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## Woodrow Wilson

### Biography

#### Full Name:

Thomas Woodrow Wilson

#### Birth Date & Place:

December 28, 1856  
Staunton, Virginia

#### Schooling:

Davidson College  
College of New Jersey  
(Princeton)  
University of Virginia  
Law School  
Doctorate - Johns Hopkins  
University

#### Lived:

Staunton, Virginia  
(Woodrow Wilson House)  
Augusta, Georgia  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Washington, D.C.  
(White House)

#### Death:

February 3, 1924  
Washington, D.C.

### Achievements

He became the first American president to be received at Buckingham Palace, have Christmas dinner with American troops on foreign soil, and have an audience with the Pope.

His three major pieces of legislation as president include:

- Underwood Act (lower tariff);
- Federal Reserve Act (provided more elastic money supply); and
- Clayton Antitrust Act (established Federal Trade Commission to prohibit unfair business practices).

He passed four Constitutional Amendments.

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