



## Hannah Van Buren Legacy

### Summery

**Hannah Van Buren** was a woman with strong convictions and character, and her life was distinguished by a genuine dedication to her family and community. Hannah was the **wife of Martin Van Buren**, the [ninth President of the United States](#), and played an important role in his early political ambitions. Despite her unassuming and retiring manner, Hanna wielded enormous influence on Martin's life and presidency.

The values inherited by her children were born from Hanna's teaching. When **Hannah Van Buren died in 1819**, eight years before Martin Van Buren became president and (he said) layers failed to keep her name above his other children's in politeness ranks. Thus her influence lived on. This chapter will tell Hannah's story and why she intermarried with Martin Vann Buren would influence his later presidency at every turn.

### Hannah Van Buren Facts



First lady Hannah Van Buren, engraving by John Chester Buttre, c. 1890.



<b>Full name:</b>	Hannah Hoes Van Buren
<b>Born:</b>	8 March 1783
<b>Birth place:</b>	Kinderhook, New York, United States
<b>Death:</b>	5 February 1819 (age 35 years)
<b>Cause of death:</b>	tuberculosis
<b>Spouse:</b>	<a href="#">Martin Van Buren</a> (m. 1807–1819)
<b>Children:</b>	Abraham Van Buren, John Van Buren, Smith Thompson Van Buren, Winfield Scott Van Buren, Martin Van Buren, Jr

## Hannah Van Buren's Early Years

Hannah Van Buren, the daughter of Johannes Dircksen Hoes and Maria Quakenbush, was born in [Kinderhook, New York](#) on March 8, 1783. **She had two siblings: Maria Hoes Van Dyck and Peter I.** She grew up in the

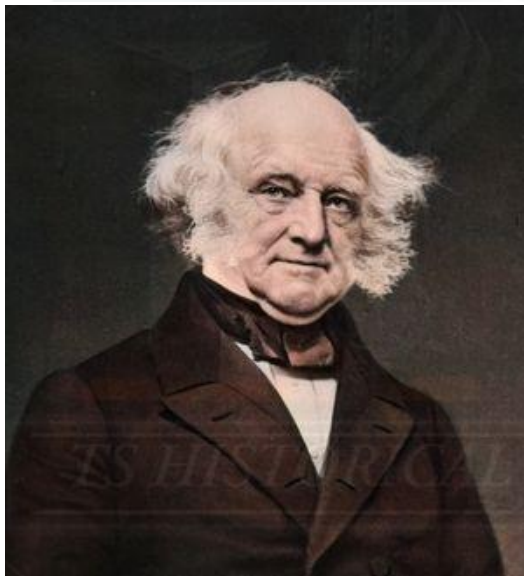


Dutch Reformed Church, and eventually attended and joined the Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. From a respectable and even well-to-do family that was keen on education and social contacts, she must have been an excellent education to get.

Her father was a very successful farmer. He ensured Hannah had at least a decent education. Master Vrouw Lange tutored her in the nearby Kinderhook school. She showed passion for literature and the arts that will mold her personality. Hannah spoke Dutch as a child and has maintained her accent her entire life.

Hannah grew up with a strong sense of duty and family values, which helped her for the future roles as a wife and mother.

## Remarkable Marriage



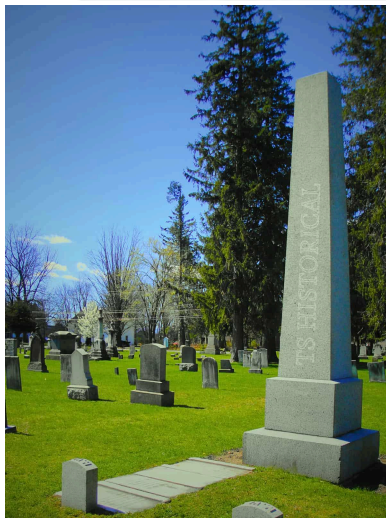
Martin Van Buren, 8th President of the United States



Hannah, as shy and unassuming, met her distant cousin, Martin Van Buren, and the two grew up to be in love. It was no surprise that the couple became engaged, and after Van Buren started his New York legal business, the couple married on February 21, 1807.

Their union blossomed into a partnership based on mutual respect and affection. The couple developed a strong bond. Together they had five children: Abraham, John, Martin, Hannah, and James. Hannah was instrumental in advancing Martin's early political ambitions. Hannah, organized social parties that allowed her husband to make vital connections within the Democratic-Republican Party.

## **Hannah Buren Death life**



Hannah Van Buren contracted tuberculosis in Albany and soon developed the serious symptoms of the disease, damaging her ability to breathe properly. The illness so weakened her physical state that she could not get out of bed for more than a few minutes. Her small sons were only allowed



to stay with her for short periods of time. Knowing she was soon to die, Hannah made the request that money used to buy clothes for the mourners at her funeral be spent on food for the hungry in Albany. **Hannah died on February 5, 1819, and was buried at Albany.** She was reinterred in Kinderhook Cemetery in 1855.

This had, in the end, affected Martin so much that he now had the task of trying to come to terms with this really deep sense of grief over losing his beloved wife while navigating the political terrain. The void created by this loss crippled both his personal and professional life and did much to make his political career fail.

## **A strong influence**

The impact of Hannah remained intact during the entire time President Martin served in office from 1837 to 1841, even when she was not the First Lady. Moreover, Hannah was always decisive since she would frequently call on her for advice with regards to both personal and political concerns. He honors her memory by doing so and connecting her to all his social activities. There were friends and family who testified how devastating her absence was for Martin in regard to his decisions and emotions while being in power.

## **Hannah Buren's Legacy**

The family, community, and even the presidency of her husband bear witness to all that remains of Hannah Buren's heritage. She established a warm and nurturing environment to allow Martin to follow his political ambitions. Many ways were employed by him to pay her respects following her death. People tended to notice that Hannah's presence was ever



visible in Martin's public affairs. Hannah's scope or reach is not limited to her family and neighborhood. She recorded the history, her life experiences, and extents of her work through different institutions to ensure success of her efforts regarding work and the world.

Following her passing, Martin paid her respect in a variety of ways. He made certain that Hannah's impact remained to be seen in his public life. Hannah's influence has grown beyond her immediate family and community. She maintained her legacy alive through historical documents, life tales, and museum exhibitions, ensuring that her achievements are recognized and remembered for years.

## **People Also Ask ?**

**How old was Hannah van Buren when she died?**

1819 (age 35 years)

**Where is Hannah Van Buren's Grave?**

Kinderhook, New York, United States

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