



## **NEW Episode of *the 1600 Sessions* Podcast**

Presents Highlights from The White House Historical Association's  
**"History Happy Hour" Virtual Program**

*Conversations with historians, first family members, and presidential staff*

**January 29, 2021** (Washington, D.C.) –[In this first podcast episode of 2021](#), President Stewart D. McLaurin highlights moments from the Association's popular virtual program History Happy Hour, and shares conversations with historians, first family members, and other presidential staff about the lives of presidents and first ladies throughout American history.

"This year is the sixtieth anniversary of the White House Historical Association, and I hope you'll follow us throughout the year on this program and other programs of the Association," says McLaurin. "Part of our mission at the White House Historical Association is to tell the stories of the people who lived and worked in the White House."

This episode includes guests:

- Annette Gordon Reed, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*
- Ron White, New York Times best-selling author and historian
- Candice Millard, New York Times best-selling author of *Destiny of the Republic: The Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President*
- Michael Patrick Cullinane, Professor of U.S. history at the University of Roehampton, London and the author of *Theodore Roosevelt's Ghost: The History and Memory of an American Icon*
- Betty Boyd Caroli, historian and biographer of First Ladies
- Susan Eisenhower, President Eisenhower's granddaughter, author of *How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions*
- Fred Logevall, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian
- Susan Ford Bales, daughter of President Gerald Ford and First Lady Betty Ford

- Peggy Grande, former Executive Assistant for President Ronald Reagan

### **About History Happy Hour**

A virtual program that was started in the Spring of 2020 as a way to stay connected with friends and supporters of the White House Historical Association. On Thursday evenings, the Association presents live conversations on a range of White House topics with experts and eyewitnesses to history from across the country and across the world.

Learn more at [whitehousehistory.org/historyhappyhour](https://whitehousehistory.org/historyhappyhour)

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### **About The White House Historical Association**

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion's legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association's mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than \$50 million in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).