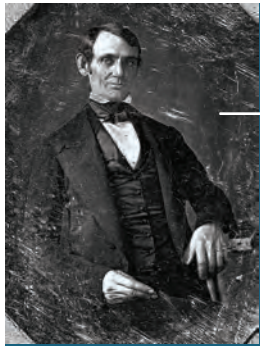


Presidents of the United States Self-Guided Museum Tour

Hail to the Chief. Explore the Museum's collection of presidential artifacts in this Self-Guided Museum "Mini-Bite" tour. Download a copy and bring it with you to the Museum for a quick and targeted history lesson.



1 **Abraham Lincoln Doll**
D is for Dolls, 1st Floor

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)
16th President (1861-1865)

Abraham Lincoln's humble beginnings in rural Illinois stand in stark contrast to the notoriety he achieved as president. Perhaps our most recognizable commander in chief, he is revered as an orator, leader and liberator—and, upon his death, a martyr—during a tumultuous chapter in our nation's history.

5 **John F. Kennedy Commemorative Stamp**
S is for Stamps, 3rd Floor

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)
35th President (1961-1964)

Elected at age 43, Kennedy remains the youngest president to serve in the Oval Office. He was also the youngest to die at age 46, assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963. John F. Kennedy's legacy is often defined by tragedy, but his ideals lived on long after his death. Though not fully realized during his brief presidency, Kennedy's views on civil rights, Communism, and space exploration guided U.S. policy throughout the 1960s.



2 **James Garfield Memorial Cards**
Streets of Old Grand Rapids
Funeral Parlor, 1st Floor

James Garfield (1831-1881)
20th President (1881)

James Garfield served just 133 days as president before being assassinated by Charles J. Guiteau, a disgruntled diplomat who had unsuccessfully sought office in the Garfield administration.



Franklin D. Roosevelt Poster
Newcomers: The People of this Place, Polish Hall, 3rd Floor

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945) — **6**
32nd President (1933-1945)

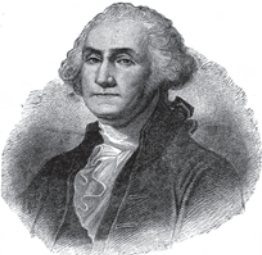
Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency spanned an unprecedented four terms, in which he witnessed some of the darkest and most triumphant moments in American history. He lifted the nation out of the Great Depression and guided it into war against Hitler's Nazi regime. A gallant leader indeed, Roosevelt was integral in establishing labor unions and ethnic minority groups as a stronghold within the Democratic Party.



3 **George Washington Mourning Rings**
O is for Oddities, 2nd Floor

George Washington (1732-1799)
1st President (1789-1797)

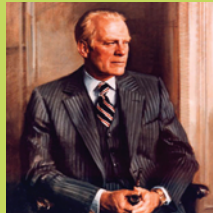
George Washington, regarded as the father of our nation and of Republicanism, commanded the Continental Army during the American Revolution and was voted unanimously to the presidency in 1789 at the war's conclusion. His is still the only unanimous presidential election decision.



4 **Gerald R. Ford Telegram**
Roger B. Chaffee Memorial, 2nd Floor

Gerald R. Ford (1913-2006)
38th President (1974-1977)

Ford was the only American president never elected to office. He assumed leadership amidst intense turmoil: President Nixon had resigned under pressure after the Watergate scandal and the nation needed healing after war abroad and a long struggle for civil rights at home.



8 **Barack Obama Jacket with campaign image**
U is for USA, 3rd Floor

Barack Hussein Obama (1961-)
44th President (2008-)

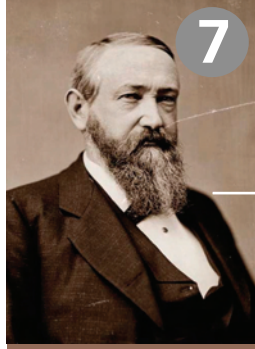
The legacy of sitting President Barack Obama—the nation's first African-American president—is yet to be determined. But rest assured his story will be a powerful one to tell.



7 **Benjamin Harrison Commemorative Pocket Watch**
W is for Watches and Clocks, 3rd Floor

Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901)
23rd President (1889-1893)

Benjamin Harrison presided over a fair amount of expansion in America's history, as six new states joined the union during his term—a number greater than that of any presidency since George Washington's two terms. Harrison also saw federal spending expand to \$1 Billion, a presidential first that hindered his reelection bid in 1892.



Think you've seen it all?

There are many other artifacts on display in the Museum that relate to our nation's 44 presidents. Take a closer look and you may find:

- The top hat worn by President Garfield when he was assassinated (O is for Oddities)
- A Purple Heart medal bearing Washington's image (V is for Veterans)
- A teddy bear, named for President Roosevelt (T is for Toys)
- A bust of President Ford (near front desk and museum entrance)
- A peace medal bearing President Fillmore's image (Anishanabek Exhibit)

and so much more!