

The following is Appendix B, excerpted from A Rectification Manual, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> editions which no longer appears in the 4th edition. Chapter references refer to Chapter numbers in the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> editions which may no longer correspond to 4<sup>th</sup> edition Chapters.

The objective of this study is (1) to confirm the formula for the Lot of Fortune should be reversed for diurnal and nocturnal nativities (2) and to confirm the validity of Bonatti's version of the nocturnal Firdaria sequence which places the Lunar Node periods between major Mars and Sun Firdaria periods

Writing in 2022, the first issue of flipping the LOF formula for day and night charts is not disputed. The second issue, placement of Nodes in the nocturnal Firdaria sequence, is disputed based on Abu Mashar's instructions to place the Nodes at the end of both sequences. My research continues to support placement of the Lunar Node periods between the major Mars and Sun periods, even though it is a Medieval variant not recognized by Abu Mashar.

There are a few editorial updates, replacing the language 'Arabic Parts' with 'Lots,' date format, and minor corrections for calculated directions. Entries for William McKinley and William Howard Taft are added.

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## *APPENDIX B*

# Tests of Sect Influence: Lot of Fortune and Firdaria

Definition of Sect. The placement of the Sun above or below the horizon determines what is known as *sect*. When an individual is born during the day with the Sun is above the horizon, the sect is *diurnal*. When an individual is born at night with the Sun below the horizon, the sect is *nocturnal*. The *luminary of sect* or *luminary of time* is the Sun for diurnal figures; the Moon for nocturnal figures.

For nocturnal figures, there is debate surrounding both the Lot of Fortune calculation and choice of Firdaria sequence. There is no reason to analyze LOF and Firdaria for nocturnal figures jointly other than to save space. It's a decision I have taken purely for presentation reasons, allowing one natal chart and both LOF and Firdaria analysis to be displayed side-by-side on two facing pages.

### Lot of Fortune

Lot of Fortune and Sect. Some Arabic Parts, including the Lot of Fortune, alter their calculation depending on the figure's sect.

Lot of Fortune Formula	Sect
Moon – Sun + Ascendant	Diurnal
Sun – Moon + Ascendant	Nocturnal

Whether or not the formula should be reversed for nocturnal figures remains the subject of debate. My findings concur with my teacher Robert Zoller that the nocturnal formula is correct; e.g., the order of the Sun and Moon should be reversed in the formula for individuals born at night.

Historical Controversy. A brief note on the controversy surrounding the Lot of Fortune sect convention is in order. The incorrect preference for the diurnal ('*day-only*') formula dates back to the Renaissance Era following the expansion of the Ottoman Turkish Empire into southeastern Europe. The

failed siege of Vienna of 1529 was the high water mark of the threat of Turkish influence in Europe, but left a backlash against anything Arabic in its wake. European Medieval Astrology was largely purged of Arabic influences introduced by 12<sup>th</sup> century translators, leaving a preference for Ptolemy's Greek astrological methods in what Robert Zoller describes as cultural revisionism (Zoller 2003: 77-78). Because Ptolemy did not exchange the order of the Moon and Sun for nocturnal nativities, his *day-only* Lot of Fortune for both diurnal and nocturnal nativities came to dominate the European tradition. This influence continues today with students of the late Renaissance English astrologer William Lilly; many of whom continue to use the *day-only* formulation as Lilly students.

Settling the Lot of Fortune debate. As always, the relevant question is not whether Ptolemy is right or wrong but simply: *what works?* Because there is no debate on the Lot of Fortune's construction when sect is diurnal, tests need only include nocturnal figures. Before considering testing approaches, it's important to remember the Part of Spirit is complementary in construction to Lot of Fortune. This means that forcing the *day-only* Lot of Fortune on nocturnal figures actually mistakes Part of Spirit for Lot of Fortune. Testing methodologies can take advantage of this difference between Fortune and Spirit.

I suggest three approaches to settle the Lot of Fortune debate.

(1) Lot of Fortune as hīlāj. Under rules for choosing the hīlāj, the Lot of Fortune can function as hīlāj for some nativities. Because the hīlāj is directly tied to matters of health and longevity *and no author has ever attached these matters to the Part of Spirit*, a simple test can be constructed. For those nocturnal nativities whose Lot of Fortune functions as hīlāj, evaluate whether the diurnal or nocturnal formula better times incidents of illness and death. It's probably the most objective test of the three I propose, but does require to-the-second accuracy in rectification to test LOF primary directions.

(2) Lot of Fortune as a source of wealth. Delineate the Lot of Fortune under both calculation assumptions. Compare the Lot of Fortune's delineation by house placement and rulership to actual life affairs for a sufficient number of historical figures. Pass judgment on the better match. Also test dynamic measurements to Lot of Fortune to confirm timing of events impacting wealth.

(3) Part of Spirit as counter example. Because the Part of Spirit is the complementary part, one can delineate the Part of Spirit using both diurnal and nocturnal formulas. Matching life affairs to the Part of Spirit under one consistent set of assumptions confirms the Lot of Fortune by counter example.

This study will begin with the first two tests.

### LOF Evaluation: Method # 1 Lot of Fortune as Hilāj

By including analysis of longevity in each rectification, nativities whose LOF functions as hilāj can be extracted for further study. Those nocturnal figures which satisfy this condition are listed below in Table B-1. As outlined above, the objective method requires testing against both formulas. What I present here opens the door for the first proposed test. Challengers are invited to test the diurnal LOF calculation to determine whether incidents of health, illness, and death can be better delineated and timed by Ptolemy's *day-only* formula.

LOF as Empirical Hilāj. Using the Presidential database, eight of twenty-two nocturnal figures demonstrated empirical evidence of the Lot of Fortune as hilāj either exclusively or participating with one of the luminaries.

**Table B-1. Nocturnal Nativities Demonstrating LOF as Empirical Hilāj**

Type	Individual	LOF as Hilāj
President	W. Harrison	Exclusive
President	J. Polk	Exclusive
President	F. Pierce	Participates with Moon
President	A. Johnson	Participates with Sun
President	R. Hayes	Participates with Sun
President	J. Garfield	Participates with Sun
President	W. McKinley	Participates with Moon
President	J. Kennedy	Exclusive
President	R. Nixon	Exclusive
President	R. Reagan	Participates with Sun
President	G. H. W. Bush	Participates with Sun

For details, see the discussion on longevity following individual rectifications.

### LOF Evaluation: Method # 2 Lot of Fortune as a Source of Wealth

In the space of half a page, I purposely limit analysis to broad patterns of wealth confirmed by the LOF's sign and house placement as well as its rulers, as appropriate. For some nativities, I mention a solar return or include primary directions which confirm the interaction between the Lot of Fortune and another planet as grantor or destroyer of wealth.

## Firdaria

For diurnal figures, there is no uncertainty over the order of the major Firdaria periods. See Table B-2, columns 1 and 2. Not so for nocturnal figures where there is a debate surrounding the placement of Nodes. For a discussion, see Zoller (2003: 35-36). The two choices are either at the end of the Chaldean order of planets or between Mars and the Sun.

**Table B-2. Comparison of Nodal Placement in Firdaria Sequences.**

<b>Diurnal Bonatti</b>		<b>Nocturnal Version 1</b>		<b>Nocturnal Version 2</b>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Sun	10 yrs	Moon	9 yrs	Moon	9 yrs
Venus	8 yrs	Saturn	11 yrs	Saturn	11 yrs
Mercury	13 yrs	Jupiter	12 yrs	Jupiter	12 yrs
Moon	9 yrs	Mars	7 yrs	Mars	7 yrs
Saturn	11 yrs	Sun	10 yrs	<b>North Node</b>	3 yrs
Jupiter	12 yrs	Venus	8 yrs	<b>South Node</b>	2 yrs
Mars	7 yrs	Mercury	13 yrs	Sun	10 yrs
<b>North Node</b>	3 yrs	<b>North Node</b>	3 yrs	Venus	8 yrs
<b>South Node</b>	2 yrs	<b>South Node</b>	2 yrs	Mercury	13 yrs

In Version 2, the Major Sun Period is effectively advanced five years by inserting the Nodal periods after Mars. The rationale for this approach is based on maintaining the consistent placement of Nodal periods after Mars for each series.

Again the critical question is simply: *what works?*

How to construct an appropriate test for determination of the proper sequence is easy. Beginning with age 39 when the sequences diverge, choose one planetary period for each system and examine which system is a better match to life affairs.

Usually events marked by the Sun or Nodal periods are so obvious one can focus on them to the exclusion of Venus and Mercury when comparing both systems.

In the following examples, both Nodal periods are discussed with emphasis on the Node's rulers as the source of the increase/decrease signified by the Nodes. Sun periods are discussed for some examples.

My findings confirm the Nodes should be placed after Mars in the nocturnal series; a conclusion in agreement with my teacher Robert Zoller.

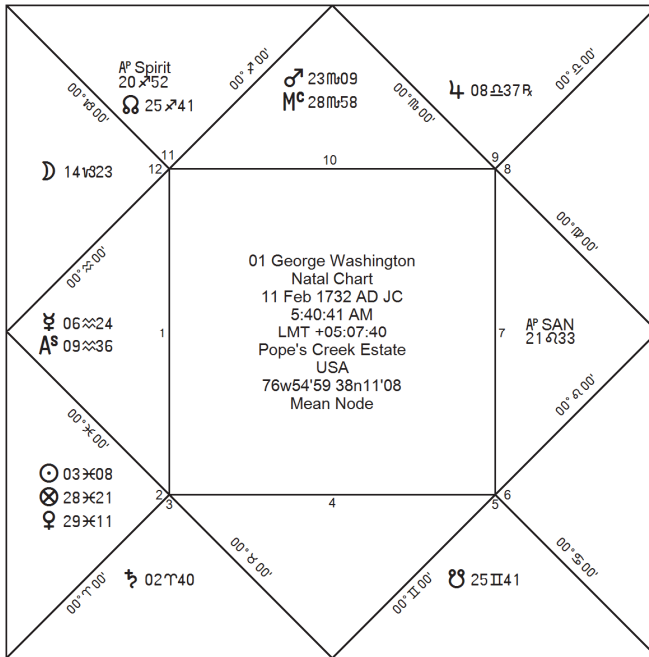
**Table B-3. Lot of Fortune and Nodal Placements, Nocturnal Nativities**

<b>Nativity</b>	<b>LOF-Sign</b>	<b>LOF-House</b>	<b>Nodes-Sign</b>	<b>Nodes-House</b>
G. Washington	27PI46	2 <sup>nd</sup>	25SA - GE	11 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
J. Madison	13AR58	6 <sup>th</sup>	17SA - GE	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>
J. Monroe	26GE37	5 <sup>th</sup>	29CA - CP	6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>
W. Harrison	3CA16	7 <sup>th</sup>	13LI - AR	10 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>
M. Fillmore	23CA04	8 <sup>th</sup>	2TA - SC	6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>
F. Pierce	5LI42	4 <sup>th</sup>	28CP - CA	7 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>
A. Lincoln	27CP53	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6SC - TA	12 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>
A. Johnson	6CA16	9 <sup>th</sup>	9SC - TA	1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>
R. Hayes	16CA53	5 <sup>th</sup>	13AQ - LE	8 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
J. Garfield	22CP16	7 <sup>th</sup>	16LE - AQ	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>
C. Arthur	5GE01	11 <sup>th</sup>	27VI - PI	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>
B. Harrison	29SA42	10 <sup>th</sup>	12CA - CP	5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>
W. McKinley	18AQ22	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10CP - CA	4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>
T. Roosevelt	5AQ08	5 <sup>th</sup>	5PI - VI	10 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>
W. Taft	6GE04	2 <sup>nd</sup>	27PI-VI	11 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
W. Wilson	22VI26	12 <sup>th</sup>	10AR - LI	7 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>
H. Hoover	13GE11	1 <sup>st</sup>	0TA - SC	12 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>
F. Roosevelt	25AR56	8 <sup>th</sup>	5SA - GE	4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>
D. Eisenhower	9TA49	1 <sup>st</sup>	17GE - SA	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>
L. Johnson	9LE45	1 <sup>st</sup>	1CA - CP	12 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>
R. Nixon	11LE28	12 <sup>th</sup>	7AR - LI	8 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
G. Ford	11CP37	9 <sup>th</sup>	27PI - VI	11 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
R. Reagan	8LI36	10 <sup>th</sup>	14TA - SC	5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>

### Recommended Reference

For researchers new to the Lot of Fortune and Nodes, recommended is James Holden's translation of *Abu 'Ali Al-Khayyat: The Judgment of Nativities* (1988: 75-77). It provides concise delineations of both Lot of Fortune and Nodes for each of the twelve houses. It is an essential reference.

## George Washington



## Lot of Fortune

Lot of Fortune in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of wealth ties Washington's fortunes to financial affairs. Though Venus/Pisces is in the sign of her exaltation, she functions as an accidental malefic because Washington spent money on luxury goods whether or not money was in the bank. Pisces is a sign of sacrifice and Washington was more than willing to spend and give money away. As one example, during 1786 - an interim period between the Revolutionary War and his Presidency - Washington entertained guests lavishly despite having less than £86 in the bank at the beginning of the year (Freeman 1968: 528). As a grantor of wealth, Venus appears to function better as the significator for fisheries Washington established in 1769, whose solar return features a Mercury-Saturn-Jupiter grand trine in Water signs aspecting the natal LOF. Pisces is the sign of fish.

Washington was land rich but cash poor; a common situation among many of the Founding Fathers. Mercury, ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> of investments and 5<sup>th</sup> of rental income is afflicted by Mars. South Node in 5<sup>th</sup> also diminishes rents because the 5<sup>th</sup> is income (2<sup>nd</sup>) from property (4<sup>th</sup>) by derived houses.

North Node/11<sup>th</sup> of good fortune ruled by Jupiter/9<sup>th</sup> (also LOF ruler) does not produce much income as Jupiter is afflicted by Saturn's opposition. This placement is a match to Washington's interest income from loans made to family members because family debt, as the 8<sup>th</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup>, falls in the 11<sup>th</sup> which is ruled by Jupiter. North Node in 11<sup>th</sup> means Washington has many debts outstanding, yet Jupiter's affliction means Washington has difficulties collecting outstanding debt payments due him (Freeman 1968: 531).

For further study: recommended is John Berlau's *George Washington, Entrepreneur, How Our Founding Father's Private Business Pursuits Changed America and the World*, Macmillan, 2020.

### **Firdaria**

[Note: this section recaps discussion in Chapter 7: *Planetary Period Methods*.]

#### North Node: 22-Feb-1771

North Node in the 11th ruled by Jupiter/Libra/9th signifies friends and alliances driven by an egalitarian philosophy. Shortly after the onset of Washington's North Node period, the Committees of Correspondence were formed in the colonies. While Washington was no literary activist like Jefferson, the period benefited him nonetheless. Success in forcing the British to repeal both Stamp and Townshend Acts solidified political alliances across the colonies.

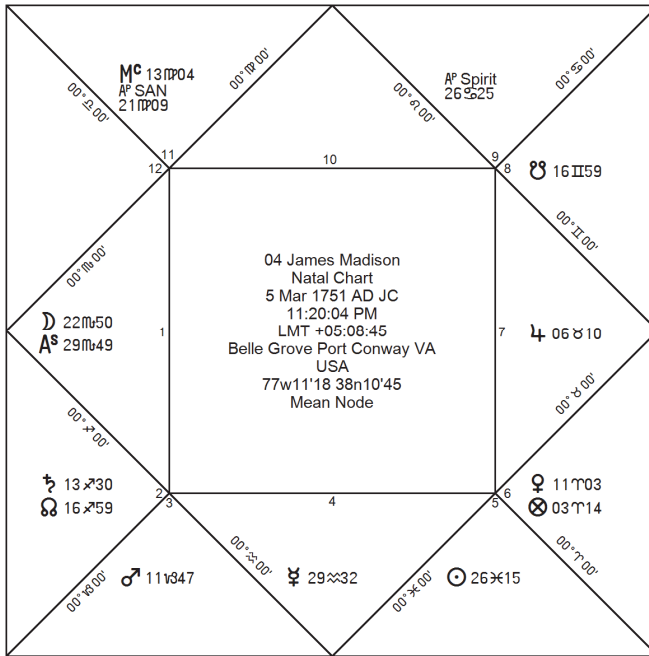
#### South Node: 22-Feb-1774

South Node in the 5th signifies broken diplomacy. Arguments over taxation without representation matches Mercury because Mercury rules the 8th of taxation, is the planet which signifies business and contracts, and in the humanitarian sign of Aquarius is interested in fair financial dealings. Success in repealing the Stamp and Townshend Acts was relatively short-lived as the British quickly tired of colonists' demands and imposed the first Coercive Act on 31-Mar-1774 just after the onset of Washington's South Node period. The period between 1774 and 1776 was marked by divisive relations with the British who broke off diplomatic relations. The Revolutionary War immediately followed.

#### Sun: 22-Feb-1776

Washington achieves considerable fame during his major Sun Period as Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary War against the British.



**James Madison****Lot of Fortune**

LOF in 6<sup>th</sup> ties Madison's wealth to slaves. Madison depended on slaves his entire life for farm production at his Montpelier family estate. Though the LOF is weakened by conjunction to Venus/Aries, triplicity rulers Jupiter, Sun, and Saturn are stronger. Madison's compassionate treatment of slaves is read through Sun/Pisces as 2<sup>nd</sup> triplicity ruler of the 6<sup>th</sup> assigned to slaves.

How then is Venus/Aries a debility to Madison's fortunes? The first example is a June 1783 soldier rebellion whereby American soldiers, protesting the government's failure to pay salaries, chased Congress out of Philadelphia forcing them to retreat to Princeton. The soldiers were drunk and stopped just short of committing acts of violence against Congress.

A second example is Madison's sale of real estate in 1829. This followed complaints from his land managers who suffered the indignities of an abusive female tenant who matches the delineation of Venus/Aries (Ketchum: 375).

Both soldier and tenant incidents confirm Venus as a debility on fortune.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 15-Mar-1790

Following Hamilton's plan for a National Bank and the assumption of state debts by the Federal government payable at par, Madison devoted much of his time during the summer of 1790 fighting Hamilton's assumption plan. Madison did not disagree with assumption per se; only that payment of outstanding debt issues at par would unfairly reward speculators at the expense of original debt owners who had been forced to sell at distress levels.

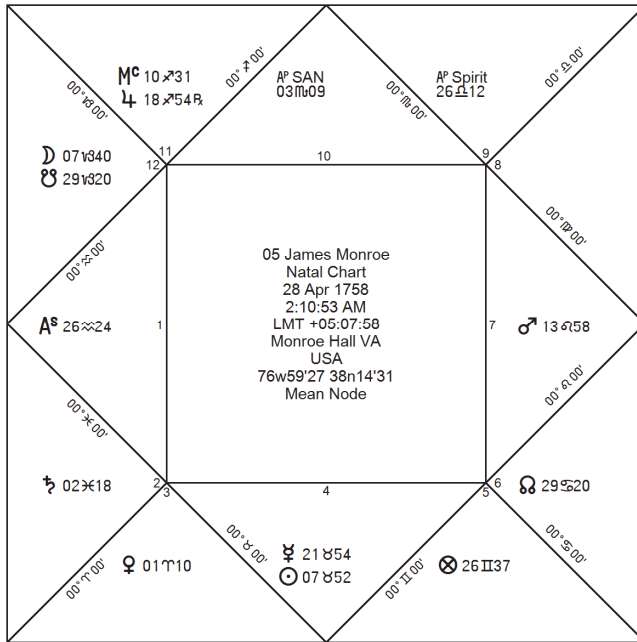
For Madison, North Node in Sagittarius is placed in the 2nd house of wealth. It is conjunct Saturn/Sagittarius and ruled by Jupiter/Taurus/7th. In order to match this configuration to Madison's opposition of debt assumption, the 2nd must be taken as the 8th from the 7th, or other people's debts. Saturn/Sagittarius makes Madison a sober judge of other people's debts; conjunct the North Node augments this issue for Madison. As ruler of both, Jupiter/Taurus – large private speculators – is the source of Madison's concern.

Another North Node delineation is gains in personal financial wealth from real estate partnerships which are prudently managed. The North Node period was one of the more profitable periods for Virginia planters like Madison. Convulsions surrounding the French Revolution increased the demand for and prices of American agricultural exports to Europe.

### South Node: 15-Mar-1793

South Node in the 8th of investments and foreign trade shows a reduction in these affairs. Between 1793 and 1795, both Jefferson and Madison argued that the bounty of American exported raw materials could be used as a coercive political weapon against other countries. European countries not only depended on American raw materials but also the sale of their finished goods to Americans to complete the trade flow. Jefferson and Madison suggested trade with France as a counterbalance to Britain as a trading partner.

Madison was unsuccessful with this proposal, frustrated first by reports in the Spring of 1794 that American vessels trading with French interests were seized by Britain who either condemned them or impounded them until their cargos were spoiled in port (e.g., perishable agricultural goods). As the South Node Firdaria period finished, George Washington received a copy of Jay's Treaty with England on 7-Mar-1795, considered a sellout to the British by Madison. The enmity towards Britain would later come to a head in the War of 1812 fought under Madison's own Presidency.

**James Monroe****Lot of Fortune**

LOF/Gemini/5th ties Monroe's wealth to real estate because its placement in the 5<sup>th</sup> (WS) is 2<sup>nd</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup>, or income from property, and ruler Mercury is placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> (WS) of property. Monroe was land rich and cash poor. His salary was never enough to cover expenses. By the end of his Presidency, he was in so much debt he was virtually ruined. Why did his agricultural interests not produce sufficient income? Diminished productivity was one problem. This can be delineated by Mercury separating from Mars/Leo and void of course. Mars/Leo can be interpreted as either drought or sterility of soil. The greedy Venus/Aries also rules Mercury. This suggests Monroe's land purchases were fueled more by greed and less by sound economic judgment. Insufficient salary to pay for expenses is shown by Moon/Capricorn conjunct the 11<sup>th</sup> cusp (AL) within 3 degrees. 11<sup>th</sup> is income from profession. Moon also rules the 6<sup>th</sup> of servants. One servant overspent and died, leaving Monroe with even more debts to settle.

Another signification of the 5<sup>th</sup> house is diplomacy. While Monroe did not receive any direct remuneration from the Louisiana Purchase, it did help his career. On 2-Mar-1802 as the Louisiana Purchase was signed, tr. Jupiter at 26 Virgo, the 4<sup>th</sup> positional degree from the LOF.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 28-Apr-1797

North Node/Cancer/6<sup>th</sup> ruled by Moon/Capricorn/12<sup>th</sup> is a tricky because the 6<sup>th</sup> is a bad house, the Node's ruler Moon is in detriment, and skew of the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> cusp placements by quadrant houses suggests that both 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> house affairs should be impacted by this configuration.

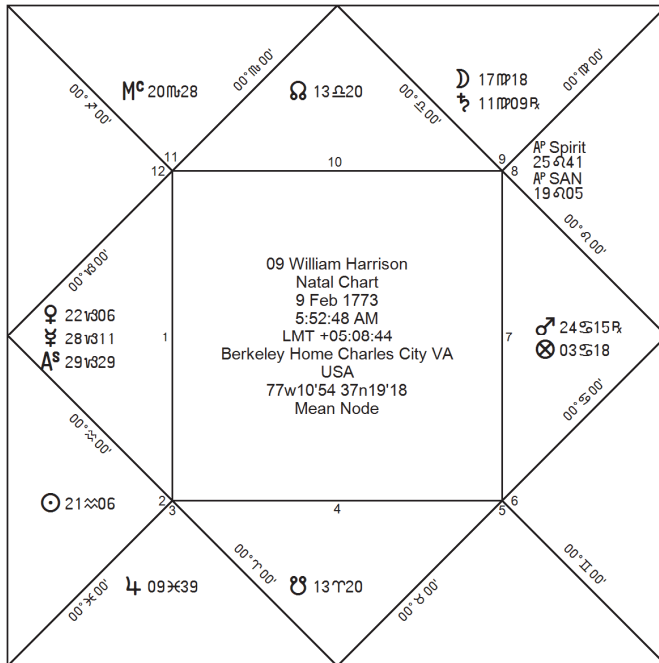
To the 5<sup>th</sup> house is assigned diplomats and legates. During April 1797, Monroe left France, after his position as envoy was recalled. He was replaced by the Federalist Pinckney. Monroe was pro-French, a sentiment not supported by Washington, J. Adams, and other Federalists whose party was in eclipse. Upon return to America, Monroe launched a bitter attack against Pinckney and other Federalists for his recall. Monroe's 500 page *A View of the Conduct of the Executive in the Foreign Affairs of the United States* inflamed animosity towards the Federalists by reviving charges the Jay Treaty was a sellout to the British (among many other themes). Monroe appears to have abetted the Federalist Party's decline with his partisan attack. Voters agreed with Monroe, electing him to the Virginia Governorship position in the fall of 1799 as the period ended. It appears the best delineation of this Nodal-Moon configuration is *electoral gains at the expense of the Federalist Party*.

The 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> house Nodal delineation is more difficult but appears a match to Monroe's need to establish living quarters on lands adjacent to Monticello because of a lack of money. The implication is Monroe establishes a tenant relationship to Jefferson who is signified by Sun in 4<sup>th</sup> of real estate ruling the 7<sup>th</sup> of partners, a pivot house from which the 6<sup>th</sup> falls away. Another 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> house event requiring further research to confirm its relevance to the North Node period is Monroe's involvement in the *Reynolds Affair* surrounding Alexander Hamilton. This is a complicated story but appears a match to Moon/Capricorn/12<sup>th</sup> because of the role played by an informant named Clingman who was imprisoned on fraud charges for posing as a United States creditor (Styron 1945, 204).

### South Node: 28-Apr-800

Though the Moon ruling the 6<sup>th</sup> in the 12<sup>th</sup> (WS) promises slave revolts, South Node in the 12<sup>th</sup> is a counteracting factor because the South Node harms enemies. It is essentially a double-negative delineation which benefits Monroe. The slave insurrection known as Gabriel's Uprising threatened Virginia during August 1800; yet bad weather disrupted and aborted the uprising. Monroe would spend much time during the next year or so dealing with nervous constituents and local militias raised to preempt other slave rebellions. No other slave rebellions materialized. 12<sup>th</sup> house is also death of children. His son James died in 1801.

### William Harrison



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in 7<sup>th</sup> ties wealth to partnerships. Ruler Moon/Virgo/9<sup>th</sup> signifies the need for details of agricultural, land, and business activities in foreign lands. One of Harrison's first positions was Secretary of the newly organized Northwest Territories. By 1800 he was appointed Governor of the Indiana Territory where he engaged in similar activities. From the perspective of the original American colonies, western lands were essentially *foreign* and are consistent with the Moon's 9<sup>th</sup> house placement.

I delineate the Moon's separation from Saturn and application to Venus as Harrison's profits from the destruction/taking of foreign lands (Saturn/Virgo) as a vehicle to climb the mountain of social status (Venus/Capricorn). Venus in the term of Saturn/Capricorn adds the theme of protection of wealth by building walls around accumulated property. He was a wealthy landowner.

Harrison lost a substantial sum by borrowing against his property in order to invest in an Iron Foundry in 1818. His debt was \$20,000. Sun/Aquarius/2<sup>nd</sup> in detriment ruling the 8<sup>th</sup> of debt shows Harrison as a 'nice guy' borrowing money to help friends in a partnership. The Sun's trine to the LOF's antiscion shows the connection between debt and partnership losses.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 9-Feb-1812

Harrison entered the North Node period fresh from success at repelling the Indian attack at the Battle of Tippecanoe on 7-Nov-1811. Harrison was commissioned Major General of the Kentucky militia on 25-Aug-1812 and Brigadier General of the Northwest Territories the following month. Defeat of Tecumseh on 5-Oct-1813 was the culmination of Harrison's military service.

North Node/Libra/10th shows an expanded career/reputation. Ruler Venus/Capricorn/1st ruling the 5th of diplomacy signifies land accumulation as the source. Defeat of Indians increased safety for settlers in the Northwest Territories.

Things turned sour for Harrison towards the end of the North Node period when he quit his post in the spring of 1814. Harrison was reassigned to a position further west, where he saw no action. Harrison read this transfer as the result of political rivalries between presidential aspirants in the military who wanted Harrison out of the picture.

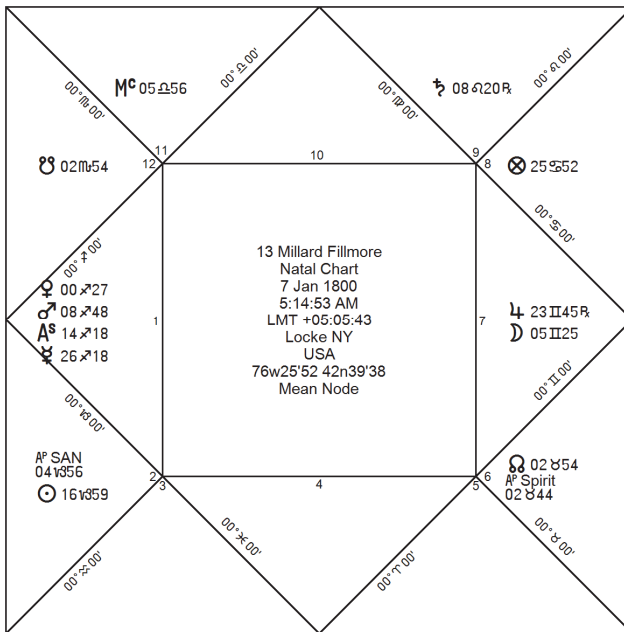
### South Node: 9-Feb-1815

Two problems occurred during this period which can be directly related to the South Node/Aries/4th and its ruler Mars/Cancer/7th.

The first was charges of financial impropriety made against Harrison's alleged transactions involving commissary supplies brought by former army contractor Orr (Cleaves 1939: 232-240). The second was brought by a subordinate General Desha and accused Harrison of reluctance to pursue the British at Detroit; following only when ordered by Governor Shelby.

In both of these events, the South Node/Aries/4th is best read as loss in the *end-of-the-matter*. This is different than the 5th house attribute *what is said about one's career after one is dead*. For Harrison, South Node in the 4th means that supposedly settled matters are marred by Mars/Cancer/7th. How so? Mars/Cancer is usually timid unless threatened; then Mars/Cancer is cruel. From details of the Orr incident, Mars/Cancer appears to describe Orr as a 7th house party. For the second event, Mars/Cancer accurately describes Harrison's reluctant fighting style, making Desha's charges against Harrison legitimate. This is also confirmed by Mars as Harrison's Almutem Figuris. As the South Node period ended, Harrison was vindicated against Orr's charges in a Congressional Committee's final report made on 23-Jan-1817, immediately prior to the end of the South Node period on 9-Feb-1817. Harrison's reputation recovered following the entry into his major Sun period.

### Millard Fillmore



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in 8<sup>th</sup> ties Fillmore's financial affairs to banking, investments, and traded goods. While he is best known for supporting Matthew Perry's Japan trade mission, timed by the Moon-LOF direction of 25-Nov-1852, Fillmore was also involved with trade earlier in his Congressional career. He played an instrumental role in the passage of the Tariff of 1842, referred to as the *Black Tariff*. This tariff was designed to raise the average tariff on imports back to 40% from 20%, the level to which rates had declined following the Compromise Tariff of 1833. In his 9-Jun-1842 speech favoring the proposed measure, Fillmore emphasized U.S. interests were more important than any other and support for domestic manufacturers would encourage self-sufficiency in times of war.

Moon/Gemini/7<sup>th</sup> rules LOF and applies to Saturn/Leo/9<sup>th</sup>. The Gemini Moon seeks news, information, and gossip about 7<sup>th</sup> house parties and their legal affairs. What kind of gossip? Moon is ruled by Mercury/Sagittarius which signifies optimistic businessmen interested in expansion. These are the kind of people that Fillmore naturally attracts. Moon's application to Saturn/Leo/9<sup>th</sup> means Fillmore adopts business interests as his own and takes a *love me or I will kill you* totalitarian attitude; effectively shoving higher tariffs down the throats of foreign exporters to the benefit of domestic business

interests. Besides the Moon/Saturn application which helps domestic industry with higher tariffs, Saturn himself aids domestic industry because Saturn separates from Mars and applies to Venus. Mars/Sagittarius is Fillmore's warlike agitation; Saturn carries this warlike agitation and applies it to Venus/Sagittarius, significator of higher prices.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 7-Jan-1839

North Node/Taurus ruled by Venus/Sagittarius/1<sup>st</sup> falls in the 5<sup>th</sup> by AL and the 6<sup>th</sup> by WS. Positioned just 6 degrees past the 5<sup>th</sup> AL cusp (26AR29 not shown), the 5<sup>th</sup> house placement is a direct match to an election victory for Fillmore's Whig Party under the frivolous *Log Cabin and Hard Cider* campaign run for William Harrison. Elections are a 5<sup>th</sup> house matter. Venus/Sagittarius also rules the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> quadrant cusps; Fillmore's career and political alliances gain from Harrison's electoral victory. Delineating the North Node in the 6<sup>th</sup> is not as easy, yet still possible if the 6<sup>th</sup> is delineated as the labor class. The Harrison campaign was conducted during the waning years of the Jacksonian Era, culminating with a deflationary economic bust inherited by Jackson's successor Martin Van Buren. For the working class, the solution to deflation was inflation, signified by Venus/Sagittarius. Fillmore *attracts* (Venus in 1<sup>st</sup>) *increased numbers* (NN) of the *labor class* (NN in 6<sup>th</sup>) clamoring for *increased prices* (Venus in Sagittarius).

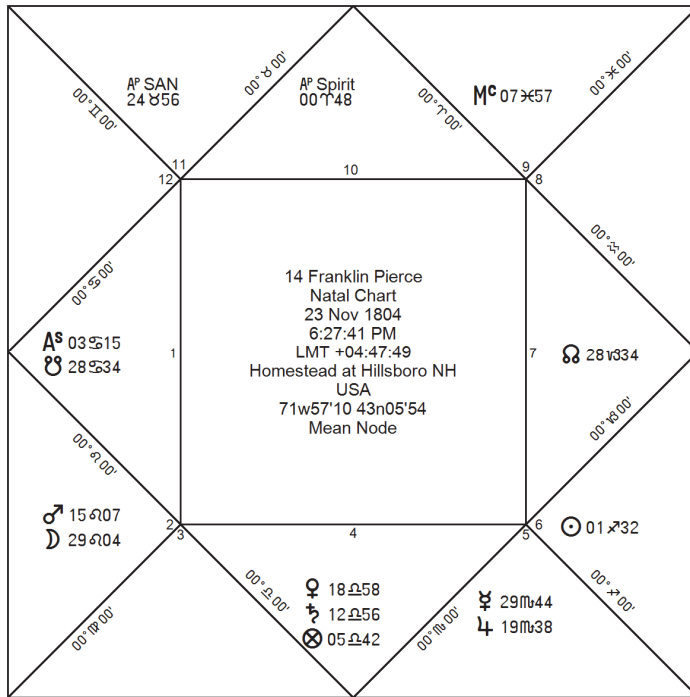
### South Node: 7-Jan-1842

South Node in 12<sup>th</sup> works to Fillmore's advantage by destroying enemies. As ruler of the South Node, Mars/Sagittarius is the cause of harm to enemies. For Fillmore, Mars/Sagittarius in the 1<sup>st</sup> ruling the 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is *his own warlike agitation* (Mars/Sagittarius in 1st) favoring production by *domestic manufacturers* (Mars ruling 4<sup>th</sup> of homeland; IC = 2AR05) harming *secret enemies* (Mars ruling 12<sup>th</sup> of enemies). Warlike agitation was one tactic Fillmore used to secure the passage of the Tariff of 1842. As a result, Fillmore's enemies – President Tyler and other obstructionists to Clay's American system – suffered defeat with the Tariff's passage.

Placement of the South Node in 12<sup>th</sup> ensures destruction of enemies and not a mistake Fillmore suffers at his own expense. South Node in 12<sup>th</sup> is a variation of the double negative rule that the South Node conjunct a malefic is a benefic. Here the South Node placed in a malefic house functions as a benefic. The South Node period was an excellent time for Fillmore. At the end of 1842, Fillmore left Congress at the height of his Congressional career and sought the position of Henry Clay's running mate in the 1844 Presidential Election.



### Franklin Pierce



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in 4<sup>th</sup> ties Pierce's wealth to his father, family, land and real estate. Following Pierce's admission to the bar in 1827, his father helped establish Pierce's law practice by building an office across the street from the family estate and contributing funds for the purchase of a set of law books.

Pierce was a successful lawyer because his pleasant demeanor and respect for the Constitution made for sound integrity in the public's eye.

Venus/Libra = pleasant demeanor; Saturn/Libra = respect for the Constitution.

Following his US Senate election in 1837, Pierce was appointed to chair the committee on pensions. This is another match to the Venus-Saturn-LOF combination in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Venus rules the 11<sup>th</sup> or king's money. Saturn rules the 8<sup>th</sup>; death and taxes. Both rulers placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> house of end-of-life define pensions because pensions are paid in retirement (4<sup>th</sup>) from the king's coffers (11<sup>th</sup>) or following the death of the husband for widows (8<sup>th</sup>).

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 23-Nov-1843

This is an example where the North Node increases the affairs of a bad house to the detriment of the individual. In January 1845, New Hampshire Representative John Hale decided to vote against the Texas annexation because he could not abide its favoritism to slave owning interests. This occurred after the New Hampshire state legislature passed a resolution instructing NH Representatives to vote for annexation. Because Pierce was a pro-slavery man and head of the state's Democratic political party apparatus, he was incensed at Hale's decision and accused him of forcing voters to choose between himself and party operatives, thus splitting the party. However correct he was in defining risks to New Hampshire's Democratic Party, Pierce came on too strong and caused a counter reaction which deepened the split. Pierce was forced out of his law partnership with Fowler because of Fowler's support for Hale.

For this episode, North Node in 7th increased open enmity because of Pierce's pro-slavery philosophy signified by Mars/Leo, al-mubtazz of the 7th.

### South Node: 23-Nov-1846

On 15-Feb-1847, Pierce was appointed an infantry colonel and charged to recruit a regiment from New England for service in the Mexican War. At the Battle of Contreras, Pierce sustained severe injuries including a fractured pelvis and a dislocated left knee.

Ascendant ruler Moon/Leo shows the need for fame and glory. It rules the South Node in the 1st. Following the turmoil of the Democratic Party's fortunes, it is no wonder that Pierce saw military service as a vehicle to resurrect his political fortunes by continuing the Pierce family tradition of seeking glory in battle. South Node in 1st injures the physical body; his injuries at Contreras define the entire South Node period. Yet he still manages to manufacture fame from his very brief war service which proved beneficial to him in later election contests.

### Sun: 23-Nov-1848

Several years passed before Pierce's political fortunes recovered. The unexpected death of Levi Woodbury opened up the Presidential race for Pierce which he won in November 1852. His major Sun period is marred by his pro-Southern warlike philosophy which deepened divisions between the North and South. This is shown by Jupiter/Scorpio (expansion of war) ruling Sun/Sagittarius.



## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 12-Feb-1848

As delineated in Chapter 1: *Planets in Signs*, Lincoln's North Node/Scorpio/12th signifies mistakes and increased enmity from Mars/Libra/11th political alliances. During the Civil War, generals unwilling to fight caused Lincoln problems. Here, the North Node period opened with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ending the Mexican War on 2-Feb-1848. Lincoln was criticized for his 22-Dec-1847 resolutions which requested President Polk to 'establish whether the particular spot of soil on which the blood of our citizens was so shed, was, or was not, our own soil' (Donald 1995, 123). Lincoln sought to revive the flimsy evidence of Mexican aggression used as justification of the Mexican War in order to criticize Polk. Mars/Libra fights for justice; this spurred Lincoln to make this partisan anti-war taunt. Yet with the war's end and the American victory, Lincoln's speech was considered absurd if not unpatriotic. For this incident, Lincoln was given the nickname of 'Spotty Lincoln'. This was used against him as late as 1858 in debates against Stephen Douglas.

Another signification of North Node in the 12th is death of children. Lincoln lost his son Eddie on 1-Feb-1850. Placed in the 11th house by quadrant signs, it is consistent with the death of his father on 17-Jan-1851.

### South Node: 12-Feb-1851

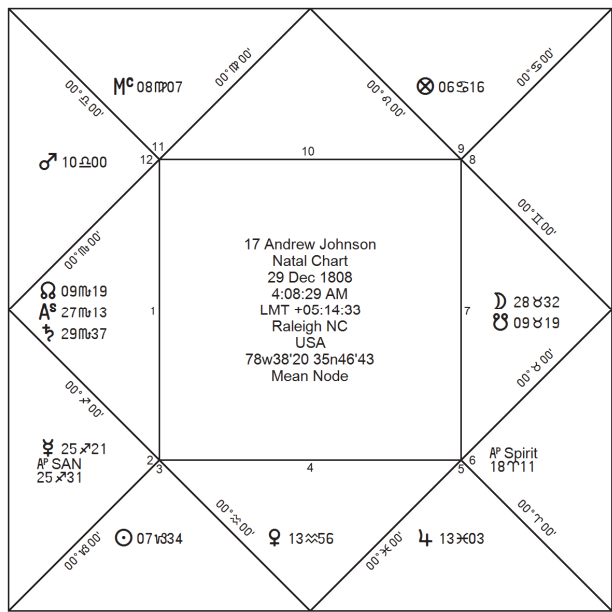
Lincoln's South Node period, covering roughly the period between his father's death and the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act on 26-May-1854, is given little attention by biographers.

Though this period of life requires further research, there may be one mundane connection to Lincoln's South Node period. South Node in 6th shows diminution of 6th house affairs which includes slaves. During 1852, the publication of Uncle Tom's Cabin emphasized the poor treatment of slaves by their Southern owners; this triggered a virulent response among Americans. This is consistent with Venus/Aries (virulent) ruling South Node (loss/diminished) in the 6th (slaves). While the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act has been universally cited as a major step in Lincoln's radicalization against slavery; it is likely that seeds for his anti-slavery views were sown during this South Node period.

### Sun: 12-Feb-1853

From debates against Stephen Douglas to the Presidency, Lincoln achieved his greatest fame during the Sun's period.

Andrew Johnson



Lot of Fortune

LOF in 9<sup>th</sup> ruled by Moon/Taurus/7<sup>th</sup> shows profits in foreign affairs from land acquisition made through legal negotiations. This is the perfect match for Seward’s negotiated purchase of Alaska from Russia timed by this direction:

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The Russian minister arrived in America during February; Charles Sumner made a speech supporting the acquisition of Alaska on 3-March, the treaty was signed on 30-March and ratified by the Senate on 9-Apr-1867. Final funding approval was delayed until 14-Jul-1868 because of Congressional opposition.

Secretary of State William Seward, an ardent expansionist, envisioned Alaska as the gateway to foreign trade with the Orient, hyping fish as a principal US export. Jupiter/Pisces in the 5<sup>th</sup> of diplomacy is Seward. Jupiter rules the 9<sup>th</sup> of foreign affairs by exaltation and trines the LOF also in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Pisces is the sign of fish. Jupiter also rules Mercury, or the actual treaty, who in turn rules the 8<sup>th</sup> of foreign trade. Congressional delay in funding the treaty is shown by Moon applying by opposition to Saturn, al-mubtazz of the 11<sup>th</sup> of politics which includes Congress.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 29-Dec-1847

North Node/Scorpio/1st conjunct Saturn/Scorpio, both ruled by Mars/Libra/12<sup>th</sup>, sets the tone for the North Node period.

First, Johnson made a speech on 2-Aug-1848 supporting the Presidential right to veto, tracing veto power back to 497 BC in a research project which confirms the Scorpio Ascendant's drive to uncover facts and secrets.

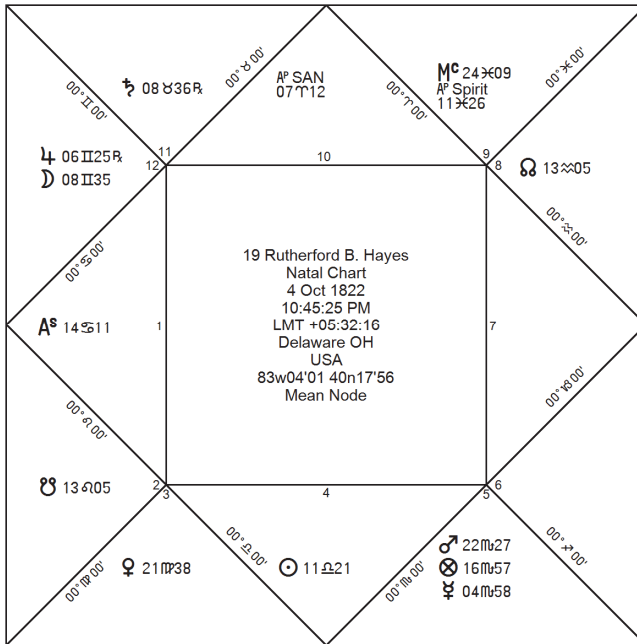
Second, Johnson railed against the principle of compromise as a legislative maneuver. He still voted for most measures of the Missouri Compromise in 1850 (excepting the abolition of the slave trade in the District of Columbia), apparently on the realization that it was the best chance to uphold the Constitution and the Union as a consequence.

As North Node ruler, Mars/Libra/12th signifies mistakes from compromise because Mars/Libra likes to avoid/delay fighting at all costs. That this issue involved slaves occurred because Mars rules the 6th. This is what Johnson railed against in 1850. Saturn/Scorpio is the signature of paranoia and national security. It is strengthened by conjunction to the North Node and deeply suspicious because of the same Mars/Libra rulership. It accounts for his support of the Presidential veto which is a method of avoiding compromise. It appears Johnson's steely determination to avoid compromise was forged during the North Node period; this would later be the cause of his Presidential impeachment trial.

### South Node: 29-Dec-1850

Given the power of the Moon/Taurus in 7th to deliver the Alaska Purchase through legal means because of its rulership of the LOF, it's easy to see how the opposite effect should occur when the South Node/Taurus in 7th is activated by Firdaria. Johnson's primary disappointment during this period was the inability to introduce Homestead legislation in 1851 and secure Senate passage in 1852. As ruler of the South Node, Venus/Aquarius/4th is the cause of the South Node's loss. How so? Johnson was an advocate of the Homestead Act as a method of land distribution to the poor and working class. This is Venus/Aquarius/4th. Yet Venus is afflicted by the paranoid Saturn/Scorpio. Mars, ruler of 6th in 12th, signifies slave revolts and is the cause of Saturn's paranoia. Congress, signified by Saturn as al-mubtazz of the 11<sup>th</sup>, opposed the Homestead legislation because Congress thought its smaller sized land tracts – incompatible with the South's plantation-sized slave operations – were a threat to slavery as a national institution. Passage of the Homestead Act would somehow cause a slave revolt in Southern states.

### Rutherford Hayes



### Lot of Fortune

LOF/5<sup>th</sup> shows gains from children, entertainment, and diplomacy. Hayes had a large family, all but one boys. His son Web Hayes served as his personal secretary during his Presidency. Yet the LOF is besieged by Mercury, ruler of the 12<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> from the 5<sup>th</sup>) and Mars. Three of Hayes' sons died in infancy.

Trefousse (2002: 109) treats Hayes favorably on his diplomatic conduct with Indians by acknowledging Hayes' role in preventing the War Department from taking over the Indian Bureau. Yet the Indian wars against the Nez Perce, Bannocks, and Cheyenne suggest otherwise. The Mercury/Mars conjunction opposed by Saturn/Taurus suggest lies, trickery, warfare, and land seizure were the diplomatic means Hayes used to subvert the Indians. Another diplomatic incident confirms the 5<sup>th</sup> house is afflicted. During the White House's 1880 New Years Day reception, Hayes was accosted by a political appointee sent to Sitka, Alaska. He returned at his own expense after his appointment was not confirmed. His reimbursements were insufficient to pay his expenses. He threatened Hayes' life. (Trefousse 2002: 199). It appears *looting for pleasure* during Hayes' Civil War service was one of the few ways Hayes actually gained from this LOF placement.

## **Firdaria**

Civil War Service and the start of Hayes' Congressional career comprise both Nodal periods.

### North Node: 4-Oct-1861

North Node/Aquarius/8th, ruled by Saturn/Taurus/11th is difficult to delineate unless Hayes' Civil War military service is considered. Without the military lens, the North Node/Aquarius/8th ruled by Saturn/Taurus/11th might be delineated as a large number of investments in shipping and transport concerns marred by loss of cargo (e.g., spoiled or stolen foodstuffs). As a Civil War military commander, for Hayes the North Node/Aquarius/8th signified the increase in the goods of open enemies which he either captured or destroyed. For instance, his men captured 250 barrels of flour on 6-May-1862 near Pearisburg, VA. (Hoogenboom 1995: 137). Some of his campaigns involved bridges and railroad tracks, a match to the Node's placement in Aquarius.

North Node is also in the 8th house of death. Hayes did suffer several injuries; however they were not life threatening. He endured the privations of war easily and considered his North Node years one of the happiest periods of his life.

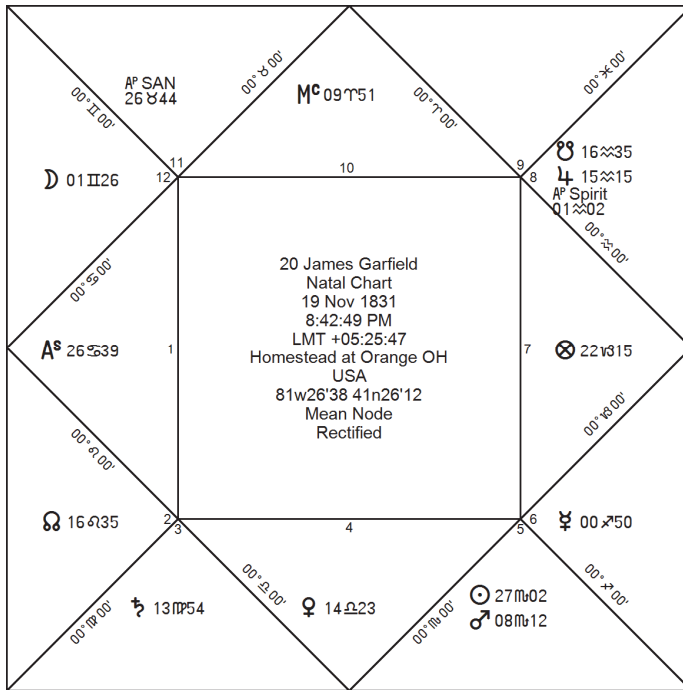
### South Node: 4-Oct-1864

Four days after the onset of his South Node Firdaria period, Hayes wrote that he started to tire of fighting (Hoogenboom 1996: 175). Hayes performed bravely at the Battle of Cedar Creek on 19-Oct-1864, yet injured his ankle when his horse was killed. This was his last Civil War fight.

South Node/Leo/2nd ruled by Sun/Libra/4th should mark this period by a loss of wealth from political activity as head of the opposition party because the 4th opposes the 10th. While there is little mention of Hayes' reduced income/wealth during this time; Hayes does spend more time with his family. Family is a 4th house affair. Presumably the time spent between his Civil War service and Congressional service beginning on 1-Dec-1865 was a transition period during which he received no salary. From Dec-1865 to 4-Oct-1866, Hayes as a member of the political opposition did join part in the Radical Republican's successful efforts in overriding President Johnson's vetoes on Reconstruction legislations. How this may have diminished wealth is not mentioned by Hoogenboom.



### James Garfield



### Lot of Fortune

Taking Garfield's military service as a point of departure, LOF in 7<sup>th</sup> signifies gains from military service because the 7<sup>th</sup> is the house of open enemies. How so? As detailed in the rectification, ruler Saturn/Virgo/3<sup>rd</sup> timed Garfield's telegram following the Battle of Chickamauga. Garfield requested and Washington responded with the resupply of 20,000 soldiers within 7 days, reputedly the greatest logistical achievement of the entire Civil War. As a military officer, Garfield earned \$5,000 per year and was able to increase his personal savings of \$3,000 by another \$2,000 during his wartime service (Peskin 1978: 248).

The other Saturn primary direction sequence cited in the rectification timed Garfield's interest with the Census during his Congressional career. Saturn/Virgo also appears to signify his position as Appropriations Chairman when he attempted to develop a scientific theory regarding expenses and income. In the first real attempt at controlling expenses, Garfield also tried to determine what true necessities demanded government expense. In this way he placed himself in the position of arbiter (Peskin 327) which is consistent with the 7<sup>th</sup> house delineated as legal affairs.

## **Firdaria**

During the five years of both Nodal periods, Garfield was involved in several financial scandals which harmed his reputation (Peskin, 346-371).

### North Node: 19-Nov-1870

First was a scandal he avoided by refusing in late 1871 an offer from Jay Cooke's Northern Pacific Railroad for the position of Land Commissioner. Cooke offered Garfield an annual salary of \$8,000 plus stock options (present terminology) for control of another \$100,000 in stock. Garfield was suspicious and said no.

Yet Garfield did succumb to two other questionable financial dealings. First was the 1872 DeGolyer influence peddling affair where Garfield accepted \$5,000 disguised as a payment for legal work in order to push through approval for the DeGolyer firm to pave the streets of Washington DC. Second was his involvement in the Credit Mobilier scandal to the tune of \$329. The first was more damaging but blew over as did Credit Mobilier.

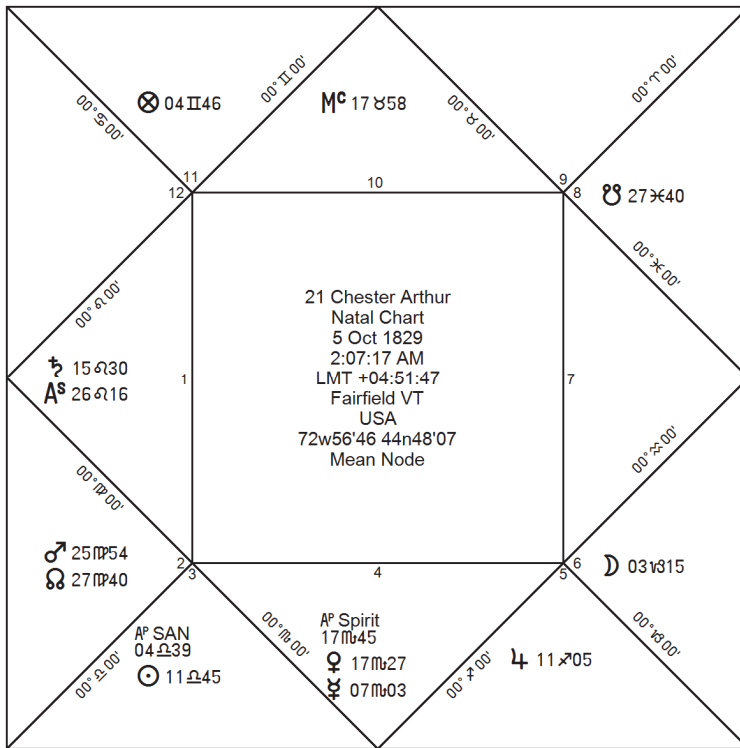
What did not blow over was the so-called Salary Grab measure passed on 24-Feb-1873 which increased the President's salary by \$5,000 and each Congressman's by \$2,500. As Appropriations Chair, Garfield had to sign it, despite his strong reservations. The legislation was pushed through using various tricks in order to embarrass Garfield. The public was outraged and the measure was quickly rescinded in the next Congressional session.

North Node/Leo/2nd ruled by Sun/Scorpio/5th promises an increase in personal wealth through the Sun's significations of fame/honor. This is a signature for influence peddling. As the Sun's ruler, Mars/Scorpio/5th adds illicitness to Garfield's personal finances and is consistent with illegal financial dealings.

### South Node: 19-Nov-1873

Triggered by the failure of Jay Cooke's investment house, the Panic of October 1873 ushered in an economic depression second only to the Great Depression of 1929-1933. South Node/Aquarius/8th promises loss to investments. No such investment losses are mentioned by Peskin; yet there is one incident which appears a match. In late 1874, Garfield successfully lobbied President Grant against a proposal to implement a public works program for the benefit of the unemployed. Jupiter/Aquarius/8th is the logical significator for public works because Jupiter/Aquarius signifies a humanitarian philosophy. For Garfield, South Node conjunct Jupiter/Aquarius negates Jupiter's philosophy.

### Chester Arthur



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in 11<sup>th</sup> ties wealth to friends, political alliances, and the king's money. Arthur's most lucrative position was head of the NY Customhouse, appointed by President Grant, confirming the relationship between his salary and the king's money. In this position, Arthur oversaw the collection of import fees from traded goods at the nation's largest single collection center.

Arthur's income benefited from moiety assessments which can be read through the LOF and its rulers. In the moiety system, employees who seized improper shipments (e.g., illegal or improperly registered) received a cut of the goods seized or fines assessed. For Arthur, this meant a bonus of roughly four times his nominal salary. Mercury/Scorpio/4<sup>th</sup> ruling both LOF and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of wealth signifies underhanded assessments as a source of wealth. Mercury sextile Mars in the 2<sup>nd</sup> means these payments are fed directly to Arthur's bank account. All Mercury-Mars combinations signify the potential for deceit. Mercury and Mars in mutual reception describe a perfect crime. Mercury's conjunction to Venus/Scorpio is a part of the delineation because Venus

signifies goods and her placement in Scorpio indicates illegal, tainted, or stolen goods.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 5 Oct 1868

Arthur's North Node period overlaps the heyday of boss rule of William Marcy Tweed during the years 1866-1871. For Arthur, the Presidential election of Ulysses Grant on 3-Nov-1868 opened up financial opportunities because Grant soon appointed the Tweed operative Thomas Murphy to the position of NY Customhouse Collector. There Murphy had considerably sway on matters of patronage, including arranging Arthur's lucrative position with the New York City tax commission in 1869. Little is known or written about the specifics of Arthur's work on the tax commission except the open secret that it was through the manipulation of taxes that Tweed's Tammany Hall gained much of its income. The secrecy of the period confirms the role of the Mercury/Mars mutual reception, with Mars' conjunction to the North Node increasing the delineation of Arthur's Mercury/Mars configuration as the perfect crime.

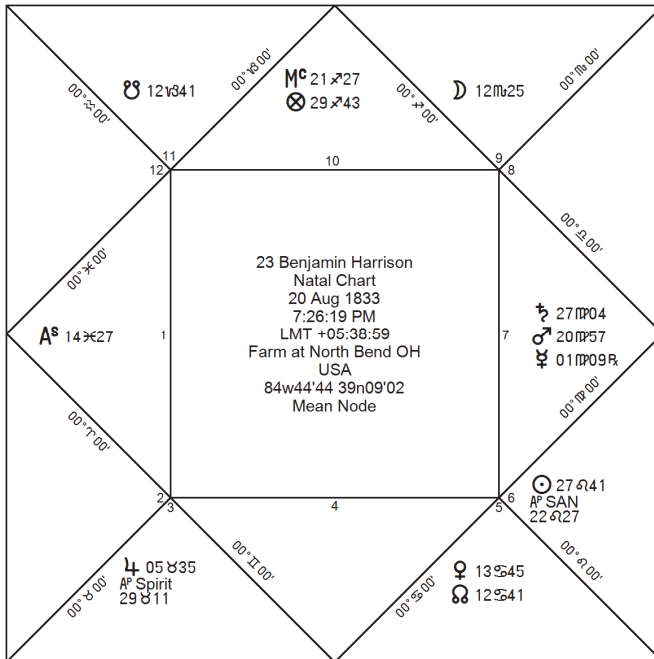
### South Node: 5 Oct 1871

With scandals uncovered, Boss Tweed's empire crumbled in 1871, forcing Thomas Murphy to resign from the Customhouse. This actually favored Arthur who was reappointed Collector as Murphy's replacement. Arthur assumed duties on 1-Dec-1871.

How does the South Node influence Arthur's reign in the NY Customhouse? Because the South Node falls in the 8th of traded goods and tariffs, a reduction of trade activity and tariffs is indicated. As ruler, Jupiter/Sagittarius/5th is the cause. How so? While head of the NY Customhouse, Arthur is described as a lavish entertainer, with multiple hotel suites occupied during political conventions (Reeves 1975: 74-75). To the 5th house is assigned elections as well as entertainment. Arthur's exuberant parties were largely funded by moiety assessments at the government's expense. There was a dollar-for-dollar tradeoff between reduced government tariffs and increased funds available for Arthur's campaign parties.

The South Node also likely restricted his investments. One cannot easily invest in stocks and bonds with extra cash flow if one is required to fund lavish parties at political conventions.

# Benjamin Harrison



## Lot of Fortune

With the LOF in the 10<sup>th</sup>, one attracts wealth from reputation. Abu ‘Ali Al-Khayyat also indicates gains from dealings with kings, princes, and those of the ruling class.

And so one day in March 1855, William Wallace met Benjamin Harrison in the street and asked him to join his law practice as a junior partner so that Wallace could devote additional time for a political campaign. Wallace had prior knowledge of Harrison's legal expertise, confirming that LOF bestows wealth because of reputation. Wallace's election race was for the clerk of Marion County. He was the son of the former Indiana Governor David Wallace, making Sun/Leo the logical significator for Wallace. Sun in Leo is the strongest ruler of the Lot of Fortune sending its right trine to the MC and LOF. Sun placed in the 6<sup>th</sup> house matches Wallace's run for a *clerk* position. Business profits stemmed both from collection work related to bankruptcies and foreclosures; also from divorce cases aided by Indiana's loose divorce laws. Both of these activities can be read from Saturn/Virgo in the 7<sup>th</sup> of marriage and business partnerships. Saturn is another triplicity ruler of the LOF and delivers profits to the LOF by square aspect.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 20-Aug-1872

In February 1872, Harrison lost the nomination for Indiana Governor due to the political machinations of Oliver Morton who as senior Indiana politico frustrated Harrison's political career on multiple occasions. Still loyal to the state Republican political organization despite this defeat, Harrison spent time in the spring and summer of 1872 campaigning for the Republican ticket. In August 1872 at the peak of campaign activity, Harrison took a vacation with friends, traveling on Lake Erie and down the St. Lawrence River by boat. The trip was considered a silent protest against Morton for his role in dumping Harrison from the Governor's ticket in February. North Node/Cancer conjunct Venus/Cancer in the 5th disposed by Moon/Scorpio/9th describes the trip. As the Node's ruler, the Moon is the cause of the trip. Moon/Scorpio/9th shows Harrison's need to stew over his political upset by taking a trip, or sabbatical, from the 1872 campaign. The North Node/Venus combination describes the trip as one made for recreation. Venus/Cancer suggests a comfortable trip. With Moon, North Node, and Venus in water signs, Harrison takes a cruise (Sievers 1959, 60). In the months after this trip, Harrison devoted more time to his daughter Mamie, showering her with clothes, books, and dancing lessons. This is another manifestation of North Node/Venus in the 5th (Sievers 1959, 64).

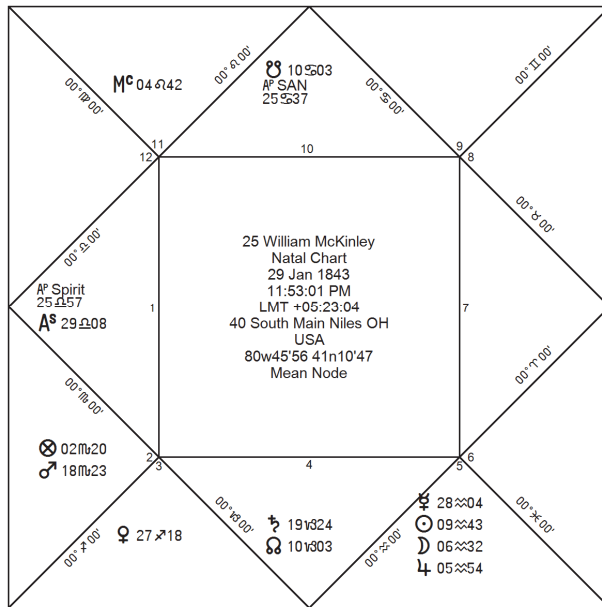
### South Node: 20-Aug-1875

On 20-Aug-1875, former President John Adams' diaries were published making defamatory comments against William Harrison, Benjamin's grandfather. To the 5th house is ascribed what is said after one's death. By derived houses, the grandfather is assigned to the 7th because it is the 4th from the 4th. 5th from the 7th is the 11th where the South Node by position shows insults to Harrison's grandfather after his death. On 1-Mar-1876, Harrison's mother-in-law died; a direct match to the 11th as 8th (death) from the 10th (mother) of the 7th (wife). In the fall of 1876, Harrison is reluctantly drafted to run for the Indiana Governor's race which he lost on 10-Oct-1876 to 'Blue Jeans' Williams. Earlier in the South Node period, Harrison had successfully defended a revenue agent on charges of corruption. Coming in the midst of the whiskey scandals of the Grant administration, the nation was in the mood for a reformer, not a defender of one of the accused. South Node in the 11th of politics signifies a lost election.

### Sun: 20-Aug-1877

Oliver Morton's stroke of 29-July and death on 1-Nov-1877 eliminated Harrison's political rival and allowed Harrison to garner fame as the leading Indiana Republican.

### William McKinley



### Lot of Fortune

ARM 4<sup>th</sup> edition identifies McKinley's brevet rank of major for his battle service at Cedar Creek as the AHA! Moment of rectification. For the day McKinley was awarded the rank on 13-Mar-1865, tr North Node was conjunct the LOF, tr Saturn-rx was conjunct the ASC, and csa Mars was conjunct the LOS. This is an extremely rare triple measurement hit. McKinley was known for courage under fire so much so that Karl Rove opened his 2015 biography with McKinley's suicide mission at Kernstown on 24-Jul-1864 the prior year. In this incident, McKinley was ordered to ride fully exposed to enemy fire to relay retreat orders to soldiers in his unit. Against all odds McKinley emerged untouched.

Delineation of courage under fire can be read by a lesser known assignment of the 8<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> house axis as the Gates of Hell; specifically, the 8<sup>th</sup> house shows 'how one descends' and the 2<sup>nd</sup> house shows 'how one emerges.' Note that Venus/Sagittarius rules the 8<sup>th</sup> – here is the gallantry, or how McKinley descended: riding high on horseback (horses are assigned to Sagittarius) in an optimistic flamboyant manner. Mars/Scorpio ruling the 2<sup>nd</sup> shows how McKinley emerges: without harm since Mars/Scorpio is in the sign of rulership co-present with the Lot of Fortune which he rules by sign and bound. Presence of the Lot of Fortune adds 'luckiness' to 2<sup>nd</sup> house affairs – in this case how he emerged unscathed.

While Mars helped McKinley in this wartime scenario, Mars is still a malefic and in the sign of Scorpio – an anticapitalistic sign – McKinley faced numerous financial difficulties during his lifetime. They included a significant financial loss which threatened bankruptcy on 17-Feb-1893 with tr South Node conjunct the Lot of Fortune. His political backers, not wanting to see their fledgling politico sidelined, fully bankrolled McKinley allowing him to restore his finances.

### **Firdaria**

North Node. 29-Jan-1882. After election to the House on 7-Nov-1876, McKinley made significant progress in Congress after the start of the North Node Firdaria period. In early 1882 he was promoted to Chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, spoke in favor of the current tariff bill on 6-Apr-1882 which was passed and signed by President Chester Arthur on 3-Mar-1883.

South Node. 29-Jan-1885.

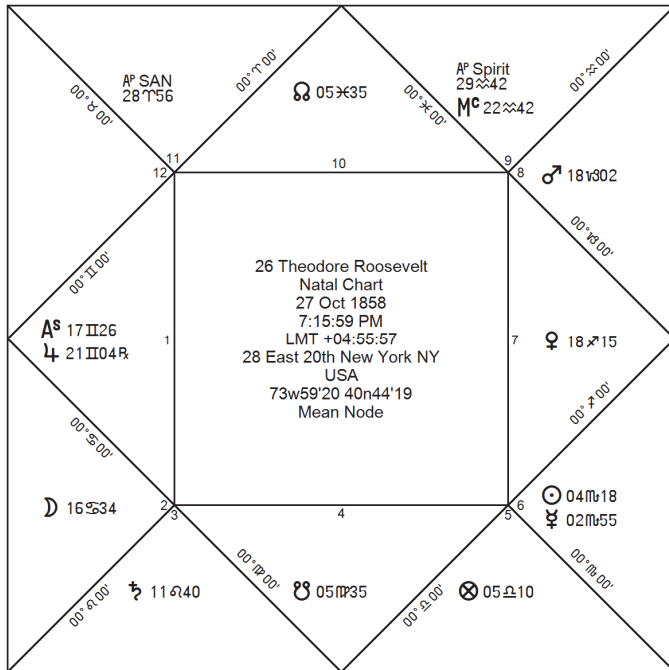
During the South Node period, the Morrison Tariff Bill was introduced on 14-Feb-1886 but the House refused to consider it on 17-Jun-1886. This is the main event listed by biographies for this time period. Not a productive period.

Sun. 29-Jan-1887.

Shortly after the start of the Sun period, death of McKinley's father-in-law James Asbury Saxton resulted in a substantial inheritance which significantly improved McKinley's finances. This provided the needed cushion in finances which gave McKinley free reign to focus on his political career.



## Theodore Roosevelt



## Lot of Fortune

LOF in the 5<sup>th</sup> indicates gains from children, entertainment, and diplomacy. For Roosevelt, derived house delineations are key with the 5<sup>th</sup> of family money (2<sup>nd</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup>) critical to understanding sources of his wealth. Both inheritance from his father's estate and at least one infusion from an uncle were TR's early sources of wealth. He was a notorious spender, never knowing what he had or where it went. There is the tale of his \$20,000 check written for a partnership investment in the publisher G.P. Putnam's Sons. It was returned because only half the funds were in the bank account (Pringle 1931: 54). Cattle ranching in the Dakota badlands was one of his most infamous investments, where TR lost his entire \$50,000+ stake. The cattle investment was timed by a Mercury-LOF direction computed for 23-Nov-1883. Mercury is both Ascendant ruler and LOF triplicity ruler. Combust in the 6<sup>th</sup> of livestock; the poor zodiacal state of Mercury confirms losses in cattle ranching.

LOF triplicity ruler Jupiter, active in final years, granted TR his highest earnings from a writing career in post-Presidential years. He was paid \$50,000 for his African safari travelogue.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 27-Oct-1897

North Node/Pisces/10<sup>th</sup> ruled by Jupiter/Gemini/1<sup>st</sup> is best delineated as an expansion of career/reputation through TR's self-proclaimed status as a jingo. *Jingoism* is a term coined near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and used by Roosevelt himself. It is a form of chauvinistic patriotism and is a precise match to Roosevelt's Jupiter/Gemini/1<sup>st</sup> ruled by Mercury/Scorpio/6<sup>th</sup>. Jupiter/Gemini signifies populist rhetoric. The combust Mercury/Scorpio signifies a suspicious, caustic mental process which remains hidden to the world. Mercury/Scorpio also is the match for TR's famous *Speak softly and carry a big stick* statement because the water sign Scorpio is mute yet it is an unforgiving, revengeful, and stinging sign. As ruler of Jupiter, Mercury is the source of Roosevelt's jingoism; yet Jupiter is what is heard: Roosevelt was said to speak so rapidly that some of his words were lost.

Roosevelt's historic ascent of the San Juan Hill on 1-Jul-1898 immediately followed *d. MC sextile North Node* on 22-Jun-1898, the exact date TR arrived in Cuba with the Rough Riders.

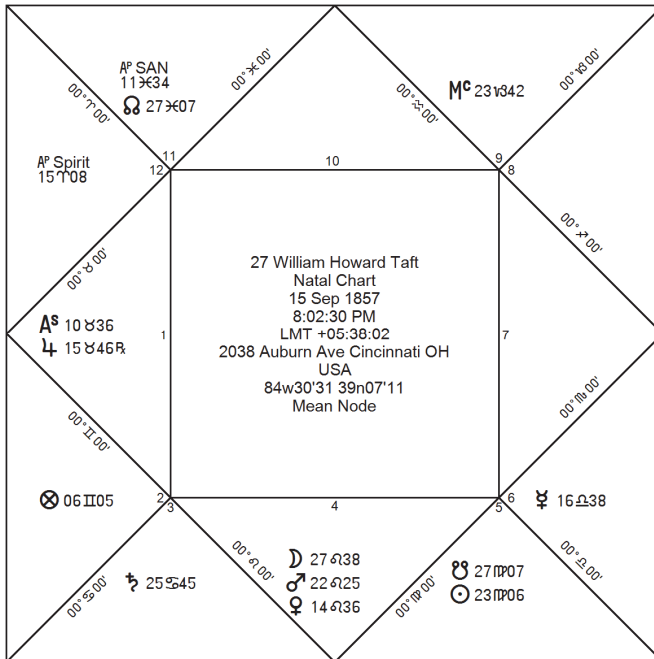
In contrast to Presidential nominee McKinley who ran a front porch campaign, Roosevelt traveled widely making hundreds of speeches during the summer of 1900 during the Presidential campaign for which he ran on the VP slot. Through these speeches, Roosevelt increased his career/reputation.

### South Node: 27-Oct-1900

The McKinley-Roosevelt ticket was elected on 6-Nov-1900. Roosevelt's accession to the Presidency following McKinley's 6-Sep-1901 assassination is a key event but does not appear related to the South Node unless the South Node in the 5th by QS placement is accepted.

The better event match to the South Node period is the May-October 1902 coal strike, eventually settled on 21-Oct-1902 just 6 days before the South Node period ended. South Node/Virgo/4th can be delineated as diminution of farm lands and general problems in the homeland. Mercury/Scorpio/6th as the cause is labor problems, in turn triggered by Mars/Capricorn/8th as trust-busting. Details of this affair are marked by stubbornness, vindictiveness, and secrecy consistent with Mercury/Scorpio. While most biographers do not detail the nationwide economic impacts of the strike, the mention that schools were shut because of a lack of fuel (Pringle 1931: 269) is probably indicative of a slowdown of economic activity including farm operations (signification of South Node/Virgo/4th), though this needs further research.

### William Howard Taft



### Lot of Fortune

Lot of Fortune placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of moveable objects, or wealth, reinforces the financial characteristics of the house apart from the Lot. On the LOF in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Abu ‘Ali states the lot signifies “things it did in the 1<sup>st</sup>, but not so completely.” For the LOF in the 1<sup>st</sup> which is associated with self-made persons like Herbert Hoover, Abu ‘Ali states “it signifies the greatest fortune in acquiring resources, and prosperous successes in all business matters and transactions, games, and all other things for which resources tend to be or can be furnished.”

With the LOF’s sign and bound lord Mercury/Libra in the 6<sup>th</sup>, the best delineation match for Taft’s LOF requires use of derived houses. 6<sup>th</sup> is 10<sup>th</sup> from the 9<sup>th</sup> which is the judiciary. While Taft was not a judge in 1910, he does use the stature/authority (10<sup>th</sup>) of the law/courts (9<sup>th</sup>) to prevent western railroads from unilaterally raising freight rates. Freight rates were one aspect of monopoly practices of companies like Standard Oil and were a major focus of business reforms in the Progressive Era. On 31-May-1910 Taft obtained a legal injunction against higher freight rates (Merc 00GE29rx); on 6-Jun-1910, railroad companies announced they would delay raising rates until the Interstate Commerce Commission could examine new laws under

consideration (Merc 29TA05rx); on 18-Jun-1910 Taft signed the Mann-Elkins Act (also known as the Railroad Bill) to settle these issues (Merc 4GE05). Notice this entire episode is timed by the LOF's sign and bound lord Mercury transiting the Lot of Fortune directly. The zodiacal state of Mercury/Libra is on full display – with Taft acting in a mediator/arbitrator role which is a Libra signification. Taft would later echo this *modus operandi* while serving as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

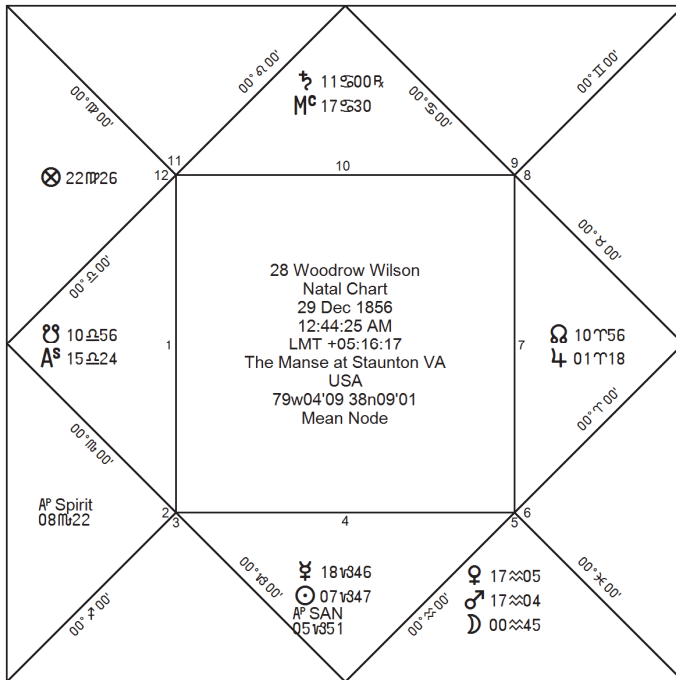
### **Firdaria**

North Node. 15-Sep-1896. North Node 27PI07, bound of Mars/Pisces with bound lord Mars/Leo appears a delineation match to his 8-Feb-1898 prosecution of Addystone Pipe and Steel under the auspices of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Mars/Leo often signifies law enforcement; arguably here as enforcing laws designed to reign in the unfettered expansion of corporate power, characterized as Leo-style rugged individualism. During 1899, Taft made a similar anti-corporate legal opinion against a railway company for failing to correct a known safety violation which resulted in an employee injury. In doing so, Taft helped end the doctrine of assumed risk as protection for employers.

South Node. 16-Sep-1899. In late-January 1900, Taft accepted President Roosevelt's offer to work on the governing commission for the Philippines. This took Taft far from the realm of jurisprudence on the USA mainland. Arriving Spring 1900, the first major effort was ending the Philippine-American War by the 22-Mar-1901 capture of Philippine resistance leader Emilio Aguinaldo. On 4-Jul-1901 Taft took the oath as civil governor of the Philippines. With South Node co-present with the Sun in the 5<sup>th</sup> of diplomacy, it appears the capture of Aguinaldo is a reasonable delineation match to the Firdaria South Node period.

Sun. 16-Sep-1901. Just five days after McKinley's assassination on 11-Sep-1901, the accession of Theodore Roosevelt to the Presidency was a boon for Taft given their close association. By 7-Nov-1908, Taft was elected President. This was four days before the start of the Sun-Jupiter Firdaria.

### Woodrow Wilson



### Lot of Fortune

For Wilson, finances are difficult to research because most biographers concentrate on his rise to power as a progressive reformer and the death blows he suffered from his failed attempt to push through the League of Nations. One of the few financial events ever mentioned is Wilson's error in calculating mortgage interest. With actual interest expense higher than what he originally budgeted, WW had to increase his professional workload to generate more income to pay higher interest expense (Weinstein 1981, 125). The error occurred in 1895. The 1894 solar return included a Mercury return and the South Node 25V159 conjunct natal Lot of Fortune. LOF in the natal 12<sup>th</sup> house of mistakes ruled by Mercury in the 4<sup>th</sup> of real estate is a match. Mercury is received by Saturn/Cancer which causes Wilson to make the error.

In delineating the LOF in the 12<sup>th</sup> house, Abu Ali Al-Khayyat gives the impression that this placement is only beneficial for 12<sup>th</sup> house types of affairs. With Mercury/Capricorn/4<sup>th</sup> as ruler, one possibility would be the gain of secret knowledge from discovery of buried archeological objects with heretofore unknown inscriptions or markings. But for Wilson,

Mercury/Capricorn is afflicted by Saturn's opposition. Wilson's ability to unlock wealth through a 12<sup>th</sup> house Lot of Fortune appears difficult.

### **Firdaria**

Between 1890 and 1902 Wilson taught at Princeton University. This is very early in Wilson's career; few biographers devote substantive space to this period. One clue that his University lectures are critical to sort out these nodal periods comes from the observation that his lectures were held on Mondays and Tuesdays (Lewis 1952). Based on day rulerships, Moon rules Mondays; Mars rules Tuesdays. Moon rules Wilson's South Node/Cancer/1st; Mars rules his North Node/Aries/7th. It appears study of Wilson's lecture topics will be required to fully sort out these Nodal periods.

#### North Node: 29-Dec-1895

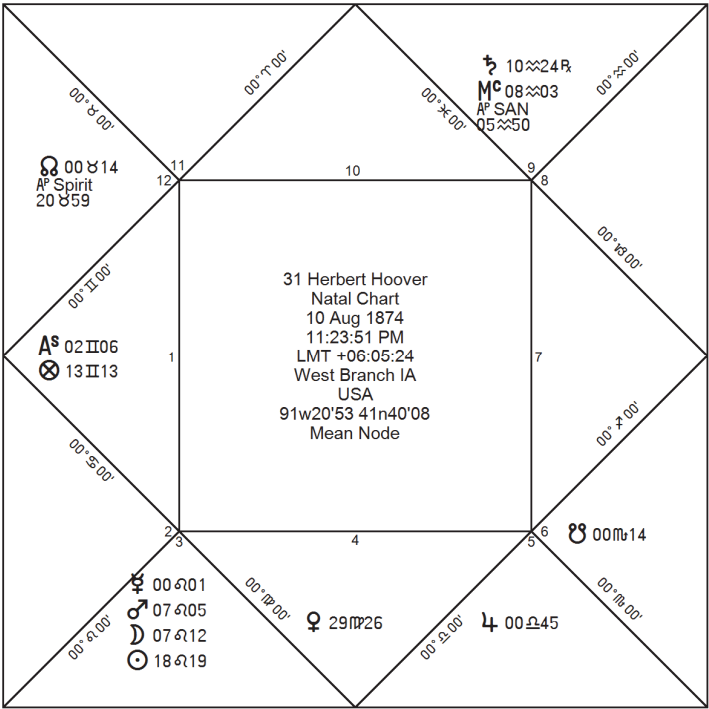
Several biographers make mention of Wilson's increasing restlessness after the spring of 1896 and date his increased interest in politics to this time (McKinley 1957, 66). North Node in the cardinal sign of Aries increases Wilson's activity to engage the public because it is conjunct Jupiter/Aries in the 7th of other people. In 1896, Wilson gave his famous speech "Princeton in the Nation's Service" during the University's 150th anniversary celebration. There he railed against the ability of science as a course of study necessary to train students for public service. Here Jupiter/Aries is Wilson confronting open enemies with a head-butting style of preaching. As the cause, Mars is in the sign of Aquarius which fights old knowledge and science. Jupiter also rules the 6th of service. North Node magnifies this configuration. That it favors Wilson is evident with his 1897 professorial appointment to the McCormick Chair of Jurisprudence and Politics.

With North Node in the 7th, some effects should be seen through Wilson's wife. In fact, Wilson's wife because interested in Burke and Begehot (McKinley 1957, 64) which were two of Wilson's lectures topics made in January 1896 just as the North Node began (Link Vol 9., 372-383). Some other possible North Node events are Wilson's interest in competitive athletics, and his service on a campus discipline committee.

#### South Node: 29-Dec-1898

South Node/Cancer/1st weakens the physical body. South Node can also signify denial. Wilson had his first stroke on 27 May 1896. One physician he sought out in 1898 recommended changes in Wilson's diet which had previously consisted of a stereotypical Southern meal of fried chicken, greasy vegetables, and starches (Weinstein, 149). Al-mubtazz of the South Node is Saturn/Cancer which in the bound of Venus/Cancer can be delineated as the denial of comfort food.

Herbert Hoover



Lot of Fortune

Of the LOF in 1<sup>st</sup>, Abu Ali Al-Khayyat states success and prosperity for business. Hoover achieved great wealth through his own activities (LOF in 1<sup>st</sup> of self) as a business manager of mining enterprises. Wealth comes from gold mining because Mercury is in the sign of Leo, assigned to gold, and Mercury is placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> house whose significations include things buried.

Other examples given by LOF Directions

REG	D	Venus/Sag	P	opp LOF d. => Venus (VE)	5-Mar-1930
REG	D	Venus/Sag	P	opp LOF d. => Venus (0)	31-Aug-1930

This period timed Hoover’s Congressional negotiations and passage of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff bill. Hoover began negotiations on 24-Feb-1930 and signed the legislation on 16-Jun-1930. See Chapters 11 and 12 for more discussion on the Smoot-Hawley Tariff.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 10-Aug-1913

[Note: This section recaps discussion in Chapter 12: *Lunar Nodes and Eclipses*.]

North Node in Taurus ruled by Venus/Virgo signifies fraud, a fall in value, out-of-favor investments, poorly run business operations, and the lack of Venus-signified foodstuffs because Venus in Virgo is in her fall. Because of the unusual configuration with Mercury and Jupiter, Hoover is able to harness his business expertise to surmount these difficulties. For details of this configuration, See Chapter 6: *Temporal Indicators*.

It is during the North Node period that World War I broke out and Hoover agreed to head the Belgian Food Relief Efforts on 19-Oct-1914, one day prior to the direction of converse MC trine North Node on 20-Oct.

### South Node: 10-Aug-1916

During the South Node Firdaria period, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare and America entered WWI. Several food aid ships were sunk in early 1917, reducing monthly food deliveries to Belgium from 150,000 to 25,000 tons per month. The entry of America into the war meant Hoover had to source increased military needs for foodstuffs including what was being sent to Belgium. This required a heroic response, to which Hoover adeptly responded.

As ruler of the South Node, Mars/Leo/4th signifies heroics made by people in the homeland. Because both France and Belgium are assigned to Leo according to Ptolemy's choreography rules, Mars also shows fighting and strife in those countries.

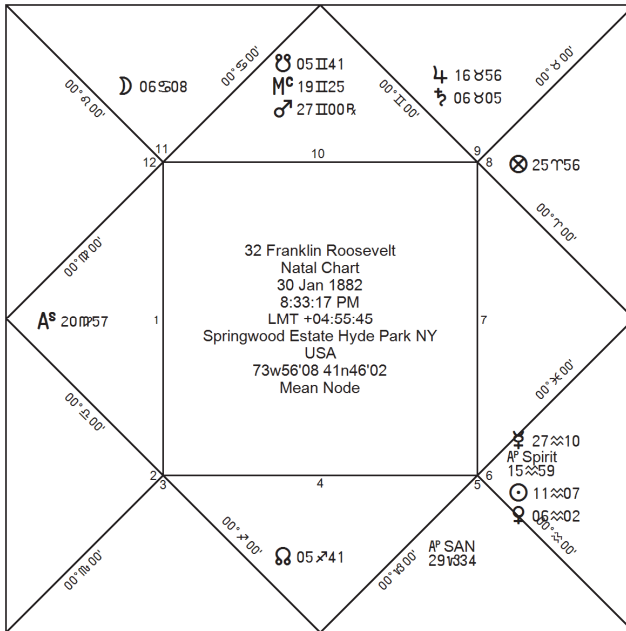
How these effects of Mars cause loss through the South Node in 6th is not evident. South Node/6th should show privation to employees and livestock. Perhaps the best delineation is sacrifice made by labor because of the heroics required to feed both Belgium and American forces fighting in Europe.

### Sun: 10-Aug-1918

Armistice is signed shortly after Hoover began his major Sun period. Food relief efforts wound down in 1919. By 1921 Harding appointed Hoover to the position of Secretary of Commerce; one he would ride to the White House by 1928.



### Franklin Roosevelt



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in the 8<sup>th</sup> ties Roosevelt's fortunes to debt and investments. Ruled by Mars/Gemini/10<sup>th</sup>, the most obvious manifestation was the WWII *Buy War Bonds* campaign which raised over \$150 billion dollars. Mars/Gemini/10<sup>th</sup> is Roosevelt's professional significator as wartime President; the aggressive war bond advertising campaign matches Mars/Gemini's nature.

There are multiple LOF-Mars primary directions between 8-Jan-1943 and 3-Nov-1944 during the peak period of war bond issuance.

War finance was officially kicked off when Treasury Secretary Morgenthau sold the first Series E US Savings Bond to FDR on 1-May-1941. The last issue of the final 8th War Loan "Victory" was completed 3-Jan-1946. The listed directions coincide with planning for the first War Loan issue starting 30-Nov-1942 and conclude with the close of the popular Third War Loan on 2-Oct-1943.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 30-Jan-1921

Though Roosevelt's contraction of polio dominated the North Node Firdaria period, that health incident can be attributed to Distributors and Participators. As mentioned in Chapter 8: *Directions and Progressions*, the Sun's Distributor changed to Mercury/Pisces on 29-Jun-1921, prior to Roosevelt's contraction of polio on 10-Aug-1921. Given the Sun/Aquarius/6th delineation as illness from weak circulation in the legs, it appears the Sun's entry into the term of Mercury/Pisces made FDR susceptible to polio. In addition, his MC distributor changed from Jupiter/Cancer to Saturn/Cancer on 3-Aug-1921, eight days before the illness.

The better event match to the North Node period appears to be FDR's appointment to Vice President to the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland. Though trained as a lawyer, FDR did no legal work for them. He was a promoter and brought the company clients. FDR was motivated to find this position in order to become financially independent of his mother. North Node in 4th opposes the 10th of mother. Ruler Jupiter/Taurus in the sign of banking and finance match the type of company Roosevelt worked for. That FDR successfully helped the firm attract clients shows the influence of Jupiter ruling the 7th house.

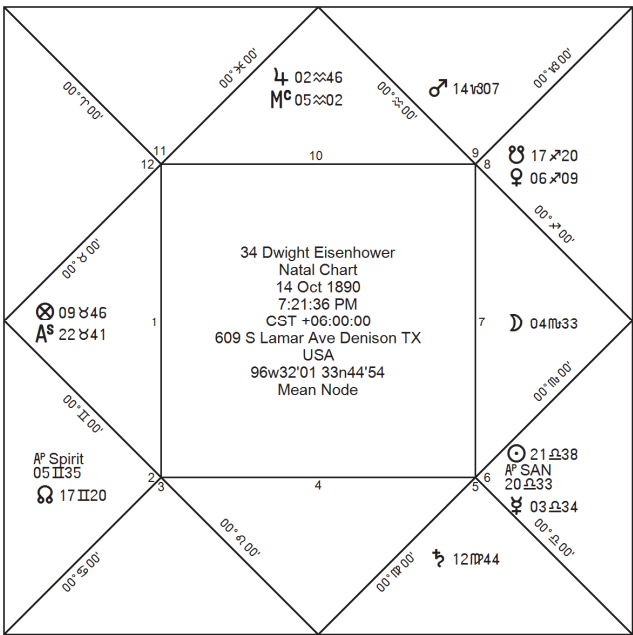
### South Node: 30-Jan-1924

South Node in 10th means a diminished career and reputation. Widely conjunct Mars and ruled by Mercury who tightly separates from Mars, the cause of career problems is Roosevelt's overt risk taking and manipulation of information. This modus operandi was useful later in political dealings but not in business affairs. As a businessman, Roosevelt was prone to making risky and unwise investments. This harmed his reputation because Roosevelt attached his name to unprofitable business ventures (Black 2003: 151).

### Sun: 30-Jan-1926

The Sun period includes FDR's return to politics and election as New York Governor when he achieved notoriety for his proposals on hydroelectricity, confirmed by *d. ASC opposed Sun* on 11-Mar-1929 which timed his hydroelectric proposal to the New York Assembly the following day.

Dwight Eisenhower



Lot of Fortune

LOF in 1<sup>st</sup>, Taurus rising, Venus in the 8<sup>th</sup> of investments would appear to make Eisenhower a capitalist. Yet Venus’ power is limited by the South Node. In addition, Eisenhower’s Lot of Spirit falls in Gemini which makes him more interested in the exchange of information than financial affairs. Saturn and Mars form a grand trine with the LOF and are the primary sources of Eisenhower’s wealth.

REG	D	Jupiter/Pisces	P	REG. sin sex Mars (MA) c. => LOF	11-May-1926
PT	D	Jupiter/Pisces	P	sin sex Mars (0) c. => LOF	31-Aug-1928

The sequence opens with Eisenhower’s transfer to Fort Benning where in addition to commanding an infantry battalion, he also coached a football team. In August 1928, he and Mamie traveled to France where they spent a year updating a guide to battlefield monuments. Knowledge he gained from European battlefields would help him later during WWII.

PT	D	Jupiter/Pisces	P	opp Saturn (0) c. => LOF	9-Aug-1929
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After a year in France, Eisenhower returned to the states on 25 September when he went to work for the Assistant Secretary of War in logistics. He subsequently published several papers on logistics during 1930-1931.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 14 Oct 1929

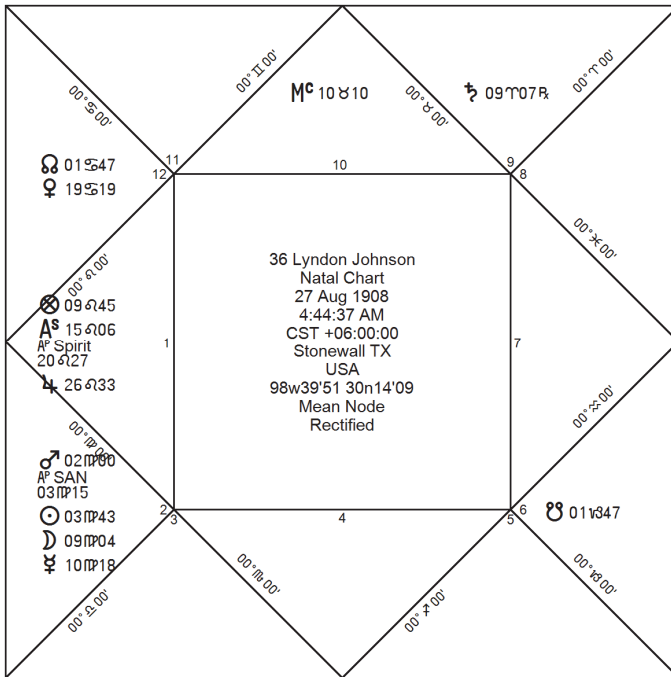
North Node/Gemini/2nd ruled by Mercury/Libra/6th predicts gains in wealth from Mercury-signified servants and employees; also Eisenhower himself as a writer. This period was a reasonable time match to Eisenhower's Washington War Department service, also identified by the LOF-Saturn primary direction sequence described on the prior page. Here the role of Mercury/Libra/6th as a conciliatory writer in a subservient position is a precise match to Eisenhower's position as assistant to Brigadier General George Van Horn Moseley. Eisenhower's writing efforts helped the Army's public relations following Depression Era cutbacks. He also wrote Douglas MacArthur's annual report in 1931 (Perret 1999: 108-109). Presumably this position brought Eisenhower an increase in personal wealth, but Perret does not include his financial details during this period. This requires further research to confirm.

### South Node: 14 Oct 1932

Eisenhower's two year South Node period is a rough match to his final years in Washington under MacArthur before they both left for the Philippines. During February 1933, Eisenhower became MacArthur's principal special assistant after MacArthur's promise for Eisenhower to command Fort Washington made in 1932 was not honored. For Eisenhower this period was difficult, marked by military budget reductions in the wake of New Deal programs. He also suffered from stress and in the summer of 1934 reported to Walter Reed Hospital for pain in his back and hip. The Eisenhower's close friend Katie Gerow also died after a lengthy illness, probably cancer. (D'Este 2002, 229). Eisenhower also served under MacArthur during the widely criticized breakup of the Bonus Marchers in the summer of 1932.

On first glance, the delineation of South Node/Sagittarius/8th ruled by Jupiter/Aquarius/10th suggests losses from well intended but unsuccessful investments. A poorly performing Socially Responsible Investing mutual fund comes to mind. But this is not Eisenhower. Because Venus is a female planet, the death of Katie Gerow appears relevant because Venus is harmed by the South Node. Venus the al-mubtazz of the 11th of friends and in the 8th, 2nd from the 7th, signifies Gerow as one of Mamie Eisenhower's confidants. Because Sagittarius is assigned to the hips in physiognomy, South Node in Sagittarius is a match to Eisenhower's back and hip pain. Though it didn't kill him (South Node in 8th), it did send him to the hospital. As to Jupiter's role as the cause, it may be that Eisenhower's humanitarian sense of sociability as a foil to MacArthur's authoritarianism was so stressful to pull off that Eisenhower's internalized stress caused physical pain in his back/hips.

## Lyndon Johnson



## Lot of Fortune

LOF in 1<sup>st</sup> grants Johnson's wealth through his own actions. Triplicity lord Jupiter/Leo, ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> angular in the 1<sup>st</sup> is the most powerfully placed LOF ruler. Johnson's salary as a career politician was never enough to support his finances. Instead he parlayed a \$41,000 inheritance from his mother-in-law into a multi-million dollar estate of radio, television, and real estate holdings. The initial radio station purchase in January 1943 was kept in Lady Bird's name, confirming the influence of Jupiter on the 8<sup>th</sup> of wife's money. Jupiter ruling the 5<sup>th</sup> signifies the mother-in-law's money as 2<sup>nd</sup> from the 10<sup>th</sup> from the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sun is the LOF's sign ruler; it also disposes triplicity ruler Jupiter/Leo. It was Johnson's aggressive political lobbying and deal making with governmental agencies, including the FCC, which allowed his media holdings access to programming, advertisers, and maintenance of a quasi-monopoly over a broadcast audience. Without the Sun as LOF ruler, Johnson would not have been able to leverage his media holdings.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 27-Aug-1947

This period covers Johnson's successful Senate election of 3-Nov-1948.

North Node/Cancer/12th increases the affairs of a bad house. They include secret enemies and hospitalization. Both marked Johnson's North Node period. During the 1948 campaign he was hospitalized for a kidney stone in late May 1948. Moon/Virgo as cause suggests sensitivity of his digestive tract as cause of the illness. Improper food digestion likely contributed to the buildup of stones.

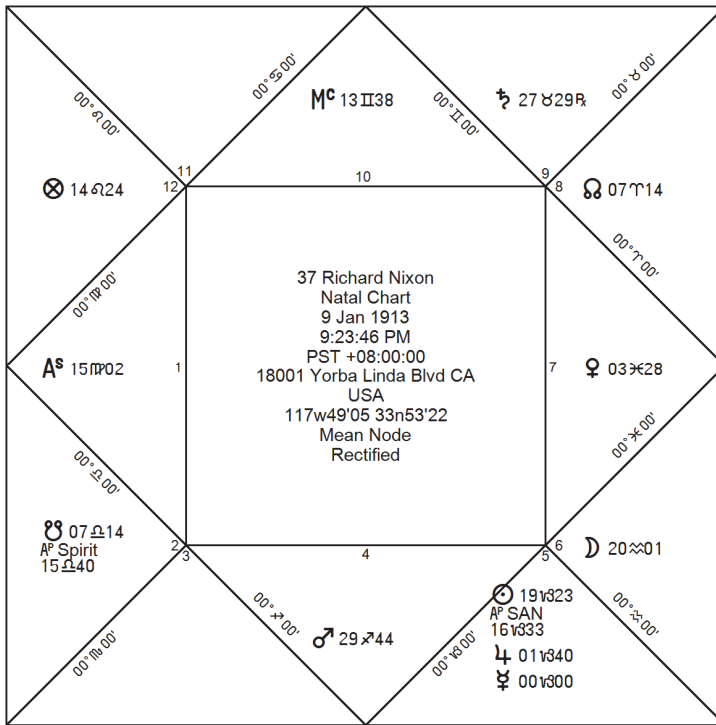
Truman's Special Message to the Congress on Civil Rights of 2-Sep-1948 increased enmity from those opposed to civil rights legislation. Venus/Cancer, as read through Truman's own Venus/Cancer/10th, Johnson's Venus/Cancer/12th and other American political figures consistently tests as a pro-civil rights placement. For Johnson, Venus rules the 10th which ties this event to Truman. Dallek gives no substantive details on how this particular episode hurt Johnson (Dallek 1991: 288-289) except that he straddled the issue by claiming no racial prejudice to proponents of the legislation yet stated his continued opposition to Truman's actual legislation to Southern racists in his district.

### South Node: 27-Aug-1950

Immediately prior to the South Node period, Johnson was named Chair of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on 17-Jul-1950. South Node/Capricorn/6th ruled by Saturn/Aries/9th shows loss to employees because of obstructions to fighting foreign wars. Given Johnson's reputation as a slave driver, the workaholic Mars/Virgo as the South Node's ruler by exaltation also is key. Johnson's Subcommittee produced an (amazing!) 44 numbered reports which concluded the Federal government's preparedness against the world-wide Communist threat was low, the Munitions Board continued to dispose of critical surplus property, and the Defense Department failed to stockpile essential commodities. Though Dallek makes no mention during the years 1950-1952, it's likely that the workaholic nature of Johnson's subcommittee caused him to lose employees. Saturn/Aries/9th, significator of obstructions to foreign wars, matches the general tone of the Subcommittee's findings.

Labor is also a mundane signification of the 6th house. Johnson was critical of Truman's April 1952 seizure of the domestic steel industry.

## Richard Nixon



## Lot of Fortune

LOF in 12<sup>th</sup> ruled by Sun/Capricorn/5<sup>th</sup> is the perfect match to Nixon's secret contributions from wealthy conservative old men who sought influence through Nixon's election campaigns.

It is also confirmed the New York Post's 18-Sep-1952 headline *SECRET RICH MEN'S TRUST FUND KEEPS NIXON IN STYLE FAR BEYOND HIS SALARY* which broke the details of his slush fund during the 1952 campaign (Morris 1990, 762).

The ability of Nixon to survive and profit from this episode with his famous *Checkers* speech of 23-Sep-1952 is detailed in Nixon's 1952 solar return in Chapter 11.

## **Firdaria**

### North Node: 9-Jan-1952

Overall, this was a favorable period for Nixon which included his successful Vice Presidential nomination and election to the 1952 Eisenhower ticket. North Node/Aries/8th ruled by Mars/Sagittarius/4th suggests an increase in campaign contributions caused by blustering verbal attacks. Nixon's famous Checkers speech occurred during the North Node period which was seen by *the largest audience in the history of television up to that time*. Following the speech, Nixon received over \$60,000 in small donations to pay for the television spot (Morris 1990: 845). The blustrious verbal attack made by the press resulted in Nixon's Checkers defense and an increase in public contributions, matching the North Node's 8th house delineation as public money because the 8th is 2nd from the 7th. Following Checkers, Nixon returned to the campaign trail making heated attacks against the Democrats. This matches another Mars/Sagittarius signification as attacks against the opposition party because the 4th is 7th from the 10th.

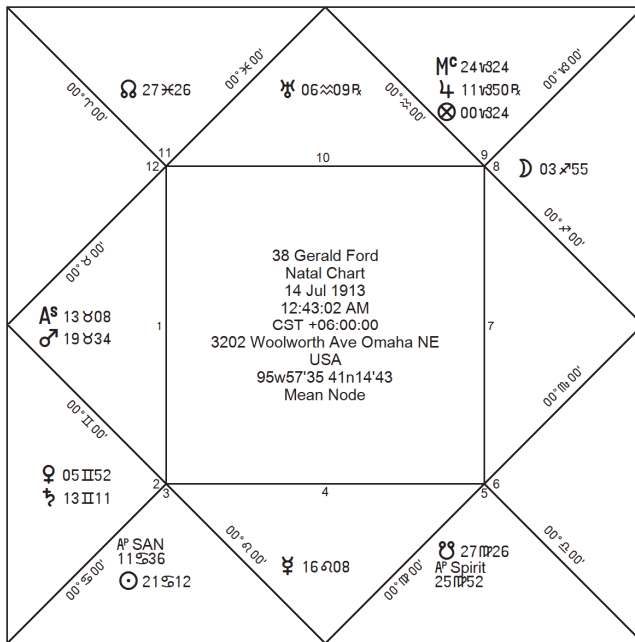
### South Node: 9-Jan-1955

Nixon includes Eisenhower's heart attack of 24-Sep-1955 as one of six crises in his first political memoir of the same name (Nixon: 1962). In the next six months, Nixon faced a period of duress and indecision caused by assessments of Eisenhower's health, whether Eisenhower would run for reelection in 1956, and whether Nixon would stay on the ticket. The episode culminated with a Dump Nixon campaign immediately prior to the 1956 Republican National Convention led by Harold Stassen, the President's advisor on disarmament.

To match the South Node/Libra/2nd ruled by Venus/Pisces/7th to these events, delineation of the 2nd house as close political advisors (2nd from the 1st or right hand men) is required. Venus/Pisces/7th is delineated as a conciliatory approach to conflict. In later years this would be Nixon's signature for détente with the Soviet Union. For this period, Nixon was conciliatory towards Eisenhower and did not seek an overt and forthright demand for renomination as Vice President. Venus also appears to signify Stassen as a 7th house open enemy. Stassen's involvement in arms control ('sacrifice of military offensive capability in order to keep the peace') makes Venus/Pisces signify Stassen. Nixon suggests that John Foster Dulles, a close advisor to both himself and Eisenhower, may have contributed to the Dump Nixon campaign. This because there was speculation that Dulles and others preferred Nixon to take a cabinet post because no other Vice President had been elected to the Presidency since Martin Van Buren (Nixon 1962: 161). If correct, the loss of political support from advisors is a match to the South Node in 2nd.



### Gerald Ford



### Lot of Fortune

LOF in 9<sup>th</sup> shows gains from travel, religion, and higher education. For Ford, the LOF's triplicity ruler Mars/Taurus, angular in the 1<sup>st</sup>, is the primary cause of wealth. This Mars-LOF configuration tied Ford's personal finances to overseas military operations and military institutions of higher learning.

Following Ford's commission as Ensign in the US Naval Reserve on 13-Apr-1942, he "was one of 83 instructors and taught elementary seamanship, ordnance, gunnery, first aid, and military drill. In addition, he coached in all nine sports that were offered, but mostly in swimming, boxing and football."<sup>1</sup> As the sequence ended his assigned ship, the USS Monterey, was commissioned on 17-Jun-1943. He would see overseas military service on this vessel. Ford's teaching of explosives in a university setting confirms the ability of Mars/Taurus to deliver monetary gains to Ford's career.

In his later Congressional career, Ford served on the military appropriations and foreign aid committees. Both activities confirm the LOF's placement in the 9<sup>th</sup> house of foreign affairs.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.history.navy.mil/bios/ford\\_gerald.htm#serv](http://www.history.navy.mil/bios/ford_gerald.htm#serv)

**Firdaria**North Node: 14-Jul-1952

As a Republican, Ford's Congressional career took a great leap forward following Eisenhower's 1952 landslide election which simultaneously gave Republicans majority rule of the House. As a member of the appropriations committee, Ford was appointed to chair the Army subcommittee on Defense Appropriations following the election.

North Node/Pisces/11th ruled by Jupiter/Capricorn/9th indicates an increase in political alliances from an ambitious and militaristic foreign policy doctrine. During August 1953 Ford made his 1st foreign mission to Korea. There he witnessed evidence of Communist expansion in Asia. This trip reinforced his political philosophy of the preeminent role that American military power should play in policing world affairs. Jupiter/Capricorn in the sign of his fall mistakes the ambitious accumulation of wealth and status for the true wisdom of Jupiter found in other signs where he has rulership. Because Mars is exalted in Capricorn, achieving status through military means is a frequent sub theme of Jupiter/Capricorn placements, as Ford's philosophy demonstrates.

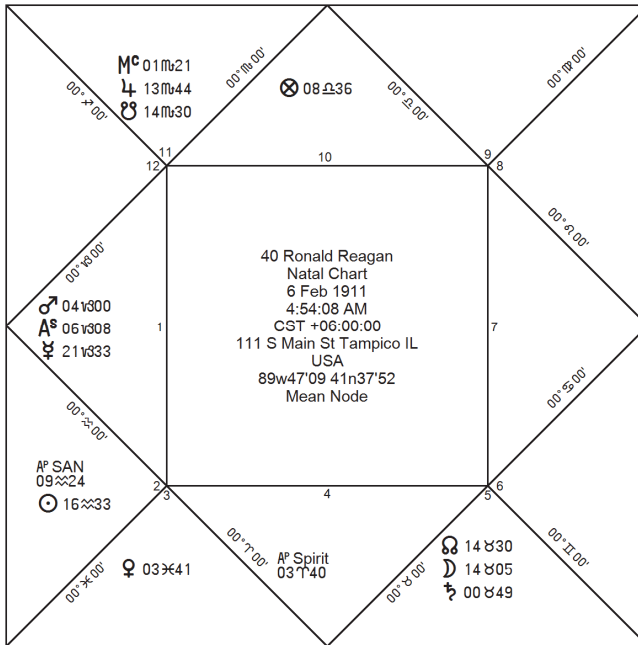
South Node: 14-Jul-1955

For the South Node period, Biographer Cannon lists only Ford's invitation to serve on the Intelligence Subcommittee of Appropriations and the construction of the Ford's new Alexandria residence. Because operations of the Intelligence Subcommittee were classified, there is little to go by in the public domain to confirm the influence of the South Node. The known fact that the first military advisors were sent to Vietnam on 12-Feb-1955 and that CIA deposed rulers in Congo, Algeria, Turkey, and Guatemala during Ford's tenure on the Intelligence Subcommittee do suggest the relevance of the South Node in 5th to the death of Kings (8th from the 10th).

Home construction was partly financed by from rental income on Ford's Grand Rapids home. As 2nd from the 4th, rental income is a 5th house signification. South Node in the 5th promises a diminution of rental income; Biographer Cannon does not provide sufficient detail to confirm this. The possibility that the Ford's had trouble collecting rent requires further research.

Sun: 14-Jul-1957

Despite Democratic rule under Kennedy and Johnson, Ford's stature rose during his major Sun period. He was chosen House Minority leader on 4-Jan-1965 during the Sun-Jupiter subperiod.

**Ronald Reagan****Lot of Fortune Delineation**

LOF in 10<sup>th</sup> ties Reagan's fortunes to reputation, social status, and other heads of state. Venus in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of communications ruling both LOF in the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> of entertainment signifies wealth from Reagan's acting career in films primarily known for their melodramatic themes. Venus placed in Pisces - the sign of sacrifice - is a perfect match. Jupiter also rules the part by triplicity and falls in the 11<sup>th</sup> of income from profession.

21-Aug-1945. csa Jupiter conj. LOF.

Signed million dollar contract with Warner Brothers, 21-Aug-1945.

Mercury rules the LOF by triplicity and bound. Angular in the 1st, ruling the 9th of foreign affairs, Mercury timed the infamous Iran-Contra press conference and the 1988 Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

11-Nov-1986. csa LOF opposed Mercury.

Disastrous Iran-Contra Press Conference, 13-Nov-1986.

24-Jul-1988. dsa Mercury opposed LOF.

Canadian free trade agreement sent to Congress, 25-Jul-1988.

Mercury in the 1st (house of joy) ruling the 9th makes Reagan the Great Communicator of a conservative political philosophy. Why would Mercury function as an accidental malefic by timing the Iran-Contra conference? Because Mercury separates from Jupiter and Jupiter conjunct South Node in the 11th signifies botched Arab alliances. Because Jupiter rules the 12<sup>th</sup>, these alliances are the cause of 12th house mistakes. [Note: See rectification for discussion of both Jupiter and Mars primary direction sequences timing arms-for-hostages dealings.] If modern planets are considered, Mercury's separation from the opposition of Neptune and application to the conjunction of Uranus is also problematic.

As to Mercury's connection with the Canadian Free Trade deal, Mercury rules the 9th of foreign affairs. Though there was some controversy about this Trade pact from the Canadian side, this event appears less controversial.

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#### North Node: 6-Feb-1950

The North Node Period was kicked off by special honors given at a black tie gala of the Friars Club on 8-Feb-1950. North Node is placed in the 5th whose significations include what is said after one dies. Though living, this event followed the termination of Reagan's acting career and was very complimentary in tone.

North Node conjunct Moon in 5th ruling 7th ties also ties the North Node period to wife and children. Reagan met Nancy Davis on 15-Nov-1949 just before the beginning of period. They were married on 4-Mar-1952; birth of their daughter Patty followed on 22-Oct-1952.

#### South Node: 6-Feb-1953

Reagan's fortunes waned as Hollywood actor. South Node in 11th of income from the profession shows a salary reduction. In a major step down in career, on 15-Feb-1954, Reagan took the position as emcee for variety acts performed at The Continentals Hotel on the Las Vegas strip.

#### Sun: 6-Feb-1955

Reagan achieved national fame as radio host of the radio program General Electric Theatre which started 26-Sep-1954. Shortly after the start of his major Sun period, Reagan served as television co-host for Disneyland's 17-Jul-1955 grand opening on nationwide television.