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### Why “President”?

The term “president” simply means “an officer appointed or elected to preside over an organized body of persons”.

After defeating the British in the Revolutionary War, adopting the Constitution, and having elected George Washington to be the first leader, Congress has to determine what to call this new leader! The term “King” was out of the question in order not to establish an American version of the British ruling system. Congress debated over ten weeks until Inauguration Day in 1789 to decide on a title. Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution states “No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.” Despite many other title options, the term President prevailed. Washington wrote at the conclusion of the ordeal, “Happily the matter is now done with, I hope never to be revived.”

## On The Cover



*The White House is the official “public housing” provided for a sitting president. This current building was built starting October 13, 1792 through most of 1800. President John Adams became the first president to occupy the White House on Saturday, November 1, 1800.*



Read More: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White\\_House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House)

We live in the 2020s, not the 1920s! Wherever a web link is like below, click it to go to the webpage it references! (Click it now!)

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# Comments By RG

## Happy President's Day!

One hundred years ago, the president was Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929). Two hundred years ago, the president was John Quincy Adams (1825-1829). Three hundred years ago, there was no "United States", of course, just the colonies in North America with George II of Great Britain, along with various other colonies from other countries like France, Spain, Sweden, and the Dutch.

Fast forward to 1776 and the Declaration of Independence during the summer, we had a Revolutionary War, then internal debates on how to establish the governing of the new country. The Constitution was adopted in 1787, and George Washington was elected as the leader of the new country and inaugurated in 1789. But what to call him? Certainly not "King"! Eventually, he was sworn in as President of the new United States! And the rest has been history since then!

I put out a President's Day issue way back in 2017. But, I have wanted to do an update to it since then. With 2026 being the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Semiquincentennial (let's just call it the Quarter Millennial!), I thought this year was the best time to make an update.

This special issues includes a few key features from the past special issue with a bunch of new or expanded features relating to presidents.

I hope you like this issue and like the updated look of the journal (still in the general 1920s Art Deco style) in preparation of the 40 years since my first issue of March of 1986!

Enjoy!

**RG**



*The above shape of my portrait is derived from the ginkgo biloba tree leaf, the shape of which was quite popular with the Art Nouveau movement, which is a little earlier than the Art Deco movement of the 1920s.*



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# United States Presidents

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## George Washington

Term: 2 Terms: April 30, 1789 to March 4, 1797  
Party: No political affiliation  
State: Virginia  
VP: John Adams, John Adams  
Lived: 1732–1799 (67)  
Faith: Episcopalian

A handwritten signature of George Washington in cursive script.

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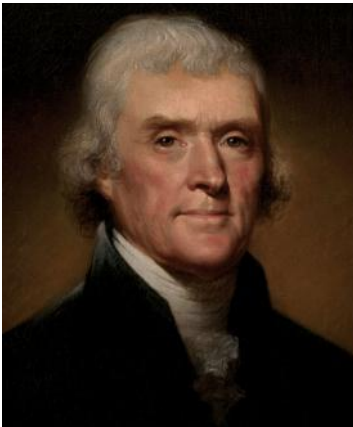


## John Adams

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1797 to March 4, 1801  
Party: Federalist  
State: Massachusetts  
VP: Thomas Jefferson  
Lived: 1735–1826 (90)  
Faith: Unitarian

A handwritten signature of John Adams in cursive script.

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## Thomas Jefferson

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1801 to March 4, 1809  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
State: Virginia  
VP: Aaron Burr, George Clinton  
Lived: 1743–1826 (83)  
Faith: No formal affiliation

A handwritten signature of Thomas Jefferson in cursive script.

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## James Madison Jr

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1809 to March 4, 1817  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
State: Virginia  
VP: George Clinton (DIO), Vacant, Elbridge Gerry (DIO), Vacant  
Lived: 1751–1836 (85)  
Faith: Episcopalian

A handwritten signature of James Madison in cursive script.

# United States Presidents

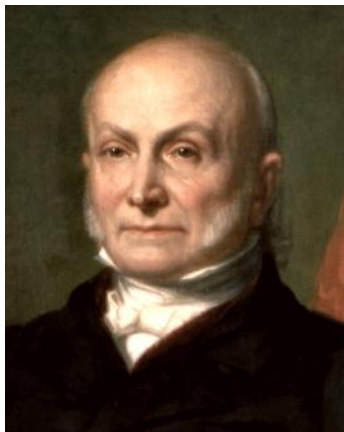
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## James Monroe

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1817 to March 4, 1825  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
State: Virginia  
VP: Daniel D. Tompkins, Daniel D. Tompkins  
Lived: 1758–1831 (73)  
Faith: Episcopalian *James Monroe*

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## John Quincy Adams

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1825 to March 4, 1829  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
State: Massachusetts  
VP: John C. Calhoun  
Lived: 1767–1848 (80)  
Faith: Unitarian *John Quincy Adams*

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## Andrew Jackson

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1829 to March 4, 1837  
Party: Democrat  
State: Tennessee  
VP: John C. Calhoun (RFO), Vacant, Martin Van Buren  
Lived: 1767–1845 (78)  
Faith: Presbyterian *Andrew Jackson*

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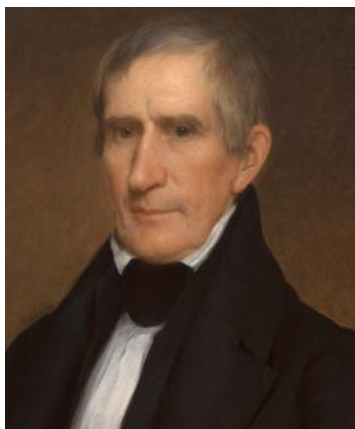


## Martin Van Buren

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1837 to March 4, 1841  
Party: Democrat  
State: New York  
VP: Richard Mentor Johnson  
Lived: 1782–1862 (79)  
Faith: Dutch Reformed *M. Van Buren*

# United States Presidents

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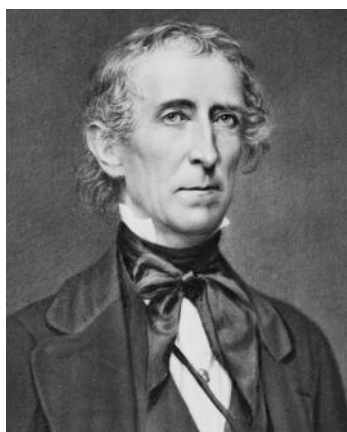


## William Henry Harrison Sr

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1841 to April 4, 1841 (DIO)  
Party: Whig  
State: Ohio  
VP: John Tyler (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1773–1841 (68)  
Faith: Episcopalian

*William Henry Harrison*

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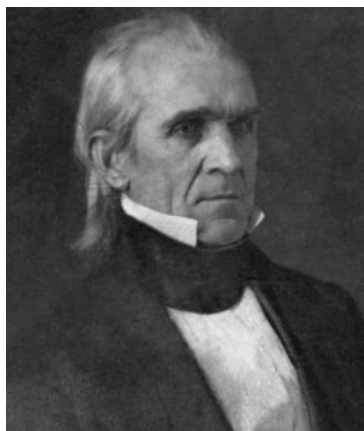


## John Tyler

Term: 1 Term: April 4, 1841 to March 4, 1845  
Party: Whig, Unaffiliated  
State: Virginia  
VP: Office vacant  
Lived: 1790–1862 (71)  
Faith: Episcopalian

*John Tyler*

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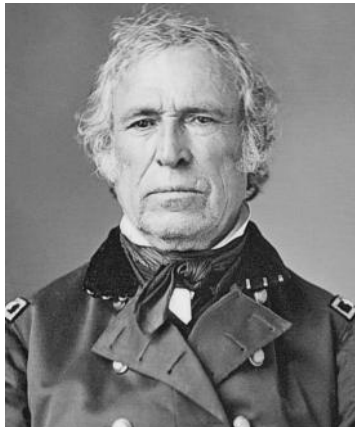


## James Knox Polk

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1845 to March 4, 1849  
Party: Democrat  
State: Tennessee  
VP: George M. Dallas  
Lived: 1795–1849 (53)  
Faith: Presbyterian

*James K. Polk*

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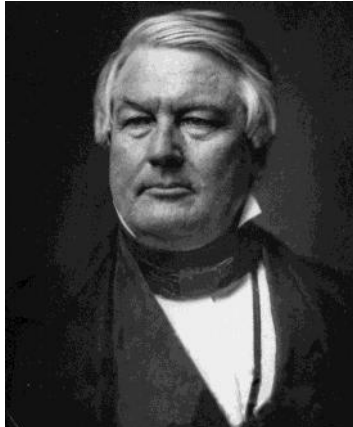
## Zachary Taylor

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1849 to July 9, 1850 (DIO)  
Party: Whig  
State: Louisiana  
VP: Millard Fillmore (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1784–1850 (65)  
Faith: Episcopalian

*Zachary Taylor*

# United States Presidents

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## Millard Fillmore

Term: 1 Term: July 9, 1850 to March 4, 1853  
Party: Whig  
State: New York  
VP: Office vacant  
Lived: 1800–1874 (74)  
Faith: Unitarian

*Millard Fillmore*

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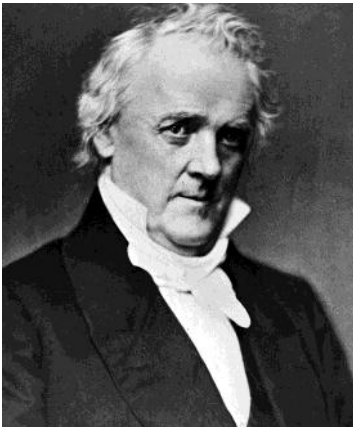


## Franklin Pierce

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1853 to March 4, 1857  
Party: Democrat  
State: New Hampshire  
VP: William R. King (DIO), Vacant  
Lived: 1804–1869 (64)  
Faith: Episcopalian

*Franklin Pierce*

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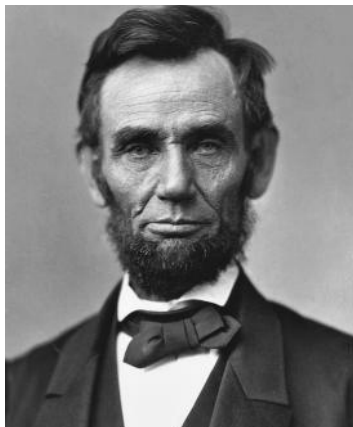


## James Buchanan Jr

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1857 to March 4, 1861  
Party: Democrat  
State: Pennsylvania  
VP: John C. Breckinridge  
Lived: 1791–1868 (77)  
Faith: Presbyterian

*James Buchanan*

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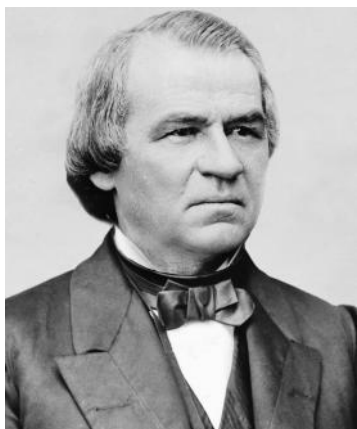
## Abraham Lincoln

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1861 to April 15, 1865 (DIO)  
Party: National Union (Republican)  
State: Illinois  
VP: Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1809–1865 (56)  
Faith: No formal affiliation

*Abraham Lincoln*

# United States Presidents

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## Andrew Johnson

Term: 1 Term: April 15, 1865 to March 4, 1869  
Party: National Union, Democrat  
State: Tennessee  
VP: Office vacant *Andrew Johnson*  
Lived: 1808–1875 (66)  
Faith: No formal affiliation

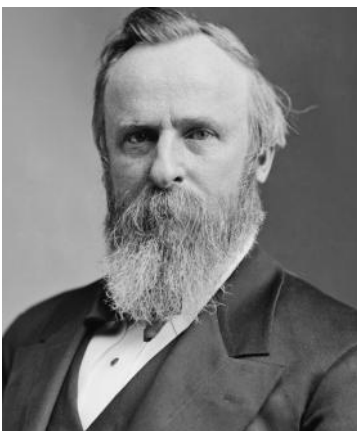
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## Hiram Ulysses Grant

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1869 to March 4, 1877  
Party: Republican  
State: Illinois  
VP: Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson (DIO), Vacant  
Lived: 1822–1885 (63)  
Faith: Methodist *H. U. Grant*

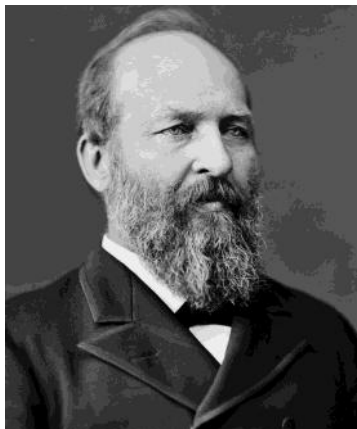
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## Rutherford Birchard Hayes

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1877 to March 4, 1881  
Party: Republican  
State: Ohio *Rutherford B. Hayes*  
VP: William A. Wheeler  
Lived: 1822–1893 (70)  
Faith: No formal affiliation

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## James Abram Garfield

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1881 to September 19, 1881 (DIO)  
Party: Republican  
State: Ohio  
VP: Chester A. Arthur (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1831–1881 (49)  
Faith: Disciples of Christ *James A. Garfield*

# United States Presidents

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## Chester Alan Arthur

Term: 1 Term: September 19, 1881 to March 4, 1885  
Party: Republican  
State: New York  
VP: Office vacant  
Lived: 1829–1886 (57)  
Faith: Episcopalian

A handwritten signature of Chester Alan Arthur in cursive.

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## Stephen Grover Cleveland

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1885 to March 4, 1889  
Party: Democrat  
State: New York  
VP: Thomas A. Hendricks (DIO), Vacant  
Lived: 1837–1908 (71)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Stephen Grover Cleveland in cursive.

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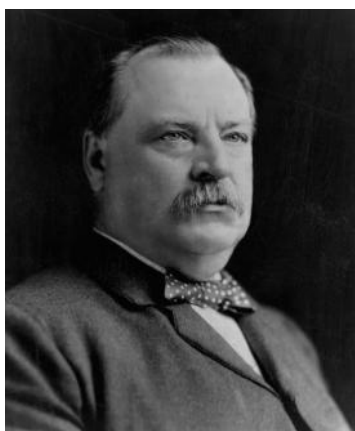


## Benjamin Harrison

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1889 to March 4, 1893  
Party: Republican  
State: Indiana  
VP: Levi P. Morton  
Lived: 1833–1901 (67)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Benjamin Harrison in cursive.

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## Stephen Grover Cleveland

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1893 to March 4, 1897  
Party: Democrat  
State: New York  
VP: Adlai Stevenson  
Lived: 1837–1908 (71)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Stephen Grover Cleveland in cursive.

# United States Presidents

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## William McKinley

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1897 to September 14, 1901 (DIO)  
Party: Republican  
State: Ohio  
VP: Garret Hobart (DIO), Theodore Roosevelt (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1843–1901 (58)  
Faith: Methodist

A handwritten signature of William McKinley in cursive script.

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## Theodore Roosevelt Jr

Term: 2 Terms: September 14, 1901 to March 4, 1909  
Party: Republican  
State: New York  
VP: Office vacant, Charles W. Fairbanks  
Lived: 1858–1919 (60)  
Faith: Dutch Reformed

A handwritten signature of Theodore Roosevelt in cursive script.

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## William Howard Taft

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1909 to March 4, 1913  
Party: Republican  
State: Ohio  
VP: James S. Sherman (DIO), Vacant  
Lived: 1857–1930 (72)  
Faith: Unitarian

A handwritten signature of William Howard Taft in cursive script.

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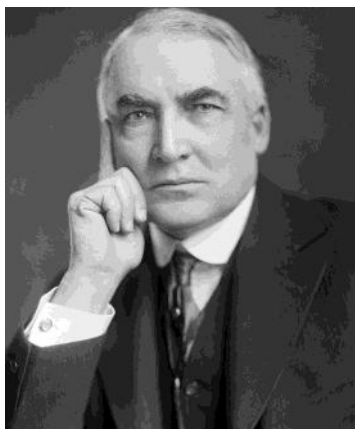
## Thomas Woodrow Wilson

Term: 2 Terms: March 4, 1913 to March 4, 1921  
Party: Democrat  
State: New Jersey  
VP: Thomas R. Marshall, Thomas R. Marshall  
Lived: 1856–1924 (67)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Thomas Woodrow Wilson in cursive script.

# United States Presidents

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## Warren Gamaliel Harding

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1921 to August 2, 1923 (DIO)  
Party: Republican  
State: Ohio  
VP: Calvin Coolidge (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1865–1923 (57)  
Faith: Baptist

A handwritten signature of Warren Gamaliel Harding in cursive script.

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## John Calvin Coolidge Jr

Term: 2 Terms: August 2, 1923 to March 4, 1929  
Party: Republican  
State: Massachusetts  
VP: Office vacant, Charles G. Dawes  
Lived: 1872–1933 (60)  
Faith: Congregationalist

A handwritten signature of John Calvin Coolidge Jr. in cursive script.

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## Herbert Clark Hoover

Term: 1 Term: March 4, 1929 to March 4, 1933  
Party: Republican  
State: California  
VP: Charles Curtis  
Lived: 1874–1964 (90)  
Faith: Society of Friends (Quaker)

A handwritten signature of Herbert Clark Hoover in cursive script.

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## Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Term: 4 Terms: March 4, 1933 to April 12, 1945 (DIO)  
Party: Democrat  
State: New York  
VP: John Nance Garner, Henry A. Wallace, Harry S. Truman (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1882–1945 (63)  
Faith: Episcopalian

A handwritten signature of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in cursive script.

# United States Presidents

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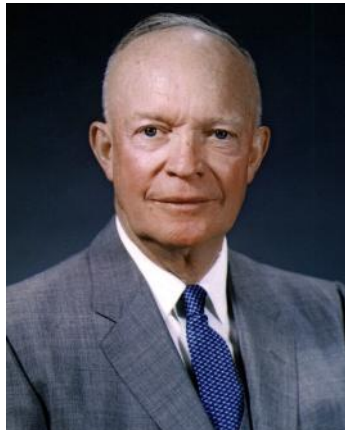


## Harry S Truman

Term: 2 Terms: April 12, 1945 to January 20, 1953  
Party: Democrat  
State: Missouri  
VP: Office vacant, Alben W. Barkley  
Lived: 1884–1972 (88)  
Faith: Baptist

A handwritten signature of Harry S. Truman in cursive.

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## Dwight David Eisenhower

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 1953 to January 20, 1961  
Party: Republican  
State: Kansas  
VP: Richard Nixon, Richard Nixon  
Lived: 1890–1969 (78)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower in cursive.

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## John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Term: 1 Term: January 20, 1961 to November 22, 1963 (DIO)  
Party: Democrat  
State: Massachusetts  
VP: Lyndon B. Johnson, Vacant  
Lived: 1917–1963 (46)  
Faith: Roman Catholic

A handwritten signature of John F. Kennedy in cursive.

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## Lyndon Baines Johnson

Term: 2 Terms: November 22, 1963 to January 20, 1969  
Party: Democrat  
State: Texas  
VP: Office vacant, Hubert Humphrey  
Lived: 1908–1973 (64)  
Faith: Disciples of Christ

A handwritten signature of Lyndon B. Johnson in cursive.

# United States Presidents

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## Richard Milhous Nixon

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 1969 to August 9, 1974 (RFO)  
Party: Republican  
State: California  
VP: Spiro Agnew, Spiro Agnew (RFO), Vacant, Gerald Ford (STP), Vacant  
Lived: 1913–1994 (81)  
Faith: Society of Friends (Quaker)

*Richard Nixon*

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## Gerald Rudolph Ford

Term: 1 Term: August 9, 1974 to January 20, 1977  
Party: Republican  
State: Michigan  
VP: Office vacant, Nelson Rockefeller  
Lived: 1913–2006 (93)  
Faith: Episcopalian

*Gerald R. Ford*

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## James Earl Carter Jr

Term: 1 Term: January 20, 1977 to January 20, 1981  
Party: Democrat  
State: Georgia  
VP: Walter Mondale  
Lived: 1924–2024 (100)  
Faith: Baptist

*Jimmy Carter*

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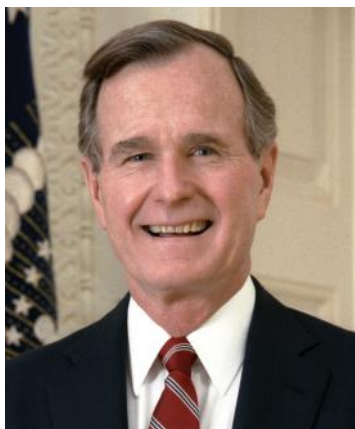
## Ronald Wilson Reagan

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 1981 to January 20, 1989  
Party: Republican  
State: California  
VP: George H. W. Bush, George H. W. Bush  
Lived: 1911–2004 (93)  
Faith: Disciples of Christ

*Ronald Reagan*

# United States Presidents

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## George Herbert Walker Bush

Term: 1 Term: January 20, 1989 to January 20, 1993  
Party: Republican  
State: Texas  
VP: Dan Quayle  
Lived: 1924–2018 (94)  
Faith: Episcopalian

A handwritten signature of George Herbert Walker Bush in black ink.

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## William Jefferson Clinton

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 1993 to January 20, 2001  
Party: Democrat  
State: Arkansas  
VP: Al Gore, Al Gore  
Lived: Born 1946 (79)  
Faith: Baptist

A handwritten signature of William Jefferson Clinton in black ink.

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## George Walker Bush

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 2001 to January 20, 2009  
Party: Republican  
State: Texas  
VP: Dick Cheney, Dick Cheney  
Lived: Born 1946 (79)  
Faith: Methodist

A handwritten signature of George Walker Bush in black ink.

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## Barack Hussein Obama

Term: 2 Terms: January 20, 2009 to January 20, 2017  
Party: Democrat  
State: Illinois  
VP: Joe Biden, Joe Biden  
Lived: Born 1961 (64)  
Faith: United Church of Christ

A handwritten signature of Barack Hussein Obama in black ink.

# United States Presidents

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## Donald John Trump

Term: 1st Term: January 20, 2017 to January 20, 2021  
Party: Republican  
State: New York  
VP: Mike Pence  
Lived: Born 1946 (79)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Donald Trump in black ink.

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## Joseph Robinette Biden Jr

Term: 1 Term: January 20, 2021 to January 20, 2025  
Party: Democrat  
State: Delaware  
VP: Kamala Harris  
Lived: Born 1942 (83)  
Faith: Roman Catholic

A handwritten signature of Joe Biden in black ink.

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## Donald John Trump

Term: Current: Starting January 20, 2025  
Party: Republican  
State: New York  
VP: James David Vance  
Lived: Born 1946 (79)  
Faith: Presbyterian

A handwritten signature of Donald Trump in black ink.

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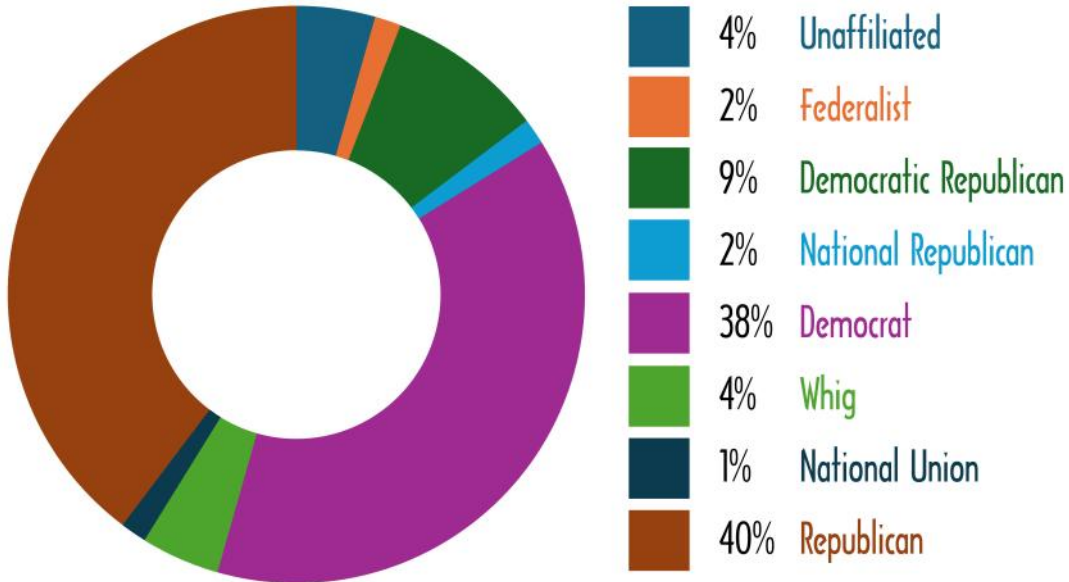
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Term: Term starts January 20, 2029  
Party: ?  
State: ?  
VP: ?  
Lived: ?  
Faith: ?

# President Statistics

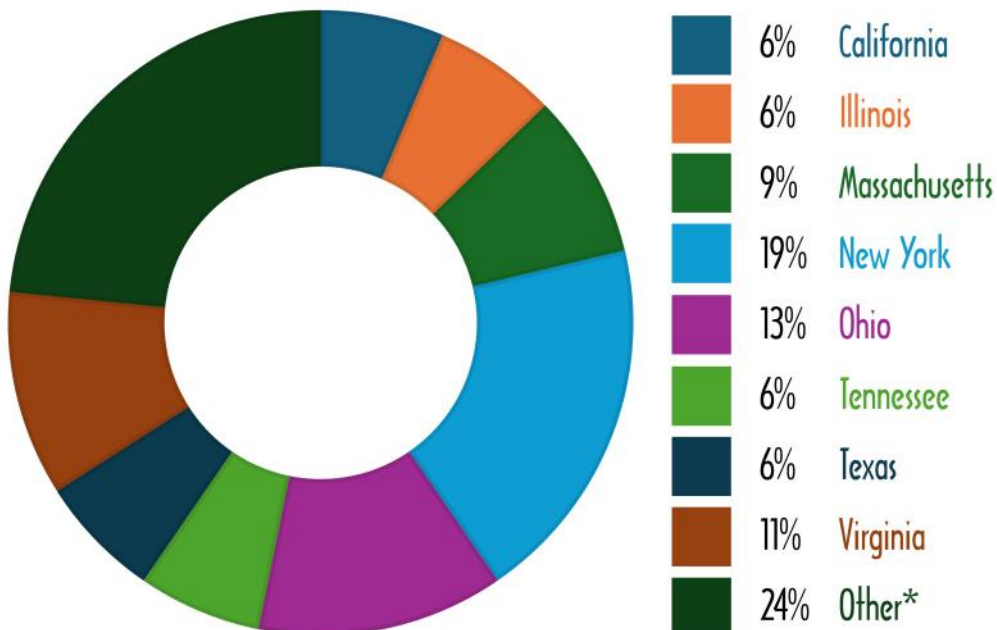
## President Party Affiliation, By Term

(47 Presidents over 60 Terms, 1789-2026)



## Presidents, By State

(47 Presidents, 1789-2026)



\*Single States: Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

# Interesting Facts

## Presidential Relatives

**George W. Bush** (43) is the son of **George HW Bush** (41).

**John Quincy Adams** (6) was the son of **John Adams** (2).

**Benjamin Harrison** (23) was the grandson of **William Henry Harrison** (9).

**James Madison** (4) and **Zachary Taylor** (12) were second cousins.

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (32) was a fifth cousin of **Theodore Roosevelt** (26).

Genealogists have determined that **FDR** was distantly related to a total of 11 US presidents, 5 by blood and 6 by marriage:

- John Adams
- John Quincy Adams
- Ulysses Grant
- William Henry Harrison
- Benjamin Harrison
- James Madison
- Theodore Roosevelt
- William Taft
- Zachary Taylor
- Martin Van Buren
- George Washington

## Emergency Replacements

Died in Office: 8

- William Henry Harrison Sr
- Zachary Taylor
- Abraham Lincoln
- James Abram Garfield
- William McKinley
- Warren Gamaliel Harding
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Resigned: 1

- Richard Milhous Nixon

## “Acting President”

An “acting president” of the United States is a person who lawfully exercises the powers and duties of the president of the United States despite not holding the office in their own right.

George H. W. Bush for Ronald Reagan  
During colon cancer surgery  
On July 13, 1985. 11:28 AM - 7:22 PM EDT

Dick Cheney for George W. Bush  
During colonoscopy  
On June 29, 2002. 7:09 AM - 9:24 AM EDT  
On July 21, 2007. 7:16 AM - 9:21 AM EDT

Kamala Harris for Joe Biden  
During colonoscopy  
On November 19, 2021. 10:10 AM - 11:35 AM EST

## Presidential Succession

There is an established presidential line of succession in which officials of the United States federal government may be called upon to be acting president if the incumbent president becomes incapacitated, dies, resigns, or is removed from office during their four-year term of office; or if a president-elect has not been chosen before Inauguration Day or has failed to qualify by that date.

### Presidential Order Of Succession

0 *President*

1 Vice President

2 Speaker of the House of Representatives

3 President pro tempore of the Senate

4 Secretary of State

5 Secretary of the Treasury

6 Secretary of Defense

7 Attorney General

8 Secretary of the Interior

9 Secretary of Agriculture

10 Secretary of Commerce

11 Secretary of Labor

12 Secretary of Health and Human Services

13 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

14 Secretary of Transportation

15 Secretary of Energy

16 Secretary of Education

17 Secretary of Veterans Affairs

# Interesting Facts

## Presidents Who Were Previously Governors

President	Term	Governor State	Term(s)	Elected While Governor
3 Thomas Jefferson	1801-1809	Virginia	1779-1781	No
5 James Monroe	1817-1825	Virginia	1799-1802	No
8 Martin Van Buren	1837-1841	New York	1829	No
10 John Tyler	1841-1845	Virginia	1825-1826	No**
11 James K. Polk	1845-1849	Tennessee	1839-1841	No
17 Andrew Johnson	1865-1869	Tennessee	1853-1857	No**
19 Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881	Ohio	1868-1872; 1876-1877	Yes
22 Grover Cleveland	1885-1889	New York	1883-1884	Yes*
24 Grover Cleveland	1893-1897	New York	1883-1884	No*
25 William McKinley	1897-1901	Ohio	1892-1896	Yes
26 Theodore Roosevelt	1901-1909	New York	1899-1900	Yes***
28 Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921	New Jersey	1911-1913	Yes
30 Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929	Massachusetts	1919-1920	Yes***
32 Franklin Roosevelt	1933-1945	New York	1929-1932	Yes
39 Jimmy Carter	1977-1981	Georgia	1971-1974	No
40 Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	California	1967-1974	No
42 Bill Clinton	1993-2001	Arkansas	1979-1980; 1983-1993	Yes
43 George W. Bush	2001-2009	Texas	1995-2000	Yes

\* Grover Cleveland, president for two non-consecutive terms, is counted as only one of the nation's 47 presidents and one of the 17 who had been a state's governor.

\*\* Elected vice-president, ascended to the presidency upon the death of the president, but never elected president in his own right.

\*\*\* Elected vice president, ascended to the presidency and later elected president in own right



## Vice Presidents While In Office Who Became Presidents

Vice President	Became President	# Days	Re-election
<b>John Tyler</b>	Harrison died of pneumonia in 1842	1,430	Didn't run for President
<b>Millard Fillmore</b>	Taylor died in 1850 from illness	969	Lost nomination.
<b>Andrew Johnson</b>	Lincoln assassinated in 1865	1,419	Failed to win the nomination in 1868
<b>Chester A. Arthur</b>	Garfield was assassinated in 1881	1,262	Was not nominated
<b>Theodore Roosevelt</b>	McKinley was assassinated in 1901	1,267	Elected to a full term. Did not run in 1908. Defeated in 1912.
<b>Calvin Coolidge</b>	Harding died of a heart attack in 1923	580	Elected to a full term. Did not run for a second term.
<b>Harry S. Truman</b>	Roosevelt died of cerebral hemorrhage in 1945	1,379	Elected to a full term but did not run again.
<b>Lyndon B. Johnson</b>	Kennedy assassinated in 1963	425	Elected to a full term but didn't seek reelection in 1968.
<b>Gerald R. Ford</b>	Nixon resigned in 1974	895	Lost election to Jimmy Carter in 1976.

# Presidential Libraries

## What is a Presidential Library?

Presidential Libraries are repositories of history that are designed to hold, preserve and provide access to the archives of those who served as President of the United States.

A presidential library, in a literal sense, is a "presidential archival depository" that contains the archival collection of records --- including documents, films, social media posts, recordings and photographs--- generated by a president or his staff during his term(s) in office.

When a president leaves office, the National Archives takes physical and legal custody of the records and artifacts of his administration in accordance with the Presidential Records Act. These records and artifacts are the presidential library.



## Presidential Records Act, 1978 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22) [in part]

### § 2201. Definitions

(2) The term "Presidential records" means documentary materials, or any reasonably segregable portion thereof, created or received by the President, the President's immediate staff, or a unit or individual of the Executive Office of the President whose function is to advise or assist the President, in the course of conducting activities which relate to or have an effect upon the carrying out of the constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties of the President.

### § 2202. Ownership of Presidential records

The United States shall reserve and retain complete ownership, possession, and control of Presidential records; and such records shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

### § 2203. Management and custody of Presidential records

(a) Through the implementation of records management controls and other necessary actions, the President shall take all such steps as may be

necessary to assure that the activities, deliberations, decisions, and policies that reflect the performance of the President's constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties are adequately documented and that such records are preserved and maintained as Presidential records pursuant to the requirements of this section and other provisions of law.

### § 2207. Vice-Presidential records

Vice-Presidential records shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter in the same manner as Presidential records. The duties and responsibilities of the Vice President, with respect to Vice-Presidential records, shall be the same as the duties and responsibilities of the President under this chapter, except Section 2208, with respect to Presidential records. ...

# Presidential Libraries

## Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library  
3410 Chateau Road  
Medora, North Dakota 58645

Opening dedication: July 4, 2026

[www.trlibrary.com](http://www.trlibrary.com)



## Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum  
210 Parkside Drive  
West Branch, Iowa 52358

[hoover.archives.gov](http://hoover.archives.gov)



## Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum  
4079 Albany Post Road  
Hyde Park, New York 12538

[www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org)



## Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum  
500 W US Highway 24  
Independence, Missouri 64050

[www.trumanlibrary.gov](http://www.trumanlibrary.gov)



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## Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum  
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Abilene, Kansas 67410

[www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov](http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov)



## Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library & Museum

Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library & Museum  
2313 Red River Street  
Austin, Texas 78705

[www.lbjlibrary.org](http://www.lbjlibrary.org)



## John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum  
Columbia Point (University of Massachusetts Boston)  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

[www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)



## Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum  
18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard  
Yorba Linda, California 92886

[www.nixonlibrary.gov](http://www.nixonlibrary.gov)



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## Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

[www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov](http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov)

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library  
1000 Beal Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109



## Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum  
303 Pearl Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504



## Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum  
441 John Lewis Freedom Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

[www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov)



## Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum  
40 Presidential Drive  
Simi Valley, California 93065

[www.reaganlibrary.gov](http://www.reaganlibrary.gov)



## George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum  
1000 George Bush Drive W  
College Station, Texas 77845

[www.bush41library.gov](http://www.bush41library.gov)



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## William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum

William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum  
1200 President Clinton Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

[www.clintonlibrary.gov](http://www.clintonlibrary.gov)



## George W. Bush Presidential Library

George W. Bush Presidential Library  
2943 SMU Boulevard (Southern Methodist University)  
Dallas, Texas 75205

[www.georgewbushlibrary.gov](http://www.georgewbushlibrary.gov)



## Barack Obama Presidential Library

Barack Obama Presidential Library  
2500 W Golf Road  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

[www.obamalibrary.gov](http://www.obamalibrary.gov)



## Donald J. Trump Presidential Library

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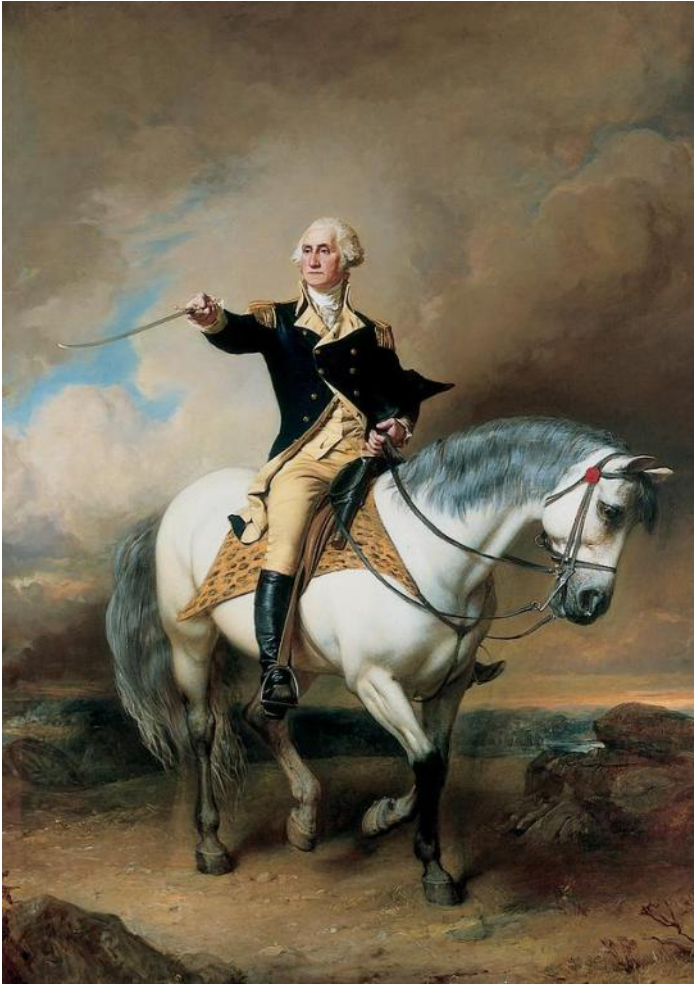
## Joseph R. Biden Jr. Presidential Library

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# Presidential Pets



*Portrait of 'George Washington Taking the Salute at Trenton' by John Faed, 1856. His horse is Blueskin.*



*Old Bob caparisoned in a mourning blanket at Abraham Lincoln's funeral, 1865.*



*Whiskers (goat), President Benjamin Harrison, between 1889 and 1893.*



*Slippers, President Theodore Roosevelt, circa 1908.*

# Presidential Pets



*Sheep, President Wilson, circa WWI.*



*Laddie Boy (Airedale Terrier) and Rob Roy (white Collie), First Lady Grace Coolidge, circa 1922–1928.*



*Laddie Boy, President Warren Harding, 1920-1929.*



*Fala, FDR, 1940.*

# Presidential Pets



*Him (beagle), President Lyndon Johnson, 1964.*



*Rex, President Ronald Reagan, 1986.*



*Millie and Ranger  
at Camp David,  
President HW Bush,  
1991.*

# Presidential Pets



*Socks, President Bill Clinton, 1993.*



*Bo and Sunny, President Barack Obama, 2013.*



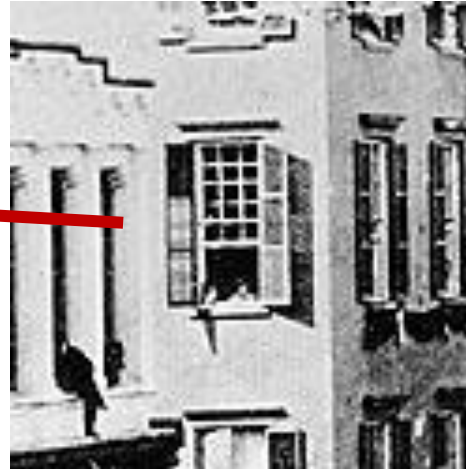
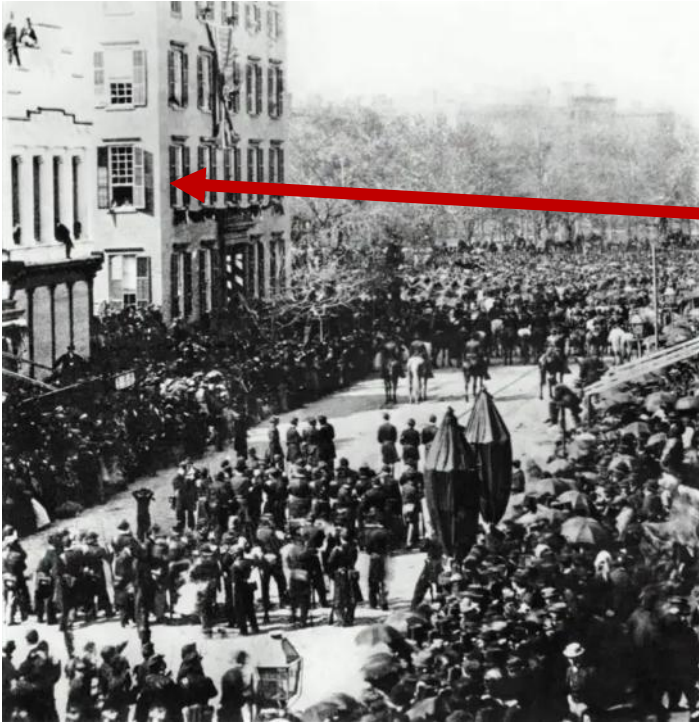
*Barney, India, and Miss Beazley,  
President George W. Bush, 2007.*



*Champ, President Joe Biden, 2021.*

# Presidential Photos

## Lincoln's Funeral Procession Passing the Roosevelt Mansion in New York City



*In the second story window of the Roosevelt mansion, the heads of two boys are peering out onto Lincoln's funeral procession. This is Theodore Roosevelt, age 6, and his brother Elliott Roosevelt, age 5, (father of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt). New York Times.*

## Harding & Babe Ruth



*President Warren Harding shook hands with Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium in New York on April 24, 1923. Bettmann, Getty Images*

## Coolidge & Hoover



*Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover shared a car ride in the back seat to Hoover's inauguration in 1929. Bettmann, Getty Images*

# Presidential Photos

## Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin



*Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Joseph Stalin met after World War II.  
Hulton Archive, Getty Images*

## Truman winning 1948 election



*Harry Truman held up a misprinted edition of the Chicago Daily Tribune saying he'd lost the 1948 election. Underwood Archives, Getty Images*

## Eisenhower & Queen Elizabeth II



*President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth II had a strong relationship and met several times, like here in 1957. Keystone, Getty Images*

## Bill Clinton & President Kennedy



*A young Bill Clinton, age 16, shakes hands with President Kennedy during a White House visit in 1963. Arnold Sachs, Getty Images*

# Presidential Photos

## Nixon & Elvis



*Elvis Presley met with President Richard Nixon in December 1970.*

*National Archives, Getty Images*

## Nixon After Resignation



*Nixon gestured the peace sign upon boarding a helicopter after resigning from the presidency in 1974.*

*Bob Daugherty, Associated Press*

## Reagan & Michael Jackson



*President Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan welcomed Michael Jackson to the White House in 1984.*

*Jack Kightlinger, Getty Images*

## Reagan & Gorbachev



*President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev are pictured signing the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty in 1987.*

*Bettmann, Getty Images*

# Presidential Photos

## President Bush on 9-11-2001



Chief of Staff Andy Card tells President George W. Bush of the September 11 terrorist attacks while he was visiting an elementary school in Florida.  
Doug Mills, Associated Press

## Five Presidents—1970s to 2009



George HW Bush, Barack Obama, George W Bush, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter in the Oval Office in 2009 welcoming Barack Obama to the White House.  
David Hume Kennerly, Getty Images

## Bush's 80th birthday



Former President George H.W. Bush celebrated his 80th birthday by skydiving with the Army Golden Knights. Consolidated News Pictures, Getty Images

## Trump Acquitted of Impeachment

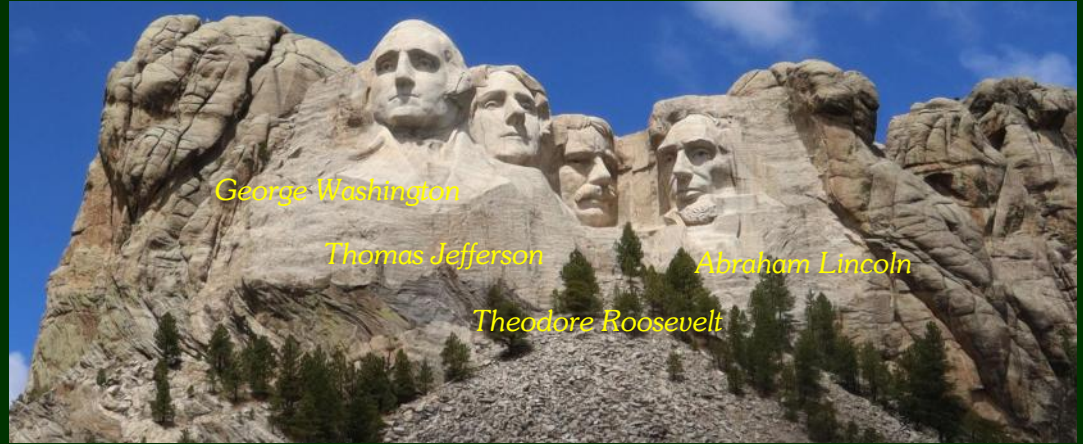


President Donald Trump held up a copy of the Washington Post after he was acquitted of two articles of impeachment in February 2020.  
The Asahi Shimbun, Getty Images

# Mount Rushmore

## Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, surrounded by the beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota, tell the story of the birth, growth, development, and preservation of this country. From the history of the first inhabitants to the diversity of America today, Mount Rushmore brings visitors face to face with the rich heritage we all share.



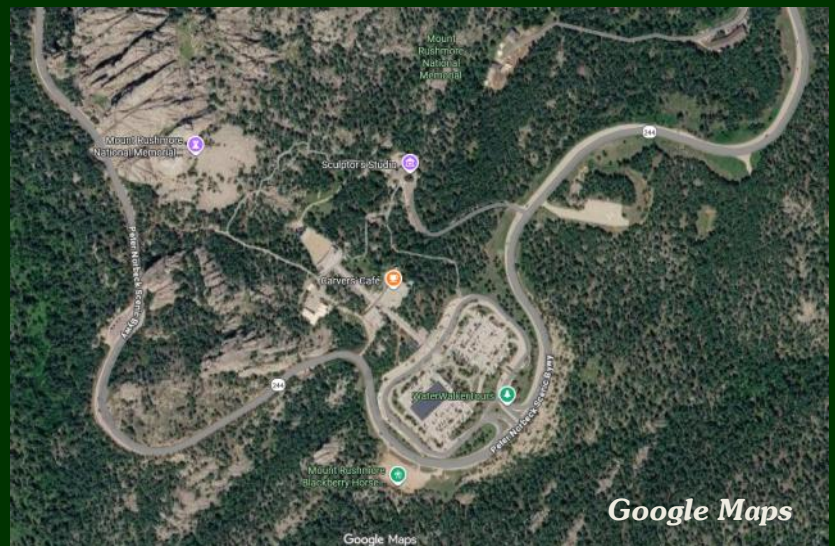
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Detail view of the sculpted portraits.

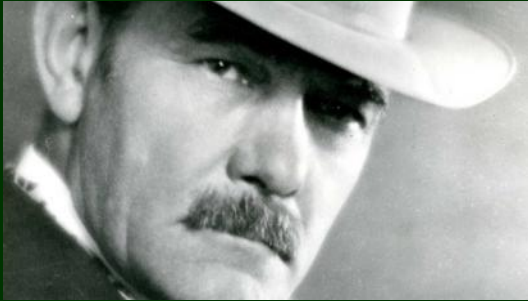


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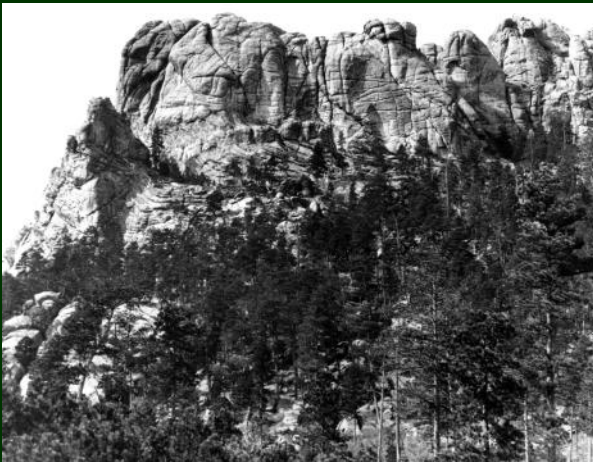
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Overhead view of the national memorial.

# Mount Rushmore



*The purpose of the memorial is to communicate the founding, expansion, preservation, and unification of the United States with colossal statues of [George] Washington, [Thomas] Jefferson, [Abraham] Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.*  
Gutzon Borglum



*Black Hills, circa late 1800s.*



*The last work crew at Mount Rushmore in 1941.*  
“Over the fourteen year period of the carving, 1927 to 1941, almost 400 workers, men and women, labored at the memorial. The work was hard, the hours long, the pay low, and periods of employment uncertain. Despite harsh and dangerous conditions, there were no fatalities during the carving work. For some of these people the work was just a job, but for others it became a special calling.”



*Unfinished Hall of Records.*



*View of Mount Rushmore from the visitor's center.*

# Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore was named after Charles E. Rushmore. His letter to Doane Robinson below explains how this happened:

RUSHMORE, BISBEE & STERN  
61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

December 14, 1925

RE: RUSHMORE MOUNTAIN: OR RUSHMORE  
ROCK

Dear Sir:

My friend, Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott, of The Outlook, has handed to me your letter to of October 10, 1925, relating to the project of sculpting Rushmore Mountain, or Rushmore Rock, in the Black Hills of South Dakota; and, since then, I have seen a copy of your letter of November 28, 1925, to Mr. Julian Blount, of Redfield South Dakota, concerning the naming of the mountain.

No doubt it will interest you to have accurate data on that subject. In your letter to Mr. Blount you say: "Rushmore Rock was named for Mr. Rushmore, a lawyer of Philadelphia who was interested in the Etta Mine." I am the lawyer in question, though of New York City, and not of Philadelphia. Late in 1883 the discovery of tin in the Black Hills was brought to the attention of a group of gentlemen in New York City and excited their interest. I was a youthful attorney at the time, and was employed by these gentlemen early in 1884 to go to the Black Hills and secure options on the Etta mine, and other cassiterite locations. My mission required me to remain several weeks in the Hills, and to return there on two or three later occasions in that year and in 1885. Part of my time was spent among prospectors at Harney, and at a log cabin built in that neighborhood. In my life among these rough, but kindly, men I conformed to their ways, and, may I say it with becoming modesty, was in favor with them.

I was deeply impressed with the Hills, and particularly with a mountain of granite rock that rose above the neighboring peaks. On one occasion while looking from near its base, with almost awe, at this majestic pile, I asked of the men who were with me for its name. They said it had no name, but one of them

spoke up and said "We will name it now, and name it Rushmore Peak." That was the origin of the name it bears, and, as I have been informed, it is called Rushmore Peak, Rushmore Mountain and also Rushmore Rock.

Some time after the incident above narrated I was told that the name and identification of the Rock, or Mountain, was recorded in the Land Office in Washington at the instance of some of the good friends referred to, but I have never sought to verify this feat.

As you well say in your letter to Mr. Abbott this Rock is unique and lends itself admirably to a national monument of the kind you have suggested. I trust you may succeed in carrying out the proposed design.

Very truly yours,

Charles Edward Rushmore

Hon. Doane Robinson,  
Superintendent, Department of History  
Pierre, South Dakota



*Charles Edward Rushmore*

# Final Thought

## Will Rogers Thoughts About The Office of President

Coolidge is the first president to discover that what the American people want is to be let alone.

– January 27, 1924

*(Calvin Coolidge was president)*

[I]t's a tough life, this thing of being President and trying to please everybody. (Well not exactly everybody but enough to re-elect[ed].)

– September 22, 1929

*(Herbert Hoover was president)*

A foreigner coming here and reading the Congressional Record would say that the President of the United States was elected solely for the purpose of giving a Senator somebody to call horse thief.

– December 20, 1930

*(Herbert Hoover was president)*

The high office of the President of the United State has degenerated into two ordinarily fine men being goaded on by their political leeches into saying things that if they were in their right minds they wouldn't think of saying.

– November 2, 1932

*(Regarding the 1932 election between Hoover & FDR)*

This President business is a pretty thankless job.

Washington or Lincoln either one didn't get a statue till everybody was sure they was dead.

– November 5, 1932

*(Regarding the 1932 election between Hoover & FDR)*

We elect our Presidents, be they Republican or Democrat, then go home and start daring 'em to make good.

– April 1, 1935

*(Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president)*

[www.willrogers.com/quotes](http://www.willrogers.com/quotes)



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