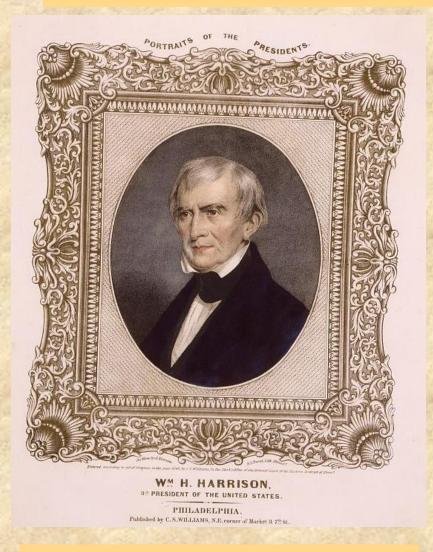
Presidents Harrison and Tyler: 1841-1845

- **Election of 1840**
- ***Harrison's death**
- ***John Tyler**



Election of 1840

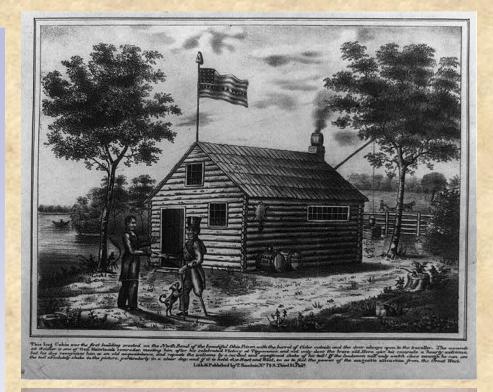


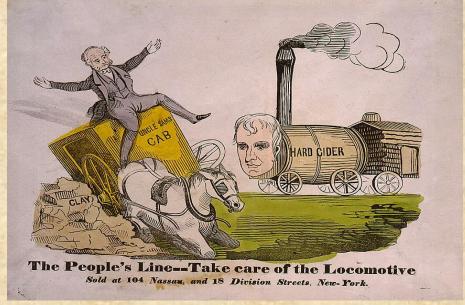
Whig candidate William H. Harrison



Democratic candidate President Martin Van Buren The Democrats made fun of the Whig candidate, former military hero William Henry Harrison, calling him an old retired has-been who would be content to live in a log cabin with a barrel of hard cider (alcoholic apple juice). Actually Harrison was the son of a wealthy aristocrat.

The Whigs turned the attack in their favor by making log cabins and hard cider the central symbols of their campaign. Harrison was presented as a man of the people while Van Buren was shown as a pampered dandy who cared only about luxurious living.



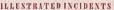


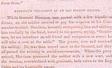
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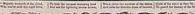












A Whig campaign poster described 12 incidents in the life of William Henry Harrison, that showed his bravery in battle, care for his fellow man, and his role as a statesman. Note the cider barrels and grain poster, to liken him with the common man.







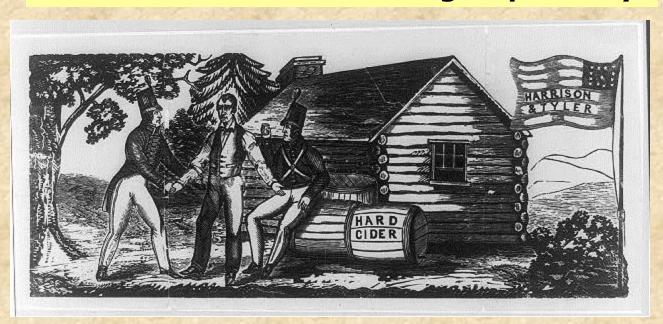


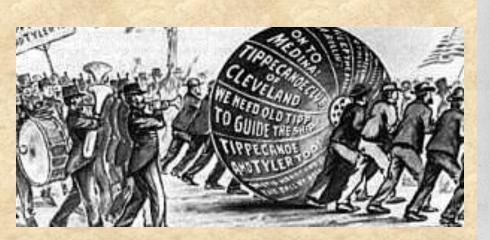
Campaign poster for Democratic candidates Martin Van Buren and Richard Johnson.

Placed Van Buren as the next Democratic president after Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Jackson.

Highlights vice presidential candidate Johnson's military campaigns against the Indians during the War of 1812.

Examples of 1840 ballyhoo, sensational or clamorous advertising or publicity







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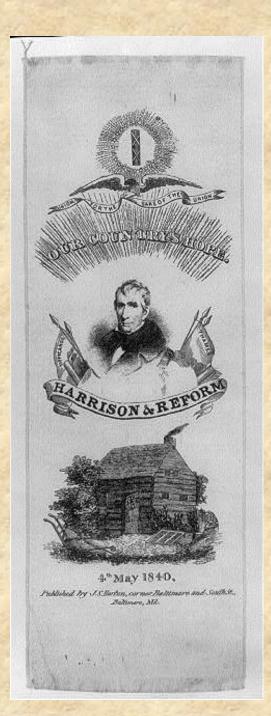
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Cartoon attacked Van Buren's handling of the economic crisis in 1837

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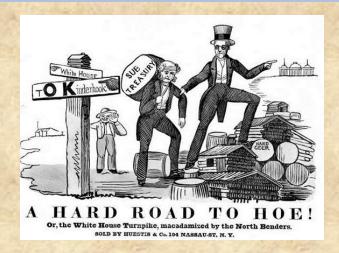
The election of 1840 was the first victory for the new Whig Party.

The election saw the largest voter turnout in U.S. history with over 80% of the eligible voters casting ballots.

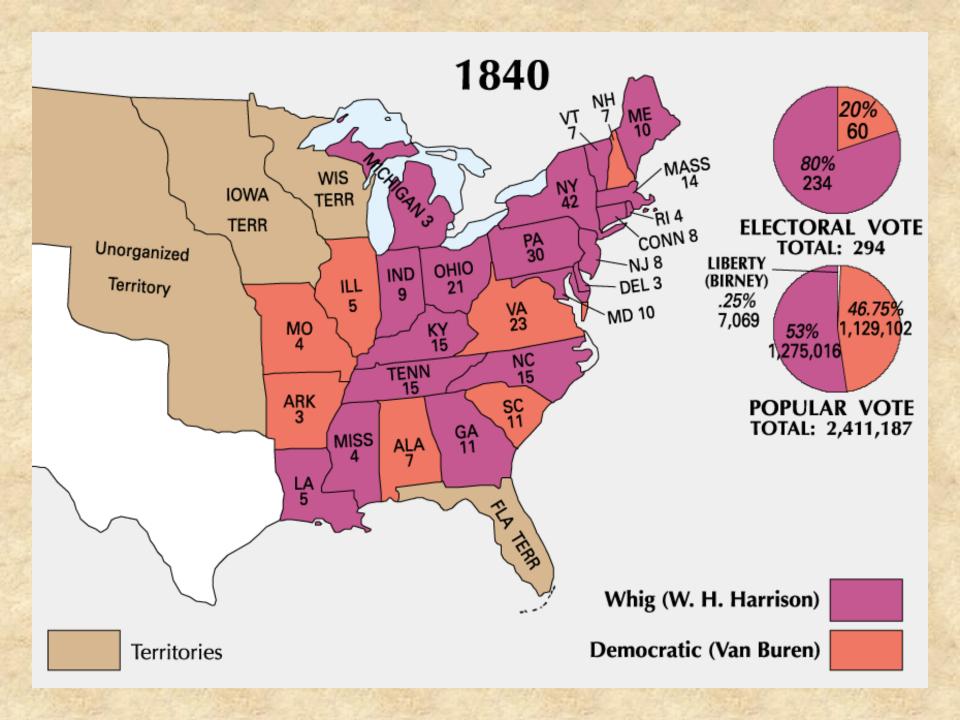
Harrison's campaign, taking a page from Jackson's presidential campaign's, gave away free whiskey and hard cider, made fun of Van Buren with slogans such as "Van, Van, Van-Van's a Used Up Man," held parades, mass rallies, and log-cabin raisings.

Van Buren, blamed for the Panic of 1837, lost decisively to Harrison.

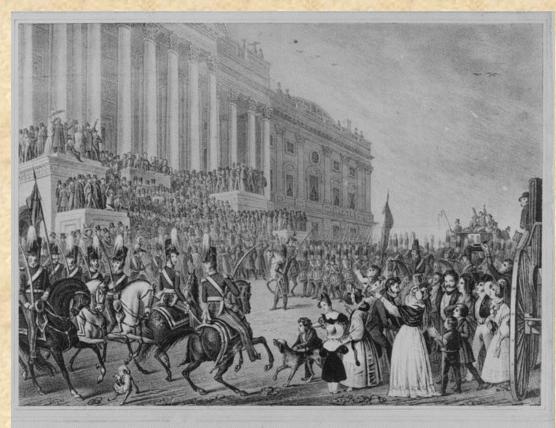




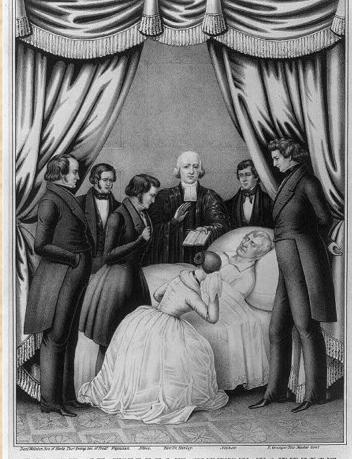




Within a month of becoming president, Harrison caught a cold that developed into pneumonia and died on April 4, 1841.



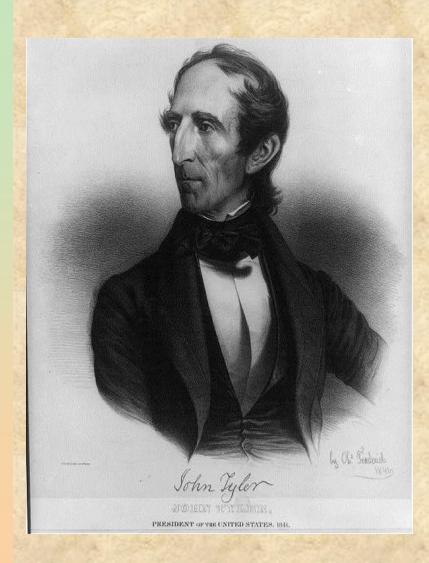
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Vice President John Tyler became the 10th president

- First vice president to assume office upon death of a president. His opponents called him "His Accidency" or "Accidental President."
- Became unpopular after vetoing several pieces of Whig legislation.
- Never accepted the Whig economic policy of a national bank and protective tariff.
- Expelled from the Whig party.
- First president to have an impeachment resolution against him introduced in the House of Representatives.







- Even though Congress and Tyler were at odds several laws were signed.
- A "Log-Cabin" bill allowed settlers to claim 160 acres of land before it was offered publicly for sale, and later pay \$1.25 an acre.
- In 1842, Tyler signed a tariff bill that protected northern manufacturers.
- In foreign affairs Tyler approved the Webster-Ashburton treaty which ended a Canadian boundary dispute and in his last year as president Texas was annexed.
- Later, in 1861, he supported the secession of southern states and served as a Confederate congressman until his death in 1862.