

# SON FOLLOWS FATHER TO PRESIDENCY



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS—lawyer, diplomat, and eldest son of second U.S. President John Adams—became the sixth U.S. President today, *writes our politics editor, February 9, 1825.*

He was chosen by the U.S. House of Representatives after all four presidential candidates failed to win an electoral majority.

Like his father, John Quincy Adams was born in Braintree and was named for his great-grand-

father John Quincy—for whom the town of Quincy was named.

Before his presidency, he spent many years as a diplomat in Europe and helped negotiate an end to the War of 1812. As secretary of state, Adams negotiated the Adams-Onís Treaty, in which Spain ceded Florida to the U.S. He also represented the state of Massachusetts, serving in both the U.S. Senate and the House

of Representatives.

One story—possibly untrue—claims the President will be keeping an alligator in the White House. Supposedly, it was a gift from the Marquis de Lafayette of France, a hero of the American Revolution who has been visiting the U.S.

John Adams and John Quincy Adams are the first father-and-son duo to become U.S. presidents.