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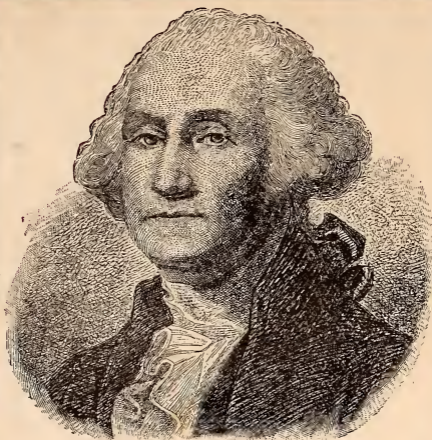
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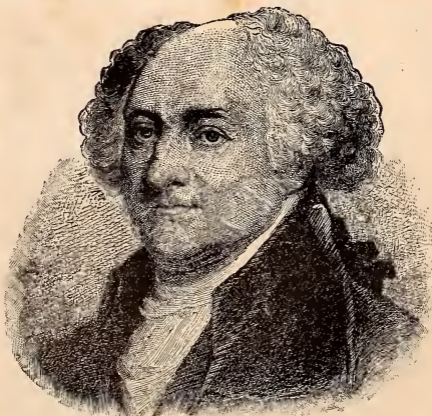
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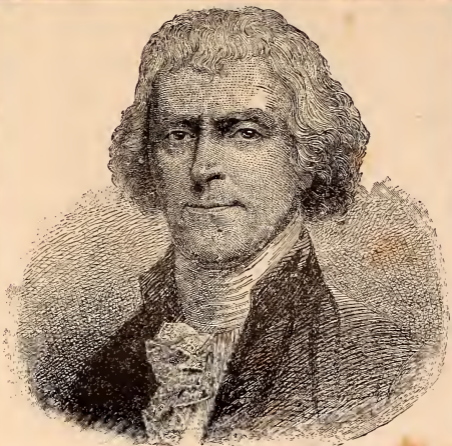
GEORGE WASHINGTON.

FIRST PRESIDENT. Served eight years. First inaugurated April 30th, 1789, continuing in office up to 1797. He was born at Westmoreland, Va., February 22d, 1732, and died December 14th, 1799. Commander of the American Army during the Revolutionary War. Of him it has been truly said: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."



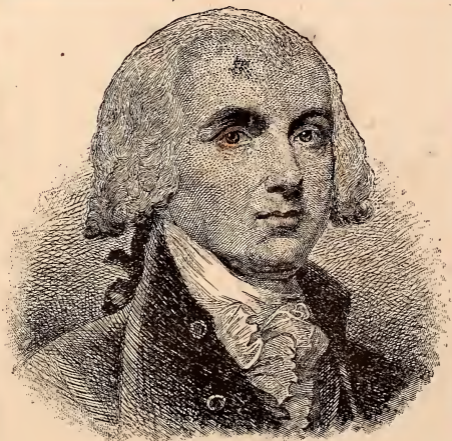
JOHN ADAMS.

SECOND PRESIDENT. Served four years. Was elected Vice-President under Washington, and succeeded him in 1797. Born in Massachusetts, October 19, 1735. Died July 4, 1826, a few hours after President Jefferson breathed his last. Was a powerful advocate for the independence of the colonies, aided in forming the Federal Congress in 1774, and in preparing the Declaration of Independence.



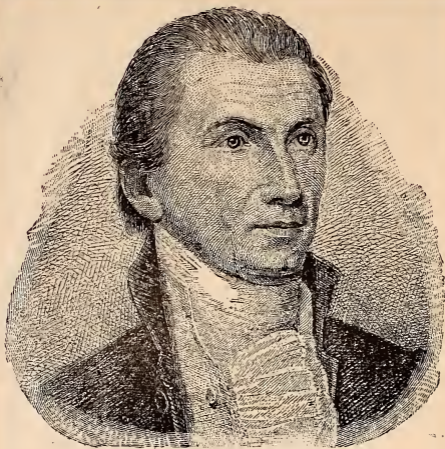
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

THIRD PRESIDENT. Served eight years. Was appointed Secretary of State by President Washington. Was Vice-President in 1797, and Chief Magistrate from 1801 to 1809. Born at Shadwell, Va., April 2d, 1743, and died July 4, 1826, at Monticello, Va. In 1775 he was elected a member of the Continental Congress, and in 1776 drafted the Declaration of Independence.



JAMES MADISON.

FOURTH PRESIDENT. Served eight years. His term of office extended from 1809 to 1817. Born at King George, Va., March 16, 1751, and died June 28, 1836. In 1787, at Philadelphia, assisted in framing the Federal Constitution, and in 1789 became a member of the first American Congress. His administration was distinguished by the second war with Great Britain, 1812 to 1814.



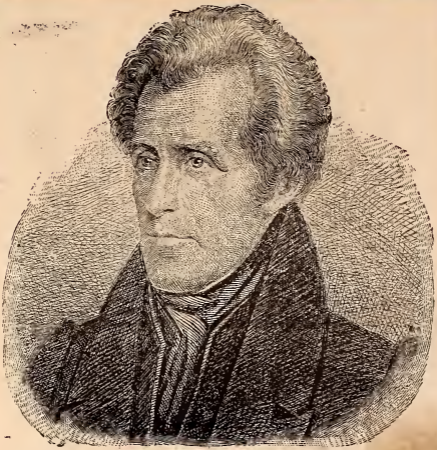
JAMES MONROE.

FIFTH PRESIDENT. Served eight years. Was elected in 1817, and again in 1821. Born in Westmoreland County, Va., April 28, 1758. Died in New York City July 4, 1831. During his political career he served as Congressman, Senator, Governor of Virginia, Minister to France, Secretary of State, and Secretary of War. Also fought in the War of the Revolution.



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

SIXTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. In 1824, Jackson, Adams and Crawford ran for the Presidency, but there being no choice, the succeeding session of Congress gave the office to Mr. Adams, who filled it until 1829. Born in Massachusetts July 11, 1767, and died at Washington, February 23, 1848. Was also Congressman, Senator, Minister to Holland, Prussia and Russia, and Secretary of State.



ANDREW JACKSON.

SEVENTH PRESIDENT. Served eight years. Was elected in 1828, and re-elected in 1832. Born in Mecklinburg County, N. C., March 15, 1767, and died near Nashville, June 8, 1845. Was Congressman and United States Senator from Tennessee; also Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Became a Major-General in 1814, and January 8, 1815, fought his famous battle of New Orleans.



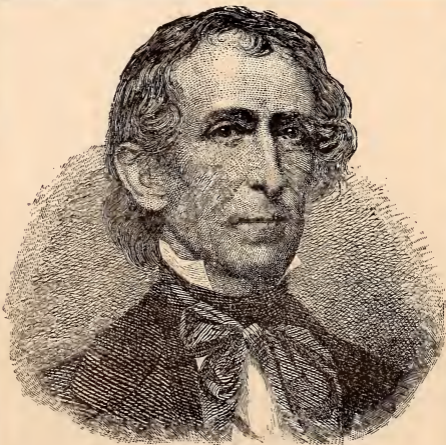
MARTIN VAN BUREN.

EIGHTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. In 1832 was elected Vice-President on the Jackson ticket, and in 1836 was elected President over Harrison. Born at Kinderhook, N. Y., December 5th, 1782. Died at Kinderhook July 24, 1862. He served as Senator and Governor of his native State, and United States Senator; also as Secretary of State under President Jackson, and Minister to England.



WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

NINTH PRESIDENT. Served one month. Was elected President on the Whig ticket in 1840, but died one month after his inauguration, April 4, 1841. Was born at Berkeley, Va., February 9, 1773. In the War of 1812, he commanded the Northwestern frontier. In 1816 was elected to Congress, and in 1824, United States Senator. Was sent as Minister to Columbia, S. A., in 1828.



JOHN TYLER.

TENTH PRESIDENT. Served nearly four years. In 1840 was elected Vice-President, and on the death of President Harrison, succeeded to the Presidency. Born in Charles City County, Va., March 29, 1790. Died at Richmond, Va., January 17, 1862. Was a member of the Legislature, Congressman, and Governor of the State of Virginia. Was also chosen United States Senator in 1827.



JAMES KNOX POLK.

ELEVENTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. Elected in 1844 on the Democratic ticket. Born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., November 2, 1795. Died at Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 1849. His administration was distinguished by the war with Mexico, the creation of the Interior Department at Washington, the adoption of low tariff, and other important events. Served in the Legislature, Congress, and as Governor of Tennessee.



ZACHARY TAYLOR.

TWELFTH PRESIDENT. Served sixteen months. In 1848 was elected President on the Whig ticket, with Millard Fillmore as Vice-President. Born in Orange County, Va., September 24, 1784. Died at Washington, July 9, 1850. In 1808, succeeded his dead brother as a lieutenant in the army. Served through the War of 1812, also in the Black Hawk and Seminole Indian Wars, and in the War with Mexico, 1845-47.



MILLARD FILLMORE.

THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT. Was elected Vice-President in 1848, and became President at the death of Zachary Taylor in 1850. Born at Summerhill, N. Y., January 7, 1800. Died, March 8, 1874. In 1828 was elected a member of the New York Legislature by the anti-masons, and twice re-elected. In 1832 was elected a member of Congress. In 1836-38-40 was re-elected as a Whig.



FRANKLIN PIERCE.

FOURTEENTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. Was elected President by the Democrats in 1852. Born at Hillsborough, N. H., November 23, 1804. Died at Concord, N. H., in 1869. Served two terms in the State Legislature, two terms as Member of Congress, and in 1837 was chosen United States Senator. Was a Brigadier-General serving under General Scott in the War with Mexico.



JAMES BUCHANAN.

FIFTEENTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. Was chosen President on the Democratic ticket in 1856. Born at Stony Batter, Pa., April 23, 1791. Died at Lancaster, Pa., June 1st, 1868. During his public career was a member of the State Legislature, and United States Congressman for many years, also Minister to St. Petersburg and England and Secretary of State under Polk.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT. Served 4 years and a month. Was elected in 1860, and again in 1864. Born in Hardin County, Kentucky, February 12, 1809, and was assassinated April 14, 1865, by Wilkes Booth. He was a farmer, steamboat pilot, a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and a lawyer. Was also member of the Illinois State Legislature from 1834 to 1842, and elected to Congress in 1846.



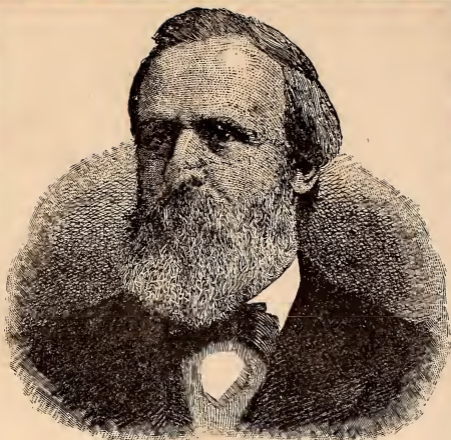
ANDREW JOHNSON.

SEVENTEENTH PRESIDENT. Served three years and eleven months. In 1864 he was elected Vice-President on the Lincoln ticket. When Mr. Lincoln died, April 15, 1865, Mr. Johnson became President. Born at Raleigh, N. C., December 29, 1808. Died at Greenville, Tennessee, July 31, 1875. He served as State Senator, Congressman, Governor of Tennessee, United States Senator, and Military Governor under President Lincoln.



ULYSSES S. GRANT.

EIGHTEENTH PRESIDENT. Served eight years. Was elected to the Presidency on the Republican ticket in 1868, and again in 1872. Born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822. In 1839 he entered the West Point Military Academy, graduating in 1843. Served on the Missouri frontier, and in General Taylor's Army in the Mexican War. Was a successful General during the Rebellion.



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

NINETEENTH PRESIDENT. Served four years. In 1876 was nominated for President by the Republicans. His election was so uncertain that an electoral commission was created to decide the contest. They voted 8 to 7 in favor of Mr. Hayes. In the Rebellion was Major of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers. Was sent to Congress from Ohio, and was twice Governor of that State.



JAMES A. GARFIELD.

TWENTIETH PRESIDENT. Was elected on the Republican ticket in 1880. Wounded by an assassin July 2, and died September 19, 1881. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, November 19th, 1831. In 1850 was elected a State Senator. In 1861 entered the Union Army and rose to the rank of Major-General. He served in Congress from the 38th to the 46th, and was elevated to the United States Senate.



CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

TWENTY-FIRST PRESIDENT. Was elected Vice-President on the Republican ticket in 1880, and became President by succession at the death of President Garfield, September 19, 1881. Born in Fairfield, Franklin County, Vermont, in 1831. During the Rebellion served as Quartermaster-General, Adjutant-General and Inspector-General of State Troops. Was Collector of Customs, port of New York, under Grant.



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