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Thomas Jefferson had to borrow something less than \$100,000 from a Richmond bank to pay his debts before he left the white house, and the history of the last seventeen years of his life is one of almost continuous financial embarrassment. During the forty-four years which he devoted to the service of his country his property dwindled away and his estates became involved. In asking for the above loan he says: "My nights will be almost sleepless, as nothing could be more distressing to me than to have debts here (in Washington) unpaid, if, indeed, I should be permitted to depart with them unpaid, of which I am by no means certain."

He obtained the loan, but he went from Washington still owing \$20,000, and a few years later he was forced to sell his library, which he had been sixty years in gathering, to relieve his necessities. Congress, parsimonious then as now, valued it at half its cost, and gave him \$23,000 for what was worth \$50,000. In 1819 and 1820 there were hard times in this country, and Jefferson, now an old man of 77, lost \$20,000 by indorsing for a friend, and he tried to relieve himself by selling some of his lands. But times were bad and there were no purchasers. Land would not bring more than one-third of its value, and at the request of the old ex-president, the Virginia legislature passed an act permitting him to dispose of Monticello by lottery. This fact was noised about over the country, and so many subscriptions came to his relief that the idea was given up. New York raised \$8,500. Philadelphia sent \$5,000, Baltimore \$3,000, and Jefferson, it is said, received these moneys promptly, saying: "No one of this is wrong from the taxpayer. It is the pure, unadorned offering of love." He died at 83, believing that his estate would support his children. He was mistaken. Continued hard times caused increased depression, and the mansion and estate merely paid the debts which hung over them. Martha Jefferson, his daughter, lost her home, and prepared to teach school, but the legislatures of South Carolina and Louisiana each voted her \$10,000, and this enabled her to die in comfort. Jefferson's only surviving granddaughter, Mrs. Mickelham, lives in poverty in Georgetown, and congress has refused to aid her.

I have before me an old newspaper of 1825, published just one month after Jefferson's death. It contains an advertisement of the sale of Monticello by lottery in 1825, and represents it as valued at \$71,000. Shalwell Mills, another estate of Jefferson, is valued at \$30,000, and the Al-bemarle estate at \$11,500, making a total of three prizes worth \$112,500. The tickets are \$10 each, and there are 11,477 blanks.

President Madison left some property at the time of his death, but his widow, the peerless Dolly, was for a time dependent on the bread and meat furnished her by an old negro servant, and her last days were made easy only by congress buying from her for \$30,000 the manuscript notes of the debates of the constitutional convention which Madison had taken.

President Monroe, though he declined it, is said, \$358,000 from the government for his public services, died very poor in New York, and it was twenty-seven years before his body was removed to Richmond, Va. John Quincy Adams must have received over \$600,000 in government salaries, and he is one of the few presidents who again took up public life after he left the white house. He remained in retirement only about a year, and then entered the lower house of congress. After about sixteen years of service there, he died in the capital in 1848, exclaiming: "This is the end of earth; I am content." John Quincy Adams accumulated property, and the house in which he lived in Washington is now worth at least \$30,000, and was until a few years ago in the hands of his descendants. Charles Francis Adams is a railroad nabob.

Andrew Jackson gained nothing in wealth from his white house salary. It cost him, he says, every cent of it to pay his expenses, and the most of the proceeds of his cotton crop in addition. He returned from Washington at the close of his second term with just \$90 in his pocket, to find his farm going to ruin, and himself so deeply in debt that he had to sell part of his land to get out. The panic of 1837 did not affect him, but in 1842 he became involved through the debts of his adopted son, and he had to borrow \$10,000 from Frank Blair. Congress relieved him somewhat in his latter years by refunding the fine of \$1,000 which he had paid in New Orleans in 1815, and this, with the interest amounted in 1843, I think, to \$12,700. Still, at the time of Jackson's death he owed more than \$16,000, and now his heirs hold only a life estate in the hermitage by an act of the Tennessee legislature.

Martin Van Buren retired from the white house wealthy and ambitious. He ran for a second term and was defeated. He was a candidate for nomination when Polk was nominated at Baltimore four years later, and in 1845 he accepted a nomination as the "Free Soil" candidate for the presidency and received 300,000 votes. Van Buren was a close, cautious, money making fellow. He got good law fees, and began to learn economy while saving enough as a young man to get married. At his estate at Lindenwald, where he lived during his last years, he was surrounded with books and comforts, and he left a manuscript on political parties in the United States, which his son published in 1867, five years after his father's death.

President Harrison owned a farm in Ohio when he was inaugurated president. It is safe to say he was poor, for he had lately been doing the drudgery of a clerk of the courts at Cincinnati. President Tyler supplied much of the money which ran the white house out of his own pocket, and congress would not pay the salary of his private secretary. He, like Van Buren, was not satisfied to leave politics at the close of his term, and he died in 1862, while serving as a member of the confederate congress. Moderately wealthy while here at Washington, he left little to his children, and one of his sons is now a clerk in the treasury department in Washington.

Zach Taylor was by no means wealthy when he died in the white house. James K. Polk left a big house and enough to keep his widow, and Millard Fillmore who started life as a wool-carder, died ten years ago with enough of an estate in Buffalo to create a lawsuit over the sanity of his second wife. He took, like Grant, a foreign tour at the end of his term, and was a presidential candidate in 1856 as a leader of the Know Nothings. James Buchanan did not leave such an estate as enabled Harriet Lane to keep Wheatlands, and within the past year it has been advertised for sale. Buchanan spent all his salary as president while at Washington, and what he had left after paying his white house expenses he gave in charity. He did not attempt to enter politics again, and he died an unappreciated and disappointed man.

Abraham Lincoln died poor, and it was due to congress that his family was provided for. Andrew Johnson went back to his house at Greenville, Tennessee, where he had started life as a tailor, but he continued to take part in politics until his death in 1875. Just before his death he had been elected again as United States senator, and he took his seat on the 5th of March, 1875, at the special session convened by General Grant. He died by a stroke of paralysis, and left no fortune behind.

Of the other presidents Grant's necessities are agitating the country today, and Garfield's family is wealthy only through the voluntary subscriptions of the people. Truly, as Sidney Smith used to say, "There is nothing so expensive as glory."

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