

Harrison served the shortest presidential term in history; took oath on March 4, 1841, died April 4, 1841. First modern presidential election; almost a million more persons went to the polls than in 1836—the first election in which any candidate received more than a million votes.

Tyler was the first President by act of God. He took over the title and duties upon the death of Harrison. He had much trouble with his own party — Whig — who expelled him and tried to impeach him. In 1844, no party would nominate him. He organized a new states-rights party but withdrew at the urging of Jackson.

**MEETING—Wednesday, December 4, 1844**  
(8 Electoral Votes)

*PARTICIPATING POLITICAL  
PARTIES IN MARYLAND*

Whig (W)  
Democratic (D)

*VICTORS IN MARYLAND*

President & Vice President

Henry Clay (W) and  
Theodore Frelinghausen—8 electoral votes

*ELECTORS*

James B. Ricaud—Kent County  
William L. Gaither—Montgomery County  
Thomas S. Alexander—Baltimore City  
Augustus W. Bradford—Baltimore City  
William Price—Allegany County  
Charles K. Stewart—Anne Arundel County  
Henry E. Wright—Queen Anne's County  
Samuel Hambleton—Talbot County

*OPPOSING CANDIDATES*

President & Vice President

James K. Polk (D) and George M. Dallas

*GOVERNOR*

Francis Thomas (D)

Secretary of State

William Van Buskirk

*MARYLAND ELECTION RETURNS*

Clay and Frelinghausen	35,984
Polk and Dallas	32,706
Clay and Frelinghausen	52.4%
Polk and Dallas	47.6%
Clay and Frelinghausen	8 electoral
Polk and Dallas	

*NATIONAL ELECTION RETURNS*

Polk and Dallas	1,338,464
Clay and Frelinghausen	1,300,097
Polk and Dallas	49.5%
Clay and Frelinghausen	48.1%
Polk and Dallas	170 electoral
Clay and Frelinghausen	105

*MISCELLANEA*

"Young Hickory," as Polk was called, banished drinking, dancing and card playing from the White House. At 49 years of age he was the youngest president up to that time; no attempt to run for the second term.

**MEETING—Wednesday, December 6, 1848**  
(8 Electoral Votes)

*PARTICIPATING POLITICAL  
PARTIES IN MARYLAND*

Whig (W)  
Democratic (D)  
Free Soil (FS)

*VICTORS IN MARYLAND*

President & Vice President

Zachary Taylor (W) and Millard Fillmore—  
8 electoral votes