



President Grover Cleveland

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In 1894, President Grover Cleveland lit the first electric Christmas tree in the White House! Electricity had only been installed there in 1891 by President Harrison. The glowing tree delighted the family with what the Associated Press called "parti-colored" lights. First Lady Mrs. Cleveland finished decorating the family's tree placed in the White House library. The President, who had young children continued to enjoy extra magical Christmases in the White House, adding more Christmas trees lit with red, white and blue electric lights to the library. Some people say that because President Cleveland used electric lights on his Christmas tree, he helped make using them a popular Christmas tradition!

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