

U.S. PRESIDENTS

1 George Washington



Born February 22, 1732
Died December 14, 1799
Married Martha Dandridge Custis
Children 2 (from wife's 1st marriage)
Served 1789–1797 (2 terms)
Vice President John Adams

First lady Martha Washington, wife
Party affiliation Federalist
Nickname "Father of Our Country"
Government offices House of Burgesses, Continental Congress (president), Constitutional Convention

Major accomplishments Commanding General of the Continental Army. Provided shape and substance to the newly emerging government.

Trivia Was an avid spelunker (cave explorer); worked as a surveyor before politics; kept detailed daily diaries from age 16 until he died. As one of the wealthiest people in America, he owned over 33,000 acres in 5 states and in 1 Northwest Territory.

2 John Adams



Born Oct 30, 1735
Died July 4, 1826
Married Abigail Smith
Children 5
Served 1797–1801 (1 term)
Vice President Thomas Jefferson

First lady Abigail Adams, wife
Party affiliation Federalist
Nickname "Atlas of Independence"

Government offices Massachusetts Legislature, Continental Congress, diplomat to France, Netherlands and Great Britain

Major accomplishments Called for military buildup in response to threats during the French Revolution.

Trivia Moved into White House in new capitol, Washington, D.C. Adams and Jefferson (as well as Ben Franklin) died on the same day, exactly 50 years after their signing of the *Declaration of Independence*.

3 Thomas Jefferson



Born Apr. 13, 1743
Died July 4, 1826
Married Martha Wayles Skelton
Served 1801–1809 (2 terms)
Children 6
Vice Presidents Aaron Burr, George Clinton

First lady Martha Randolph, daughter (wife died prior to his presidency)

Party affiliation Democratic-Republican
Nickname "Sage of Monticello"

Government offices House of Burgesses, governor (VA), Continental Congress, minister to France, secretary of state (WA), vice president (Adams).

Major accomplishments Drafted the *Declaration of Independence* and *Bill of Rights*; defeated the Barbary Pirates in a naval confrontation off Tripoli; founded University of Virginia; administered purchase of Louisiana Territory from the French.

Trivia Aware of his shyness, awkward posture and lack of speaking skills, Jefferson became a prolific reader and writer. His drafting of America's founding documents bears witness to those skills.

4 James Madison



Born March 16, 1751
Died June 28, 1836
Married Dolley Payne Todd
Children None
Served 1809–1817 (2 terms)
Vice President George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry

First lady Dolly Madison
Party affiliation Democratic-Republican
Nickname "Father of the Constitution"
Government offices Continental Congress, sec. of state (Jefferson), US House (VA)

Major accomplishments Provided the blueprint for the Constitution. With Jefferson, formed the Democratic-Republican Party opposing the Federalist platform, which promoted a strong central government. (During the War of 1812 much of Washington D.C. and the White House were burned.)

Trivia The only remnant of the original White House was a portrait of George Washington, rescued from the burning building by Dolly Madison as they fled the British. The war culminated with a win by Gen. Andrew Jackson (7th president) at the legendary Battle of New Orleans (1815).

5 James Monroe



Born April 28, 1758
Died July 4, 1831
Married Elizabeth Kortright
Children 3
Served 1817–1825 (2 terms)
Vice President Daniel D. Tompkins

First lady Elizabeth Monroe, wife
Party affiliation Democratic-Republican
Nickname "Era of Good Feelings" president
Government offices Continental Congress, governor of Virginia, secretary of state; secretary of war (Madison)

Major accomplishments On New Year's day 1818 Monroe hosted a White House reopening reception. Fended off Western Hemisphere recolonization efforts by Spain and encroachments by Russia. Some 20 years after his death, this position became known as the *Monroe Doctrine*.

6 John Quincy Adams



Born July 11, 1767
Died February 23, 1848
Married Louisa Catherine Johnson
Children 4
Served 1825–1829 (1 term)
Vice President John C. Calhoun

First lady Louisa Adams, wife
Party affiliation Democratic-Republican
Nickname "Old Man Eloquent"
Government offices Massachusetts Legislature, US House and Senate (MA), sec. of state (Monroe)
Major accomplishments First president to envision a modernized infrastructure (roads, canals) to facilitate interstate trade. Most of his proposals lacked congressional support and never materialized.

Trivia Son of John Adams (2nd president) and like his father, ignored political necessities and was not reelected to a second term.

7 Andrew Jackson



Born March 15, 1767
Died June 8, 1845
Married Rachel Donelson Robards
Children 1
Served 1829–1837 (2 terms)
Vice Presidents John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren

First lady Emily Donelson, niece (wife died prior to presidency)

Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Old Hickory"
Government offices Justice (Supreme Court of Tennessee), US House & Senate (TN).

Major accomplishments Major General in the War of 1812; won the Battle of New Orleans ending the war; founded Democratic Party as we know it today.

Trivia Jackson pursued the Seminole Indians into Spanish held Florida in 1818, causing an international furor. Subsequent to Spain's sale of Florida to the US in 1819, Jackson served as its first territorial governor.

8 Martin Van Buren



Born December 5, 1782
Died July 24, 1862
Married Hanna Hoes
Children 4
Served 1837–1841 (1 term)
Vice President Richard M. Johnson

First lady Angelica Singleton Van Buren, daughter-in-law (wife died prior to presidency)

Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "The Little Magician"
Government offices State Senate (NY), governor (NY), US Senate (NY), sec. of state & V.P. (Jackson)

Major accomplishments A major contributor to the formation of the Democratic Party.

Trivia His campaign for re-election was symbolized by a large paper ball covered with campaign slogans which his supporters rolled through the streets. Hence, the idiom "keep the ball rolling" was added to our Americanisms.

9 William Henry Harrison



Born February 9, 1773
Died April 4, 1841
Married Anna Tuthill Symmes
Children 10
Served 1841–1841 (1 month)
Vice President John Tyler

First lady Jane Irwin Harrison, daughter-in law (wife did not attend inauguration due to ill health and bad roads)

Party affiliation Whig
Nickname "Old Tippecanoe"
Government offices State legislature (OH), US House and US Senate (OH)

Major accomplishments He was deeply involved with Indian affairs (1790–1813) in the Northwest Territories, as a military commander, treaty negotiator and territorial governor.

Trivia Harrison fell ill following his inaugural address which he delivered on a cold, blustery March morning without a hat or coat. He died just 32 days later, probably from pneumonia.

10 John Tyler

Born March 29, 1790
Died January 18, 1862
Married Letitia Christian, Julia Gardiner (died 1842)
Children 15
Served 1841–1845 (1 term)

Vice President None
First lady Priscilla Cooper Tyler (daughter-in-law)
Party affiliation Whig
Nickname "His Accidency" (by opponents)
Government offices US House, governor (VA)
Major accomplishments *Log Cabin Bill* offered a settler up to 160 acres (prior to a public sale) for a mere \$1.25 per acre. State of Texas was annexed in 1845.
Trivia After secession of southern states in 1861 he was instrumental in the formation of the Confederacy.

11 James Knox Polk

Born November 2, 1795
Died June 15, 1849
Married Sarah Childress
Children None
Served 1845–1849 (1 term)
Vice President George Mifflin Dallas

First lady Sarah Polk
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Young Hickory"
Government offices Speaker US House, governor (TN)
Major accomplishments Acquired over a million square miles of land, including Oregon Territory (Washington, Idaho); prevailed in war with Mexico resulting in Texas' statehood and the acquisition of Spanish held west (California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah) (rounding out most of what is now current US borders).

12 Zachary Taylor

Born November 24, 1784
Died July 9, 1850
Married Margaret Mackall Smith
Children 6
Served 1849–1850 (died in office)
Vice President Millard Fillmore

First lady Betty Taylor Bliss (daughter)
Party affiliation Whig
Nickname "Old Rough and Ready"
Government offices None
Major accomplishments Commanded army against Mexico's Santa Anna (1845) resulting in the beginning of the end of Mexican opposition to US interests.
Trivia Lost the opportunity to continue on to invade Mexico City (*Halls of Montezuma*) to Gen. Winfield Scott due to political pressures.

13 Millard Fillmore

Born January 7, 1800
Died March 8, 1874
Married Abigail Powers (died 1851), Caroline Carmichael McIntosh
Children 2
Served 1850–1853
(finished Taylor's term)

Vice President None
First lady Abigail Fillmore (wife)
Party affiliation Whig
Nickname "The American Louis Phillippe"
Government offices Legislature (NY), US House, (NY)
Major accomplishments Dispatched Commodore Perry to open trade opportunities with Japan.
Trivia Married his revered teacher, Abigail (only 2 years older than he) ten years after leaving school.

14 Franklin Pierce

Born November 23, 1804
Died October 8, 1869
Married Jane Means Appleton
Children 3
Served 1853–1857 (1 term)
Vice President William R. King

First lady Jane Pierce (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Young Hickory of the Granite Hills"
Government offices State Senate (NH), US House (NH)
Major accomplishments Signed the *Kansas-Nebraska Act* allowing territories to decide the slavery issue (fomented greater divisions on issue); acquired the "*Gadsden Purchase*" from Mexico (parts of Arizona and New Mexico).
Trivia Had first Christmas tree in the White House.

15 James Buchanan

Born April 23, 1791
Died June 1, 1868
Married Only bachelor president
Children None
Served 1857–1861 (1 term)
Vice President John C. Breckinridge

First lady Harriet Lane (niece)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Old Buck"
Government offices Secretary of state (Polk), US House (PA) state legislature (PA)
Major accomplishments Supreme Court ruled that slaves were not citizens and thereby had no right to sue for freedom (*Dred Scott Case*); December 1860, S. Carolina first of 11 states to secede from Union, setting the stage for the impending Civil War.
Trivia First transatlantic cable laid.

16 Abraham Lincoln

Born February 12, 1809
Died April 15, 1865
Married Mary Todd
Children 4
Served 1861–1865 (1 term +)
Vice Presidents Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson

First lady Mary Lincoln (wife)
Party affiliation Whig-Republican
Nickname "Honest Abe"
Government offices State legislature (IL)
Major accomplishments *Emancipation Proclamation* issued mid-way through the Civil War (1863) declared all slaves free.
Trivia His *Gettysburg Address* is said to be one of the greatest oratories in American History; first president to be assassinated (Good Friday, April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth). It was Booth's third attempt to kill Lincoln.

17 Andrew Johnson

Born December 29, 1808
Died July 31, 1875
Married Eliza McCardle
Children 5
Served 1865–1869 (1 term +)
Vice President None

First lady Martha Johnson Paterson (daughter)
Party affiliation: Democratic (Unionist)
Nickname None
Government offices V.P. (Lincoln), US Senate (TN); US House (TN), governor (TN)
Major accomplishments 14th Amendment (due process of law); *Reconstruction Acts of 1867* (allowed former [male only] slaves to vote)
Trivia First president to be impeached.

18 Ulysses Simpson Grant

Born April 27, 1822
Died July 23, 1885
Married Julia Dent
Children 4
Served 1869–1877 (2 terms)
Vice Presidents Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson

First lady Julia Grant (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Hero of Appomattox"
Government offices None
Major accomplishments Managed the southern reconstruction in a manner more radical (military) than Johnson.
Trivia Was arrested for speeding (in his carriage) while serving as president. Portrait is on \$50 bill.

19 Rutherford Bichard Hayes

Born October 4, 1822
Died January 17, 1893
Married Lucy Ware Webb
Children 8
Served 1877–1881 (1 term)
Vice President William Wheeler

First lady Lucy Hayes. (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Dark Horse President"
Government offices US House (OH), governor (OH)
Major accomplishments Removed military controls from south.
Trivia The disputed election between Hayes and Sam Tilden (won the popular vote) was settled by a special commission deciding for Hayes by 1 electoral vote

20 James Abram Garfield

Born November 19, 1831
Died September 19 1881
Married Lucretia Rudolph
Children 7
Served 3/1881–9/1881 (100 days)
assassinated by Charles Guiteau

Vice President Chester A. Arthur
First lady Lucretia Rudolph (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname None
Government offices US House (OH), State Leg.(OH)
Major accomplishments None
Trivia His sec. of war was Robert Todd, Lincoln's son.

21 Chester Alan Arthur

Born October 5, 1829
Died November 18, 1886
Married Ellen Lewis Herndon
Children 2
Served 1881–1885 (1 term)
Vice President None

First lady Mary Arthur McElroy (sister)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "The Gentleman Boss"
Government offices None
Major accomplishments Instituted civil service reform requiring government offices to be awarded on the basis of exams and merit, not on connections and favoritism.

22 Stephen Grover Cleveland

Born March 18, 1837
Died June 24, 1908
Married Frances Folsom (1886)
Children 5
Served 1885–1889 (see 24th pres.)
Vice President Thomas Hendricks

First lady Frances Cleveland (wife)

Party affiliation Democrat
Nickname "Big Steve," "Uncle Jumbo"
Government offices Governor (NY), mayor (Buffalo, NY), sheriff (Erie County, NY)

Major accomplishments The country was beset by railroad problems; Cleveland signed the *Interstate Commerce Act* in an attempt to regulate them.

Trivia First White House wedding—he married his ward (daughter of his deceased former law partner), managed Frances' upbringing and education. Cleveland won the popular vote in 1888 but lost the electoral college vote. See 24th president.

23 Benjamin Harrison

Born August 20, 1833
Died March 13, 1901
Married Caroline Lavinia Scott
Children 3
Served 1889–1893 (1 term)
Vice President Levi P. Morgan

First lady Caroline Harrison (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Little Ben"
Government offices US Senate (IN)
Major accomplishments *Sherman Antitrust Act* (limited power of monopolies); first *Pan-Am Conference* (1889)
Trivia Grandson of 9th president, William Harrison.

24 Grover Cleveland

Second Term (see 23rd President)
Served 1893–1897 (second, non-consecutive term)
Vice President Adalai Stevenson
Major accomplishments Cleveland further stood up against the railroads during a strike; filed a federal injunction to crush the strike. This did not set well with his pro-labor constituents.

25 William McKinley

Born January 29, 1843
Died September 14, 1901
Married Ida Saxton
Children 2
Served 1897–1901 (1 term+)
Vice Presidents Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt

First lady Ida McKinley (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Idol of Ohio"
Government offices US House, governor (OH)
Major accomplishments Winning the 100-day war with Spain (initiated by the sinking of the battleship *Maine* off Cuba) gave the US control of Cuba, Philippines, Puerto Rico and Guam. In other forays, he sent troops to China to help put down the Boxer Rebellion; and twice to Nicaragua.
Trivia A few months into his second term he was assassinated at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition.

26 Theodore Roosevelt

Born October 27, 1858
Died January 6, 1919
Married Alice Lee (died 1884), Edith Carow
Children 6
Served 1901–1909 (2 terms)

Vice President Charles Fairbanks
First lady Edith Roosevelt (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Trust Buster," "Teddy"
Government offices Governor (NY), V.P. (McKinley)

Major accomplishments Railroads, again, took center stage and Roosevelt was successful in breaking up large railroad trusts (associations). He was a major contributor to conservation. **Trivia** First American to win a Nobel Peace Prize; to ride in an automobile; to fly in an airplane; youngest president to date at age 43. While campaigning again in 1912, he was shot by a fanatic but recovered.

27 William Howard Taft

Born September 15, 1857
Died March 8, 1930
Married Helen Herrron
Children 3
Served 1909–1913 (1 term)

Vice President James Sherman
First lady Helen ("Nellie") Taft (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname None
Government offices Sec. of War (Roosevelt), Governor General (Philippines), Chief Justice Supreme Court (Harding)
Major accomplishments Better suited to jurisprudence, Taft had difficulty assimilating political agendas. However, he succeeded in getting US Senates directly elected and railroad rates were then set by the Interstate Commerce Commission.
Trivia Converted the White House stables into a 4-car garage.

28 Thomas Woodrow Wilson

Born December 28, 1856
Died February 3, 1924
Married Ellen Louise Axson (died 1914), Edith Bolling Galt
Children 3
Served 1913–1921 (2 terms)

Vice President Thomas Marshall
First lady Ellen Wilson (wife)
Party affiliation Democrat
Nickname "Schoolmaster in Politics"
Government offices Governor (NJ)
Major accomplishments World War I began (1914–1919); US remained neutral until the liner *Lusitania* was sunk by a German U-boat, killing 120 Americans in 1915. Still, it took 2 more years for Congress to declare war on Germany.
Trivia Daylight savings time was instituted in order to save fuel during wartime build-up. Wilson was the only president with a Ph.D. He got so wrought up in the business of post-war and US participation in the League of Nations that he suffered a stroke and served the last few months of his term in bed.

29 Warren Gamaliel Harding

Born November 2, 1865
Died August 2, 1923
Married Florence Kling DeWolfe
Children 1
Served 1921–1923 (1 term–)

Vice President Calvin Coolidge
First lady Florence "Flossie" Harding (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname None
Government offices US Senate (OH) state Senate (OH), lieutenant governor (OH)
Major accomplishments Along with influential Republican Congress, established a Federal budget system, restored high tariff to protect American industry, imposed immigration limits.
Trivia Died in his sleep on a trip to San Francisco. Rumor has it that he was poisoned to protect him and the presidency from an impending scandal and corruption investigation.

30 John Calvin Coolidge

Born July 4, 1872
Died January 5, 1933
Married Grace Anna Goodhue
Children 2
Served 1923–1929 (2 terms)

Vice President Charles Gates Dawes
First lady Grace Coolidge (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Silent Cal"
Government offices V.P. (Harding), governor (MA), lieutenant governor and state senate (MA)
Major accomplishments Adept in maintaining the status quo, Coolidge delegated decision making to others in office and was not particularly pro-active. Some say this approach led the country into the Great Depression.
Trivia On Harding's untimely death, Coolidge, traveling to Vermont, was sworn in as president by his father, a notary public, and went back to sleep.

31 Herbert Clark Hoover

Born August 10, 1874
Died October 20, 1964
Married Lou Henry
Children 2
Served 1929–1933 (1 term)

Vice President Charles Curtis
First lady Lou Hoover (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname None
Government offices Secretary of Commerce (Harding, Coolidge)
Major accomplishments The government was bombarded with massive requests for aid by the millions out of work during the depression. Hoover remained noncommittal and maintained this should be addressed by local authorities and volunteers, a stance that ultimately lost him any chance of being reelected.
Trivia The Hoovers learned Mandarin while working in China around 1900. They often spoke Chinese in the White House when they wished to share a private conversation.

32 Franklin D. Roosevelt

Born January 30, 1882
Died April 12, 1945
Married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (a distant cousin)
Children 5
Served 1933–1945 (3 terms+)

Vice Presidents John Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman
First lady Eleanor Roosevelt (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "FDR"
Government offices Asst. sec. navy (Wilson), Governor (NY), state legislature (NY)
Major accomplishments A politically and domestically savvy FDR managed effectively through the depression—first as governor of New York and then as president—with programs attacking causes of the problems as well as the symptoms. He was instrumental in labor union organization (*Wagner Act*) and assured minimal retirement benefits for all (*Social Security Act*). US policy of neutrality toward conflicts in Europe and Asia was shattered by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. War was declared on Japan. On June 6, 1944 he directed Gen. Eisenhower (see 34th president) to mount the largest multi-nation invasion ever assembled to assault the French coast. US was now at war with Germany.
Trivia At age 39 he contracted polio and spent most of his political career on crutches or in a wheel chair. He died on April 12, 1945, never witnessing the surrenders of Germany or Japan on May 7 and August 14 of that same year.

33 Harry S. Truman

Born May 8, 1884
Died December 26, 1972
Married Elizabeth Virginia "Bess" Wallace
Children 1
Served 1945–1953 (2 terms)

Vice President Alben Barkley
First lady Elizabeth Truman (wife)
Party affiliation Democrat
Government offices V.P. (FDR), US Senate (MO)
Major accomplishments Most poignant in Truman's presidency was his decision to drop two atomic bombs on Japan, prompting its surrender within days.
Trivia Truman had no middle name. The "S" relates to his two grandfathers, Anderson Shipp and Solomon Young.

34 David Dwight Eisenhower

Born October 14, 1890
Died March 28, 1969
Married Marie "Mamie" Geneva Doud
Children 2
Served 1953–1961 (2 terms)

Vice President Richard M. Nixon
First lady Mamie Eisenhower (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Ike"
Government offices None
Major accomplishments Presided over the beginnings of the "Cold War" maintaining cordial relations with Russia. Established the Interstate Highway System, initially to facilitate rapid military movement throughout the country.

35 John F. Kennedy

Born May 29, 1917
Died November 22, 1963
Married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier
Children 2
Served 1961–1963 (1 term—)
Vice President Lyndon Johnson

First lady Jacqueline "Jackie" Kennedy (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "JFK," "Jack"
Government offices US Senate, US House (MA)
Major accomplishments Formed the *Alliance for Progress* and the *Peace Corps* to help developing countries. Convinced Russia to remove missiles from Cuba. He was the fourth president to be assassinated; shot by Lee Harvey Oswald.
Trivia Won a Pulitzer Prize for *Profiles in Courage*.

36 Lyndon Baines Johnson

Born August 27, 1908
Died January 22, 1973
Married Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor
Children 2
Served 1963–1969 (2 terms—)

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
First lady "Lady Bird" Johnson (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "LBJ"
Government offices V. P. (Kennedy), US Senate (TX), US House (TX)
Major accomplishments His *Great Society* programs aimed to correct America's growing social ills; most prominent was the 1965 *Medicare Amendment*.
Trivia LBJ had two beagles at the White House: Him and Her.

37 Richard Milhouse Nixon

Born January 9, 1913
Died April 22, 1994
Married Thelma "Patricia" Catherine Ryan
Children 2
Served 1969–1974 (2 terms—)

Vice President Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford
First lady "Pat" Nixon (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname None
Government offices V. P. (Eisenhower), US Senate (CA), US House (CA)
Major accomplishments Visits to Beijing and Moscow led to a better US relationship with those countries.
Trivia The only president to resign from office as a result of the so-called "Watergate Scandal." His vice president, Agnew, also resigned less than a year earlier over a different matter.

38 Gerald Rudolph Ford

Born July 14, 1913
Died Still living (2005)
Married Elizabeth Bloomer Warren
Children 4
Served 1974–1977 (1 term)
Vice President Nelson Rockefeller

First lady "Betty" Ford (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Jerry"
Government offices V. P. (Nixon), US House (MI)
Major accomplishments Tried to heal the country from an unprecedented event. (see 37th president).
Trivia Once worked as a fashion model.

39 James Earl Carter

Born October 1, 1924
Died Still living (2005)
Married Eleanor Rosalynn Smith
Children 4
Served 1977–1981 (1 term)
Vice President Walter Mondale

First lady Rosalynn Carter (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Jimmy"
Government offices Governor, state legislature (GA)
Major accomplishments Carter could not communicate his wishes to Congress and progress against rampant inflation slipped through his fingers. A great moment for him was the 1978 *Camp David Accords*, cementing peace between Israel and Egypt.
Trivia The trees at the White House have labels listing name of tree (common and Latin) and who provided it, thanks to a school project started by Amy Carter.

40 Ronald Wilson Reagan

Born January 6, 1911
Died June 5, 2004
Married Jane Wyman, Nancy Davis
Children 4
Served 1981–1989 (2 terms)
Vice President George Bush

First lady Nancy Reagan (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "The Great Communicator"
Government offices Governor (CA)
Major accomplishments Skilled at working with Congress, Reagan was able to restore prosperity, confront terrorism and reduce nuclear missiles. In 1987, his famous quote, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" led to the reunification of the two Germanys two years later.
Trivia 69 days after taking office, he was shot by John Hinckley, Jr., but recovered.

41 George Herbert Walker Bush

Born June 12, 1924
Died Still living (2005)
Married Barbara Pierce
Children 6
Served 1989–1993 (1 term)
Vice President Dan Quayle

First lady Barbara Bush (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Poppy"
Government offices V.P. (Reagan), US House (TX)
Major accomplishments The Berlin Wall falls; the Soviet Union dissolves; Gen. Manuel Noriega is ousted from Panama; formed an allied coalition to repulse an invasion of Kuwait by Iraq's Sadaam Hussein.

42 William Jefferson Clinton

Born August 19, 1946
Died Still living (2005)
Married Hillary Rodham
Children 1
Served 1993–2001 (2 terms)
Vice President Albert Gore

First lady Hillary Clinton (wife)
Party affiliation Democratic
Nickname "Bill"
Government offices Governor (AK)
Major accomplishments Managed country into a low inflation rate, high home ownership, reduced crime rates and low unemployment.
Trivia First Rhodes Scholar president. Clinton is an accomplished saxophone player. He designated Lake Champlain as the nation's 6th Great Lake.

43 George Walker Bush

Born July 6, 1946
Died Still living (2005)
Married Laura Welch
Children 2
Served 2001–2004
Vice President Richard Cheney

First lady Laura Bush (wife)
Party affiliation Republican
Nickname "Dubya"
Government offices Governor (TX)
Major accomplishments Signed into law: education reform, tax relief, military pay increases. Following a terrorist attack that felled the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, he led a coalition of nations which invaded Afghanistan and Iraq to quell terrorist ambitions.
Trivia Second president (see #2 and #6) to follow his father as president.