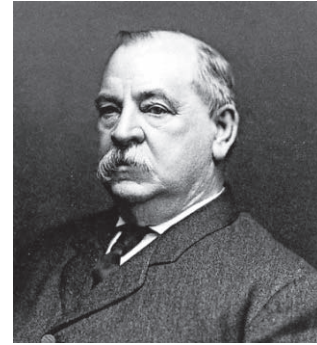


LOCAL HISTORY



130 Years Ago: On July 19, 1887, Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th president of the United States, returned to visit his childhood home at 109 Academy St., Fayetteville. Along with his wife Frances, Cleveland shook hands with eager citizens for over an hour. He had moved to Fayetteville with his family in 1841 when he was only 4 years old and lived there most of his childhood. The young Cleveland was known to participate in pranks from time to time, including one occasion when he and some other boys painted the stars and stripes on the side of an old horse and hoisted it up to the roof of one of the village's buildings for the Fourth of July. His childhood home still stands in Fayetteville today.

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At left, the exterior of the residence at 109 Academy St., Fayetteville, that was the boyhood home of Grover Cleveland, above, who became the nation's 22nd and 24th president. *File photo*