



# Andrew Johnson

17th President

Born: Dec. 29, 1808

Birthplace: Raleigh, NC

Died: July 31, 1875

Burial Site: Greenville, TN

Spouse: Eliza McCardle

Occupation: Tailor

Political Party: Democrat

Term: 1865-1869

Vice President: Lafayette Foster,  
Benjamin Wade

Andrew Johnson, President Lincoln's vice-president, was to become the nation's new chief executive when John Wilkes Booth fired his fatal shot at Lincoln.

Born Dec. 29, 1808, in Raleigh, NC, Johnson had been mayor of Greenville, TN, state representative and senator, member of Congress, governor of TN and a U.S. Senator.

He believed in states' rights on the slavery question but considered secession unnecessary and argued against it.

Johnson was selected as candidate for vice-president at the convention of the Union Party which was a coalition of Republican and War Democrats. A month after Lincoln's inauguration, Johnson became president.

General Stanton demanded military districts and control throughout the South. Johnson was having no part of this plan and removed Stanton and replaced him with Ulysses Grant. Congress denied the right of the president to remove a cabinet member and the impeachment of Johnson followed. The Senate voted 35 to 19 against him, one short of the two-thirds vote needed to convict.

He still had a lot of power with Tennesseans and they elected him to the Senate in 1875. He died a few months later of paralysis and was buried at Greenville, TN.