

Martin Van Buren Connection (Trivia)

Local History Connection

Martin Van Buren was the 8th President of the United States from March 4, 1837–March 4, 1841. He was born December 5, 1782 in Kinderhook, New York and died July 24, 1862 in Kinderhook. He was also the 8th Vice-President and tenth Secretary of State, both under President Andrew Jackson.

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“Orange County was indirectly associated with the presidency (1837-1841) of Martin Van Buren in two different ways:

1. His Vice-President, Richard Mentor Johnson, was a son of Col. Robert and Jemima Johnson of Orange County. (Richard was born after his parents moved to Kentucky.)

2. Van Buren’s daughter-in-law, Angelica Singleton Van Buren, who acted as the widowed President’s White House hostess, was a cousin of Dolley Madison through the Coles Family of Albemarle County.“