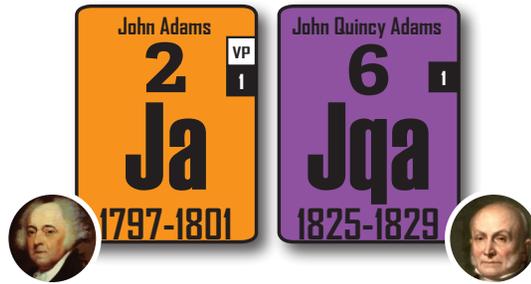


# The Family Bond

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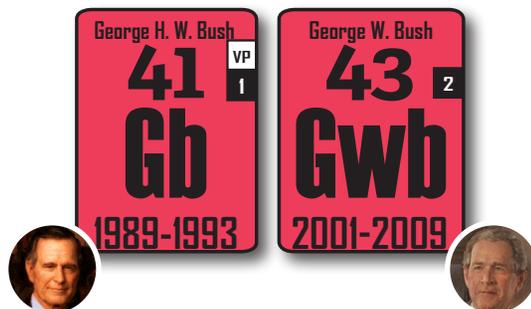
## Father-Son



The Adamses were the first father-son duo to be elected President. Their family connection to the New World goes way back. In fact, John Adams's great-great-grandparents were Pilgrims. John and John Quincy experienced similar political careers: both went to Harvard, both were lawyers, and both were elected for only one term.

**"I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy."**

~John Adams, in a letter to Abigail Adams, 1780



George Herbert Walker Bush and George Walker Bush were the second father-son duo to reach the White House. Both went to Yale, but after that, they followed very different paths. 41 was a pilot, congressman, CIA director, and VP, while 43 was a member of the National Guard, owner of the Texas Rangers, and governor of Texas.

## Intro

Which presidents are related? A good number of the presidents are distant relatives, being many times removed from direct relationship. But only a handful are directly related. So far, we've had two father-son duos, a grandfather and a grandson, and a couple of cousin combos. Here are the presidents that are the most closely related.

## Grandfather-Grandson



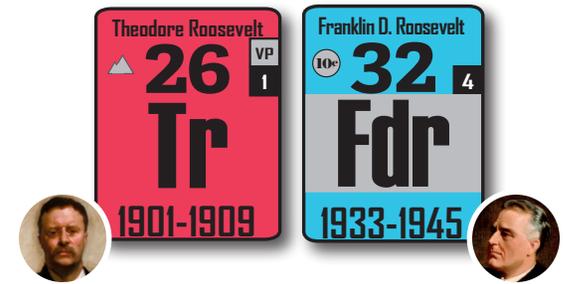
The Harrison family goes back to the founding of the nation. Benjamin Harrison V signed the Declaration of Independence. He had a son named William Henry, who eventually became a war hero and a president (for thirty days).

William Henry's grandson, Benjamin, would also reach the White House. Benjamin Harrison brought a distinguished name to the White House; however, most historians agree that his one term as president didn't shine nearly as brightly as his family name.

**"I had watched Dad climb into the biggest arena and succeed. I wanted to find out if I had what it took to join him."**

~George W. Bush, *Decision Points*, 2010

## Cousins



The Roosevelts were fifth cousins. Teddy was the uncle of Eleanor. In fact, when Franklin and Eleanor married, Teddy gave the bride away. You'll find Teddy's signature on Franklin and Eleanor's marriage certificate.

**"It is a good thing to keep the name in the family."**

~Teddy Roosevelt to a reporter at the Franklin Roosevelt-Eleanor Roosevelt wedding, 1905



James Madison and Zachary Taylor were second cousins. How about that? The Father of the Constitution is related to the president who voted for the first time at his own election.



Andrew and Lyndon may have the same last name, but there is no evidence of a family connection.

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