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Welcome!

Our e-newsletter is another way to keep you connected with the events, exhibits and happenings at the National First Ladies' Library.

[First Ladies in Times of Crisis-New Exhibit Opens!](#)



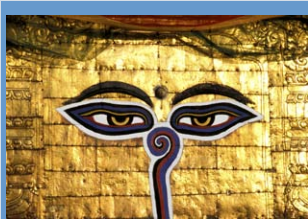
This exhibit examines the historical role of First Ladies in times of disaster, war and crisis.

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Happy Birthday



Sarah Polk
September 4, 1803



Did you know that??

First Lady FAQ'S

Lucretia Garfield 1832-1918 (she was most often called "Crete")

She was born in Garrettsville, Ohio and is buried in Cleveland, Ohio

James Garfield was her Greek teacher at the Eclectic Institute.

Lucretia and James spent approximately 6 weeks together during the first 6 years of their marriage.

They did maintain a correspondence both before and after their marriage which are published in the most complete account of Lucretia's life [Crete and James: Personal Letters of Lucretia and James Garfield](#) by John Shaw.

She wore a purple gown to the Inaugural Ball, which was highlighted by the first display of electricity at such an event.



BEHIND THE SCENES! Archivist Michelle Gullion talks about what it takes to stage an exhibit.

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

Ida's Saxton McKinley's Music Box



Ida McKinley bought this music box in Switzerland in 1869 during her Grand Tour of Europe. The music box was inherited by William McKinley Duncan, President McKinley's nephew, and passed down through the Duncan family for several generations. **It was donated to the National First Ladies' Library in 2009 by William McKinley and Jan Duncan-O'Neal.**

The eight-sided, veneered music box is made from rosewood on the top and sides and pine wood on the back and bottom with brass inlay décor. It was manufactured by Ducommun-Girod in Geneva, Switzerland. Ducommun-Girod musical boxes are noted for their sustained trills and emphasis on the treble/soprano keys. This music box played eight tunes on an 11 inch cylinder; today, seven of these tunes still play.

The pins were straightened and the mechanism cleaned in 1982. In 2009, the music box was conserved by the ICA (Intermuseum Conservation Association) in Cleveland to secure the brass inlay that had become loose and broken with the passage of time.

It will be on display in the front parlor of the Saxton House.

Lesson Plan for the Month

The President's Assassin: Motives & Outcomes
Lucretia Garfield First Ladies' Lives

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In May of 1881 she contracted malaria and nearly died in the White House.

She served as her husband's primary caretaker for two months after an assassin shot him.

She was a prominent figure driven in the annual Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena , where she eventually came to live.

[Read more about Lucretia Garfield here.](#)

and then selecting the individual First Lady.

On July 2, 1881, after only 4 months in office, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles A. Guiteau. Three other presidents have been killed by assassins. This lesson plan for secondary and college students compares and contrasts the assassinations of these four presidents through a study of the lives and legacies of the assassins and the creation of dossiers on each one.

The NFLL is pleased to offer a lesson plan each Month

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