



John Q. Adams

6th President

Born: July 11, 1767

Birthplace: Quincy, MA

Died: Feb. 23, 1848

Burial Site: Quincy, MA

Spouse: Louisa Johnson

Occupation: Lawyer, statesman

Political Party: Democratic-Republican

Term: 1825-1829

Vice President: John Calhoun

John Quincy Adams was the only son of a president to serve in this nation's highest office. His career and viewpoints were parallel to those of his illustrious father.

He was born in Braintree (now Quincy) MA, on July 11, 1767, and was educated in Paris, at Leyden and Harvard.

Washington made him minister to Portugal and then to Prussia. He served in the Massachusetts legislature and was elected a U.S. senator from his home state in 1803.

He resigned from the Senate in 1808 to teach rhetoric at Harvard. He was minister to Russia under Madison, then minister to England and secretary of state under Monroe. He negotiated the Florida Purchase and helped write the "Monroe Doctrine."

As secretary of state, he was considered the political heir to the presidency, but the old ways of choosing a president were changed in 1824 to allow for selection by a popular choice.

In the first election, where election was a personal contest, Andrew Jackson won the most popular and electoral votes of the four candidates in the race, but the House of Representatives chose Adams.

Jackson came back in 1828 to ruin Adams' try for a second term. However, he was elected to Congress and served nine consecutive terms before dying Feb. 23, 1848, in the Speaker's Room of the House of Representatives after a stroke.