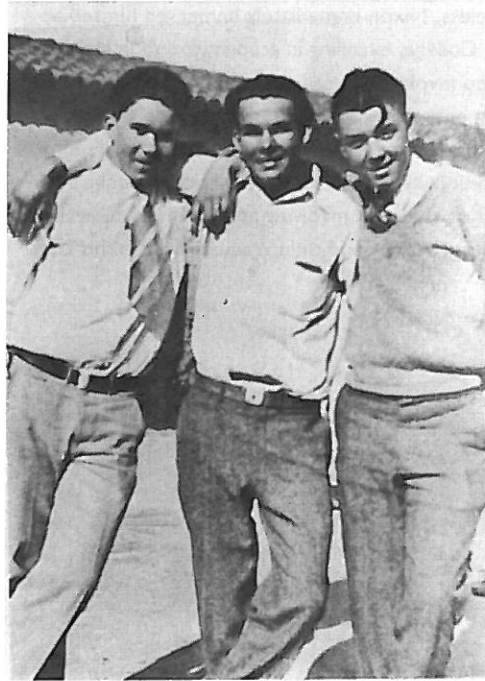




Richard Nixon in East Whittier in 1927



Nixon (left) and his friends at Whittier College in 1932.



Nixon with his wife Pat and daughter Tricia in the yard of their house in Whittier in 1946

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Richard Nixon in Whittier

Richard Nixon, our 37th President of the United States, came from humble beginnings. Born in Yorba Linda in 1913, Richard Nixon moved to Whittier, then a small town, when he was 9 years old, and spent most of his formative years there. He would go on to be elected to the House of Representatives, the Senate, Vice-Presidency and ultimately became the President of the United States.

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California on January 9, 1913 to Frank and Hannah Nixon. Both of Nixon's parents were blue-collar hard working types, having come to California to find new opportunity. They were also deeply religious, being of the Quaker faith, and throughout Nixon's childhood his parents would instill in Nixon the values of hard work, social activism, restraint from frivolity and faith in God.

In 1922, Nixon's family moved to Whittier, where his family opened a small grocery store. While in Whittier, Nixon not only excelled in school but also helped out at his father's family grocery store. Richard Nixon initially attended Fullerton High School, but then transferred to Whittier High School after his sophomore year. In his first political campaign of his life, Nixon lost his bid to become student body president of WHS to a boy named Robert Logue. However, his overall excellence was such that the faculty appointed him as General Manager.

After graduating from Whittier High School in 1930, Nixon then attended nearby Whittier College. As his family was not wealthy by any means, and the country was in the midst of the Great Depression, Nixon could not afford to attend the East Coast schools he desired, despite his qualifications.

Nevertheless, Nixon immediately immersed himself at Whittier College, excelling in academics and in athletics. Nixon also involved himself at social functions, including creating a entirely new social club called the Orthogonians, comprised of students of humble origin like himself. Additionally, Nixon was also elected student body president of Whittier, involving and arranging basically every school activity and then graduated 3rd in his class in 1934.



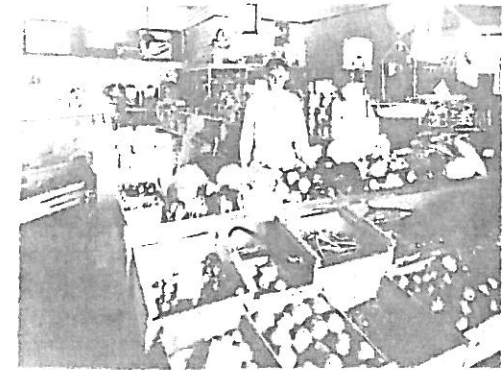
Richard Nixon as a student body officer at Whittier High School in 1930

After Whittier College, Nixon then attended Duke Law school, and after graduating in 1937, he returned to Whittier to begin practicing law at the Winegart and Bewley Firm, located in the Bank of America building on the corner of Philadelphia and Greenleaf Street. Like most young lawyers, Nixon specialized in divorce and property cases. His solid work enabled him to become a partner of the firm in 1939. It was also during this time, while acting in a local production with the Whittier Community Players, that he met his future wife, Patricia Ryan. They eventually married in 1940.

However, the Second World War interrupted the young couples life, and Nixon served as an administrative and logistics Naval officer in the Pacific Campaign, earning the respect of the enlisted men and officers alike. Upon returning to Whittier, some Whittier Republicans approached Nixon on running for Congress against Jerry Voorhis. Running a energetic campaign, Nixon captivated

the voters of Whittier and the surrounding areas and was elected to Congress in the fall of 1946.

Richard Nixon had a rich political life. He represented the citizens of Whittier, the State of California and eventually the entire United States as President. When he died in 1994 at the age of 81, Nixon left a legacy of dedicated service to his country.



Richard Nixon (not pictured) worked in the produce section at his family store while attending High School and College.



Richard Nixon (back row, fourth from left) with his class at East Whittier Grammar School in approx 1924.