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## Benjamin Harrison's Oak – A Touch with the Past

### About the Tree

Prior to becoming President, Benjamin Harrison bought 2 lots of land at 1230 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN. in an auction and began building in 1874. The house was finished one year later and cost just under \$25,000. Upon completion Mr. Harrison purchased an Oak tree and had it planted in his yard along with 2 Soft Maples, 4 Sugar Maples and 1 Elm. The majestic Oak has graced the lawn of *the President Benjamin Harrison Home* for 134 years and is an integral part of the landscape.

The Oak has been designated as a historic tree by the America the Beautiful Fund. Supported with a grant from the US Forest Service, the goal of the project was to choose one historic tree in each of the 50 states to preserve for future generations. **In Indiana, the Benjamin Harrison Oak was awarded the Millennium Landmark Tree.**

The Holidays are a great time of year to visit the Benjamin Harrison home and the grand Oak that stands beside it. The home is known for its holiday attractions, and this year they will be hosting a "Family Christmas at the President's Home" on December 13<sup>th</sup> and "A Candlelight Evening on Delaware Street" on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. You can find more information on these events by visiting [www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org](http://www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org) or by calling (317) 631-1888.



Vine & Branch performs tree care on the Benjamin Harrison Oak

When you visit, give the tree a pat and know that you have connected with a President of the United States!

### About Vine & Branch, Inc.

Vine & Branch is an award winning Arboricultural and Horticultural Consulting and Contracting firm specializing in Tree Preservation in the greater Indianapolis Metro area. They have been successfully providing these services for over 30 years to a diverse clientele, including commercial and industrial facilities, property developers, architectural and engineering firms, government agencies, universities, golf courses and high-end residential clients.

Judson R. Scott, President of Vine & Branch, has achieved the status of Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA). As an RCA, he advises Attorneys, Developers, Architects, Engineers, Builders, Insurance Companies, as well as homeowners concerning their trees and landscapes. He is also the Immediate Past President of the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

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