Footsteps of a President



Humanitarian



Statesman



Lillian Carter and baby Jimmy.



Jimmy Carter's birthplace

Jimmy Carter was born on October 1st, 1924 in Plains, Georgia. No one knew at that time that he would one day become the 39th President of the United States. Did you know that Jimmy Carter was the first President to be born in a hospital ?



When he was 4 years old Jimmy and his family moved into this farmhouse in Archery, a small community two miles outside of Plains. The house was heated by fireplaces and a wood stove and did not have running water or electricity until 1938 when Jimmy was 14 years old. The Carter family lived in this house for 21 years until moving back to Plains in 1949.



Blacksmith Shop



Barn and Garden



Commissary/Store





Out House

Clark House







When Jimmy wasn't in school, he was expected to do chores around the farm. He helped care for the farm animals, worked in the garden and fields, and helped out in the family's store. His favorite farm animal was his pet pony, Lady.





Family was very important to Jimmy. His father, Mr. Earl, was a wise businessman and a leader in his community. He taught Jimmy the importance of hard work and responsibility. He had three siblings, two sisters, Gloria and Ruth, and a younger brother Billy.



Jimmy's mother, Lillian Carter, was a nurse. She was respected in the community for being kind and fair. She set an example for her children by having the courage to show compassion for all people no matter where they lived, or what the color of their skin was. Jimmy Carter's ideas about human rights were formed during his childhood while watching his mother care for others.



Another very special lady in Jimmy's life was Rachel Clark, an African American tenant farmer who lived on the Carter farm. She helped care for the Carter children while their mother, Mrs. Lillian worked as a nurse. Jimmy loved to spend time with Rachel listening to stories, learning how to do farm chores, and going fishing ! Even as a young boy, Jimmy knew that Rachel Clark was a very wise lady and made sure that he listened and learned when he spent time with her.



Jimmy Carter was a very good student. After he finished high school, he went to college and then to the United States Naval Academy. After he graduated from the Naval Academy, he married Rosalynn Smith. Jimmy Carter served in the Navy as an engineer on a submarine. He served in the Navy for 10 years before returning to Plains with his family. President and Mrs. Carter have four children; Jack, Chip, Jeffrey, and Amy.



After serving in the Navy for 10 years, Jimmy Carter and his family returned home after his father died, to run the family farming business. When he was not working in the business, he served as a leader in many organizations around his community and state. Prior to becoming president, Jimmy Carter was a Georgia state senator from 1963 to 1967 as well as governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1975.



On November 2, 1976, Jimmy Carter was elected 39th President of the United States of America. As president, he worked hard to save the environment, provide quality education for all students, and to promote human rights and peace for people throughout the world.





Since leaving office, President Carter has continued to work for Peace, Human Rights, and Quality of Life for people all over the world. In 2002, he was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his humanitarian work. President Carter is 95 years old. He is currently the oldest living President in the United States



Thank you President Carter for your service and for helping us learn to help others !