

13 . Millard Fillmore

Whig.

From New York.

The second vice president to finish out a president's term after Zachary "Old Rough and Ready" Taylor died in office. (Recall that John Tyler was the first after the death of William Henry Harrison.)

He was one of five "accidental" Presidents who was never elected to the office. (Besides Tyler and Fillmore, the other 3 Presidents who were never elected are Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, and Gerald Ford.)

Fillmore, along with Tyler, Johnson and Arthur, had no second-in-command for the entirety of their terms.

4th of 10 presidents who served less than one term.

He came from humble beginnings, born of poverty in a log cabin. He did not have any formal education or college and learned law through apprenticeship.

Supported the Compromise of 1850 during his term (Taylor opposed it) but harsh division between the North and South over slavery continued.

The Fugitive Slave Act was part of the Compromise of 1850, which required the government to help return self-liberated slaves to their enslavers.

He supported the Slave Act but was personally opposed to slavery. The fugitive slave provision of the Compromise of 1850 was the major concession to the South which he strictly enforced. This enraged northern abolitionists and as a result was unsuccessful in getting nominated for a second term.

First president to establish a White House Library.

First president to install a stove in the White House.

Is credited with installing the first bathtub with running water in the White House.

He was the last President not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Parties.

In 1855, he was offered an honorary degree by Oxford University but refused it, famously stating he had "no literary or scientific attainment" to justify the honor.

Ranked as one of the worst presidents by historians and scholars.

"An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory. "