



Grover Cleveland

24th President

Born: March 18, 1837

Birthplace: Caldwell, NJ

Died: June 24, 1908

Burial Site: Princeton, NJ

Spouse: Frances Folsom

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Democratic

Term: 1885-1889; 1893-1897

Vice Presidents: Thomas Hendricks,
Adlai Stevenson

Grover Cleveland is the only president who has ever been elected to two non-consecutive terms. He was the nation's 22nd and 24th president.

Cleveland was admitted to the bar in Buffalo, NY and became assistant district attorney in 1863 and sheriff in 1869. He was elected New York governor in 1882, just two years before winning the presidency.

In his first term, he vetoed many bills, especially pension acts and improved the civil service while his partisans clamored for the spoils of office. He opposed silver coinage and, after one term was defeated by Benjamin Harrison, who passed the Sherman Silver Bill and the McKinley Tariff.

In 1892, Cleveland did not want the presidential nomination and the Tammany organization and New York opposed him, but he was nominated and elected by popular demand to a second term.

Cleveland faced acute depression when he returned to office. He blamed it on Harrison's silver bill and had it revoked. Then he sold bonds to maintain the gold standard.

President Cleveland fell out with the Illinois governor when he sent troops to Chicago, against the state's will, to crush a railroad strike and protect the mail. Cleveland died of debility and old age and is buried at Princeton.