

### Benjamin Harrison

When asked which of the state names he thought the most handsome, Benjamin Harrison responded without hesitation and with very sad eyes: “Whatever one we last admitted into the Union: that will always be my favorite. Because one never knows if it will be the absolute last. The end of states.” Then, after gazing out the window for several minutes at a neither rising nor setting sun, he added, “So, Wyoming.”

### Grover Cleveland

During his second term as President, Grover Cleveland, the only bachelor to have resided in the White House, was asked by a gossip columnist from a Louisville daily if he might be courting at the time a special sweetheart. President Cleveland had the following to offer: “It becomes harder, more complex, to fall in love. I had an easier time when I was younger. There were fewer factors involved. With the unfurling of age comes a greater array of needs that a true, legitimate love must satisfy. When I think of myself at 17, I see a young man with no less than three mouths. Actually at 17 it might have only been two, with the third materializing at 19 or 20. And though voracious, it was quite easy to pacify these mouths with my lady’s more-than-ample bosom or lips. Now I feel my appetites have multiplied and moan ever louder in the throats of several dozen mouths: none so hungry as those first two but still demanding, and probably more shrewd and increasingly bitchy. And so, at this advanced age, I must compartmentalize my love, so that each mouth has a partner for dancing. So many mouths: a lattice work of them. And the filthy, many titted pap upon which I slack the thirst. This earth abounds in dark places.

### Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, while campaigning in the Allegany for his second term, descended into a mineshaft, repudiated to be the nation’s deepest. When he emerged the following day, the president carried with him in his incredible hands a turtle, sculpted of some unidentifiable metal, which he told members of the press he had himself hewn from the mountain’s center. Lincoln returned with it to Washington DC and showed it to all his aides and staff. He let each of his cabinet members hold it and challenged them to guess the turtle’s material makeup. Finally coming to consensus on its being of some alloy of bronze and magnesium, Lincoln surprised them all by revealing that the turtle was in fact solid gold.