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Biographical / Historical

Jefferson F. Davis (June 3, 1808 – December 6, 1889) was an American politician who served as the first and only president of the Confederate States from 1861 to 1865. He represented Mississippi in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives as a member of the Democratic Party before the American Civil War. He was the United States Secretary of War from 1853 to 1857.

Source: Davis, Jefferson. Wikipedia. Accessed 2/14/24 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson_Davis

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This collection contains five comic carte de visite engravings illustrating Jefferson Davis's capture. Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War (1861–1865), was captured on May 10, 1865, by Union cavalry near Irwinville, Georgia. It was rumored that Davis disguised himself in a woman's dress when caught. The titles and printing information include: "How do you like it, Jefferson D.?", Kellogg Brothers, Hartford, CT, 1865; "The last ditch of the chivalry, or a President in petticoats [no imprint]"; "Mrs. Jeff. Davis, Don't provoke the President or he may hurt some of you," Boston, Wm. H. Mumler, 1865; "A wolf in sheep's clothing, or Jeff.. in crinoline," Phil. Pho. Co, Philadelphia, 1865; and "Strategy or Change of Base," Boston, Wm. H. Mumler, 1865.

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