

[Theodore Roosevelt](#) spent time in Mesa and Tempe for the dedication of the [Roosevelt Dam](#). [Louise Chandler](#) caught a picture of Roosevelt striding past her on the way to deliver his speech at the Dam.

[William Jennings Bryan](#), the Secretary of State under [Woodrow Wilson](#) and a three-time presidential candidate, stopped in Mesa during one of his campaigns. While there, he spent some time with the Chandler family and posed with them for a photograph.

[Herbert Hoover](#) spent a night at the [San Marcos Hotel](#) in Chandler on March 23, 1934, two years after he lost his chance at re-election to [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#).

[John F. Kennedy](#) met his college girlfriend, [Harriet "Flip" Price](#) ([Dr. Chandler's](#) grand-neice), while studying at Stanford University in California. While they were dating, Kennedy made at least one trip to the Arizona desert with Harriet.

On January 25, 2012, President [Barack Obama](#) became the first sitting President to visit Chandler. He visited the construction site for the new [Intel](#) plant to talk about proposed policies for bringing manufacturing jobs back to the U.S.

In recent years Arizona has become a popular campaign stop for presidential hopefuls. Several candidates have made campaign stops in Chandler, including [John McCain](#) and [Mitt Romney](#), who [outlined his tax plan](#) in a campaign stop in Chandler on February 22, 2012.