May 8, 1884

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was May 8, 1884, the birth date of Harry S. Truman.

The man who would be elected to the United States Senate, the vice presidency and then the presidency was born in Lamar. Six years later, his family would move to Independence.

In addition to his love of music, the young Truman once boasted of having read every book the public library in Independence held.

He spent nearly two years in the U.S. Army and saw battle during World War I.

Truman’s first foray into elected office happened in 1924, when he ran for county judge, now called county commissioner. It would be a decade later when Truman would run for U.S. Senate, a position he would hold for 10 years, before he was named as Franklin Roosevelt’s running mate.

In 1945, Truman became America’s 33rd president.

The state honors his memory every year with the state holiday “Truman’s Birthday,” to remember the life and achievements of one of the Show-Me State’s grandest statesmen.

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(Source: <https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Harry_S_Truman.htm>, <http://www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com/key-west/president-truman-biography.htm>)