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 of the presidents
## There Have Been Five Parties

During the 138 Years of the Republie

By L. T. Rightsell.
Twenty-eight men have oceupied the presidential chair since the organiza-
tion of our present form of gevern tion of our present form of govern-
ment in 1789 . The first two of these men were George Washington and John Adams, both members of the Federalist party. Washington was President seven years, ten months and Tour days, having been inangurated
Aprit 30,1789 . All his succearor April 30,1789 . All his succesvors
have been inaugurated March is ex. have been inaugurated March $\mathbf{1 ,}$, ex-
eept when that date fell on Sunchy. cept when that date fell on Suncidy.
The Federalist party wos not very popular, even from the start, and soon disappeared from history, although
John Quiney Adams (1825-1829) was John Quiney Adams (1825-1829) was
by some regarded as a Federalist at heart. Actually one two Federalists were elected President.
were elected President. The third President, Thomas Jef.
Terson, was elected as a Republican, Ierson, was elected as a Republican, and his successors, James Madison and James Monroe, were members of
the same party. It must be borne in the same party. It must be borne in
mind that the Republican party of that day was distinct from that of
late years, and was identical with the Democratie party of our day. All
Democrats of today are proud to claim Thomas Jefferson as the founder of the Democratic party, although
he and Madison and Monroe were
cealled Repubticans. John Quincy ealded Repubiicans. John Quincy
Adams was really eleeted by the Re.
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party repudiated and so failed for reparty repudiated and so failed for re--
election. Counting J. Q. Adams, four election. Counting ,. Q. Adams, four
men were elected by the old Republican party.
Androw Jackson, the first Presi-
dent born on North dent born on North Carolina soil, was
the first Demoerat President, His the first Democrat President. His
suecessor, Martin suecessor, Martin Van Buren, was
allo a Demecrat. Following the four years of Van Boren's administration, who was very umpopular, owing to the financial troubles of his administration, for which he was not res-
ponsible, the first Whis Preiden ponsible, the first Whig President
was elected. It would take a better was elected. It would take a better
political atudent than your correpolitical student than your corre-
spondent to tell just what the Whiga advocated; but their vietory was due
rather to the disatisfaction rather to the dissatisfaction over the
monetary troubles of the last admin monetary troubles of the last admin-
istration than to any particular merit within themselves. They had extremely bad luck, for their President died lust one month after his inauguration,
and his successor
and and successor John. Tyler, soon
broke with the party that had elected him, and was disowned by them.
Polk Poik, a Democrat, was elected
succeed Tyler, but the Whigs ags triumphed and elected Zachery Tayain lor in the election of 1848. The sam
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eumbents, for Taylor died at the cumbents, for Taylor died at the end
of one year, four months and five
daya. of one year, four months and five
days. His, asaociates, Millard Fill-
more, finighed more, finished out the term. This
mill ended the career of the Whig party,
but it is due to it to but it is due to it to say that it had within its bosom two of the greetest of American statesmen, Henry Clay
and Daniel Webster, both of and Daniel Webster, both of whom
were too great to attain the prize of the preaidency. Only two Presidenta were actually elected by the Whigs.
While the elouds While the clouds were, gathering which finally broke in the storm of the Clvil Wur, two other Demoerate
were elected, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanian. With Lincoln began in 1861 the line of Republican san in
Presidents which continued for
twenty-four yers twenty-four years until the election
of Grover Cleveland in 1884. of Grover Cleveland in 1884. Lin-
coln'r suceessor, Androw Johnson coin' successor, Andrew Johnson,
broke with his, party, as had done John Tyler, a quarter of a century
before him, but he is generally elass.


#### Abstract

Wike Androw Jackson, was born on Varolina soil. Perhaps this scounts for the fact that he was an


nuch of a Democrat.
Grant, Heyen
Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur
were Republican Preald were Republican Preaidents at a per od when it seemed that their perty had a permanent lease on the prosi-
dency, but in 1884 Grover Clevoland was elected and served as the first War. Though sueceeded in 1889 by
Whend Benjamin Harrison, grandson of the ainth Preaident, he was agoin elected In 1892, being known fn history as the twenty-second and twenty-fourth
Mckinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Harding swell the list of Republican reshidents to eleven. Wilson was the ackson, counting Tyler as a Demo that Harding is knowe as the twice, so ninth President, though but twentyeight mien have occupied the presidential chair.
Recapitul
held the presidg, the Federalists though preme would twelve years, Quincy Adams four years administre tion. The first Republican party hel
it for tw it for twenty-four years. The Whige of them read tyler yoats, though some The Jacksonian Democrats have harty. they elaim Jackson. hey claim Jackson. The presen
Republican party has held the office
about forty-five yeer. about forty-five years. It will be extent, and that there have been five
parties during the 133 years of the Lapublic. 133 years of the LaGrange, N. C.
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