

February Fact Finder: Fix the President's Family Tree

Abraham Lincoln

George Washington

William Henry Harrison

Ronald Reagan

Lincoln Branch

He was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia.

As a general in the War of 1812, he won at victory at the Battle of the Thames in 1813.

He used his presidential authority to suspend habeas corpus to have thousands of suspected secessionists arrested and temporarily detained without trial.

In 1795, he eloped with Anna Symmes when her father Judge John Symmes refused them permission to marry.

He traveled to the French Commandant at Fort Presque Isle with a message from Virginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie.

Before he was elected president, he served as governor of the Indiana Territory and later as a U.S. representative and senator from Ohio.

He was the first president to be assassinated on April 14, 1865.

He and his wife had ten children.

His father's name was Augustine and his mother's name was Mary.

He switched his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican in 1962.

He proclaimed "Morning in America."

He advised against "entangling alliances" and political parties.

Washington Branch

He was born February 12, 1809 in Kentucky.

At 68, he was the oldest President to be inaugurated until Ronald Reagan's inauguration in 1981.

In 1795, he was one of the signers of the Treaty of Greenville that opened up much of present day Ohio to European American settlement.

He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania , under Dr. Benjamin Rush.

He preserved the Union, ended slavery, and promoted economic and financial modernization.

He married Martha Custis.

He lived at Mount Vernon, a plantation on the Potomac River.

He served as Minister Plenipotentiary to Columbia in 1828, where he urged Simon Bolivar to convince Columbia to adopt the American brand of democracy.

In 1863 he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, encouraging the border states to outlaw slavery and paving the way for the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution that finally freed the slaves in 1865.

He entered Hampden-Sydney College in 1787 when he was 14 years old and remained there until 1790, becoming adept in Latin and basic French.

He is believed to have had six children with one of his female slave, Dilsia.

His slave Harry fought with the British in the American Revolution.

Reagan Branch

He was born February 9, 1773, in Virginia..

His sister Sally died in childbirth when she was in her 20s.

He debated Stephen A. Douglas and lost their Senate Rae, but won the Republican Party's nomination for president in 1860.

He died of complications from pneumonia on his 32nd day in office, making his the shortest presidential term in United States history.

He closely supervised the Civil War, especially in choosing his generals like General Ulysses S. Grant.

He married Nancy Davis.

He traveled to Barbados with his brother Lawrence and contracted smallpox on his trip.

His 1863 Gettysburg Address became one of the most quoted speeches in American History.

He gained national fame when he led American forces against Native Americans at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, where he earned the nickname “Tippecanoe.”

He was governor of California.

He took the oath of office for president on Wall Street in New York City.

He instituted supply side economic policies.

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Harrison Branch

He was born February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois

He was the ninth President of the United States and the first president to die in office.

He was a country lawyer, Whig Party leader, Illinois state legislator and one term member of the United States House Representatives during the 1840s.

He married Kentucky belle Mary Todd.

He prevented Great Britain from recognizing the Confederacy by skillfully handling the Trent Affair in late 1861.

He operated a distillery on his plantation.

He presided over the Constitutional Convention.

He believed in a moderate Reconstruction striving to speedily reunite the country with a generous policy of reconciliation against lingering and bitter divisions between the North and the South.

He instituted supply side economic policies.

His mother Nancy died of milk sickness.

He worked for General Electric.

He spent a dismal winter at Valley Forge.

