

# JAMES A. GARFIELD

1881 - 1881



**James A. Garfield** was born in 1831 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, the last president to be born in a log cabin. He served as a Major General in the Civil War, resigning in 1863, when he was elected to the House of Representatives.

**Lucretia Randolph Garfield** was born in 1832 in Ohio. She met James Garfield in 1851 and they were married in 1858. They had seven children; two died in infancy. After Garfield's military service, the family stayed together with homes in the capitol and in Ohio.



While serving in the House of Representatives, **President James Garfield's** oratorical and parliamentary abilities made him the leading Republican. In 1880, he was elected to the Senate, but instead became a presidential candidate and defeated Democrat General Hancock. Almost four months into his presidency on July 2, 1881, Garfield was shot by a disappointed office seeker. Garfield died on September 19, 1881.

Lucretia Garfield was not particularly interested in a First Lady's social duties, but her genuine hospitality made her dinners and receptions enjoyable. In May of 1881, she became gravely ill. She was a convalescent at a seaside resort in New Jersey, when Garfield was shot. Her devotion to her husband for the remaining weeks of his life won her the respect and sympathy of the country. Lucretia died in 1918.

## Arizona Timeline

1881 - City of Phoenix, Arizona incorporates.

1881 - Gunfight at O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

1881 - The Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) organizes in Arizona and begins a long campaign against alcohol and saloons.