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Henry Wilson epitomized the American Dream. Born to a destitute family, at age 21 he walked to a nearby town and began a business as a cobbler. Wilson soon embarked on a career in politics, and worked his way from the Massachusetts legislature to the U.S. Senate. In a politically turbulent era, he shifted political parties several times, but maintained a consistent stand against slavery throughout his career. Wilson was elected to the vice presidency on the 1872 Republican ticket with Ulysses S. Grant. He died in the Vice President’s Room in the Capitol in 1875. Ten years later, the Senate placed a bust of Wilson in that room as a memorial to him.

Daniel Chester French, long considered the “dean of American sculptors,” modeled the bust of Henry Wilson. One of the country’s most popular and prolific artists, French is known for his public monuments, private memorials, and portrait busts. French’s most celebrated work is the monumental statue of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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Roosevelt’s interests in nature and the American West made the choice of James Earle Fraser as sculptor of his bust particularly appropriate. Fraser is perhaps best known for his mounted Native American figure, End of the Trail, and the design for the American buffalo nickel. More than 25 years after sculpting the Roosevelt bust, Fraser created the marble bust of Vice President John Nance Garner for the Senate collection.

Charles G. Dawes (1865–1951) Jo Davidson, 1930

Prior to World War I, Charles Dawes was a lawyer, banker, and politician in his native Ohio. During the war, he became a brigadier general and afterwards headed the Allied reparations commission. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1925 for the “Dawes Plan” to stabilize Germany’s finances after World War I. Following his term as vice president under Calvin Coolidge from 1925 to 1929, Dawes served as ambassador to Great Britain for Herbert Hoover.

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