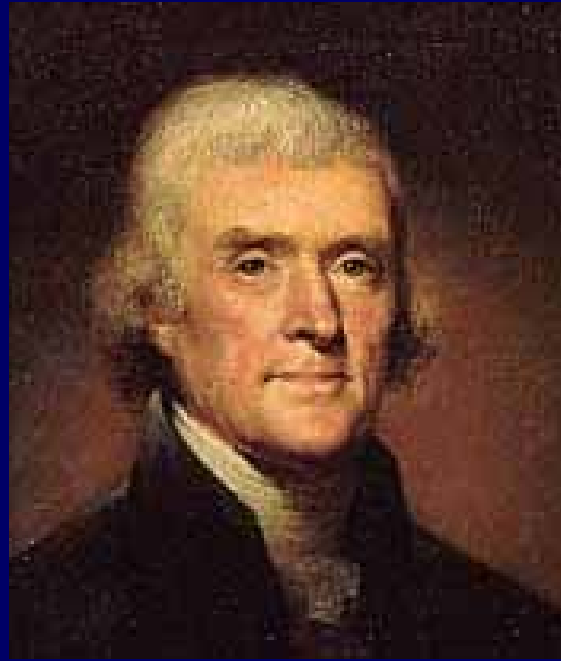


**THE
FIVE
NEGRO
PRESIDENTS**

In 1963 Attorney-General Kennedy and Senator Javtis said there might be a Negro President in the next thirty or forty years. The most outspoken of the big magazines, FACT, replied that there was already one and in its January/February 1964 issue had an article titled “America’s First Negro President”. The article named Warren G. Harding as the one and had affidavits from elderly whites that knew the Harding family. But before Harding three other Presidents had been loudly declared by white people as being of Negro ancestry; Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln.

It is possible that all the American Presidents being named might have had some Negro strain. Did some persons who knew the details of their ancestry tell them? There are many instances of whites being exposed as Negroes . . .

Thomas Jefferson



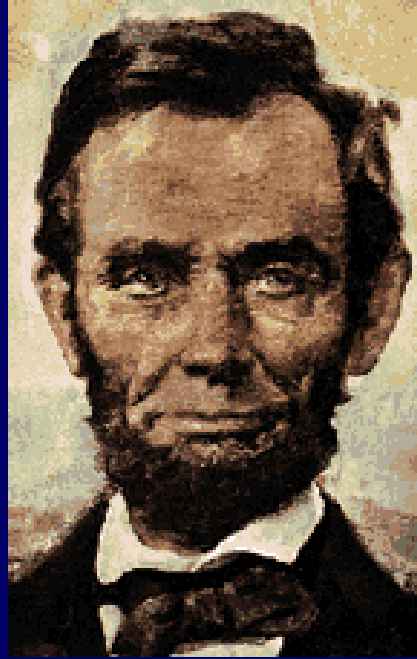
The Chief attack on Jefferson was in “The Johnny-Cake Papers.” In a general criticism of him it said, “Tom Jefferson, son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia father.” Opposition papers took it up. It is difficult to find matter with specific details of the allegation now.

Andrew Jackson



What gave an air of truth to this was that the elder Jackson died before Andrew was born. His widow went to live on the Crawford farm where there were Negro slaves. One of these slaves was Andrew's father. It was stressed that Andrew was conceived after the death of his supposed father, whose name he bore.

Abraham Lincoln



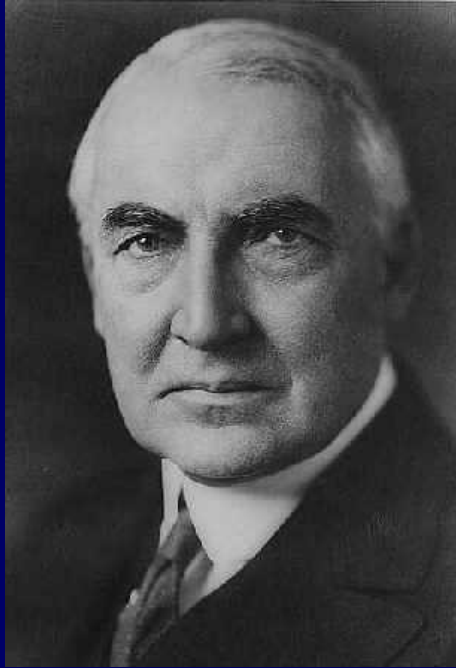
It was said by Chauncey Burr that, “it would not rebound to Lincoln’s honor to have it proved that he is Negro. For then on the ground of natural sympathy with his own race we might find excuses for the facts which we could never pardon a white man.”

Vice President Hamlin



He was a special target for the South during the 1860 campaign, this being so because he was more outspoken against slavery than Lincoln. Editorials thundered against him and “the dire effects of electing a free Negro to the Vice Presidency.”

Warren G. Harding

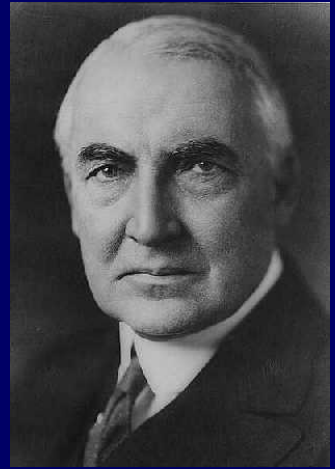
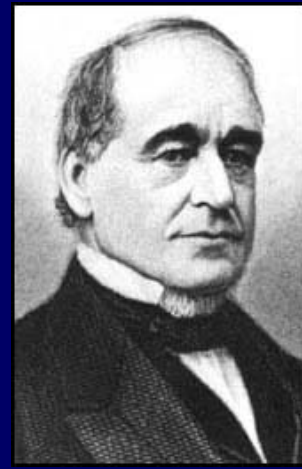


Wendell P. Dabney, a Negro and editor of a weekly, said that Harding had been known as a Negro long before the circulars appeared and that when he was first running for office he used to tell Negroes he was colored. It is reported that when Republican leaders had called on Harding to deny the story, he replied, “How should I know. One of my ancestors might have jumped the fence.”

President ...



The fifth President said to be of Negro ancestry will not be named here. There seems to be no published research on his ancestry. The only published mention of it was in the Baltimore Afro-American where one of the Negro columnist said it was a “smear.” The claim was based on a photograph of the President’s mother and certain photographs of the President’s. The features of this President also do show some Negroid strain in his more informal pictures.



In conclusion, the fact that these five Presidents could be Caucasian to some and Negro to others, shows how ridiculous is this burning question of race . . .