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Vice Presidents who became President but did not have Vice Presidents.

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What's up with Vice Presidents who later became Presidents (usually because of the death of the President), not selecting a Vice President during the interim. For example, Andrew Johnson did not have a Vice President; the office of Vice President was vacant under Teddy Roosevelt from 1901-1909; Vacant under Harry Truman from 1945-1949 and vacant under Lyndon Johnson from 1963-1965? (There were others, I am sure.)

Why did these men not have Vice Presidents? Who would have become president had their died in office?

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Subrina:

Until the enactment of the 25th Amendment, the Constitution provided no mechanism to provide for a new VP until the next election. The line of Succession after the VP was (and still is) set by Federal Statute. That statute has been changed at least 4 times over the life of the Republic. Presently the next in line should both the office of Pres. and VP become vacant is the Speaker of the House.

You should note that the Office of VP has become vacant not just on the elevation of the person holding it to the Presidency, but that several VPs have died in office and the position remained vacant until the next elections. And once, by resignation -- John C. Calhoun resigned to take a seat in the Senate.

The names of the VPs who died in office are probably easy to find via google. A famous example is William McKinley's VP, Garret Hobart, died which left the vacancy open for Theodore Roosevelt to fill in the election of 1900. McKinley's assassination just 6 months after his 2nd term began, elevated TR to the Presidency. I believe that Hobart was the last VP to die in office by I am not certain. There were 6 or 7 of them who died.

Two vacancies occurred after the passage of the 25th Amendment: Agnew resigned as a result of corruption charges, and Nixon nominated G. Ford. Upon Nixon's resignation, Ford became President and nominated Nelson Rockefeller to be VP. The 2 times the 25th Amendment machinery was activated.

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