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Welcome to the February 2015 issue of The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson e-newsletter, an e-publication of Historic Augusta, Inc. This newsletter contains information about Woodrow Wilson and his family, tours, and special events.

## Celebrate Presidents' Day at the Wilson House February 16



The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson will be open for tours on Monday, February 16, 2015 in honor of Presidents' Day. Tours will be given on the hour and half hour between 10 am and 4 pm.

Admission on Presidents' Day will be buy one, get one of equal or lesser value for free. Regular admission prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students K-12, and free for children under age 5.



### Visit Us!

Guided tours: Thursdays-Saturdays, on the hour 10 am-4 pm. Tour lasts about 45 minutes.

Location: 419 Seventh Street, Augusta, Georgia

Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Students K-12

### Group Tours

Are you planning upcoming programs and tours for your club, group, or school? Please keep us in mind! Group tours are offered to groups of 10 or more by appointment at a discounted rate per person of \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for students K-12. Please call 706-722-9828 to schedule your tour.

### Quick Links

[Purchase Tour Tickets](#)

Children will enjoy fun activities including crossword puzzles and coloring pages. See "A Boy Never Gets Over His Boyhood," a video about Wilson's life after Augusta prior to the guided tour of his Civil War era home. For more information, call 706-722-9828.

## Presidents Who Found Their Way to Augusta



Whether for business, politics or pleasure, there have been at least 17 American Presidents, starting with George Washington in 1791, who have visited Augusta. Some have come for a quick visit, as Lyndon B. Johnson made a campaign stop, appearing in front of the Municipal Building in 1964, and Bill Clinton giving a speech at the Riverfront Amphitheater when running for President in 1992. Actually, Clinton returned in 1997 to speak at Augusta State University, and likely spent time at the Augusta National during or after his presidency. Golfing was a top attraction for visiting Presidents, beginning with William Howard Taft, who frequented the Bon Air Golf Links in the early 1900's, and reaching a peak in the 1950's and 60's when Dwight D. Eisenhower frequented the Augusta National as a golfer, and distinguished member. Years later, the National brought George H.W. Bush to play a few rounds of golf. He may have selected his running

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mate, Dan Quayle, while here. Many of us can recall Ronald Reagan's experience while golfing at the National in the 1980's. The President attracted the armed and infamous gate crasher, who rammed his car through one of the main gates of the National in an attempt to "visit" with Reagan.

Eisenhower may have had a temporary Augusta home at the National for his golf trips, but Woodrow Wilson was a permanent resident here during the Civil War years. The future 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States lived with his family in the Presbyterian Manse on Seventh Street during much of his youth. Wilson valued his time in Augusta, which brought him back in November 1911 for a visit to his boyhood home. At that time Woodrow Wilson was serving as the Governor of New Jersey. Since Augusta was once said to be a presidential magnet, we can expect in the future for Augusta to be a campaign stop for aspiring Presidential candidates, some of whom, once elected, may even come back for a few rounds of golf and relaxation at the Augusta National.

## Object Spotlight: J.W. Nash and Co. Scale



Next time you visit the Wilson House, check out a recent donation in the service building. On a shelf in the kitchen, you will see a two-piece scale and pan

that was originally meant for domestic use. The face of the scale reads "Shalers Family Scales, pat'd Nov. 28, 1865 by J.W. Nash & Co. Proprietors, New Haven, Conn." No doubt, it would have been a helpful object to any servant or family member involved in cooking or baking. We are grateful to Mary Byrd for donating the scale as it helps us to more completely interpret the Wilson Family's life in 1860s Augusta.

Want to learn more about antique scales? [Click here](#) to read an article in Collectors Weekly about Antique and Vintage Scales.

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