

19. Rutherford B. Hayes

Republican. Army General from Ohio.

President during the end of the Reconstruction Era.

Lost the popular vote but won the electoral college by only one vote resulting in one of the most contentious elections in history. (Other presidents who have lost the popular vote but were elected president were John Quincy Adams, Benjamin Harrison, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump.)

Derisively referred to as “Rutherfraud” by those who questioned his legitimacy.

Only president who was wounded in the Civil War.

First president to graduate from law school (Harvard).

His wife Lucy banned alcohol, along with cards and dancing, earning her the nickname Lemonade Lucy.

Started the tradition of the Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn.

Began the tradition of sending Christmas cards from the White House.

First president to have a telephone and typewriter in the White House.

He was an early adopter of the telephone in 1877 and its phone number was simply "1."

He rarely received calls; the world's first public telephone exchange was established in Connecticut in 1878.

It would be 50 years later until President Herbert Hoover had the first telephone line installed at the president's desk in the oval office.

In 1880 became the first sitting president to visit the west coast.

He kept his promise to serve only one term and did not seek reelection.

“The President of the United States should strive to be always mindful of the fact that he serves his party best who serves his country best.”