



# Lyndon B. Johnson

36th President

Born: Aug. 27, 1908

Birthplace: Stonewall, TX

Died: Jan. 22, 1973

Burial Site: Johnson City, TX

Spouse: Claudia (Lady Bird) Taylor

Occupation: Teacher

Political Party: Democratic

Term: 1963-1969

Vice President: Hubert Humphrey

Lyndon Baines Johnson brought a lot of political experience with him to the White House when he became president after John Kennedy was assassinated.

Johnson worked his way through Southwest Texas State Teachers College and taught school for awhile.

His first job in Washington did not come through the election process, but rather through political connections. He was secretary to Rep. R.S. Kleberg from 1932 to 1935. He was then appointed Texas State director of the national Youth Administration by President Franklin Roosevelt.

Johnson sought the Democratic presidential nomination, but lost to Kennedy, who chose him as his running mate.

Johnson won the presidency in his own right in 1964 with 61 percent of the vote and the widest popular margin in American history – more than 15,000,000 votes. He immediately started pushing his Great Society programs that included aid to education, attack on disease, Medicare, urban renewal, beautification, conservation, development of depressed regions, and a fight against poverty.

Vietnam became a thorn in Johnson's side. When his efforts to end the war failed, he did not seek re-election.

He did not live to see peace in Vietnam. He died of a heart attack at his Texas ranch where he was buried after lying in state in Washington, D.C.