

The following US Presidents have Visited Owensboro, KY

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President	Term	Visited Owensboro
Andrew Jackson	1829-1837	February 1829
James K. Polk	1845-1849	February 1845
Zachary Taylor	1849-1850	23 February 1849
Theodore Roosevelt	1901-1909	March 1892
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945	2 October 1920
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945	27 April 1943
Harry S. Truman	1945-1953	30 September 1948
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961	22 September 1952
John F. Kennedy	1961-1963	4 October 1956
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969	20 October 1960
Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	28 March 1955
George H. W. Bush	1989-1993	27 September 1988
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	3 May 2000
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	16 May 2008
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	6 March 2013
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	21 October 2014
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	27 January 2015
William J. Clinton	1993-2001	12 May 2016
George W. Bush	2001-2009	29 July 2000
Joe R. Biden	2021-	6 August 1995
Joe R. Biden	2021-	7 October 2006
Joe R. Biden	2021-	27 January 2015

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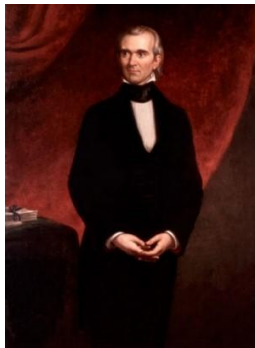
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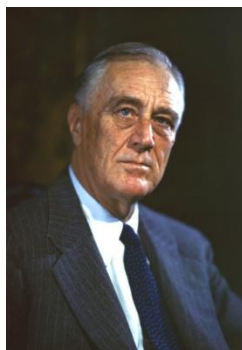
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