

# Secretary of State from 1791 to 2009

**Name: Thomas Jefferson** - (President George Washington)

Appointment: September 26, 1789

Entry on Duty: March 22, 1790

Termination of Appointment: December 31, 1793

**Name: Edmund Randolph** - (President George Washington)

Appointment: January 2, 1794

Entry on Duty: January 2, 1794

Termination of Appointment: August 20, 1795

**Name: Timothy Pickering** - (Presidents: George Washington - John Adams)

Appointment: December 10, 1795

Entry on Duty: December 10, 1795

Termination of Appointment: May 12, 1800

**Name: John Marshall** - (President John Adams)

Appointment: May 13, 1800

Entry on Duty: June 6, 1800

Termination of Appointment: February 4, 1801

**Name: James Madison** - (President Thomas Jefferson)

Appointment: March 5, 1801

Entry on Duty: May 2, 1801

Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1809

**Name: Robert Smith** - (President James Madison)

Appointment: March 6, 1809

Entry on Duty: March 6, 1809

Termination of Appointment: April 1, 1811

**Name: James Monroe** - (President James Madison)

Appointment: April 2, 1811

Entry on Duty: April 6, 1811

Termination of Appointment: September 30, 1814

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on November 26, 1811.

**Name: James Monroe** - (President James Madison)

Appointment: February 28, 1815

Entry on Duty: February 28, 1815

Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1817

**Name: John Quincy Adams** - (President James Monroe)

Appointment: March 5, 1817

Entry on Duty: September 22, 1817

Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1825

**Name: Henry Clay** - (President John Quincy Adams)

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Appointment: March 7, 1825  
Entry on Duty: March 7, 1825  
Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1829

**Name: *Martin Van Buren*** - ([President Andrew Jackson](#))

Appointment: March 6, 1829  
Entry on Duty: March 28, 1829  
Termination of Appointment: March 23, 1831

**Name: *Edward Livingston*** - ([President Andrew Jackson](#))

Appointment: May 24, 1831  
Entry on Duty: May 24, 1831  
Termination of Appointment: May 29, 1833  
Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on January 12, 1832.

**Name: *Louis McLane*** - ([President Andrew Jackson](#))

Appointment: May 29, 1833  
Entry on Duty: May 29, 1833  
Termination of Appointment: June 30, 1834  
Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate.

**Name: *John Forsyth*** - ([Presidents: Andrew Jackson - Martin Van Buren](#))

Appointment: June 27, 1834  
Entry on Duty: July 1, 1834  
Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1841

**Name: *Daniel Webster*** - ([Presidents: William H. Harrison - John Tyler](#))

Appointment: March 5, 1841  
Entry on Duty: March 6, 1841  
Termination of Appointment: May 8, 1843

**Name: *Abel P. Upshur*** - ([President John Tyler](#))

Appointment: July 24, 1843  
Entry on Duty: July 24, 1843  
Termination of Appointment: February 28, 1844  
Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on January 2, 1844.

**Name: *John C. Calhoun*** - ([President John Tyler](#))

Appointment: March 6, 1844  
Entry on Duty: April 1, 1844  
Termination of Appointment: March 10, 1845

**Name: *James Buchanan*** - ([President James Knox Polk](#))

Appointment: March 6, 1845  
Entry on Duty: March 10, 1845  
Termination of Appointment: March 7, 1849

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**Name: John M. Clayton** - (Presidents: Zachary Taylor - Millard Fillmore)

Appointment: March 7, 1849

Entry on Duty: March 8, 1849

Termination of Appointment: July 22, 1850

**Name: Daniel Webster** - (President Millard Fillmore)

Appointment: July 22, 1850

Entry on Duty: July 23, 1850

Termination of Appointment: Oct 24, 1852

**Name: Edward Everett** - (President Millard Fillmore)

Appointment: November 6, 1852

Entry on Duty: November 6, 1852

Termination of Appointment: March 3, 1853

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on December 9, 1852.

**Name: William L. Marcy** - (President Franklin Pierce)

Appointment: March 7, 1853

Entry on Duty: March 8, 1853

Termination of Appointment: March 6, 1857

**Name: Lewis Cass** - (President James Buchanan)

Appointment: March 6, 1857

Entry on Duty: March 6, 1857

Termination of Appointment: December 14, 1860

**Name: Jeremiah S. Black** - (President James Buchanan)

Appointment: December 17, 1860

Entry on Duty: December 17, 1860

Termination of Appointment: March 5, 1861

**Name: William H. Seward** - (Presidents: Abraham Lincoln - Andrew Johnson)

Appointment: March 5, 1861

Entry on Duty: March 6, 1861

Termination of Appointment: March 4, 1869

**Name: Elihu B. Washburne** - (President Ulysses S. Grant)

Appointment: March 5, 1869

Entry on Duty: March 5, 1869

Termination of Appointment: March 16, 1869

**Name: Hamilton Fish** - (President Ulysses S. Grant)

Appointment: March 11, 1869 /7/

Entry on Duty: March 17, 1869

Termination of Appointment: March 12, 1877

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**Name: William M. Evarts** - (President Rutherford B. Hayes)

Appointment: March 12, 1877

Entry on Duty: March 12, 1877

Termination of Appointment: March 7, 1881

**Name: James G. Blaine** - (Presidents: James Garfield - Chester Arthur)

Appointment: March 5, 1881

Entry on Duty: March 7, 1881

Termination of Appointment: December 19, 1881

**Name: Frederick T. Frelinghuysen** - (President Chester Arthur)

Appointment: February 12, 1881

Entry on Duty: December 19, 1881

Termination of Appointment: March 6, 1885

**Name: Thomas F. Bayard** - (President Grover Cleveland)

Appointment: March 6, 1885

Entry on Duty: March 7, 1885

Termination of Appointment: March 6, 1889

**Name: James G. Blaine** - (President Benjamin Harrison)

Appointment: March 5, 1889

Entry on Duty: March 7, 1889

Termination of Appointment: June 4, 1892

**Name: John W. Foster** - (President Benjamin Harrison)

Appointment: June 29, 1892

Entry on Duty: June 29, 1892

Termination of Appointment: February 23, 1893

**Name: Walter Q. Gresham** - (President Grover Cleveland)

Appointment: March 6, 1893

Entry on Duty: March 7, 1893

Termination of Appointment: May 28, 1895

**Name: Richard Olney** - (President Grover Cleveland)

Appointment: June 8, 1895

Entry on Duty: June 10, 1895

Termination of Appointment: March 5, 1897

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on December 3, 1895.

**Name: John Sherman** - (President William McKinley)

Appointment: March 5, 1897

Entry on Duty: March 6, 1897

Termination of Appointment: April 27, 1898

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**Name: William R. Day** - ([President William McKinley](#))

Appointment: April 26, 1898

Entry on Duty: April 28, 1898

Termination of Appointment: September 16, 1898

**Name: John Hay** - ([Presidents: William McKinley - Theodore Roosevelt](#))

Appointment: September 20, 1898

Entry on Duty: September 30, 1898

Termination of Appointment: July 1, 1905

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on December 7, 1898. Reappointed March 5, 1901.

**Name: Elihu Root** - ([President Theodore Roosevelt](#))

Appointment: July 7, 1905

Entry on Duty: July 19, 1905

Termination of Appointment: January 27, 1909

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on December 6, 1905.

**Name: Robert Bacon** - ([President Theodore Roosevelt](#))

Appointment: January 27, 1909

Entry on Duty: January 27, 1909

Termination of Appointment: March 5, 1909

**Name: Philander C. Knox** - ([President William Howard Taft](#))

Appointment: March 5, 1909

Entry on Duty: March 6, 1909

Termination of Appointment: March 5, 1913

**Name: William Jennings Bryan** - ([President Woodrow Wilson](#))

Appointment: March 5, 1913

Entry on Duty: March 5, 1913

Termination of Appointment: June 9, 1915

**Name: Robert Lansing** - ([President Woodrow Wilson](#))

Appointment: June 23, 1915

Entry on Duty: June 24, 1915

Termination of Appointment: February 13, 1920

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate; recommissioned after confirmation on December 13, 1915.

**Name: Bainbridge Colby** - ([President Woodrow Wilson](#))

Appointment: March 22, 1920

Entry on Duty: March 23, 1920

Termination of Appointment: March 4, 1921

**Name: Charles Evans Hughes** - ([Presidents: Warren Harding - Calvin Coolidge](#))

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Appointment: March 4, 1921  
Entry on Duty: March 5, 1921  
Termination of Appointment: March 4, 1925

**Name: Frank B. Kellogg** - (Presidents: Calvin Coolidge - Herbert Hoover)

Appointment: February 16, 1925  
Entry on Duty: March 5, 1925  
Termination of Appointment: March 28, 1929

**Name: Henry Lewis Stimson** - (President Herbert Hoover)

Appointment: March 5, 1929  
Entry on Duty: March 28, 1929  
Termination of Appointment: March 4, 1933

**Name: Cordell Hull** - (President Franklin D. Roosevelt)

Appointment: March 4, 1933  
Entry on Duty: March 4, 1933  
Termination of Appointment: November 30, 1944

**Name: Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.** - (Presidents: Franklin D. Roosevelt - Harry Truman)

Appointment: November 30, 1944  
Entry on Duty: December 1, 1944  
Termination of Appointment: June 27, 1945

**Name: James F. Byrnes** - (President Harry S. Truman)

Appointment: July 2, 1945  
Entry on Duty: July 3, 1945  
Termination of Appointment: January 21, 1947

**Name: George C. Marshall** - (President Harry S. Truman)

Appointment: January 8, 1947  
Entry on Duty: January 21, 1947  
Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1949

**Name: Dean G. Acheson** - (President Harry S. Truman)

Appointment: January 19, 1949  
Entry on Duty: January 21, 1949  
Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1953

**Name: John Foster Dulles** - (President Dwight D. Eisenhower)

Appointment: January 21, 1953  
Entry on Duty: January 21, 1953  
Termination of Appointment: April 22, 1959

**Name: Christian A. Herter** - (President Dwight D. Eisenhower)

Appointment: April 21, 1959  
Entry on Duty: April 22, 1959

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Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1961

**Name: Dean Rusk** - (Presidents: [John F. Kennedy](#) - [Lyndon Johnson](#))

Appointment: January 21, 1961

Entry on Duty: January 21, 1961

Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1969

**Name: William P. Rogers** - (President [Richard Nixon](#))

Appointment: January 21, 1969

Entry on Duty: January 22, 1969

Termination of Appointment: September 3, 1973

**Name: Henry A. Kissinger** - (Presidents: [Richard Nixon](#) - [Gerald Ford](#))

Appointment: September 21, 1973

Entry on Duty: September 22, 1973

Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1977

Note: Served concurrently as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs until November 3, 1975.

**Name: Cyrus Vance** - (President [Jimmy Carter](#))

Appointment: January 21, 1977

Entry on Duty: January 23, 1977

Termination of Appointment: April 28, 1980

**Name: Edmund Sixtus Muskie** - (President [Jimmy Carter](#))

Appointment: May 8, 1980

Entry on Duty: May 8, 1980

Termination of Appointment: January 18, 1981

**Name: Alexander Meigs Haig, Jr.** - (President [Ronald Reagan](#))

Appointment: January 22, 1981

Entry on Duty: January 22, 1981

Termination of Appointment: July 5, 1982

**Name: George P. Shultz** - (President [Ronald Reagan](#))

Appointment: July 16, 1982

Entry on Duty: July 16, 1982

Termination of Appointment: January 20, 1989

**Name: James Addison Baker, III** - (President [George H. Bush](#))

Appointment: January 25, 1989

Entry on Duty: January 25, 1989

Termination of Appointment: August 23, 1992

**Name: Lawrence S. Eagleburger** - (President [George H. Bush](#))

Foreign Service officer

Appointment: December 8, 1992

Entry on Duty: December 8, 1992

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Termination of Appointment: January 19, 1993

Note: Commissioned during a recess of the Senate. Served as Acting Secretary of State, August 23-December 8, 1992.

**Name: Warren M. Christopher** - ([President Bill Clinton](#))

Appointment: January 20, 1993

Entry on Duty: January 20, 1993

Termination of Appointment: January 17, 1997

**Name: Madeleine Korbelt Albright** - ([President Bill Clinton](#))

Appointment: January 17, 1997

Entry on Duty: January 23, 1997

Termination of Appointment: January 19, 2001

**Name: Colin L. Powell** - ([President George W. Bush](#))

Appointment: January 20, 2001

Entry on Duty: January 20, 2001

Termination of Appointment: 2005

**Name: Condoleezza Rice** - ([President George W. Bush](#))

Entry on Duty: January 26, 2005

**Acting Secretary of State (1 day)**

William J. Burns: January 20, 2009 – January 21, 2009 - ([President Barack H. Obama](#))

**Name: Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton** - ([President Barack H. Obama](#))

Entry on Duty: January 21, 2009