

## **Vice Presidents, U.S.** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Engraving of William Rufus King  
by W.H. Dougal, 1854. Image  
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<sup>[3]</sup>Two North Carolina natives have held the office of vice president of the United States. The first, [William Rufus King](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, was born in [Sampson County](#) <sup>[5]</sup> and was elected to the post as [Franklin Pierce](#) <sup>[6]</sup>'s [Democratic](#) <sup>[7]</sup> running mate in 1852. He died just after his inauguration. The second [Andrew Johnson](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, was born in [Raleigh](#) <sup>[9]</sup> and joined Abraham Lincoln's 1864 ticket as the only southern senator supporting the Union. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Johnson assumed the presidency.

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<https://archive.org/stream/obituaryaddresse00arms#page/n7/mode/2up> <sup>[3]</sup> (accessed September 6, 2012).

"KING, William Rufus de Vane, (1786 - 1853)." Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.

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