



Theodore Roosevelt

26th President

Born: Oct. 27, 1858

Birthplace: New York City, NY

Died: Jan. 6, 1919

Burial Site: Oyster Bay, NY

Spouse: Alice Lee, Edith Carow

Occupation: Public official, lawyer

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1901-1909

Vice President: John M. Hay

Theodore Roosevelt, the "Rough Rider," was one of the youngest men ever to reach presidential office. He took over the White House when he was only 42.

Roosevelt became one of the country's most active presidents in many years as he vigorously fought trusts and monopolies and pushed for construction of the Panama Canal in Central America.

He was graduated from Harvard, sat in the New York State Assembly, been New York City's police commissioner, and assistant secretary of the Navy, before organizing his U.S. Volunteer Calvary (Rough Riders) as a lieutenant colonel.

Roosevelt was New York's governor when he was drafted as McKinley's vice-president.

President Roosevelt, who was an active hunter, horseman and tennis player, also did much for conservation. He added to the country's national forests and reserved lands for public use.

He was easily re-elected in 1904. He tried to recapture the presidency again in 1912 on a Progressive ticket, referred to as the "Bull Moose" ticket.

The former president supported the First World War in an unofficial way and died of inflammatory rheumatism at his home in Oyster Bay. He was buried there.