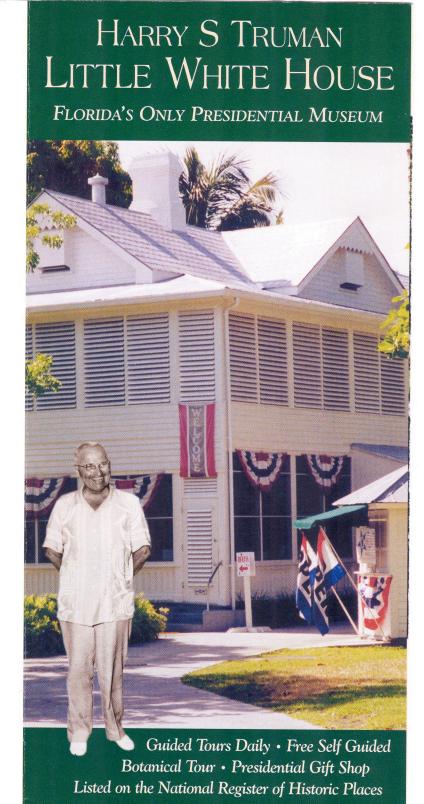


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Colin Powell speaking on the lawn of the Little White House during the Key West Peace Talks in 2001

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#### HARRY S TRUMAN 1884-1972

Harry S Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, was born on May 8, 1884 in Lamar, Missouri. In 1890, the year the Little White House was built, the Trumans moved to Independence.

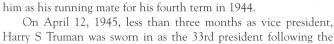
His poor eyesight prevented Truman from participating in sports but led him to two of his greatest passions, reading and music. An avid reader, he was proud of the fact

that he had read every book in the Independence Public Library.

Truman was also a fine musician, playing the piano.

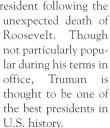
An excellent student, Truman's parents were unable to afford college for Harry and his eyesight prevented him from attending West Point. Following his high school graduation in 1901, Truman worked at a variety of jobs including farming, oil drilling and banking. In 1917, with World War I in full force, Truman joined the Army. He served in France and left the army as a Captain in May of 1919. One month later, he married Elizabeth Wallace.

After failing in the haberdashery business, Truman ran for judge in Jackson County, MO. In 1924, he ran for re-election and lost, the only election he ever lost. In 1926 he was again elected judge, a post he held until 1934 when he ran for the U.S. Senate. Truman remained in the Senate until President Franklin Roosevelt tapped





Harry Truman, with his wife Bess and daughter Margaret looking on takes the oath of office on April 12, 1945.



On December 26, 1972, Harry S Truman died in Kansas City, MO at the age of 88.

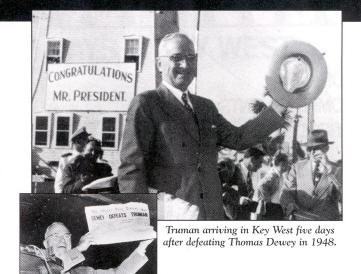


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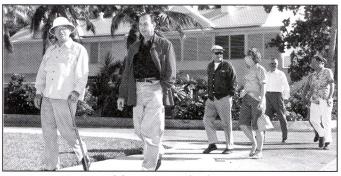
#### THE TRUMAN PRESIDENCY 1945-1952

Harry S Truman spent 175 days of his presidency in Key West. He is remembered by the citizens of Key West for his common touch. To the rest of the world, his presidency left a lasting legacy:

The Berlin Airlift
Dropping of the atomic bomb ending World War II
The Marshal Plan
The Truman Doctrine
Point Four
Firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur
Fair Deal

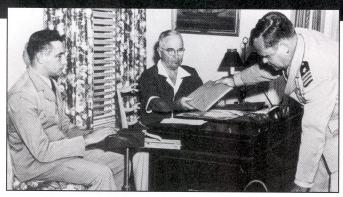
Desegregation of the military
Signing of the United Nations Charter
Creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Dedicated Everglades National Park

The Korean War

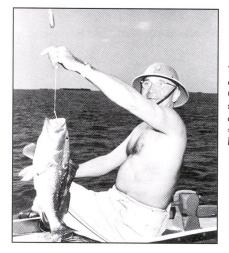


Truman with his entourage (daughter Margaret is fourth from the left) taking his morning walk.

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Truman worked daily at his desk in the living room, where you can see the famous "The Buck Stops Here" sign.



Truman loved being outdoors in Key West. Going to the beach in the morning was part of his daily routine. He also went fishing every chance he got.



Harry (second from left) and Bess (far right at head of the table) entertaining staff and friends in the formal dining room.

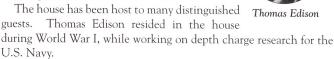
Today you can see the dining room just as the Truman's left it.

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Quarters A & B in 1890. The seawall in front designed and built by Lt. Robert Peary, who would later find fame in the North Pole.

The Harry S Truman Little White House was built in 1890 as the first officer's quarters on the naval station. The wooden duplex contained Quarters A for the base commandant and Quarters B for the paymaster. The house was built on the waterfront of the harbor of Key West. In the beginning of the 20th century, the home was converted into a single family dwelling to house the base commandant.



In 1946, Harry Truman began visiting the island and returned for 175 days during his presidency. Quarters A was the Winter White House.

President Dwight Eisenhower used the home while recuperating from a heart attack in 1956. In 1961, the Little White House played host to President John F. Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan during the Bay of Pigs incident. The house remained a living quarters for the commanding officers of the base until Truman Naval Station was closed in 1974. In 1996, President Jimmy Carter and his family, visited the home while on holiday and celebrated New Year's Eve here with family and friends.



President & Mrs. Eisenhower in Key West in 1956



Kennedy & MacMillan at the Little White House, 1961