The Life & Times of

Eliza (1810-1876) and Edwin Stanton (1814-1870)

1808 December 29: Born in Raleigh, NC.
Father-Jacob Johnson (1778-1812)
Mother- Mary McDonough (1783-1856)

1822 Apprenticed to tailor, James Selby of Raleigh, NC

1824 Ran away from apprenticeship

1826 Returned to Raleigh to settle apprenticeship and to help his mother
Moved to Greeneville, Tennessee with mother

1827 May 17: Married to Eliza McCardle (1810-1876) by Mordecai Lincoln

1828 First child, Martha, born
Martha (d.1901)

1829 Elected Alderman-Greeneville

1830 Second child, Charles, born
Charles (d. 1863)

1832 Third child, Mary, born
Mary (d. 1883)

1834 Elected Mayor-Greeneville
Canvassed state for new constitution
Fourth child, Robert, born

1835 Elected Tennessee House of Representatives

1837 Defeated for reelection

1839 Elected Tennessee House of Representatives

1841 Elected to State Senate

1843 Elected U.S. House of Representatives (served 5 terms)

1852 Fifth child, Andrew, Jr. born

1853 Elected Governor of Tennessee (served two terms)

1857 Elected U.S. Senate and introduces the Homestead Bill

1861 Remains loyal to the Union at outbreak of Civil War

1862 Appointed Military Governor of Tennessee and Brigadier General of
the Union Army by President Lincoln

1864 November: Elected Vice-President

1865 March 4: Inaugurated Vice-President

1865 April 15: Sworn in as President
after Lincoln's assassination

1867 Vetoes the Tenure of Office Act and the Military Reconstruction Bills
Suspends Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton

1868 Removes Edwin Stanton as Secretary of War
February: Impeached by House of Representatives
March 5-May 26: Tried by Senate (acquitted by one vote)

1869 Retires from Office and returns to Greeneville

1874 Elected to U.S. Senate

1875 March 4: Sworn in U.S. Senate (only President to return to Senate)
July 31: Died of a stroke while visiting his daughter, Mary,
in Carter County, TN
August 3: Burial on Monument Hill in Greeneville

1876 January: Death of Eliza McCardle Johnson

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