul 10, 1850	Mar 3, 1853	Millard Fillmore	NY	Vacant	
14th	Mar 4, 1853	Mar 3, 1857	Franklin Pierce	NH	William R. King*	AL
15th	Mar 4, 1857	Mar 3, 1861	James Buchanan	PA	John C. Breckenridge	KY
16th	Mar 4, 1861	Apr 15, 1865	Abraham Lincoln*	IL	Hannibal Hamlin	ME
					Andrew Johnson	TN
17th	Apr 15, 1865	Mar 3, 1869	Andrew Johnson	TN	Vacant	
18th	Mar 4, 1869	Mar 3, 1877	Ulysses S. Grant	OH	Schuyler Colfax (<i>1st Term</i>)	IN
					Henry Wilson* (<i>2nd Term</i>)	MA
19th	Mar 4, 1887	Mar 3, 1881	Rutherford B. Hayes	OH	William A. Wheeler	NY
20th	Mar 4, 1881	Sep 18, 1881	James A. Garfield*	OH	Chester A. Arthur	NY
21st	Sep 19, 1881	Mar 3, 1886	Chester A. Arthur	NY	Vacant	

HOME STATE indicates their home state at the time of their election to office, not always the State of their birth.

* Died while in office
 ** Resigned

	Inauguration Date	End of Presidency	President:	Home	Vice President:	Home
22nd	Mar 4, 1885	Mar 3, 1889	Grover Cleveland	NY	Thomas A. Hendricks*	IN
23rd	Mar 4, 1889	Mar 3, 1893	Benjamin Harrison	IN	Levi P. Morton	NY
24th	Mar 4, 1893	Mar 3, 1897	Grover Cleveland	NY	Adlai E. Stevenson	IL
25th	Mar 4, 1897	Sep 14, 1901	William McKinley*	OH	Garret A. Hobart* (1st Term)	NJ
					Theodore Roosevelt (2nd)	NY
26th	Sep 14, 1901	Mar 3, 1909	Theodore Roosevelt	NY	Vacant (1st Term)	
					Charles Fairbanks (2nd)	IN
27th	Mar 4, 1909	Mar 3, 1913	William H. Taft	OH	James S. Sherman*	NY
28th	Mar 4, 1913	Mar 3, 1921	Woodrow Wilson	NJ	Thomas R. Marshall	IN
29th	Mar 4, 1921	Aug 2, 1923	Warren G. Harding*	OH	Calvin Coolidge	MA
30th	Aug 3, 1923	Mar 3, 1929	Calvin Coolidge	MA	Vacant (1st Term)	
					Charles G. Dawes	IL
31st	Mar 4, 1929	Mar 3, 1933	Herbert C. Hoover	IA	Charles Curtis	KS
32nd	Mar 4, 1933	Apr 12, 1945	Franklin Roosevelt*	NY	John N. Garner (1st & 2d)	TX
					Henry A. Wallace (3rd Term)	IA
					Harry S Truman	MO
33rd	Apr 12, 1945	Jan 20, 1953	Harry S Truman	MO	Vacant (1st Term)	
					Alben W. Barkley (2nd)	KY
34th	Jan 20, 1953	Jan 20, 1961	Dwight D. Eisenhower	KS	Richard M. Nixon	CA
35th	Jan 20, 1961	Nov 22, 1963	John F. Kennedy*	MA	Lyndon B. Johnson	TX
36th	Nov 22, 1963	Jan 20, 1969	Lyndon B. Johnson	TX	Hubert H. Humphrey	MN
37th	Jan 20, 1969	Aug 9, 1974	Richard M. Nixon**	CA	Spiro T. Agnew (1st-2nd)**	MD
					Gerald R. Ford (2nd Term)	MI
38th	Aug 9, 1974	Jan 20, 1977	Gerald R. Ford	MI	Nelson A. Rockefeller	NY
39th	Jan 20, 1977	Jan 20, 1981	James Earl Carter	GA	Walter F. Mondale	MN
40th	Jan 20, 1981	Jan 20, 1989	Ronald Reagan	CA	George H. W. Bush	TX
41st	Jan 20, 1989	Jan 20, 1993	George H. W. Bush	TX	Dan Quayle	IN
42nd	Jan 20, 1993	Jan 20, 2001	William J. Clinton	AR	Al Gore	TN
43rd	Jan 20, 2001	Jan 20, 2009	George W. Bush, Jr.	TX	Dick Cheney	WY
44th	Jan 20, 2009	Present	Barack H. Obama	IL	Joseph R. Biden	DE

Presidents and Vice Presidents by Home State*

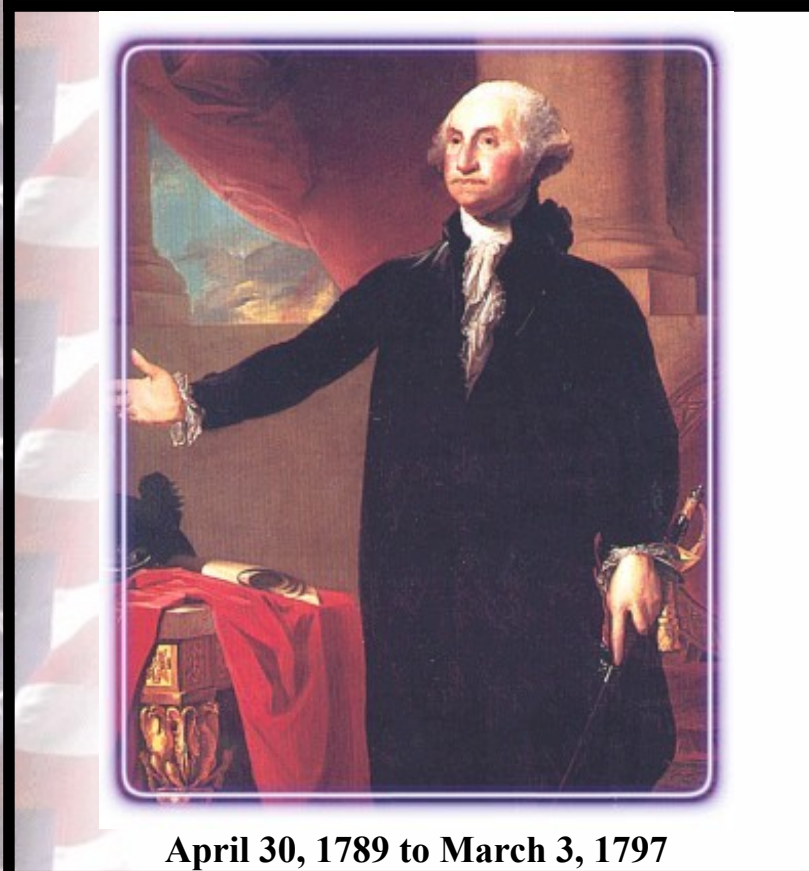


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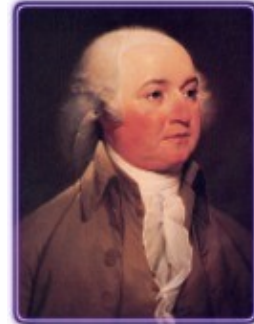
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George Washington

FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



John Adams

FIRST LADY



Martha Custis Washington

BORN: February 22, 1732 at Pope's Creek, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Martha Dandridge Custis on January 6, 1759
No natural children (Adopted the children of Martha Custis)
Grandfather by marriage of Confederate General Robert E. Lee

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Commanding General, Revolutionary War

PROFESSION: Surveyor / Planter

POLITICAL PARTY: Federalist

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Chairman of Constitutional Convention

NICKNAME: "Father of our Country"

DIED: December 14, 1799 (Age - 67)

LAST WORDS: "I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. 'Tis well."

BURIED: Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon, Virginia

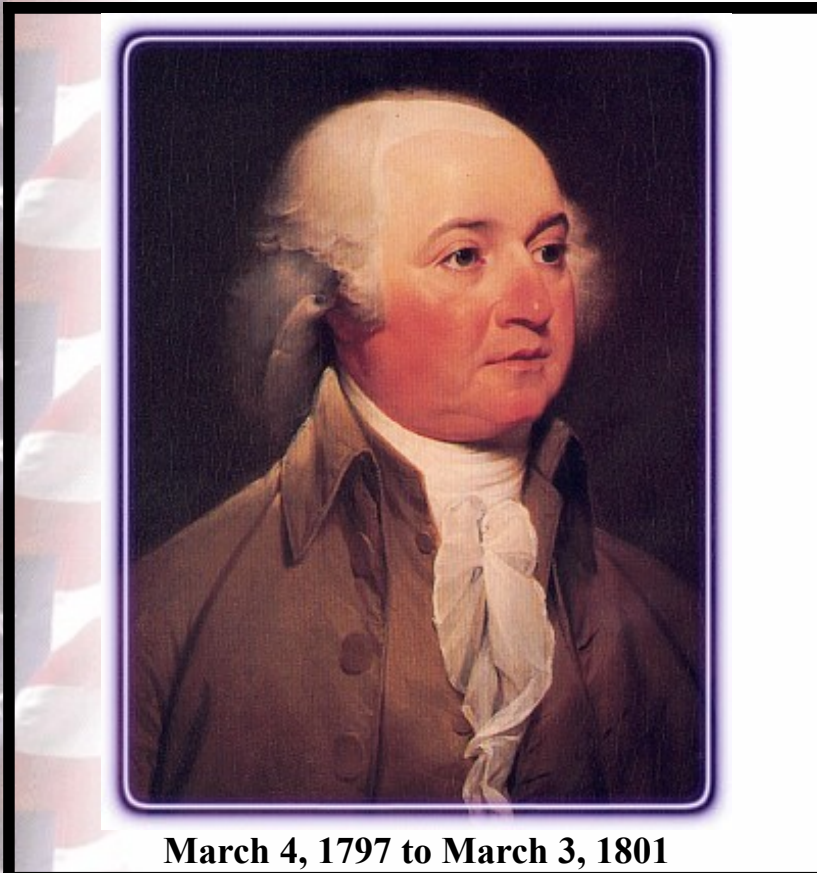
"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

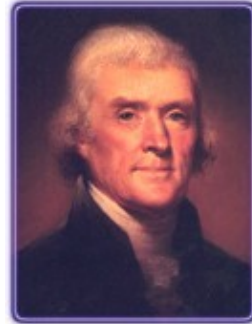
General Henry Lee (father of Robert E. Lee) to both houses of Congress on December 26, 1799

John Adams

SECOND U.S. PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



Thomas Jefferson

FIRST LADY



Abigail Adams

BORN: October 30, 1735 at Quincy, MA

FAMILY: Married Abigail Smith on October 25, 1764
3 Sons and 2 Daughters

*Son John Quincy Adams was our 6th President

RELIGION: Unitarian

PROFESSION: Attorney (He successfully defended British soldiers after Boston Massacre)

POLITICAL PARTY: Federalist

HOME STATE: Massachusetts

POLITICAL OFFICES: Delegate to Continental Congress, Signer of Declaration of Independence, Diplomat to France and Holland, Vice President under George Washington

NICKNAME: "Upholder of the Constitution"

DIED: July 4, 1826 (Age - 90)

LAST WORDS: "Thomas Jefferson survives."

BURIED: First Unitarian Church, Quincy, Massachusetts

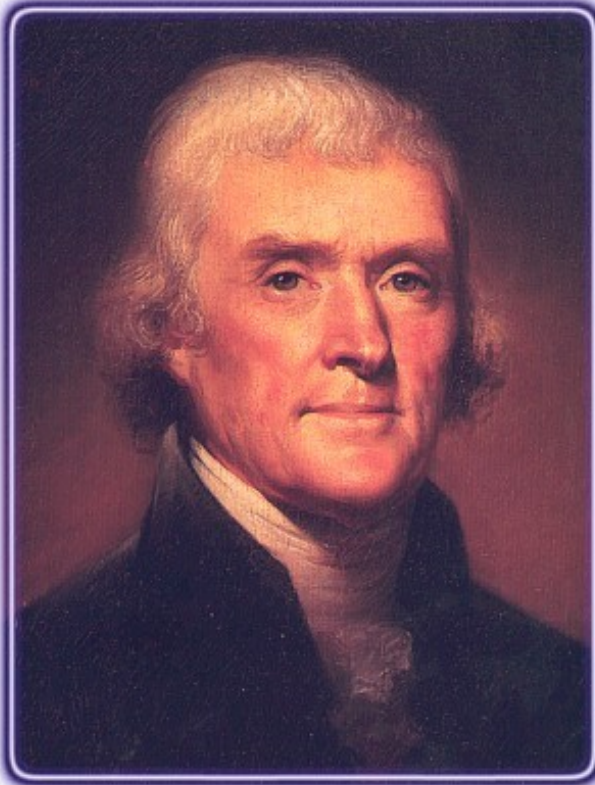
"Liberty...is an intellectual quality. Let the human mind loose."

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof."

John Adams in a letter to Abigail on his second night in the presidential home that became the White House.

Thomas Jefferson

THIRD U.S. PRESIDENT



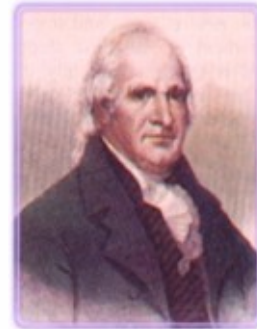
March 4, 1801 to March 3, 1809

VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



Aaron Burr

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



George Clinton

BORN: April 13, 1743 at Shadwell, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Martha Wayles Skelton on January 1, 1772
1 Son and 5 Daughters

*His grandson was first child born in the White House

RELIGION: Deist

PROFESSION: Attorney, Plantation Owner

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic-Republican

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Delegate to Continental Congress, Governor (VA), Diplomat to France, Secretary of State, Vice President

AUTHOR OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

NICKNAME: "Man of the People"

WHITE HOUSE PETS: Mockingbird, two live Bears in cages on White House Lawn

DIED: July 4, 1826 (Age - 83)

LAST WORDS: *"Is it the Fourth?"*

BURIED: Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia

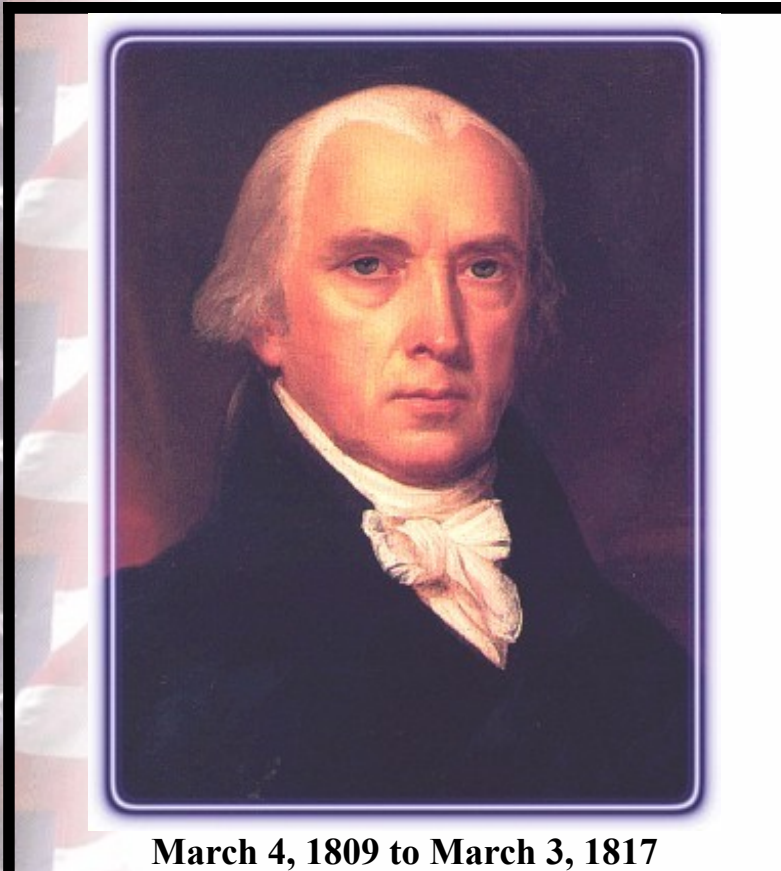
"Never did a prisoner, released from his chains, feel such relief as I shall on shaking off the shackles of power. Nature intended me for the tranquil pursuits of science."

Written March 2, 1809... the night before his successor was inaugurated.

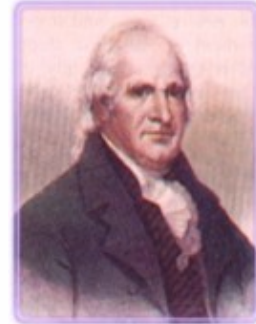
Thomas Jefferson's wife Martha died in 1782 and Jefferson never remarried. There was no FIRST Lady during his presidency.

James Madison

FOURTH U.S. PRESIDENT

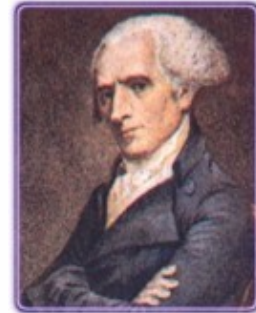


VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



George Clinton*

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



Elbridge Gerry*

*Died while in Office

BORN: March 16, 1751 at Port Conway, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Dorothea (Dolley) Payne Todd on Sept. 15, 1794
No Children

*Madison was a 2d cousin of future President Zachary Taylor

RELIGION: Episcopalian

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic-Republican

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Delegate to Constitutional Convention,
Congressman, Secretary of State

NICKNAME: "Father of the Constitution"

DIED: June 28, 1836 (Age - 85)

BURIED: Montpelier Estate, Montpelier Station, Virginia

FIRST LADY



Dolley Madison

"In all cases where the majority are united by a common interest or passion, the rights of the minority are in danger."

"The advice nearest to my heart and deepest in my convictions is that the Union of the States be cherished and perpetuated."

James Madison in a note opened after his death.

James Monroe

FIFTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1817 to March 3, 1825

VICE PRESIDENT



Daniel D. Tompkins

FIRST LADY



Elizabeth Monroe

BORN: April 28, 1758 at Westmoreland County, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Elizabeth Kotright on February 16, 1786
1 Son and 2 Daughters

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Captain, Continental Army, American Revolutionary War*

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic-Republican

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Minister to France, Governor of Virginia, Senator, Secretary of State

NICKNAME: "The Last Cocked Hat"

DIED: July 4, 1831 (Age - 73)

BURIED: Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

"In this great nation there is but one order, that of the people."

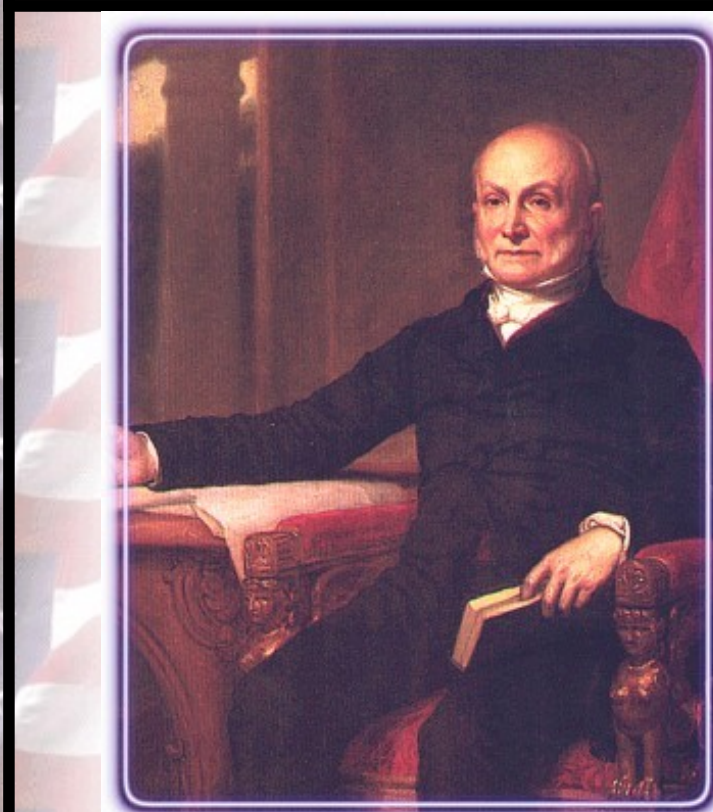
"Monroe was so honest that if you turned his soul inside out there would not be a spot on it."

Thomas Jefferson

*In Emanuel Leutze's famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware River during the American Revolution, the young soldier holding the flag behind General Washington is Captain James Monroe..

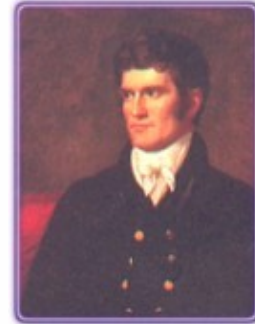
John Quincy Adams

SIXTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1825 to March 3, 1829

VICE PRESIDENT



John C. Calhoun

FIRST LADY



Louisa Adams

BORN: July 11, 1767 at Braintree, Massachusetts

FAMILY: Married Louisa Catherine Johnson on July 26, 1797

1 Daughter and 3 Sons including a son named George Washington Adams

John Quincy Adams was the first son of an American President to also be elected President

RELIGION: Unitarian

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic-Republican

HOME STATE: Massachusetts

POLITICAL OFFICES: Foreign Diplomat, U. S. Senator, Secretary of State

He was subsequently elected to the U.S. House of Representatives AFTER his Presidency.

NICKNAME: "Old Man Eloquent"

DIED: February 23, 1848 (Age - 80) - Two days after collapsing on the floor of the House of Representatives where he was serving as a Congressman from Massachusetts.

LAST WORDS: *"Thank the officers of the House (of Representatives). This is the last of earth. I am content."*

BURIED: First Unitarian Church, Quincy, Massachusetts

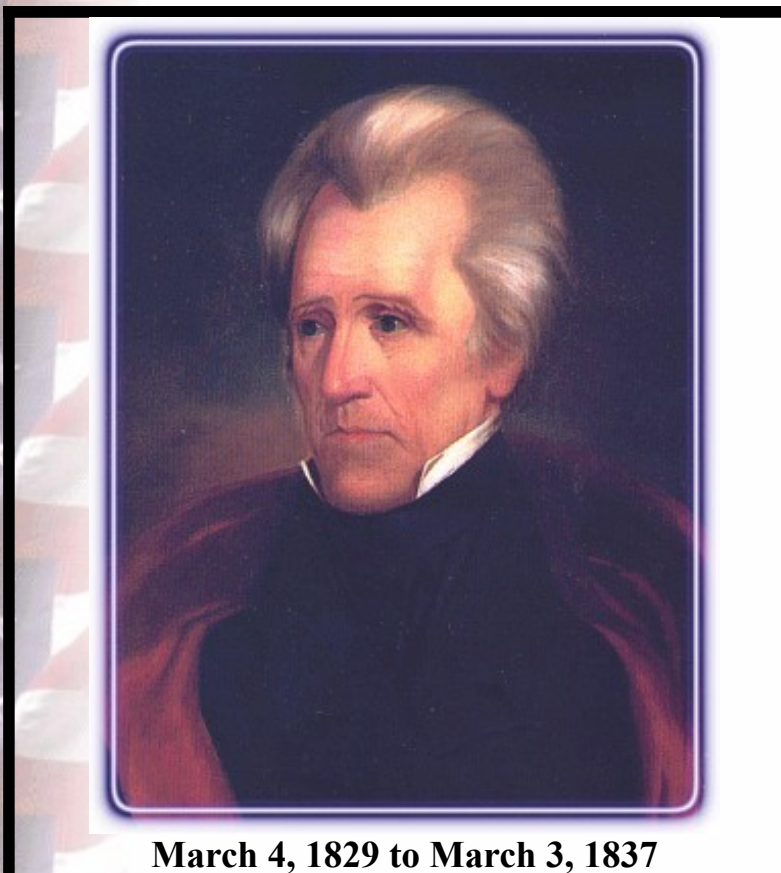
"Individual liberty is individual power."

"I am a man of reserved, cold, and forbidding manners."

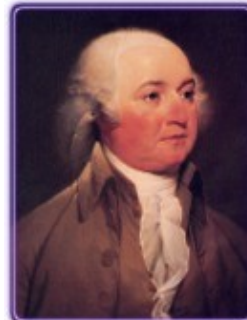
John Quincy Adams describing himself.

Andrew Jackson

SEVENTH U.S. PRESIDENT

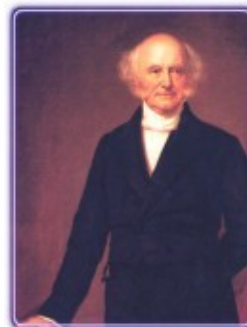


VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



John C. Calhoun*

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



Martin Van Buren

*Resigned in 1832 (First VP to resign the Office.)

BORN: March 15, 1767 at New Lancaster County, South Carolina*

FAMILY: Married Rachel Donelson Robards in August 1791
(The two had a second wedding ceremony January 17, 1794.)

RELIGION: Presbyterian

PROFESSION: Attorney/Professional Soldier

MILITARY SERVICE: General, U.S. Army (Also serves as 13 year-old member of the Continental Army during the American Revolution.)

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic

HOME STATE: Tennessee

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, Tennessee Supreme Court Judge, Governor of Florida Territory.

NICKNAME: "Old Hickory"

DIED: June 8, 1845 (Age - 78)

BURIED: The Hermitage, Nashville, Tennessee

"Brought up under the tyranny of Britain--altho young (I) embarked in the struggle for our liberties, in which I lost every thing that was dear to me...for which I have been amply repaid by living under the mild administration of a republican government. To maintain this, and the independent rights of our nation is a duty I have ever owed to my country, to myself, and to posterity. And, when I do all that I can to it support, I have only done my duty."

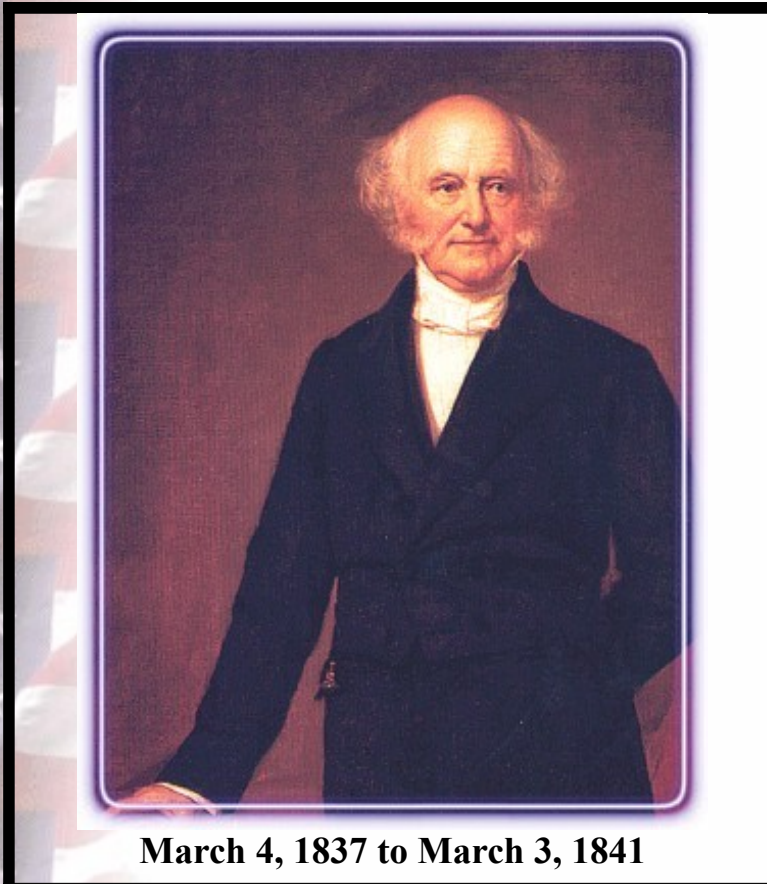
Jan. 4, 1813 referring to the loss of his entire family and his own service during the American Revolutionary War.

Andrew Jackson's wife Rachel died after the election but before the Inauguration. Jackson never remarried and there was no First Lady during his presidency.

*Andrew Jackson was actually born on a ship en route to America, the only President not born on American soil.

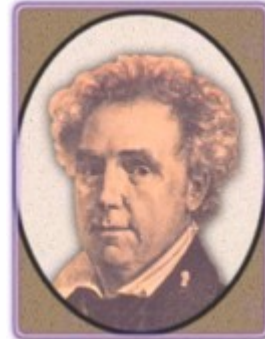
Martin Van Buren

EIGHTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1837 to March 3, 1841

VICE PRESIDENT



Richard M. Johnson

HOSTESS (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)



Angelica Van Buren

BORN: December 5, 1782 in Kinderhook, New York*

FAMILY: Married Hannah Hoes on February 21, 1807
Four Sons

Hannah Van Buren died in 1819 and Martin Van Buren never remarried, entering the White House a bachelor.

RELIGION: Dutch Reformed

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: NY Attorney General, Senator, & Governor, Secretary of State, Vice President

NICKNAME: "The Little Magician"

DIED: July 24, 1862 (Age - 79)

BURIED: Kinderhook Cemetery, Kinderhook, New York

Dolley Madison introduced Madison's son Abraham to her second cousin Angelica Singleton who, when they had married, became the White House hostess under Martin Van Buren's presidency.

"There is a power in public opinion which will not tolerate an incompetent or unworthy man to hold in his weak or wicked hands the lives and fortunes of his fellow citizens."

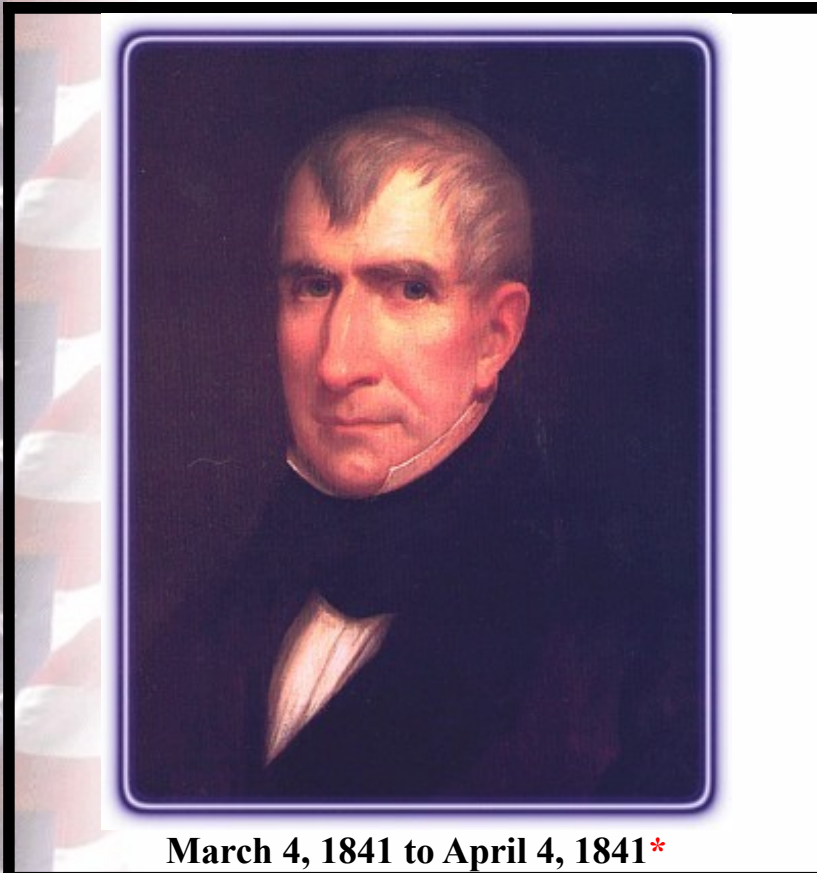
"One of the gentlest and most amiable men I have ever met." Washington Irving

"A true man with no guile." President Andrew Jackson

*Van Buren was the first President born in the United States; all prior Presidents had been born in the Colonies.

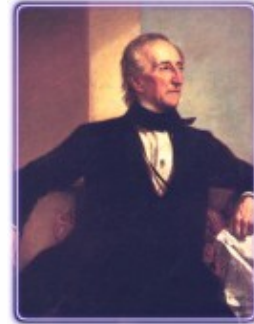
William Henry Harrison

NINTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1841 to April 4, 1841*

VICE PRESIDENT



John Tyler

FIRST LADY



Anna Harrison

BORN: February 9, 1773 in Berkeley, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Anna Tuthill Symmes on November 25, 1795

6 Sons and 4 Daughters

John Scott Harrison (President Harrison's son) was an unsuccessful candidate for President.

John's son (President Harrison's grandson) BENJAMIN HARRISON became our 23rd President.

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Indian Fighter, Brigadier General, U.S. Army

PROFESSION: Medical Student, Soldier, Statesman

POLITICAL PARTY: Whig

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor of Indiana Territory, U.S. Representative and Senator (Ohio)

NICKNAME: "Old Tippecanoe"

DIED: April 4, 1841 (Age - 67)

***First American President to Die While in Office**

LAST WORDS: "I cannot bear this. Don't trouble me."

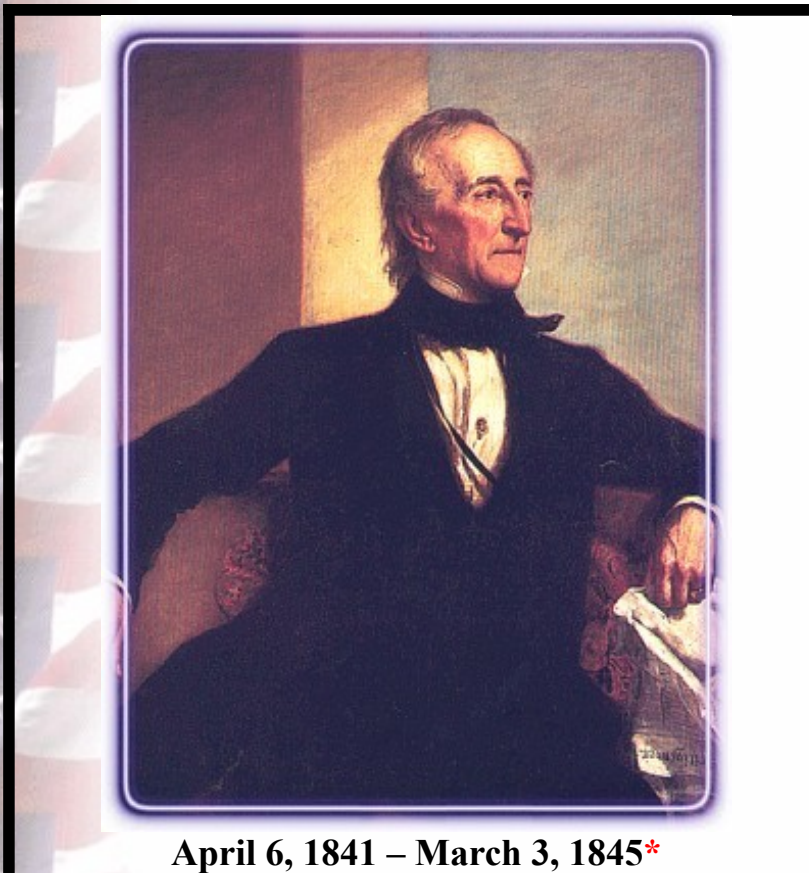
BURIED: W.M. Harrison Memorial, North Bend, Ohio

"The only legitimate right to govern is an express grant of power from the governed."

"The strongest of all governments is that which is most free."

John Tyler

TENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



April 6, 1841 – March 3, 1845*

VICE PRESIDENT



No Vice President

FIRST LADY



Julia Tyler

BORN: March 29, 1790 at Greenway, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Letitia Christian on March 29, 1813

Married Julia Gardner on June 26, 1844

Fifteen Children: With Letitia – 5 Daughters & 3 Sons

With Julia – 5 Sons & 2 Daughters

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Captain, Volunteer Army, War of 1812

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Whig

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Congressman, Governor (VA), Vice President

NICKNAME: "His Accidency", "Accidental President", "The President without a Party"

DIED: January 18, 1862 (Age - 71)

BURIED: Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

Tyler's first wife Letitia died the year after her husband became president (the 1st First Lady to die in the White House.) Two years later Tyler married Julia Gardiner, at age 24, thirty years younger than himself.

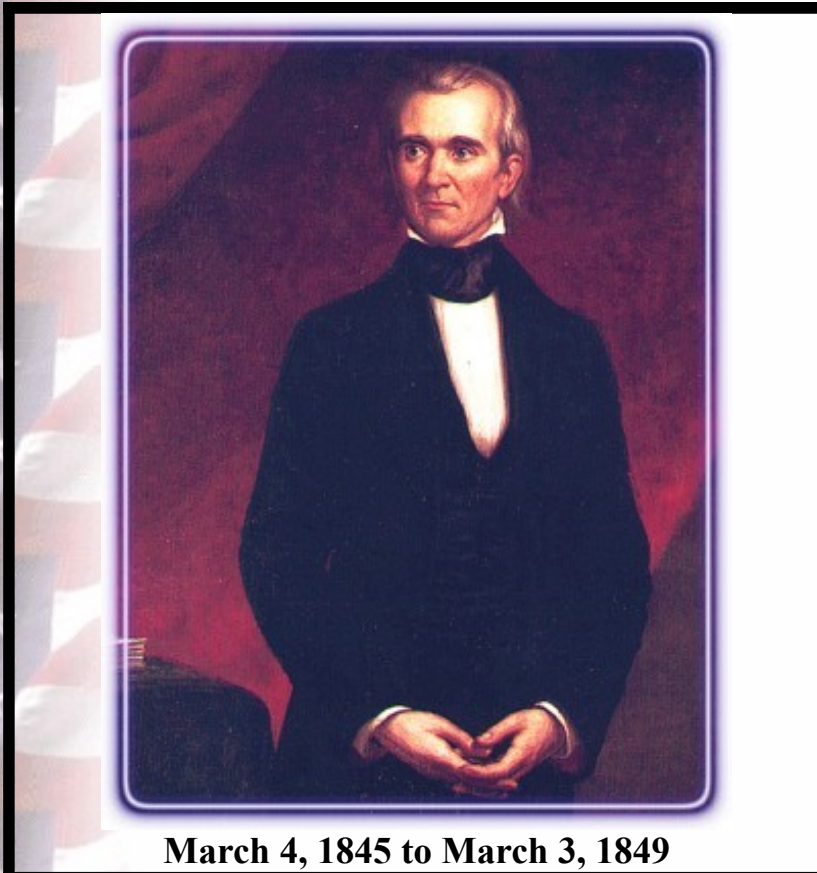
"If the tide of defamation and abuse shall turn... future Vice Presidents who may succeed to the Presidency may feel some slight encouragement to pursue an independent course."

Former President Tyler to his son regarding criticisms of his activities, primarily in the annexation of Texas.

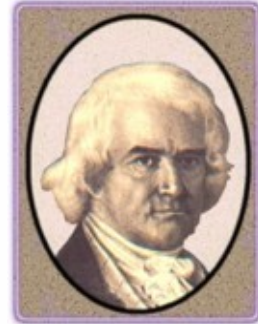
**First Vice President to assume office by succession and first President to lose his wife in the White House.*

James Knox Polk

ELEVENTH U.S. PRESIDENT

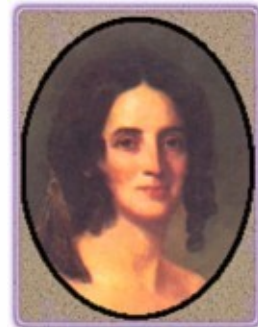


VICE PRESIDENT



George M. Dallas

FIRST LADY



Sarah Polk

BORN: November 2, 1795 at Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

FAMILY: Married Sarah Childress on January 1, 1824
No Children

RELIGION: Presbyterian

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Tennessee

POLITICAL OFFICES: U. S. Congressman, Speaker of the House, Governor of Tennessee

NICKNAME: "Young Hickory"

DIED: June 15, 1849 (Age - 53) – *Three months after leaving the White House*

BURIED: State Capitol Grounds, Nashville, Tennessee

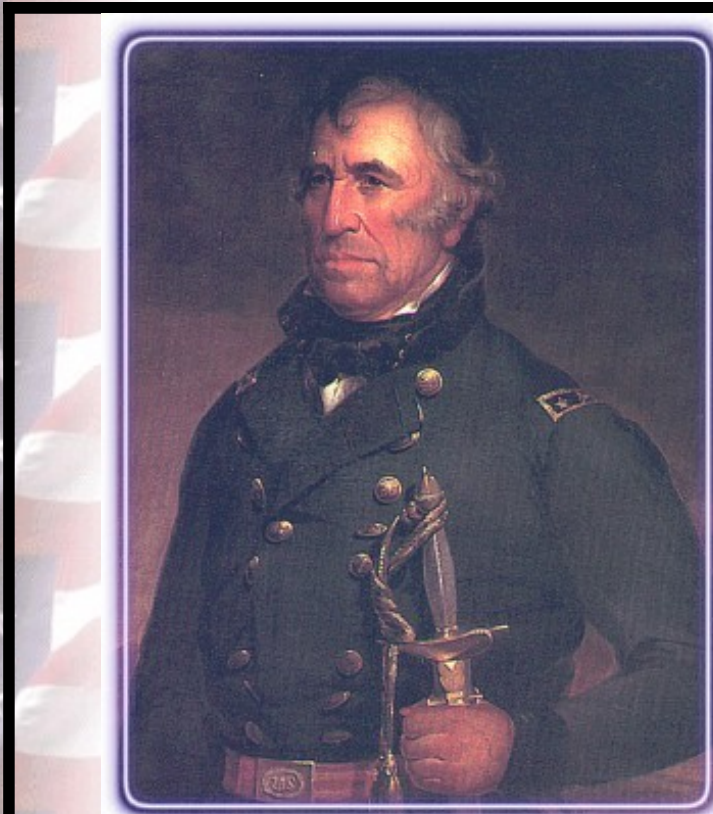
"Public opinion: May it always perform one of its appropriate offices, by teaching the public functionaries of the State and of the Federal Government, that neither shall assume the exercise of powers entrusted by the Constitution to the other."

"(He) thinks well of himself; often asks advice, and does just as he pleases; is one of the firmest of men; slow in committing himself, but once committed, does all in his power to carry through his measures."

O. S. Fowler, a phrenologist consulted by Polk in 1838

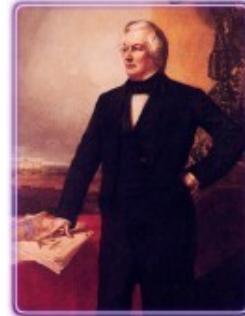
Zachary Taylor

TWELFTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1849 to July 9, 1850*

VICE PRESIDENT



Millard Fillmore

FIRST LADY

Margaret Taylor

BORN: November 24, 1784 at Montebello, Virginia

FAMILY: Married Margaret Mackall Smith on June 21, 1810

5 Daughters, 1 Son (Only 4 survived infancy)

One of his daughters married Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Major General, U. S. Army (Combat Veteran War of 1812 & Indian Wars)

PROFESSION: Professional Soldier

POLITICAL PARTY: Whig

HOME STATE: Louisiana

POLITICAL OFFICES: None Zachary Taylor came to the White House with extensive leadership experience, but no political experience

NICKNAME: "Old Rough and Ready"

DIED: July 9, 1850 (Age - 65)

***Died in office 5 days after dedicating the Washington Monument.**

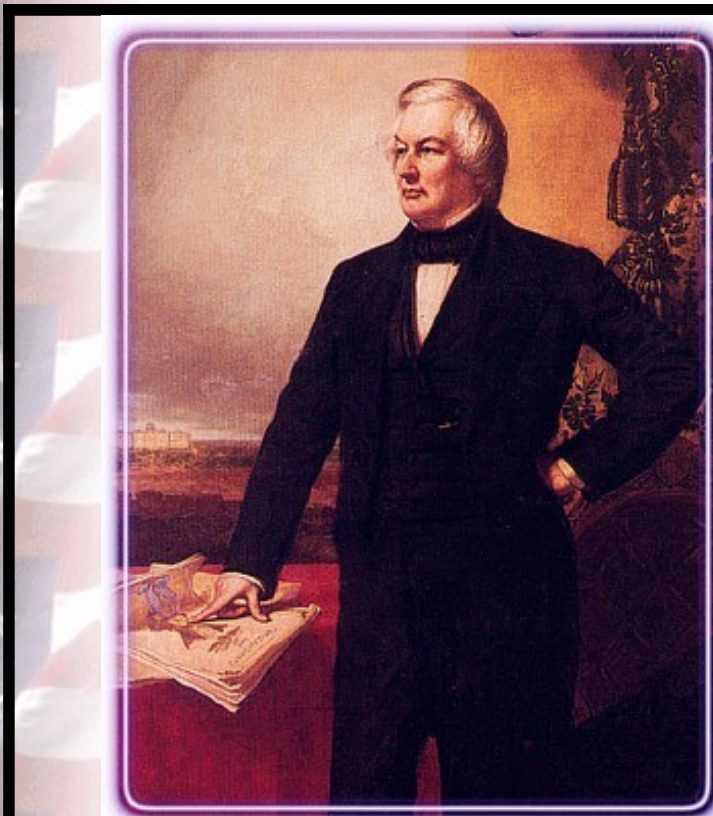
BURIED: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky

"He has fallen...at a moment when some of us were looking to him to render services to the country, which we thought no other man could perform. He has died too soon for everybody but himself."

Representative Robert Winthrop on the floor of the house after Taylor's death.

Millard Fillmore

THIRTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



July 10, 1850 to March 3, 1853

VICE PRESIDENT



No Vice President

FIRST LADY



Abigail Fillmore

BORN: January 7, 1800 at Locke Township (Summerhill), New York

FAMILY: Married Abigail Powers on February 5, 1826 -- Abigail Fillmore died in 1853 three weeks after leaving the White House (where she established a new White House Library).

1 Son and 1 Daughter

Married Caroline Carmichael McIntosh on February 10, 1858

RELIGION: Unitarian

PROFESSION: Teacher/Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Whig

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: U. S. Congressman, Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee, unsuccessful candidate for governor of New York (1844), Vice President.

NICKNAME: "Father of our Country"

DIED: March 8, 1874 (Age - 74)

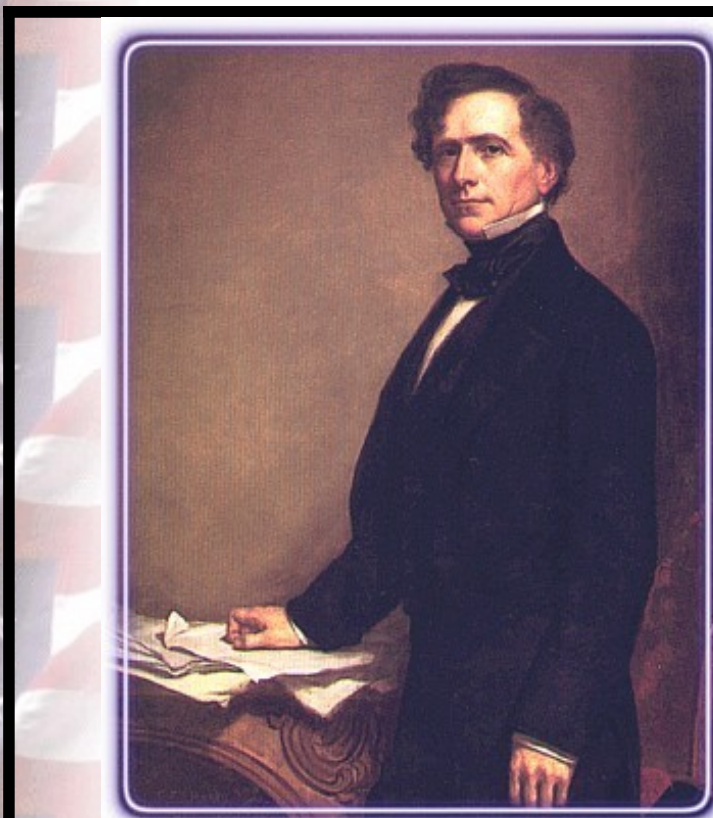
BURIED: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

"The man who can look upon a crisis without being willing to offer himself upon the altar of his country is not fit for public trust."

"I hope and trust he will soon return (to public office) for whether to the nation or to the state, no service can be or ever will be rendered by a more able or a more faithful public servant." John Quincy Adams upon Fillmore's retirement to private practice in 1842

Franklin Pierce

FOURTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1853 to March 3, 1857

VICE PRESIDENT



William R. King*

FIRST LADY



Jane Means Pierce

*Died in Office

BORN: November 23, 1804 at Hillsborough, New Hampshire

FAMILY: Married Jane Means Appleton on November 10, 1834

Three Sons (The Pierce's first son died 3 days after birth and another died at age 4 from typhus. After his election and before the inauguration, Franklin Pierce's only remaining son, 11-year-old Benjamin Pierce, was killed in a train wreck. (Mr. and Mrs. Pierce escaped unharmed from the same wreck.)

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Brigadier General, US Army (Combat Veteran—War with Mexico)

PROFESSION: Attorney/Public Official

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic

HOME STATE: New Hampshire

POLITICAL OFFICES: Speaker of N.H. state legislature, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator

NICKNAME: "Young Hickory of the Granite Hills"

DIED: October 8, 1869 (Age - 64)

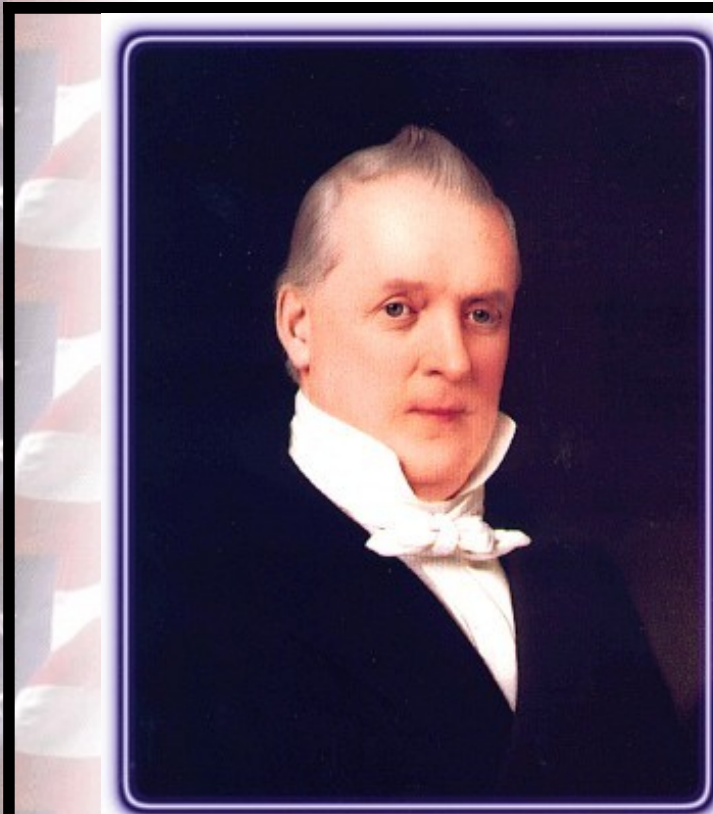
BURIED: Old North Cemetery, Concord, New Hampshire

"I have come seriously to the conclusion that he has in him many of the chief elements of a great ruler. His talents are administrative; he has a subtle faculty of making affairs roll onward according to his will, and of influencing their course without showing any trace of his action."

Nathaniel Hawthorne

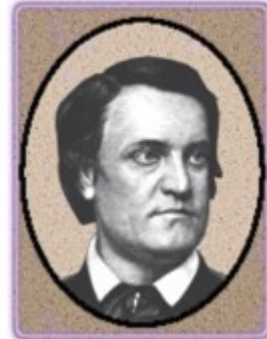
James Buchanan

FIFTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1857 to March 3, 1861

VICE PRESIDENT



John C. Breckenridge

PRESIDENTIAL HOSTESS



Harriet Lane Johnson

BORN: April 23, 1791 at Cove Gap, Pennsylvania

FAMILY: Never Married – Our only TRUE Bachelor President

RELIGION: Presbyterian

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democratic

HOME STATE: Virginia

POLITICAL OFFICES: U. S. Representative, U.S. Senator, Diplomat (to Russia and Great Britain), Secretary of State

NICKNAME: "Old Buck"

DIED: June 1, 1868 (Age - 77)

BURIED: Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Harriet Johnson, President Buchanan's orphaned niece, was the popular White House hostess during his presidency.

"Liberty must be allowed to work out its natural results; and these will astonish the world."

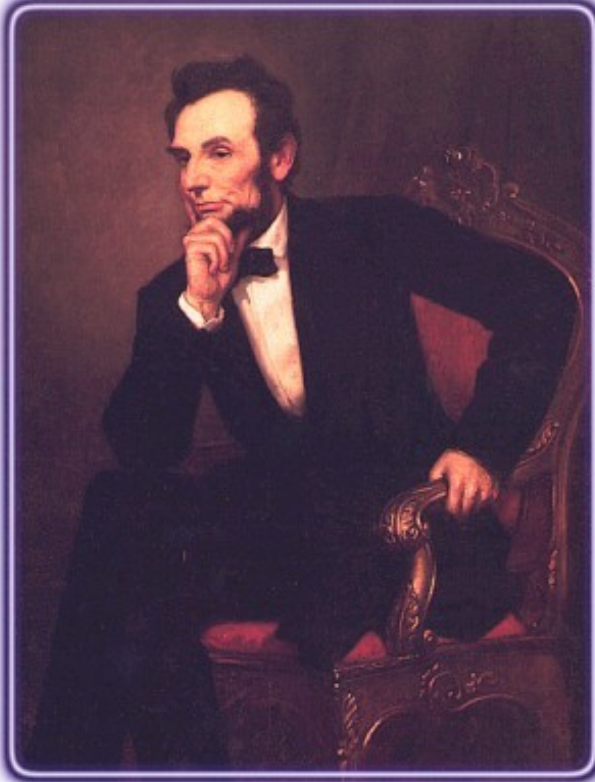
"I desire to come between the factions as a daysman with one hand on the head of each, counseling peace."

Buchanan To John Calhoun on his role in the controversy between Northern and Southern States.

"I acted for some time as a breakwater between the North and South, both surging with all their forces against me." To his niece after leaving office.

Abraham Lincoln

SIXTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1861 to April 15, 1865*

BORN: February 12, 1809 at Hardin County, Kentucky

FAMILY: Married Mary Todd on November 4, 1842

Four Sons -- Son Robert Todd Lincoln vied for the Republican Presidential nomination in both 1884 and 1888.

RELIGION: No Formal Affiliation

MILITARY SERVICE: Volunteer Scout in IL Companies in 1832

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Illinois

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Representative

NICKNAME: "Honest Abe"

DIED: April 15, 1865 (Age - 56)

*Died by Assassin's bullet while in office.

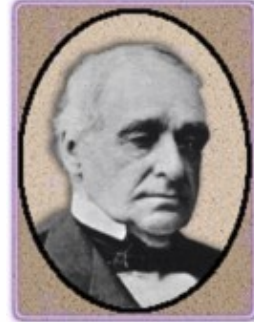
LAST WORDS: *"There is no place I should like to see so much as Jerusalem."*

BURIED: Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

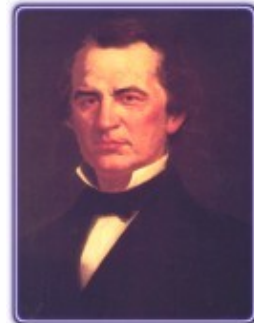
"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds." Abraham Lincoln in his second Inaugural Address

VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



Hannibal Hamlin

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



Andrew Johnson

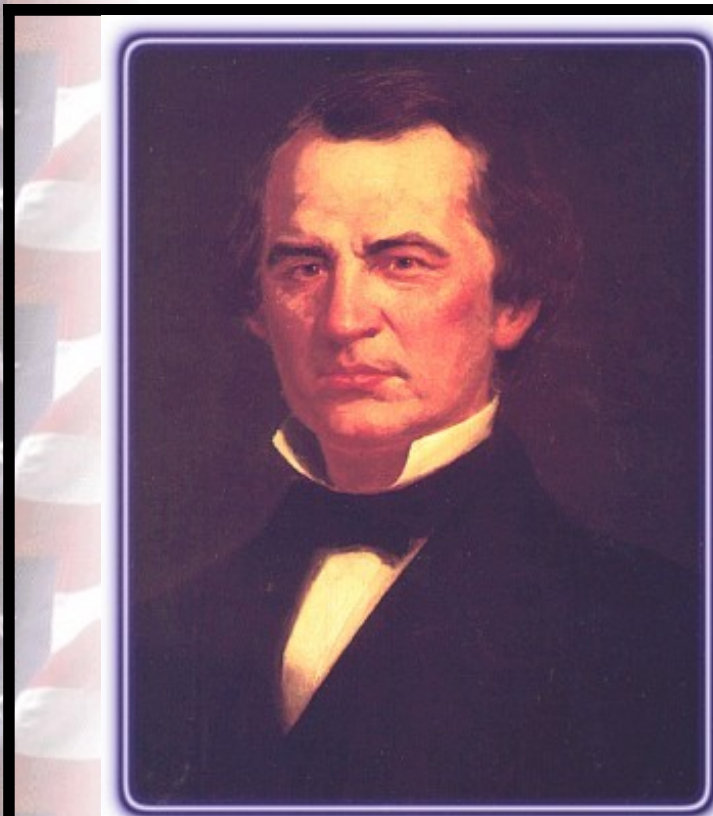
FIRST LADY



Mary Todd Lincoln

Andrew Johnson

SEVENTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



April 15, 1865 to March 3, 1869

VICE PRESIDENT



No Vice President

FIRST LADY



Elizabeth Johnson

BORN: December 29, 1808 at Raleigh, North Carolina

FAMILY: Married Eliza McCardle on May 5, 1827
Three Sons and Two Daughters

RELIGION: No Formal Affiliation

PROFESSION: Tailor/Public Servant

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat-Unionists

HOME STATE: Tennessee

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Congressman, Governor (TN), U.S. Senator, Vice President, Elected again to Senate after leaving the Presidency.

DIED: July 31, 1875 (Age - 66)

Andrew Johnson was buried wrapped in American Flag with a copy of the U.S. Constitution for a pillow.

BURIED: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville, Tennessee

"When I am dead, I need no softer pillow than the Constitution and no warmer blanket than the American flag."

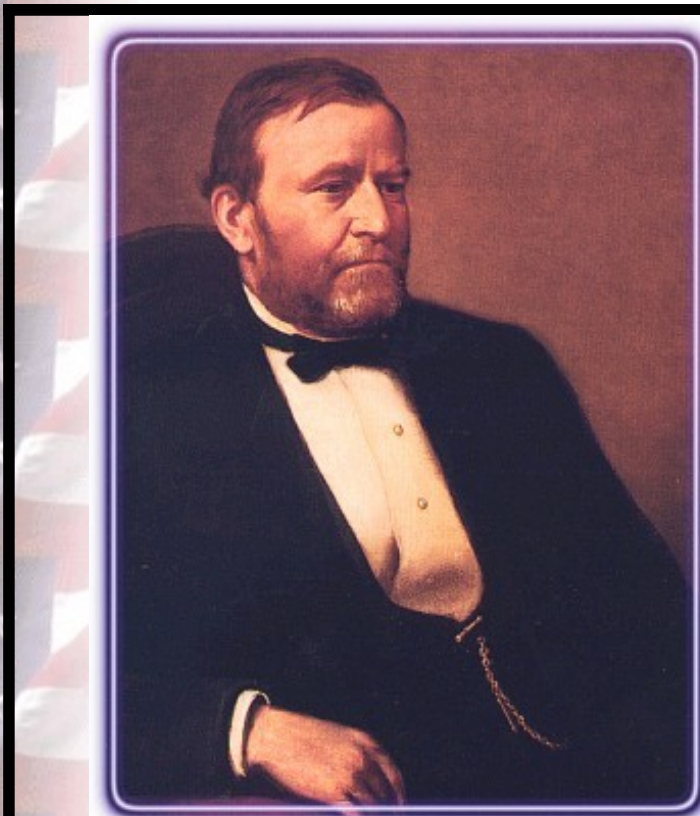
"The Constitution-breakers are trying the Constitution-defender, the conspirators are sitting in judgment on the man who would not enter into their conspiracy, who was, and is, faithful to his oath, his country, the Union, and the Constitution."

Secretary of the Navy GIDEON WELLES on Andrew Johnson's impeachment.

The first American President impeached, he survived conviction by a single vote.

Ulysses Simpson Grant

EIGHTEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1869 to March 3, 1877

VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



Schuyler Colfax

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



Henry Wilson*

*Died In Office

BORN: April 27, 1822 at Point Pleasant, Ohio

FAMILY: Married Julia Boggs Dent on August 22, 1848
Three Sons and One Daughter

RELIGION: Methodist

MILITARY SERVICE: General of the Army, Civil War

PROFESSION: Farmer/Realtor/Professional Soldier

POLITICAL PARTY: Federalist

HOME STATE: Ohio

POLITICAL OFFICES: Secretary of War

NICKNAME: "Hero of Appomattox"

DIED: July 23, 1885 (Age - 63)

LAST WORDS: "I am ready now to go at any time. I know there is nothing but suffering for me while I live". (*Written to his doctor shortly before his death*)

BURIED: Gen. Grant National Memorial, New York, New York

FIRST LADY



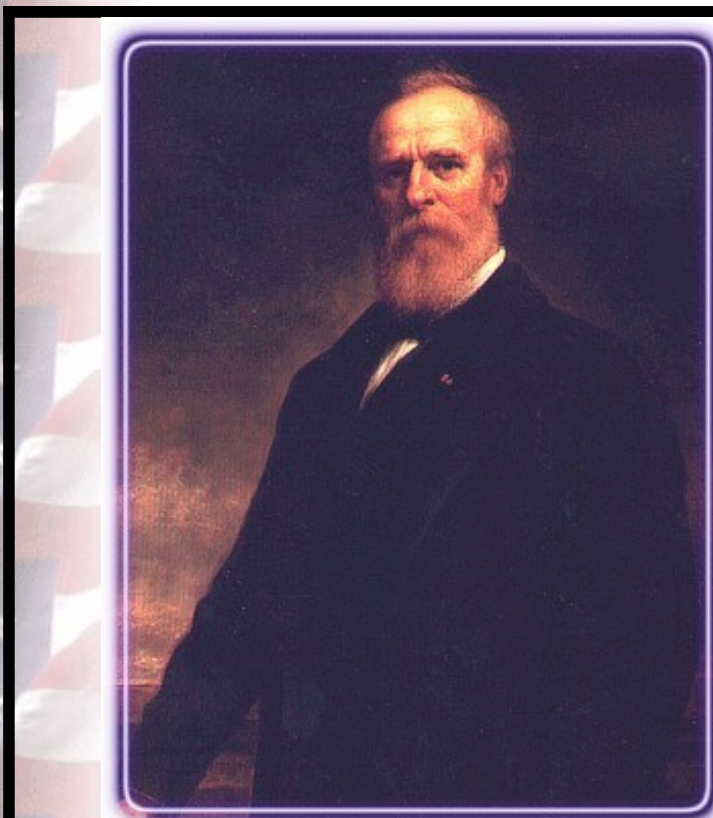
Julia Grant

"I have been the subject of abuse and slander scarcely ever equaled in political history, which today I feel that I can afford to disregard in view of your verdict, which I gratefully accept as my vindication."

Ulysses Grant to the American People upon re-election to a second term.

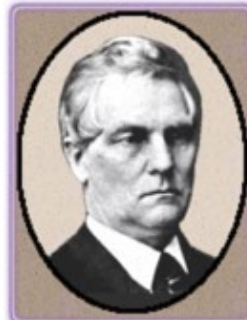
Rutherford Birchard Hayes

NINETEENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1877 to March 3, 1881

VICE PRESIDENT



William A. Wheeler

FIRST LADY



Lucy Webb Hayes

BORN: October 4, 1822 at Delaware, Ohio

FAMILY: Married Lucy Ware Webb on December 30, 1852

Seven Sons and One Daughter

Son WEBB COOK HAYES received the Medal of Honor in 1899

RELIGION: Methodist

MILITARY SERVICE: Major General, US Army, (wounded during Civil War)

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Ohio

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Representative, Governor (OH)

NICKNAME: "The Dark-Horse President"

DIED: January 17, 1893 (Age - 70)

LAST WORDS: *"My feeling was one of longing to be quietly resting in a grave by her side."*

Written in his diary after visiting his wife's grave nine days before his own death.

BURIED: Spiegel Grove, Fremont, Ohio

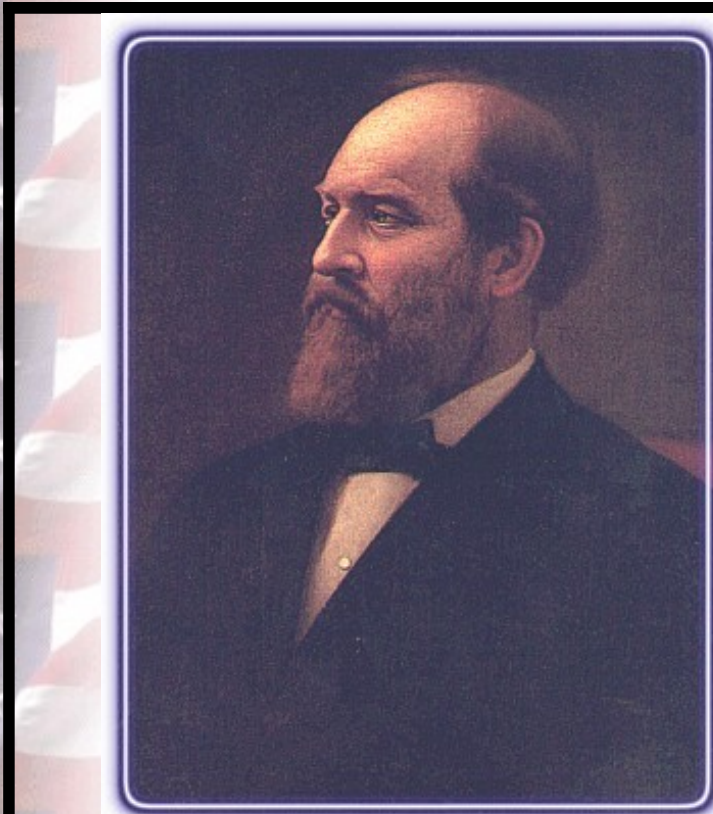
I am "determined from henceforth to use what means I have to acquire a character distinguished for energy, firmness and perseverance."

Rutherford Hayes writing in his diary at age 19.

"It is now true that this is God's Country, if equal rights—a fair start and an equal chance in the race of life are everywhere secured to all."

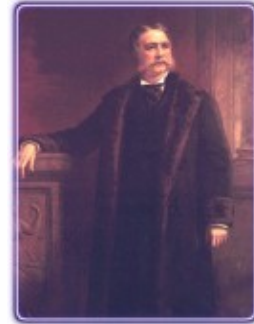
James Abram Garfield

TWENTIETH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1881 to September 19, 1881*

VICE PRESIDENT



Chester A. Arthur

FIRST LADY



Lucretia Garfield

BORN: November 19, 1831 at Orange, Ohio

FAMILY: Married Lucretia Rudolph on November 11, 1858
Five Sons and Two Daughters

RELIGION: Disciples of Christ

MILITARY SERVICE: (Youngest) Brigadier General, Civil War

PROFESSION: Minister/Teacher/Public Servant

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Ohio

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator

DIED: September 19, 1881 (Age - 49) *Assassinated at a Railway Station in Washington, DC

LAST WORDS: *"My work is done."*

BURIED: Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio

"I love defending unpopular truth against popular error."

"Fellow-citizens: God reigns, and the Government at Washington still lives."

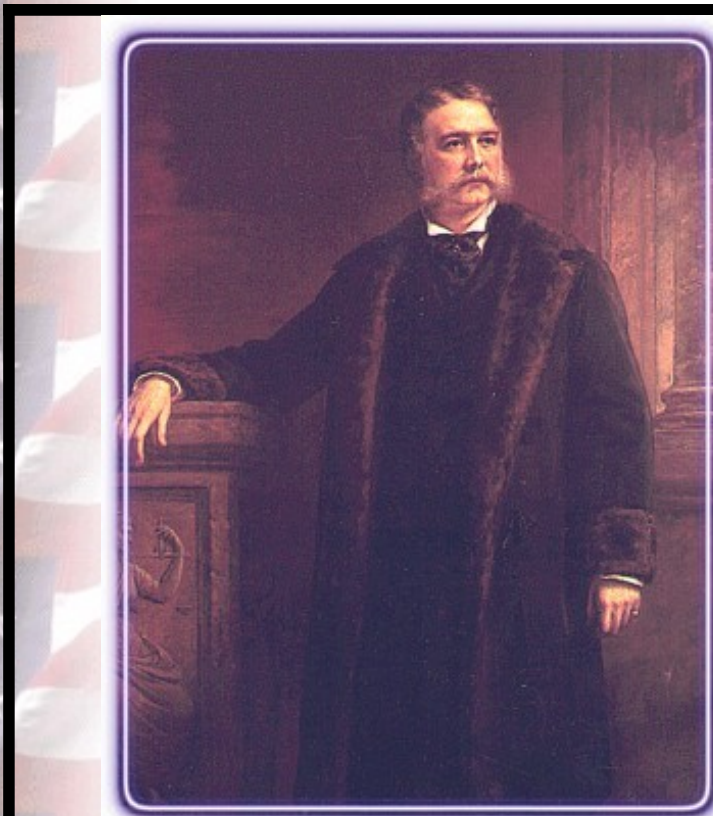
James Garfield in 1865 to an angry New York mob that had just heard news of Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

"(James Garfield) is exceptionally clean for a man who has been engaged for twenty years in politics." A Milwaukee, Wisconsin Newspaper

President Garfield was our first left-handed President

Chester Alan Arthur

TWENTY-FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT



September 19, 1881 to March 3, 1885

VICE PRESIDENT



No Vice President

HOSTESS



Mary Arthur McElroy

BORN: October 5, 1829 at Fairfield, Vermont*

FAMILY: Married Ellen Lewis Herndon on October 25, 1859
Two Sons and One Daughter

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Quartermaster General, US Army, Civil War

PROFESSION: Teacher/School Principal/Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: Collector of the Port of New York, Vice President

NICKNAME: "The Gentleman Boss"

DIED: November 18, 1886 (Age - 57) President Arthur died just 20 months after leaving office.

BURIED: Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, New York

Ellen Arthur died in 1880 before her husband took office, so during his Presidency Arthur's sister served as the White House Hostess.

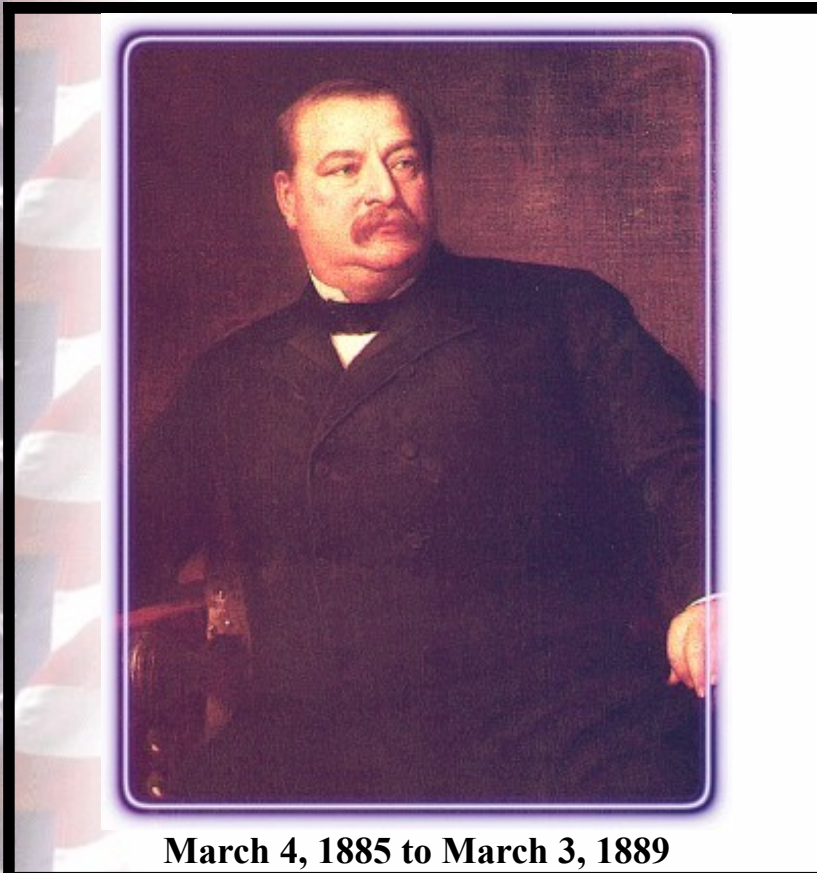
*"Men may die, but the fabrics of our free institutions remain unshaken."
"If it were not for the reporters, I would tell you the truth."*

"No man ever entered the Presidency so profoundly and widely distrusted, and no one ever retired more generally respected." Publisher Alexander K. McClure

*Chester Arthur's place of birth is not certain. There were allegations (unproven) that he was actually born in Canada

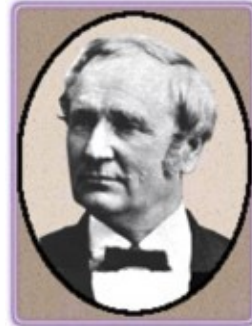
Grover Cleveland

TWENTY-SECOND** U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1885 to March 3, 1889

VICE PRESIDENT



Thomas A. Hendricks*

FIRST LADY



Frances Folsom Cleveland

BIRTH NAME: Stephen Grover Cleveland

*Died While In Office

BORN: March 18, 1837 at Caldwell, New Jersey

FAMILY: Married Frances Folsom on June 2, 1886—The First White House Presidential Wedding
Three Daughters and Two Sons

President Cleveland also confirmed paternity of an illegitimate son.

RELIGION: Presbyterian

MILITARY SERVICE: Avoided Civil War Service by hiring a substitute.

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: Mayor of Buffalo, NY, New York Governor

NICKNAME: "His Obstinacy", "Grover The Good"

DIED: June 24, 1908 (Age - 71)

LAST WORDS: "I have tried so hard to do right."

BURIED: Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, New Jersey

"Tell the truth."

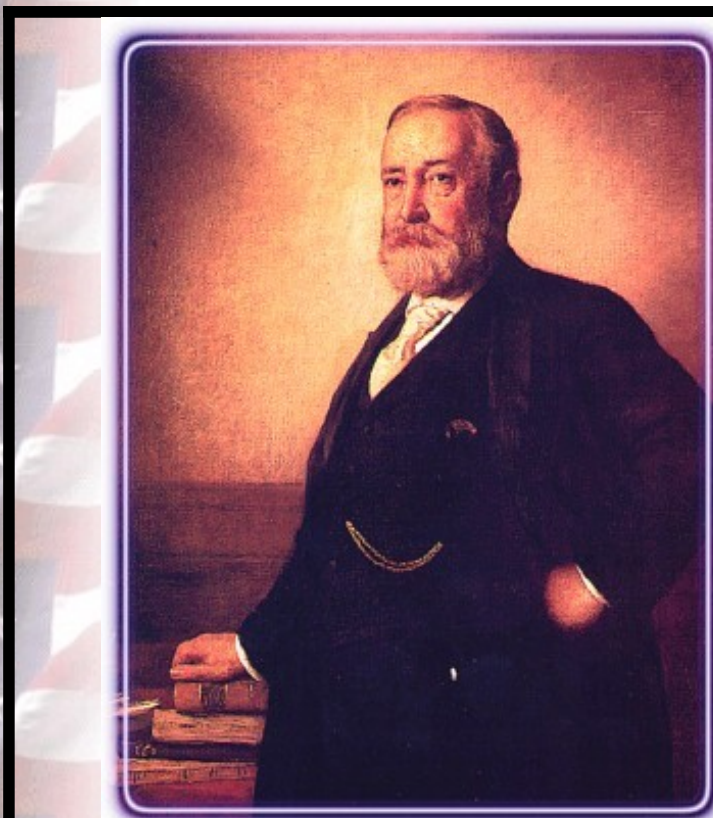
Instructions to his campaign staff when rumors of his illegitimate son surfaced and threatened his election.

"My God, what is there in this office (Presidency) that any man should ever want to get into it!"

**Grover Cleveland was also our 24th President – the only man to serve two NON-CONSECUTIVE terms.

Benjamin Harrison

TWENTY-THIRD U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1889 to March 3, 1893

VICE PRESIDENT



Levi P. Morton

FIRST LADY



Caroline Harrison*

BORN: August 20, 1833 at North Bend, Ohio

FAMILY: Grandson of William Henry Harrison, our Ninth President

Married Caroline Lavinia Scott on October 20, 1853 *(Caroline Harrison died during his term)

Married Mary Scott Lord Dimmick (Caroline's niece) on April 6, 1896 three years after leaving office.

One son and One Daughter with Caroline, he later fathered One Daughter with Mary Scott

RELIGION: Presbyterian

MILITARY SERVICE: Brigadier General, US Army, Civil War

PROFESSION: Attorney/Soldier

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Indiana

POLITICAL OFFICES: U. S. Senator

NICKNAME: "Kid Gloves Harrison", "Little Ben"

DIED: March 13, 1901 (Age - 67)

BURIED: Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana

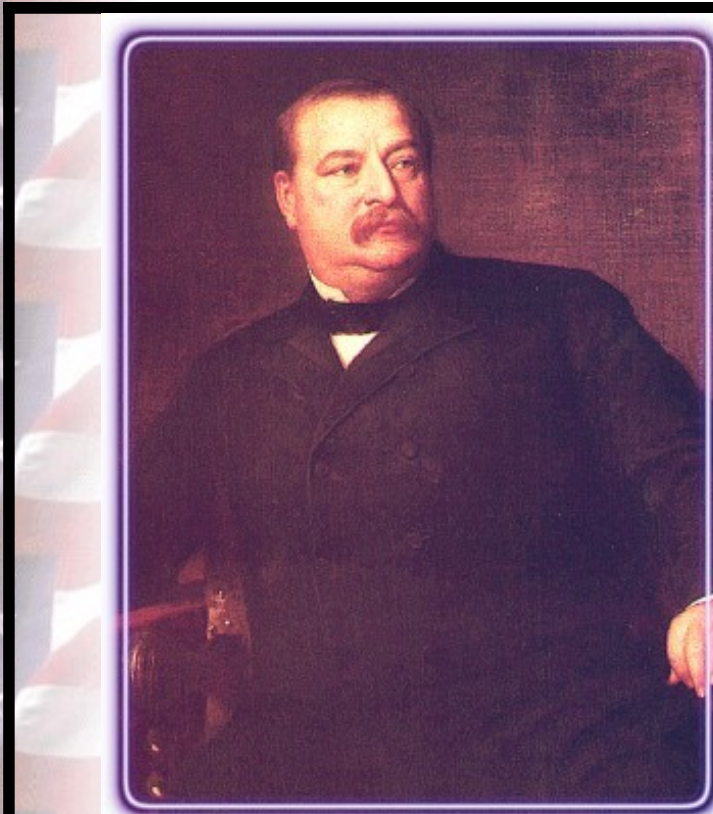
"The ideal, or even my own ideal, I shall probably not attain."

President Harrison in his inaugural speech.

"I believe in the American opportunity which puts the starry sky above every boy's head, and sets his foot upon a ladder which he may climb until his strength gives out."

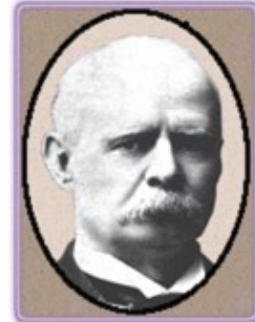
Grover Cleveland

TWENTY-FOURTH * U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1893 to March 3, 1897

VICE PRESIDENT



Adlai E. Stevenson

FIRST LADY



Frances Folsom Cleveland

BIRTH NAME: Stephen Grover Cleveland

BORN: March 18, 1837 at Caldwell, New Jersey

FAMILY: Married Frances Folsom on June 2, 1886—The First White House Presidential Wedding
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MILITARY SERVICE: Avoided Civil War Service by hiring a substitute.

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POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: Mayor of Buffalo, NY, New York Governor

NICKNAME: "His Obstinacy", "Grover The Good"

DIED: June 24, 1908 (Age - 71)

LAST WORDS: "I have tried so hard to do right."

BURIED: Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, New Jersey

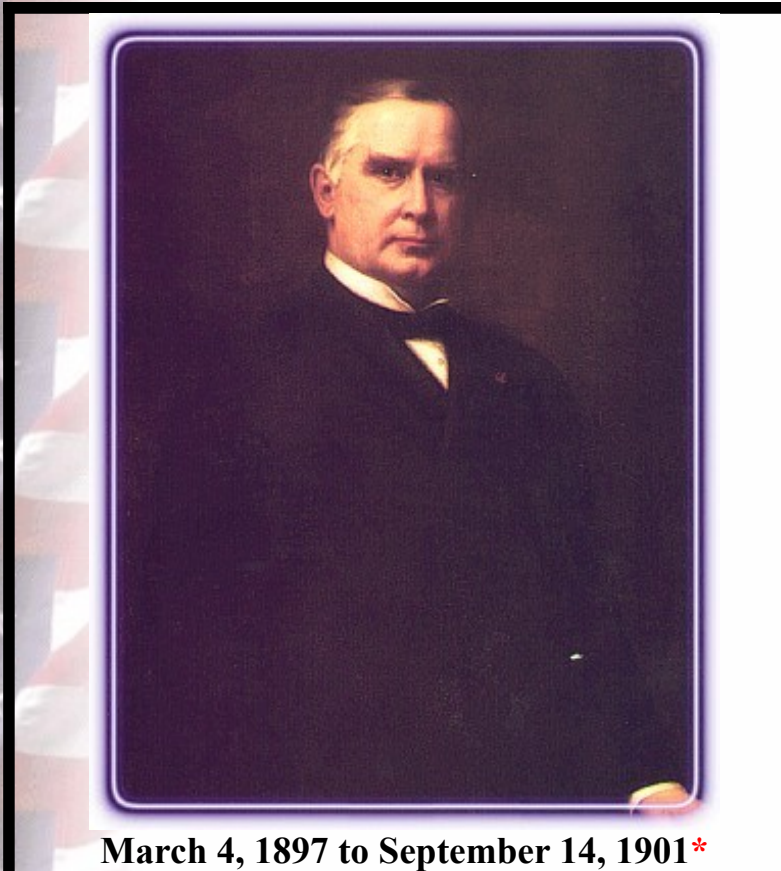
"What is the use of being elected or re-elected unless you stand for something."

"You may think Cleveland's administration was Democratic. It was not. Cleveland was a conservative Republican." Woodrow Wilson

**Grover Cleveland was also our 22nd President – the only man to serve two NON-CONSECUTIVE terms.

William McKinley

TWENTY-FIFTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1897 to September 14, 1901*

BORN: January 29, 1843 at Niles, Ohio
FAMILY: Married Ida Saxton on January 25, 1871
Two Daughters
RELIGION: Methodist
MILITARY SERVICE: Brevet Major, U.S. Army, Civil War *Antietam*
PROFESSION: Attorney
POLITICAL PARTY: Republican
HOME STATE: Ohio
POLITICAL OFFICES: Congressman, Governor (Oh)
NICKNAME: "Idol of Ohio"
DIED: September 14, 1901 (Age - 58)
*Killed by an Assassin's bullet in Buffalo, New York
LAST WORDS: "Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee."
BURIED: McKinley Memorial, Canton, Ohio

VICE PRESIDENT (1st Term)



Garrett A. Hobart*

VICE PRESIDENT (2nd Term)



Theodore Roosevelt

FIRST LADY



Ida McKinley

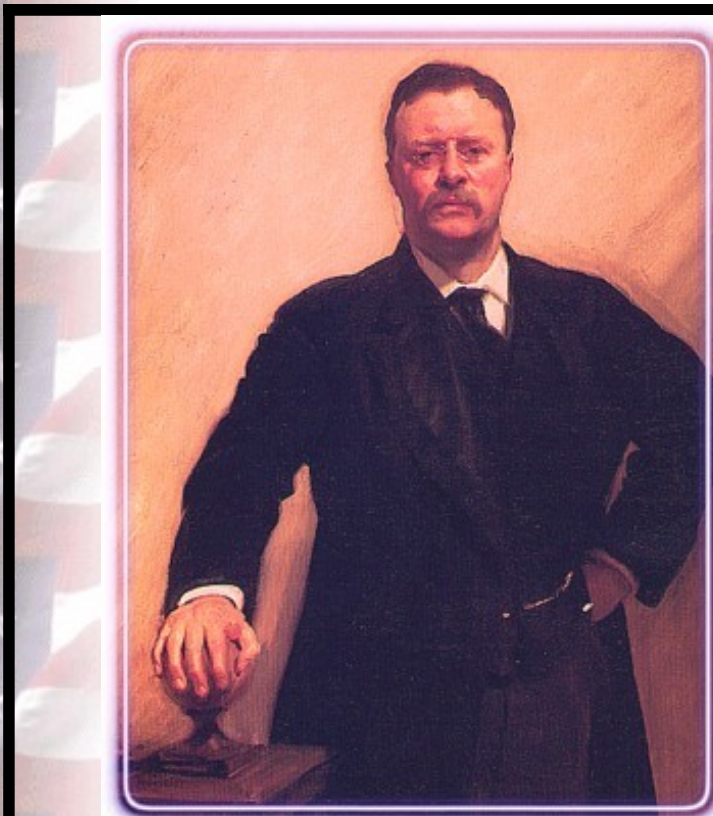
"Our differences are policies, our agreements principles."

"In time of darkest defeat, victory may be nearest."

"All a man can hope for during his lifetime (is) to set an example—and when he is dead, to be an inspiration to history."

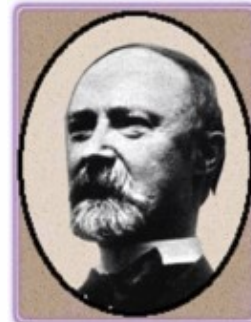
Theodore Roosevelt

TWENTY-SIXTH U.S. PRESIDENT



September 14, 1901 to March 3, 1909

VICE PRESIDENT*



Charles Fairbanks

FIRST LADY



Edith Roosevelt

BORN: October 27, 1858 at New York, New York

FAMILY: Married Alice Lee on October 27, 1880 (Died in 1884)
Married Edith Kermit Carow on December 2, 1886
5 Sons/2 Daughters (One Daughter was from his first marriage)

RELIGION: Dutch Reformed

MILITARY SERVICE: Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, Spanish-American War
Awarded the Medal of Honor – the ONLY President to receive the Medal of Honor
Youngest Son Quentin KIA in WWI; Son Theodore, Jr. earned a posthumous Medal of Honor in WWII

PROFESSION: Rancher/Attorney/Soldier

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: New York

POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor (NY), Vice President

NICKNAME: "Teddy", "TR", "Trust Buster"

DIED: January 6, 1919 (Age - 60)

BURIED: Young's Memorial Cemetery, Oyster Bay, New York

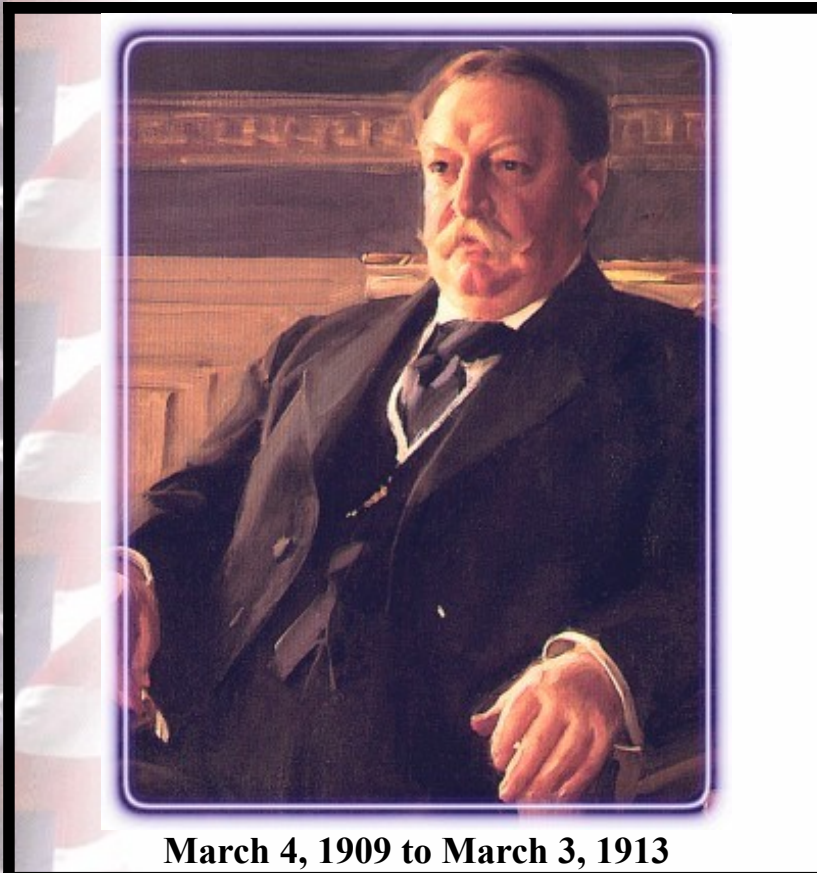
*2nd Term Only. Office was vacant when Roosevelt became President upon McKinley's death.

*"Don't hit at all if it is honorably possible to avoid hitting, but NEVER hit soft."
"Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far."*

*"He wanted to put an end to all evil in the world between sunrise and sunset."
Benjamin Harrison describing Teddy Roosevelt*

William Howard Taft

TWENTY-SEVENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



James S. Sherman*

FIRST LADY



Helen Taft

*Died in Office

BORN: September 15, 1857 at Cincinnati, Ohio

FAMILY: Married Helen Herron on June 19, 1886
Two Sons and One Daughter

RELIGION: Unitarian

PROFESSION: Attorney/ Judge

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Ohio

POLITICAL OFFICES: Civil Governor of the Philippines, Secretary of War (In 1921, after his Presidency, he was appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the political office he had always desired most.)

NICKNAME: "Big Bill"

DIED: March 8, 1930 (Age - 72)

LAST WORDS: "I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. 'Tis well."

BURIED: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"To resort to violence is out of place in our twentieth-century civilization."

"The nearer I get to the inauguration of my successor the greater the relief I feel.

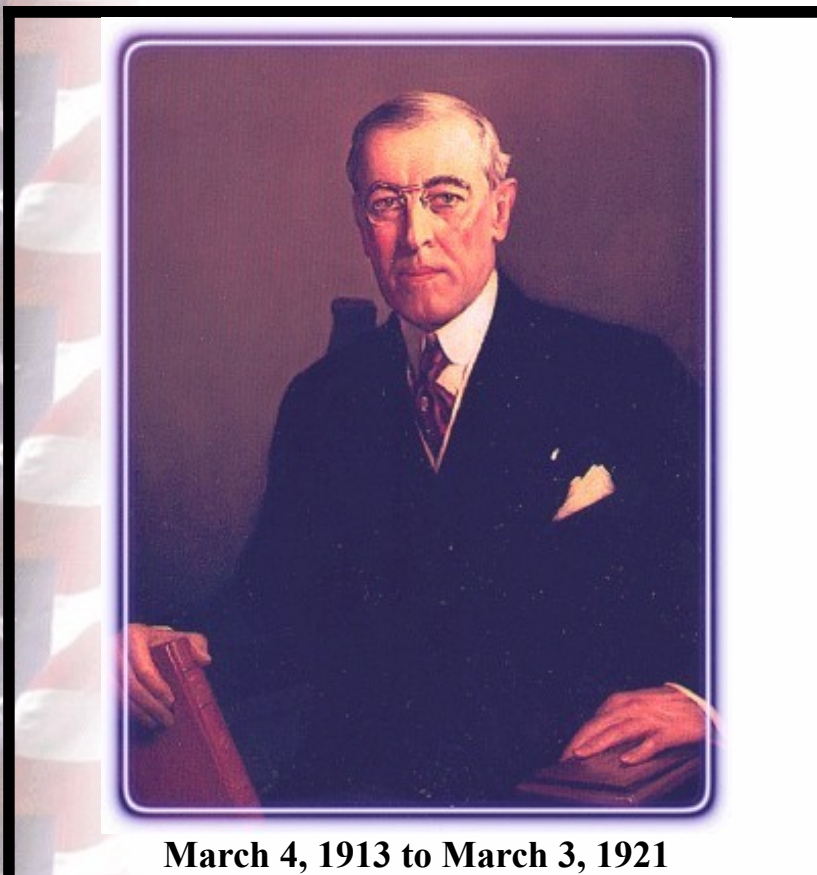
President Taft after losing the election of 1912

The truth is that in my present life I don't remember that I ever was president."

Written in 1925 to demonstrate his pleasure at serving on the Supreme Court.

Woodrow Wilson

TWENTY-EIGHTH U.S. PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



Thomas R. Marshall

FIRST LADY



Ellen Wilson*

*Died During Wilson's Presidency

BORN: December 28, 1856 at Staunton, Virginia
FAMILY: Married Ellen Louise Axson on June 24, 1885
Married Edith Bolling Galt on December 18, 1915
Three daughters, all from his first marriage
RELIGION: Presbyterian
PROFESSION: Attorney/College Professor
POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat
HOME STATE: New Jersey
POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor (NJ)
NICKNAME: "Schoolmaster in Politics"
DIED: February 3, 1924 (Age - 67)
LAST WORD: "Edith." (His wife's name)
BURIED: Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

FIRST LADY



Edith Wilson

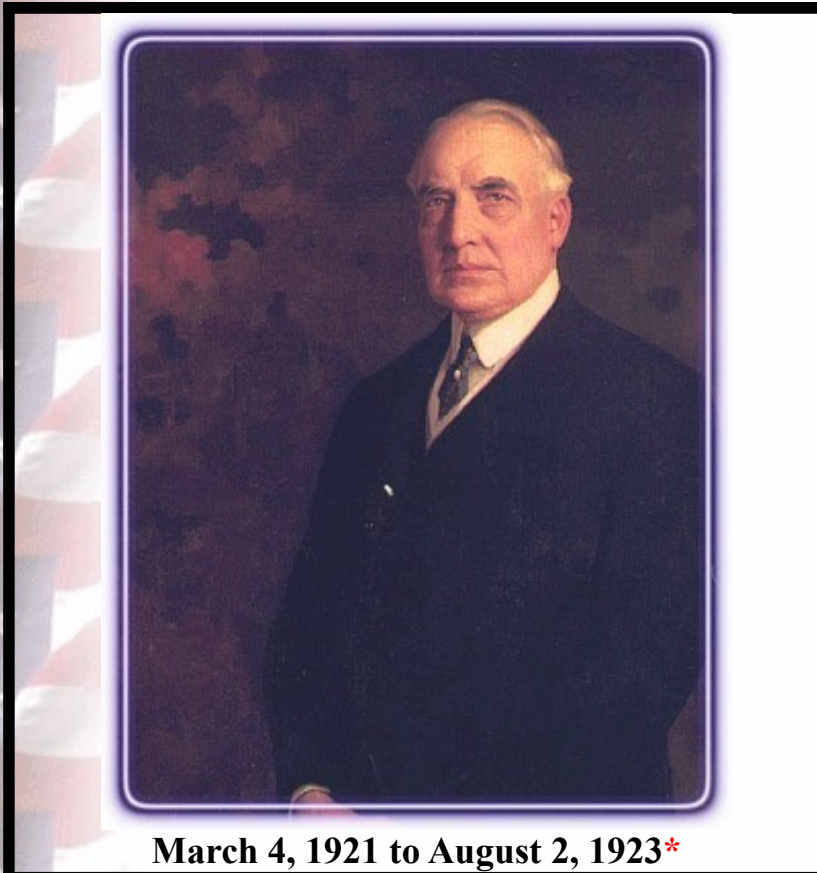
"One cool judgment is worth a thousand hasty counsels; the thing to do is to supply light and not heat."

"No one but the President seems to be expected...to look out for the general interests of the country." "The world must be made safe for democracy."

On September 25, 1919 while speaking in Pueblo, Colorado, President Wilson suffered a stroke and almost died. Edith Wilson nursed her husband back to health while hiding the severity of the President's condition from the public by handling many of his duties. Her *political work* later became known as the "Petticoat Government".

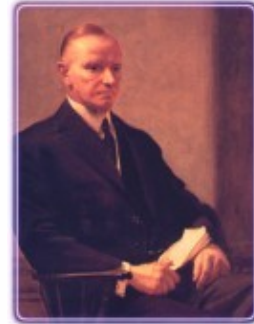
Warren Gamaliel Harding

TWENTY-NINTH U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1921 to August 2, 1923*

VICE PRESIDENT



Calvin Coolidge

FIRST LADY



Florence Harding

BORN: November 2, 1865 at Corsica (Blooming Grove), Ohio

FAMILY: Married Florence Kling DeWolfe on July 8, 1891

One Daughter (Illegitimate child from an affair with Nan Britton in 1919)

RELIGION: Baptist

PROFESSION: School Teacher/News Paper Publisher

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Ohio

POLITICAL OFFICES: Lieutenant Governor (OH), US Senator

NICKNAME: "Father of our Country"

DIED: (August 2, 1923 Age -55)

*Died in office while on a trip to the Western States. He suffered a heart attack and died while in San Francisco, California with his Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover.

BURIED: Harding Memorial, Marion, Ohio

"I am not worried about my enemies. It is my friends that are keeping me awake at nights."

In response to rumors of corruption in the ranks of his administration. These rumors proved to be true and after his death several officials were prosecuted, causing his biographer to write:

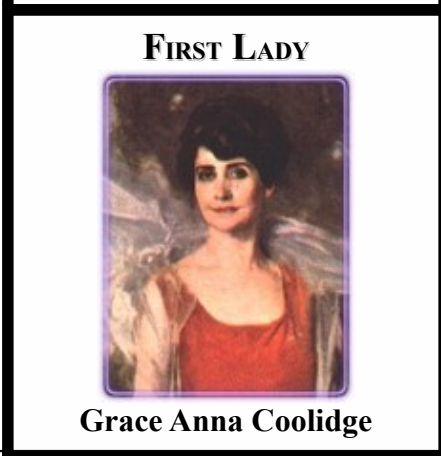
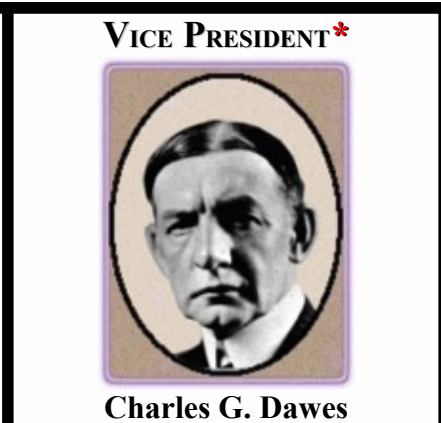
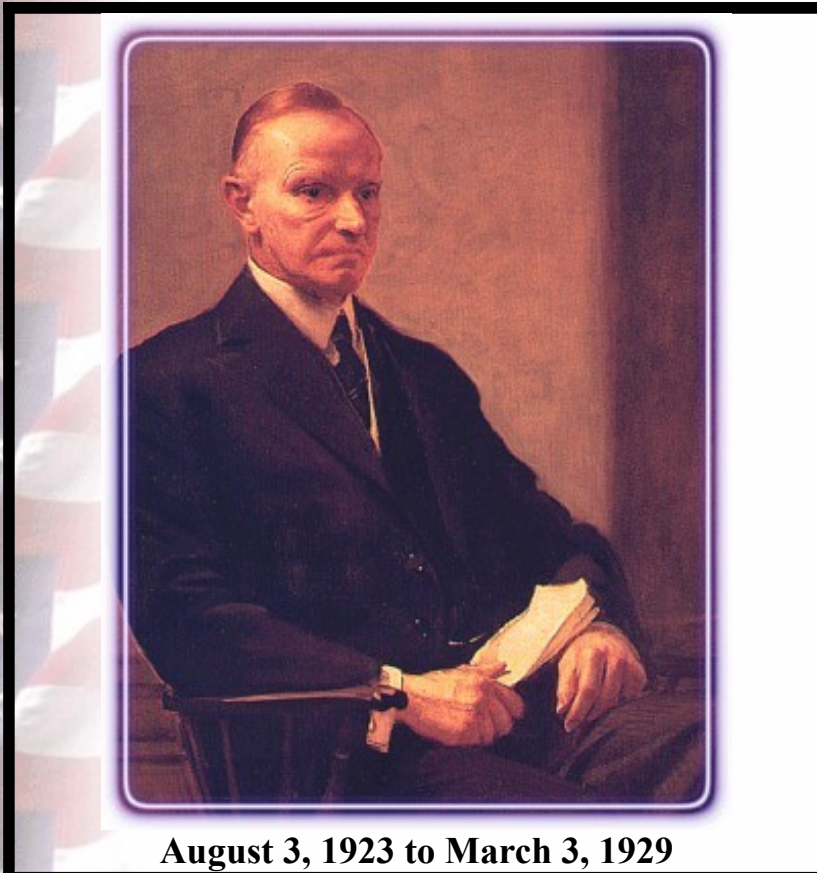
"Few deaths are unmingled tragedies. Harding's was not. He died in time."

Samuel Hopkins Adams

Warren Harding authored two books just prior to becoming President, Rededicating America (1920) and Our Common Country (1921).

Calvin Coolidge

THIRTIETH U.S. PRESIDENT



BORN: July 4, 1872 at Plymouth, Vermont
FAMILY: Married Grace Anna Goodhue on October 4, 1905
Two Sons
RELIGION: Congregationalist
PROFESSION: Attorney
POLITICAL PARTY: Republican
HOME STATE: Massachusetts
POLITICAL OFFICES: State Senator, Lieutenant Governor and Governor (Massachusetts), Vice President
NICKNAME: "Silent Cal" -- President Coolidge was notable for his quietness and lack of oration.
DIED: January 5, 1933 (Age - 60)
BURIED: Plymouth Notch Cemetery, Plymouth, Vermont

*2nd Term Only. Office was vacant when Coolidge became President upon Harding's death.

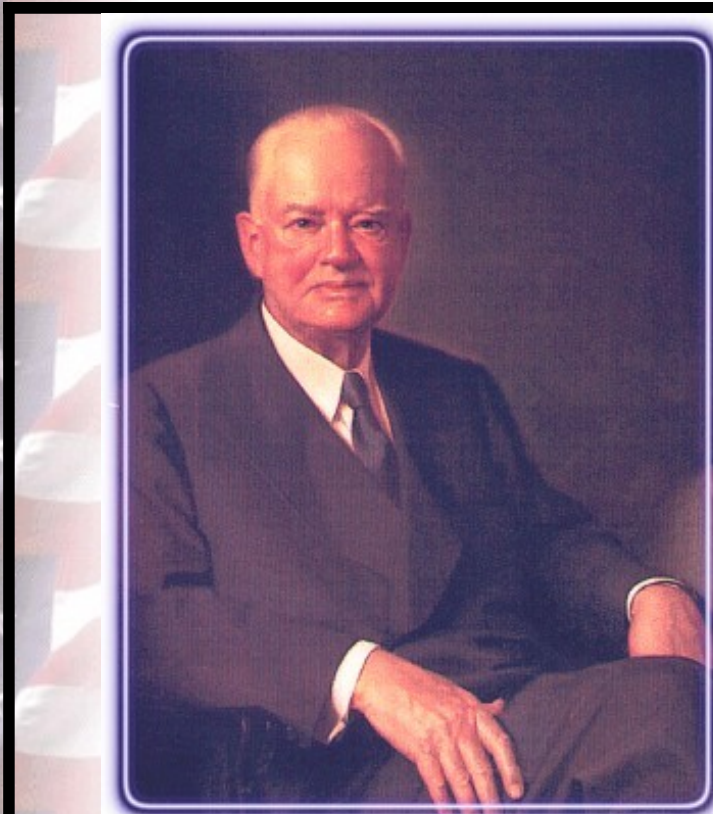
"If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it."

"Four fifths of all our troubles in this life would disappear if we would only sit down and keep still."

"You lose." President Coolidge to a young lady at a dinner party. She told him she had bet her friends before the dinner that she could get the President to say at least THREE words.

Herbert Clark Hoover

THIRTY-FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1929 to March 3, 1933

VICE PRESIDENT



Charles Curtis

FIRST LADY



Lou Henry Hoover

BORN: August 10, 1874 at West Branch, Iowa

FAMILY: Married Lou Henry on February 10, 1899
Two Sons

RELIGION: Society of Friends (Quaker)

PROFESSION: Mining Engineer

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Iowa

POLITICAL OFFICES: Secretary of Commerce

NICKNAME: President Hoover did not have a nickname but his name became one of sorts during the Great Depression. Newspapers used by the poor for blankets became "Hoover Blankets", empty pockets turned inside out were called "Hoover Flaps", etc."

DIED: October 20, 1964 (Age - 90)

BURIED: Hoover National Historic Site, West Branch, Iowa

"Twenty million people are starving. Whatever their politics, they shall be fed."

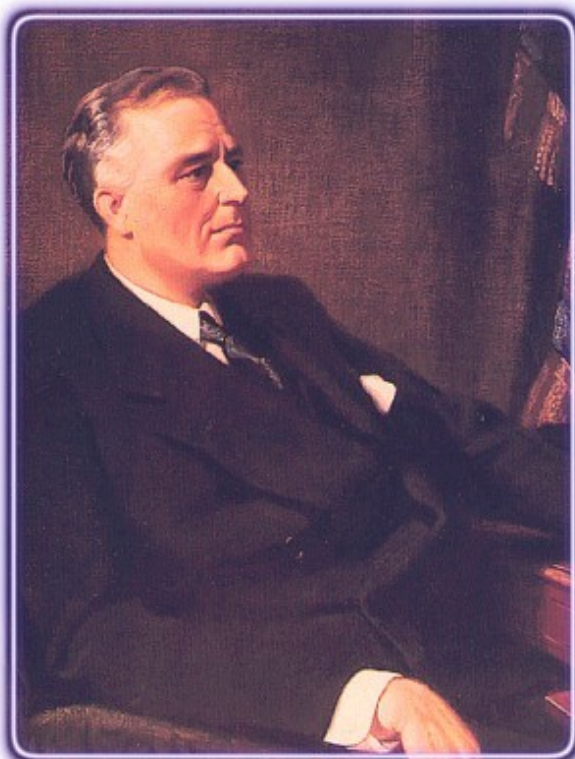
In 1921 as head of the American Relief Administration, when asked if his shipment of food to famine-stricken Russia was supporting Bolshevism.)

"I knew from the bitter experience of all public men from Washington on down, that democracies are fickle and heartless for democracy is a harsh employer."

President Hoover after his defeat in 1932 for a second term in office.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

THIRTY-SECOND U.S. PRESIDENT



March 4, 1933 to April 12, 1945

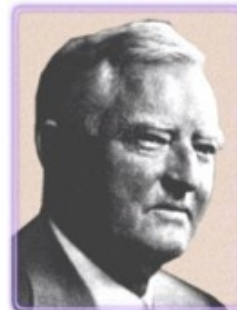
BORN: January 30, 1882 at Hyde Park, New York
FAMILY: Married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt on March 17, 1905
Four Sons and One Daughter
Related to 5 former presidents by blood
Related to an additional 6 former presidents by marriage
RELIGION: Episcopalian
PROFESSION: Attorney
POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat
HOME STATE: New York
POLITICAL OFFICES: US Senator, Governor of New York
DIED: April 12, 1945 (Age - 63)
*Died in Office during his 4th Term
BURIED: FDR National Historic Site, Hyde Park, New York

"I have no expectation of making a hit every time I come to bat. What I seek is the highest possible batting average."

"This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

FDR in his first Inaugural Address at the height of the Great Depression.

1ST/2ND V/ PRESIDENT



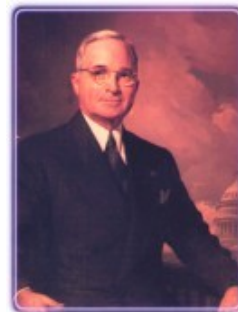
John N. Garner

3RD TERM V/PRESIDENT



Henry A. Wallace

4TH TERM V/PRESIDENT



Harry S Truman

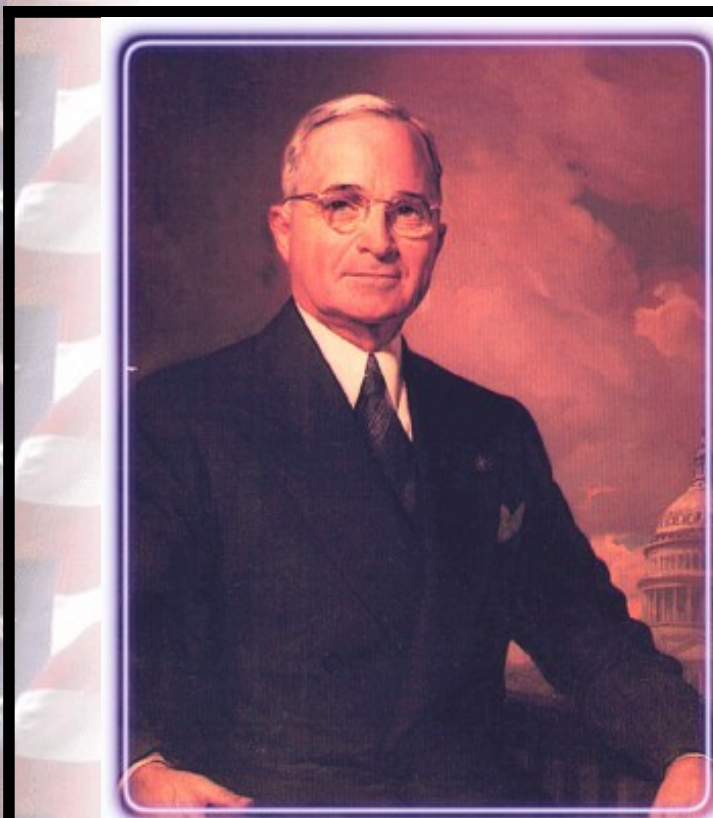
FIRST LADY



Eleanor Roosevelt

Harry S* Truman

THIRTY-THIRD U.S. PRESIDENT



April 12, 1945 – January 20, 1953

VICE PRESIDENT*



Alben W. Barkley

FIRST LADY



Elizabeth Bess Truman

BORN: May 8, 1884 at Lamar, Missouri

FAMILY: Elizabeth Bess Virginia Wallace on June 28, 1919

One Daughter **Margaret** (pictured standing next to her mother). The First Family was so close they became known as "The Three Musketeers".

RELIGION: Baptist

MILITARY SERVICE: Artillery Officer in World War One

PROFESSION: Haberdasher

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Missouri

POLITICAL OFFICES: Judge, U.S. Senator, Vice President

NICKNAME: "Give 'Em Hell Harry"

DIED: December 26, 1972 (Age - 88)

BURIED: Truman Presidential Library, Independence, Missouri

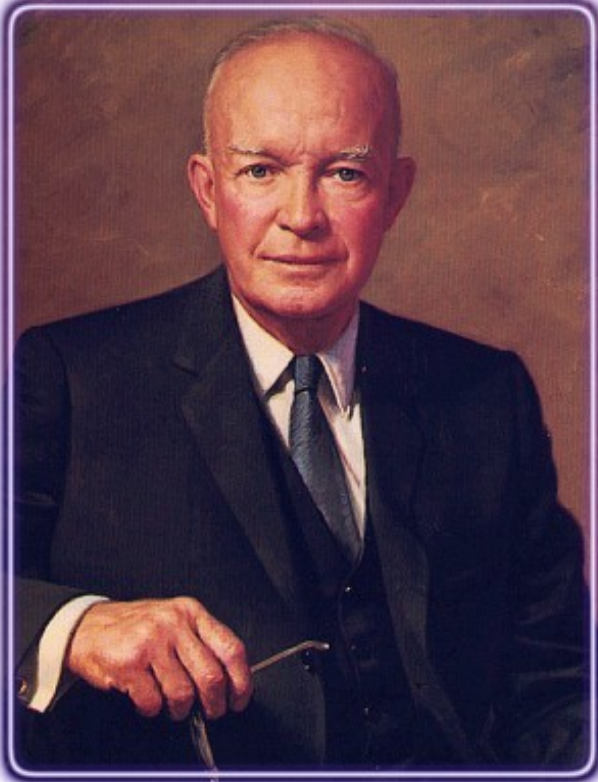
"If you can't convince them, confuse them!" "The buck stops HERE!"

"There is an epitaph in Boot Hill cemetery in Arizona which reads, 'Here lies Jack Williams. He did his damndest! What more can a person do?' Well, that's all I could do. I did my damndest, and that's all there was to it." Truman in a 1964 Television Program

*When properly written there is no period after the letter "S" as it wasn't a middle initial. Truman's parents couldn't agree whether to name him SHIPPER after his paternal grandfather or SOLOMON after his maternal grandfather. The letter "S" alone became their compromise.

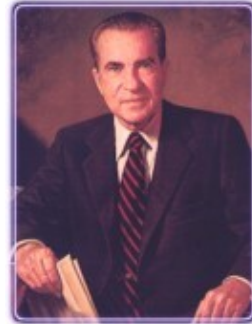
Dwight David Eisenhower

THIRTY-FOURTH U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 1953 to January 20, 1961

VICE PRESIDENT



Richard M. Nixon

FIRST LADY



Mamie Eisenhower

BIRTH NAME: David Dwight Eisenhower (He later switched order of his first and middle names)

BORN: October 14, 1890 at Denison, Texas

FAMILY: Married Mamie Geneva Doud on July 1, 1916

One Son (His son David married Julie Nixon, daughter of Eisenhower's Vice President)

RELIGION: Presbyterian

MILITARY SERVICE: Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, World War II

PROFESSION: Career Soldier/University President

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Kansas

NICKNAME: "Ike"

DIED: March 28, 1969 (Age - 78)

BURIED: Place of Meditation, Abilene, Kansas

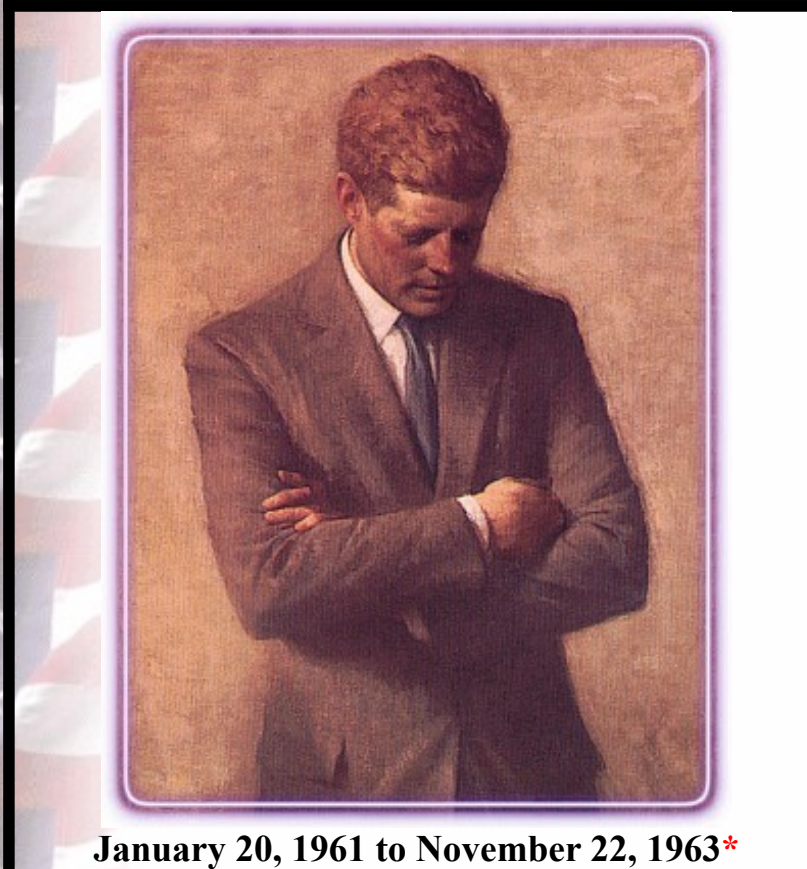
"You do not lead by hitting people over the head."

"Assemble all the facts on a problem and it often solves itself."

"The necessary and wise subordination of the military to civil power will be best sustained...when lifelong professional soldiers, in the absence of some obvious and overriding reasons, abstain from seeking high political office. Nothing in the international or domestic situation especially qualifies for the most important office in the world a man whose adult years have been spent in the country's military forces."

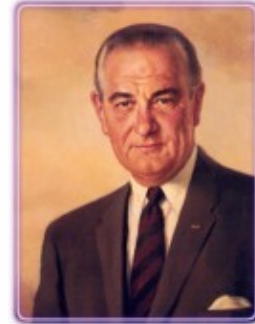
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

THIRTY-FIFTH U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 1961 to November 22, 1963*

VICE PRESIDENT



Lyndon B. Johnson

FIRST LADY



Jacqueline Kennedy

BORN: May 29, 1917 (First President Born in the Twentieth Century)

FAMILY: Married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier on September 12, 1953
One Son and One Daughter

RELIGION: Roman Catholic

MILITARY SERVICE: WWII Navy PT Boat Captain (Awarded Navy & Marine Corps Medal)

PROFESSION: News Reporter, Author, Politician (First President to earn Pulitzer Prize for Literature)

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Massachusetts

POLITICAL OFFICES: US Congressman, US Senator (MA)

NICKNAME: "JFK", "Jack"

DIED: November 22, 1963

*Assassinated in Dallas Texas by Lee Harvey Oswald

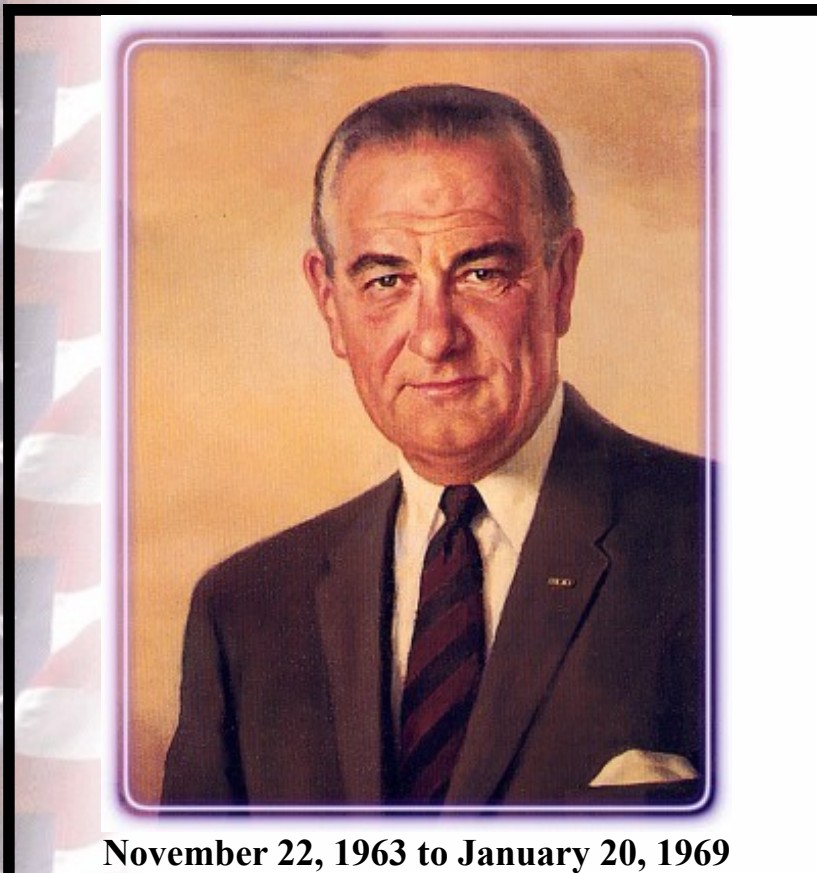
BURIED: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate."

Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans--born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage--and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this Nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world."

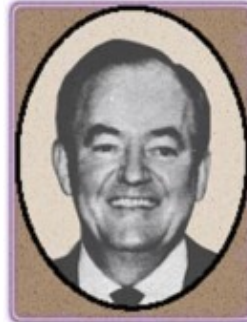
Lyndon Baines Johnson

THIRTY-SIXTH U.S. PRESIDENT



November 22, 1963 to January 20, 1969

VICE PRESIDENT



Hubert H. Humphrey

FIRST LADY



Lady Bird Johnson

BORN: August 27, 1908 near Stonewall, Texas

FAMILY: Married Claudia *Lady Bird* Alta Taylor on November 17, 1934
Two Daughters

RELIGION: Disciples of Christ

MILITARY SERVICE: Naval Lieutenant Commander in World War II
Lieutenant Commander Johnson was awarded the Silver Star Medal for heroism in World War II, and often wore a pin denoting his award of our Nation's THIRD HIGHEST military medal lapel of his suit.

PROFESSION: Public Servant

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Texas

POLITICAL OFFICES: US Representative, US Senator, Vice President

NICKNAME: "LBJ", "Landslide Lyndon"

DIED: January 22, 1973 (Age - 64)

BURIED: LBJ Ranch, Stonewall, Texas

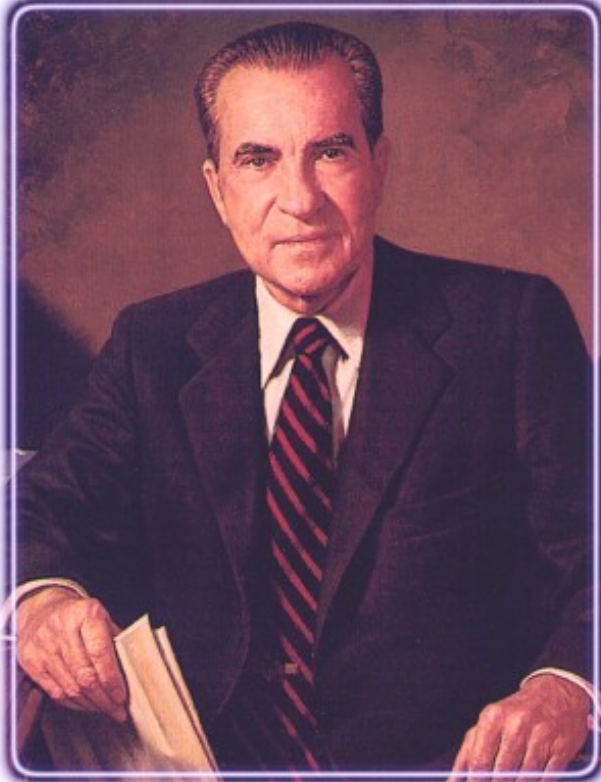
"The hardest task is not to do what is right but to know what is right."

"For every generation, there is a destiny. For some, history decides. For this generation, the choice must be our own."

"Our test before us...is not whether our commitments match our will and our courage; but whether we have the will and courage to match our commitments."

Richard Milhous Nixon

THIRTY-SEVENTH U.S. PRESIDENT



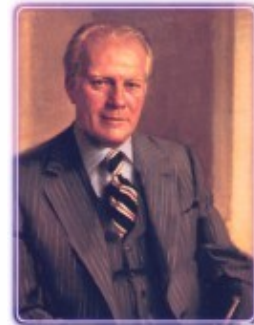
January 20, 1969 to August 9, 1974*

VICE PRESIDENT**



Spiro T. Agnew

VICE PRESIDENT



Gerald R. Ford

FIRST LADY



Patricia Pat Nixon

*First President in history to resign from office (2nd Term)

**Spiro Agnew was 1st VP to resign in disgrace (Oct 10, 1973)

BORN: January 9, 1913 at Yorba Linda, California

FAMILY: Married Thelma Patricia Catherine Ryan on June 21, 1940
Two Daughters

Julie Nixon married President Eisenhower's son David

RELIGION: Quaker

MILITARY SERVICE: Naval Lieutenant, WWII

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: California

POLITICAL OFFICES: US Representative, Senator, Vice President

NICKNAME: "Tricky Dick"

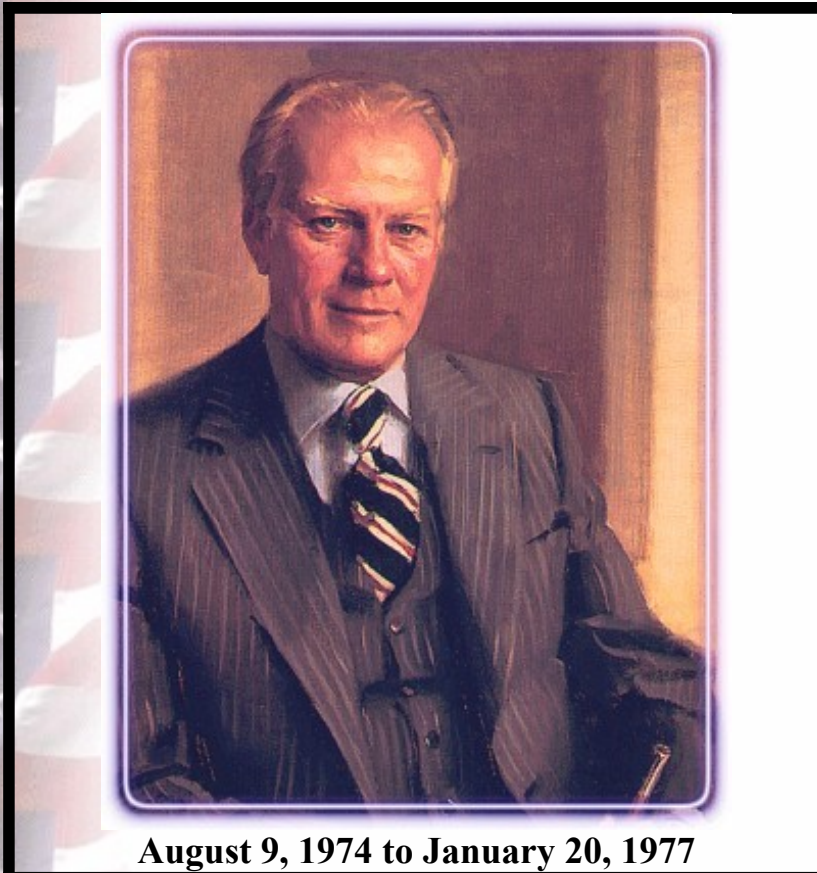
DIED: April 22, 1994 (Age - 81)

BURIED: Nixon Presidential Library, Yorba Linda, California

"The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. This honor now beckons America...the chance to help lead the world at last out of the valley of turmoil, and onto that high ground of peace that man has dreamed of since the dawn of civilization. If we succeed, generations to come will say of us now living that we mastered our moment, that we helped make the world safe for mankind."

Gerald Rudolph Ford

THIRTY-EIGHTH U.S. PRESIDENT



August 9, 1974 to January 20, 1977

VICE PRESIDENT



Nelson A. Rockefeller

FIRST LADY



Elizabeth *Betty* Ford

BIRTH NAME: Leslie Lynch King, Jr.

BORN: July 14, 1913 at Omaha, Nebraska

FAMILY: Elizabeth *Betty* Bloomer Warren on October 15, 1948
Three Sons and One Daughter

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. Naval Lieutenant Commander, World War II

PROFESSION: Attorney

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Michigan

POLITICAL OFFICES: U.S. Representative, House Majority Leader, Vice President

NICKNAME: "Jerry"

DIED: December 26, 2006 (At age of 93 years/165 days our longest-lived President)

BURIED: Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan

"I assume the Presidency under extraordinary circumstances. This is an hour of history that troubles our minds and hurts our hearts."

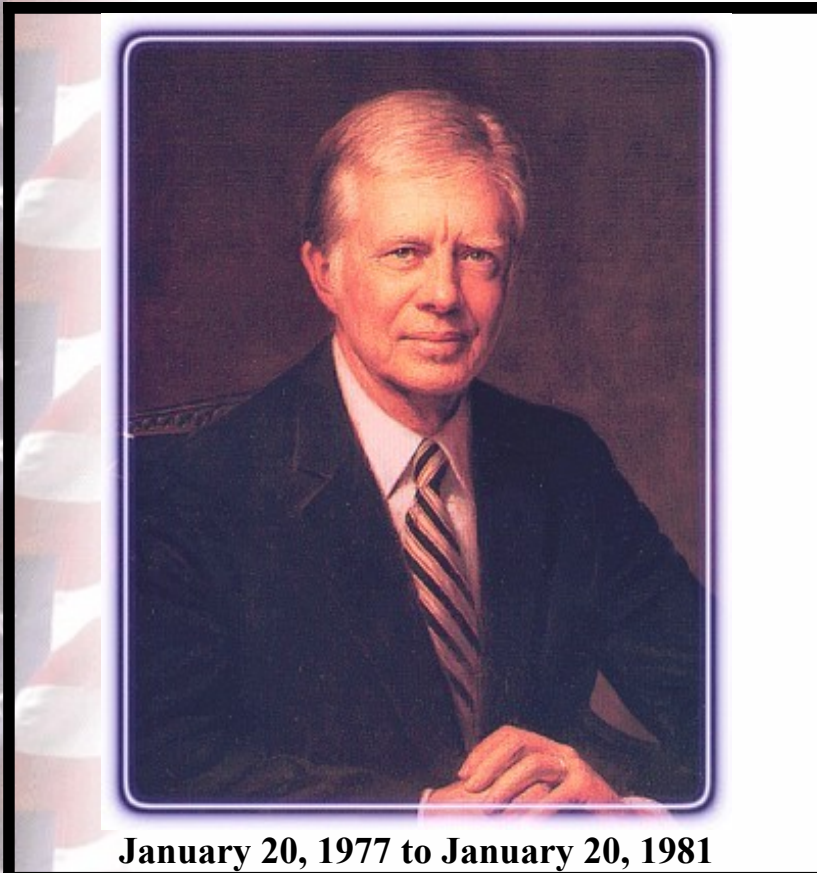
"For myself and for our Nation, I want to thank my predecessor (Gerald Ford) for all he has done to heal our land."

President Jimmy Carter in his inaugural address upon replacing President Ford

Gerald Ford is the only person to become president without being ELECTED to the executive office. He first became Vice President upon the resignation of Spiro Agnew, then President when Richard Nixon resigned.

James Earl Carter, Jr.

THIRTY-NINTH U.S. PRESIDENT



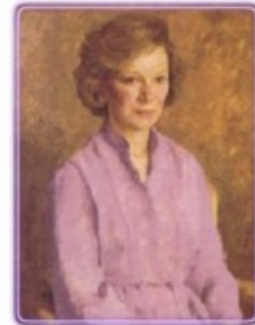
January 20, 1977 to January 20, 1981

VICE PRESIDENT



Walter F. Mondale

FIRST LADY



Rosalynn Carter

BORN: October 1, 1924 at Plains, Georgia

FAMILY: Married Eleanor Rosalynn Smith on July 7, 1946
Three Sons and One Daughter

RELIGION: Baptist

MILITARY SERVICE: Naval Officer, Graduate of the US Naval Academy

PROFESSION: Peanut Farmer

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Georgia

POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor of Georgia

NICKNAME: "Jimmy"

STILL LIVING

CURRENT ADDRESS: One Copenhill -- 453 Freedom Parkway -- Atlanta, GA 30307

"We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles."

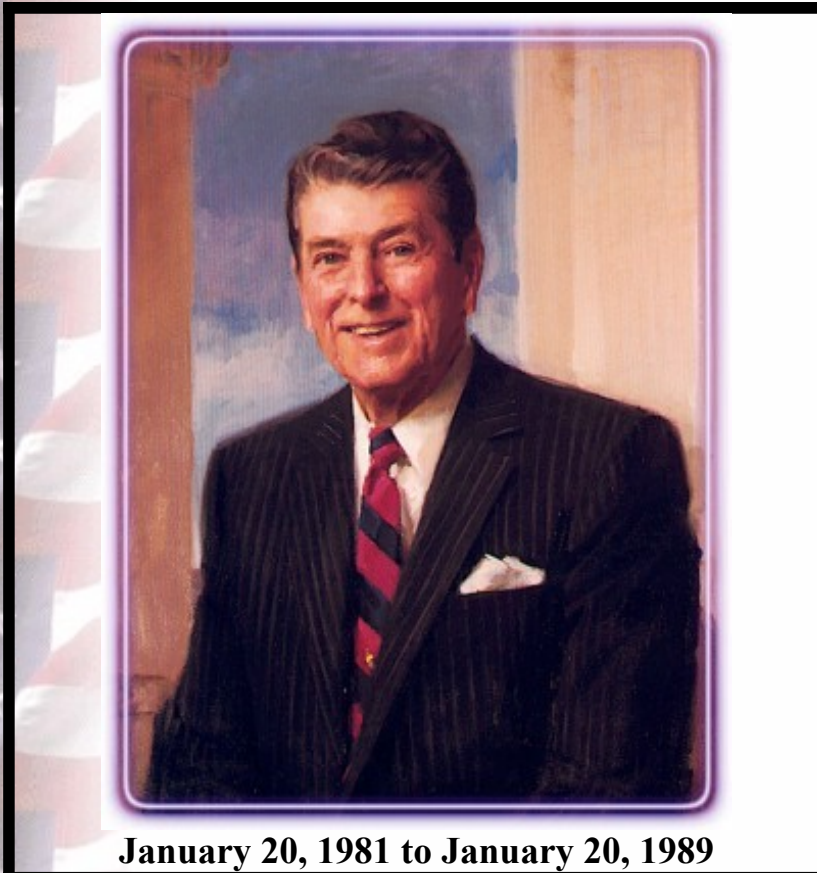
President Carter quoting one of his high school teachers in his inaugural address.

"A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained."

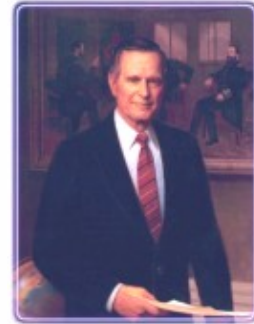
"The American dream endures. We must once again have full faith in our country--and in one another."

Ronald Wilson Reagan

FORTIETH U.S. PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



George H.W. Bush

FIRST LADY



Nancy Reagan

BORN: February 6, 1911 at Tampico, Illinois

FAMILY: Married Jane Wyman on June 25, 1940 (Divorced June 28, 1948)

One Son and One Daughter

Married Nancy Davis on March 1, 1952

One Son and One Daughter

RELIGION: Presbyterian

MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. Army Air Forces

PROFESSION: Actor

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: California

POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor of California

NICKNAME: "Dutch", "The Great Communicator"

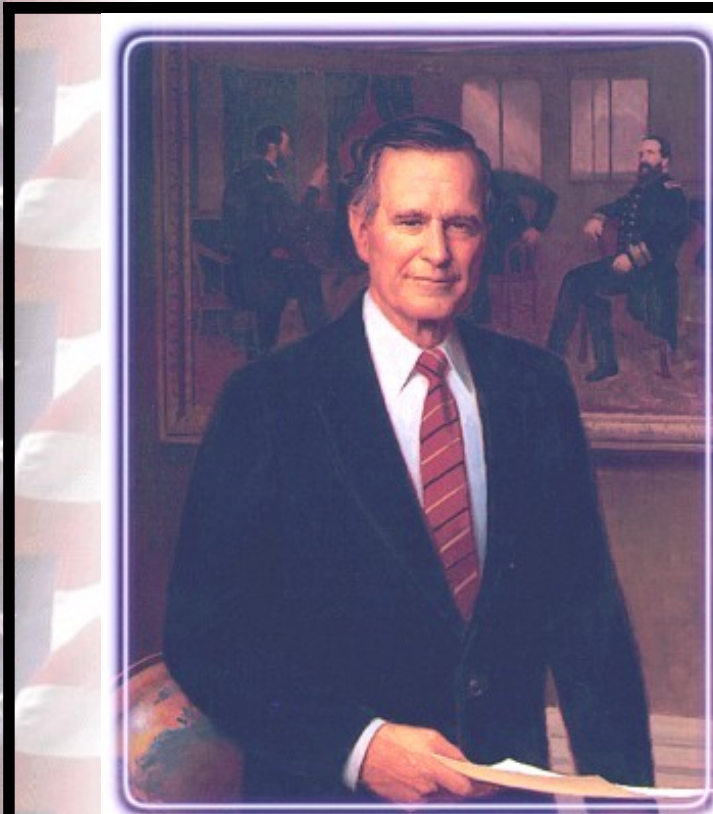
DIED: June 5, 2004 (Age - 93)

BURIED: Simi, California

"If we look to the answer as to why, for so many years, we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on Earth, it was because here, in this land, we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than has ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and assured here than in any other place on Earth. The price for this freedom at times has been high, but we have never been unwilling to pay that price."

George Herbert Walker Bush

FORTY-FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 1989 to January 20, 1993

VICE PRESIDENT



Dan Quayle

FIRST LADY



Barbara Bush

BORN: June 12, 1924 at Milton, Massachusetts

FAMILY: Married Barbara Pierce on January 6, 1945

Four Sons and Two Daughters

Son George W. Bush became President in 2001 – Son Jeb Bush serves as Florida's Governor

RELIGION: Episcopalian

MILITARY SERVICE: Naval Pilot, World War II

An Ensign at age of 19, he was for a time the U.S. Navy's youngest pilot in World War II. He was rescued by a submarine after being shot down in the Pacific and later awarded Distinguished Flying Cross.

PROFESSION: Businessman/Entrepreneur

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Texas

POLITICAL OFFICES: US Representative, Ambassador to the U.N., Director of the C.I.A., Vice President

NICKNAME: "Poppy"

STILL LIVING

CURRENT ADDRESS: (Office Staff) Box 79798 -- Houston, TX 77279

"Strength in the pursuit of peace is no vice."

"Isolation in the pursuit of security is no virtue."

"There is much to do....I do not mistrust the future; I do not fear what is ahead. Our problems are large, but our heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. And if our flaws are endless, God's love is truly boundless."

William Jefferson Clinton

FORTY-SECOND U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 1993 to January 20, 2001

VICE PRESIDENT



Albert A. Gore

FIRST LADY



Hillary Rodham Clinton

BIRTH NAME: William Jefferson Blythe

BORN: August 19, 1946 at Hope, Arkansas (Fist *Baby-Boomer* President)

FAMILY: Hillary Rodham on October 11, 1975

One Daughter, Chelsea Clinton

First Lady Hillary Clinton was elected to the US Senate from New York in 2000

RELIGION: Baptist

PROFESSION: Attorney/University Instructor

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Arkansas

POLITICAL OFFICES: State Attorney General, Governor (Arkansas)

NICKNAME: "Slick Willy"

STILL LIVING

CURRENT ADDRESS: Office of William J. Clinton - 55 West 125 Street - New York, New York 10027

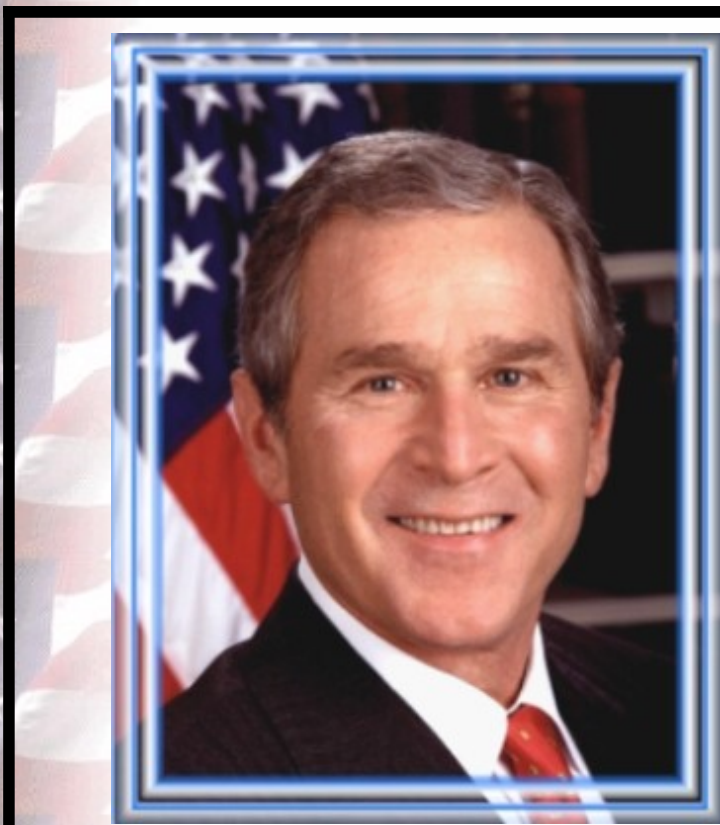
"There can be no 'them' in America. There's only 'us'.

"As times change, so government must change. We need a new government for a new century--humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves; a government that is smaller, lives within its means, and does more with less. Yet where it can stand up for our values and interests in the world, and where it can give Americans the power to make a real difference in their everyday lives, government should do more, not less."

Only President since Andrew Johnson to be impeached. Surviving his political scandal, he was acquitted..

George Walker Bush

FORTY-THIRD U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 2001 to January 20, 2009

VICE PRESIDENT



Dick Cheney

FIRST LADY



Laura Bush

BORN: July 6, 1946 at New Haven, Connecticut

FAMILY: Married Laura Welch on November 5, 1977

Twin Daughters: Jenna and Barbara

As the son of our 41st President George H.W. Bush, George Bush is the only president since John Quincy Adams to follow his father to the Whitehouse.

RELIGION: Methodist

MILITARY SERVICE: F-102 pilot in Texas Air Guard

PROFESSION: Energy Industry (Oil and Gas)/Baseball Team Owner (Texas Rangers)

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

HOME STATE: Texas

POLITICAL OFFICES: Governor of Texas

NICKNAME: "Dubya"

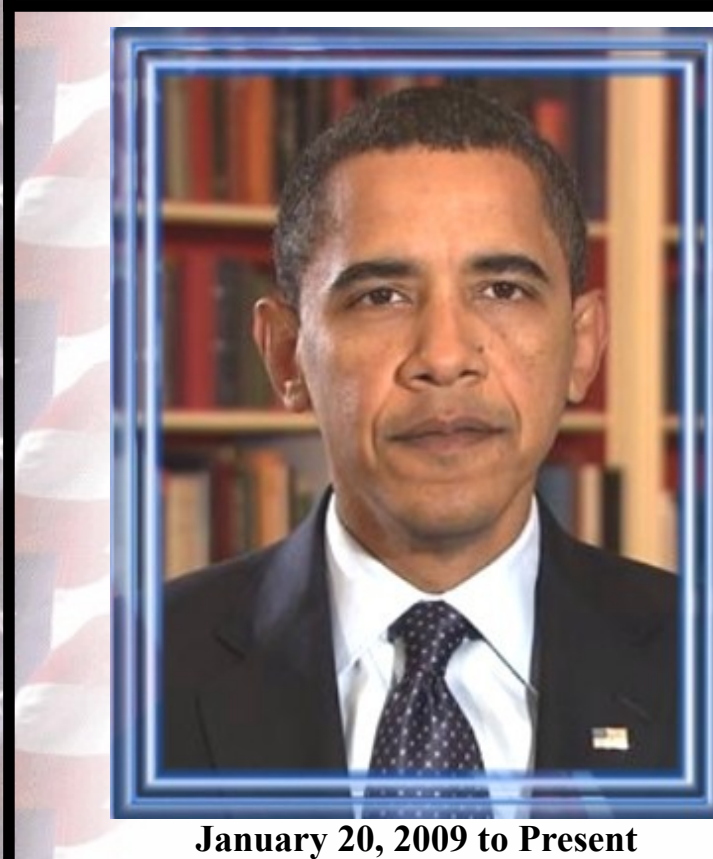
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America has never been united by blood or birth or soil. We are bound by ideals that move us beyond our backgrounds, lift us above our interests and teach us what it means to be citizens. Every child must be taught these principles.

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

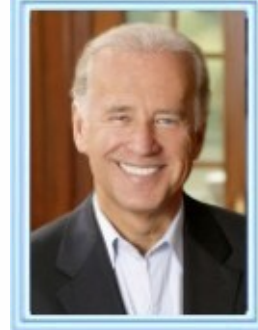
Barack Hussein Obama

FORTY-FOURTH U.S. PRESIDENT



January 20, 2009 to Present

VICE PRESIDENT



Joseph Biden

FIRST LADY



Michelle Obama

BORN: August 4, 1961 at Honolulu, Hawaii

FAMILY: *The son of a White American Woman and a Black native of Kenya, Africa, Barack Obama became the FIRST member of non-white ethnicity to become President.*

Married Michelle LaVaughn Robinson in October 1992

Two Daughters: Daughters: Malia Ann and Natasha ("Sasha")

RELIGION: United Church of Christ

PROFESSION: Attorney and Community Organizer

POLITICAL PARTY: Democrat

HOME STATE: Illinois

POLITICAL OFFICES: Illinois State Legislature/First Term Illinois Senator

NICKNAME: Called "Barry" in his youth, he has preferred since college to be called Barack

WHITE HOUSE ADDRESS: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue – Washington, D.C. 20500

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."

"It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to where we are today, but we have just begun. Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today."

Presidential Facts and Trivia

- The word **President** comes from the Latin word "prasidens" meaning to preside over or hold a high position of authority.
- Eight presidents have died while holding office, two of them (Harrison and Taylor) actually succumbing in their beds in the Executive Mansion. Four of these eight Presidents died at the hands of an assassin. Three former presidents died on the 4th of July
 - **Thomas Jefferson** and **John Adams** on July 4, 1826
 - **James Monroe** on July 4, 1831
- One president, **Calvin Coolidge**, was born on the Fourth of July.
- Only ONE president, **George Washington**, has had a state named for him. One state was originally incorporated under the name "Jefferson" as much of its territory was acquired under President Jefferson's *Louisiana Purchase*. When that state was admitted to the union however, is elected to adopt statehood under the name *Colorado*. Four states have named their capitol cities for presidents:
 - Missouri -- *Jefferson City*
 - Wisconsin – *Madison*
 - Mississippi – *Jackson*
 - Nebraska – *Lincoln*
- Prior to the year 2001 **John Adams** (2nd President) and **John Quincy Adams** (6th President) were the only father and son to both become President. They share that unique distinction now with **George H.W. Bush** (41st President) and **George W. Bush** (our current president). Other presidents who had family relationships include:
 - William H. Harrison (9th) and his grandson Benjamin Harrison (23rd)
 - **James Madison** (4th) and his second cousin **Zachary Taylor** (12th)
 - **Theodore Roosevelt** (26th) was the fifth cousin of **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (32nd). FDR was related by blood to four other presidents and by marriage to six additional presidents including George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, William H. Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Harrison, and William H. Taft.
- Abraham Lincoln's son **Robert Todd Lincoln** was a serious contender for the Republican presidential nomination in both 1884 and 1888. During his lifetime he was present or near the assassination of three presidents (Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.) After McKinley's assassination in 1901 he became convinced he was a presidential *jinx* and refused to attend further presidential functions.
- Only one U.S. President has earned the Medal of Honor. President Clinton belatedly presented it to Theodore Roosevelt's family on January 16, 2001. The sons of **TWO** American presidents have been awarded Medals of Honor:
 - President Rutherford B. Hayes' son **Lieutenant Colonel Webb Cook Hayes** earned the Medal of Honor for his heroism in the Philippine Insurrection on December 4, 1899
 - The other presidential son to earn the Medal of Honor was the son of Theodore Roosevelt, **Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.** General Roosevelt was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor after landing with American forces on the D-Day invasion at Normandy on June 6, 1944. The two Roosevelts share the unique distinction of being the **ONLY** father/son Medal of Honor recipients with **Lieutenant Arthur MacArthur** (Civil War) and his son **General Douglas MacArthur** (World War II).

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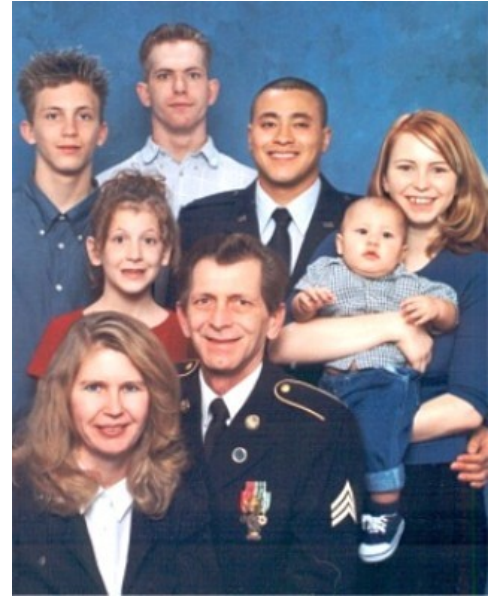
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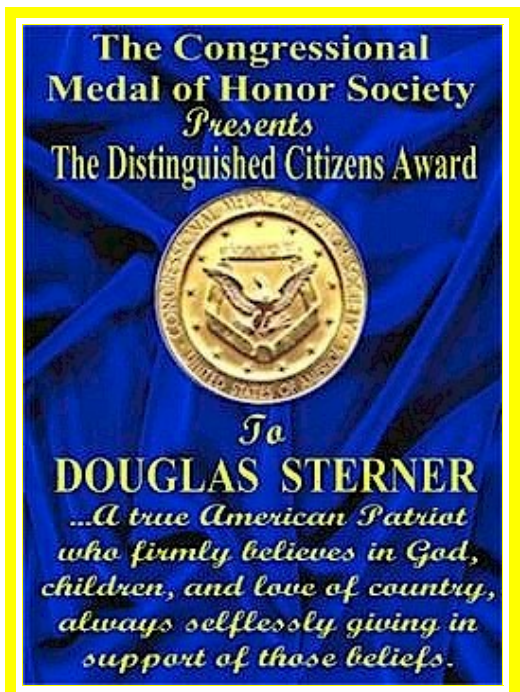
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