



National First Ladies' Library E-news

NFLL InTouch

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Visit Our Gift Shop

March

Need a new scarf for your spring wardrobe???



Stop in at the Saxton House Gift Shop to pick up a new one, or two!!"

Gift Shop Hours:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday - Saturday

Tour First Ladies' Homes

In this column we introduce you to some of the other residences of First Ladies.



This simple two story brick building was home to Robert S. Todd and his family, including his daughter Mary, wife of the 16th President of

Welcome!

Our e-newsletter is another way to keep you connected with the events, exhibits and happenings at the National First Ladies' Library. To find even more interesting information go to our Facebook page, National First Ladies' Library. Friend us!!

In Step with Our First Lady!

In this new monthly column we will feature information about our current First Lady, Michelle Obama. Check here for interesting facts, recent publications, videos and more documenting her activities.

First Lady Michelle Obama and First Dog Bo greet visitors during a White House tour. February 16, 2012.



What a surprise it would be to walk through The White House on tour and catch Michelle Obama greeting guests in her home!

the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Mary Todd was not born at this house but moved here with her family in 1832.

578 West Main St.,
Springfield, IL

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Happy Birthday!



Hannah Van Buren
March 8, 1783

Jane Pierce
March 12, 1806

Abigail Fillmore
March 13, 1798

Pat Nixon
March 16, 1912

Lou Henry Hoover
March 29, 1874



First Lady FAQ'S

Did you know that?



Jane Pierce
1806 - 1863

Because of the tragic



MICHELLE OBAMA LETTERMAN SHOW APPEARANCE (view all three segments from this link)

Mrs. Obama talks about her childhood, parenting and her special initiatives.

Exciting Program Addition!

April 21st, 2012 - New Event

The NFLL presents an
"Evening Affair with Dolley Madison"

[For further information, click here . . .](#)
6:00 pm - Portrayal of Dolley Madison in our Victorian Theatre
7:00 pm - Buffet Reception



Mary Lincoln's Strawberry Dress



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Curator Dr. James Cornelius talks about Mary Lincoln's strawberry dress which was last on display in 1985. The dress will be on display May 6th, 7th, and 8th 2012 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

death of her son Benjamin, who died in a train wreck on the way to Washington, Mrs. Pierce did not attend her husband's inauguration. She did not enter the White House until later in March 1853.

Mrs. Pierce spent much of her time writing heart-breaking notes to her dead son putting into them all the love that her repressive nature could not express in life. It would be nearly two years following his death (January 1855) before she would receive guests at her husband's side.

She attended Congressional debates.

Always kind to the White House staff, she usually had them attend church on Sundays.

The Civil War saw the couple take opposite sides - Franklin for preserving the Constitution and the Union and Jane for ending slavery, even if it took a war and breaking up the union to do so.

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Scholarship Opportunity

Don't forget the National First Ladies' Library offers a scholarship for college and university students. **Applications due by April 1, 2012.** Check our website to [Download your forms here.](#) You can also contact Martha Regula at 330 452 0876 Ext. 303.



Lesson Plan of the Month

Why Do We Have Libraries?

Abigail Fillmore: First Ladies' Lives

[Click Here for Lesson Plan](#)



Abigail Fillmore was very interested in books and libraries, as is First Lady Laura Bush. Mrs. Fillmore actually created the first White House library, a contribution for which she is remembered today.

Other lesson plans for all age levels can be found by selecting RESEARCH on the home page of our website and then selecting the individual First Lady.

The NFLL is pleased to offer a new lesson plan each month.

Current Exhibit - closing soon

Rising to the Occasion: First Ladies in Times of Crisis



Reminder: It's only \$3 to tour the current exhibit without touring the Ida Saxton House.

[For more exhibit information, click here](#)

First Ladies featured are: Dolley Madison, Mary Lincoln, Lucretia Garfield, Edith Wilson., Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Barbara Bush and Laura Bush.

Tour Times: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

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