



Millard Fillmore

13th President

Born: Jan. 7, 1800

Birthplace: Summer Hill, Cayuga Co., NY

Died: March 8, 1874

Burial Site: Buffalo, NY

Spouse: Abigail Powers,
Caroline McIntosh

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Whig

Term: 1850-1853

Vice President: Howell Cobb

Millard Fillmore went from a log cabin to the White House to become the United States' 13th president. He was born on a farm in Cayuga Co., NY.

He apprenticed to a tailor because of his limited education and later became a teacher and postmaster in Buffalo, NY, after buying out of his apprenticeship for \$30.

Many details of his career were lost to history when all his private papers were burned by his son.

Fillmore presided over the Senate during the months of the nerve-wracking debates over the compromise of 1850. When he became president, Taylor's cabinet resigned and he appointed Daniel Webster his secretary of state, thus siding with the Whigs who favored the Compromise.

Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, presented five bills to the Senate: 1) admit California as a free state; 2) settle the Texas boundary and compensate her; 3) grant territorial status to New Mexico; 4) place federal officers at the disposal of slave-holders seeking fugitives; and 5) abolish the slave trade in the District of Columbia. Fillmore signed them all into law.

Four years later, he became the nominee of the American party called the "Know Nothings," and made a lively campaign but won only the electoral vote of Maryland.