

## An Historical Tall Tale of George and Georgy

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Once upon a time there lived a little boy who was called George or sometimes, Georgy Porgy. He was known for the cherry tree incident. He was also known for chasing girls, kissing them and making them cry. Who would guess that in his future he would become the first President of the United States of America?

Early in George's life he was known for chopping down a cherry tree. Why did he do that and just what did he do with all of the cherries that were on the tree? One can only imagine the beautiful ruby red cherries piled in big bowls with huge dollops of whipped cream on top. Yum, yum! George actually used the trunk of the tree to make a table on which he would serve his bowls of cherries. As he was a teenager he had some clever ideas about who would have a place at his table to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He had to think a little longer to figure out how he would get these privileged few to his table. So ... while he was sawing and chopping he zoned out, dreaming up a scheme to solve his problem.

After much consideration he decided that the only way he could succeed was to find and capture eight fearless ladies (that was how many would fit at his table). Now, to his dilemma ... how would he test them? He had a sweet tooth and preferred ladies who could make delicious puddings and pies. Ah! This is what he did. He made a sign which he nailed onto the stump of the cherry tree. It said: "Come all ye young maidens who bake puddings and pies, bring your wares here and win a surprise!"

The next day George woke up early and lazily walked to his table. There were at least twenty-five young ladies waiting to have their puddings or pies judged. Of course they were judged for taste and presentation. He had not expected so many ladies, thus he had to think quickly. He made an announcement: "All Maidens run with your puddings and pies until I catch you and give you a prize!" Gleefully, the maidens all ran away, chased by George who was thinking on the run. What should he do when he caught them? It was then that he became Georgy Porgy. He had a crush on the first one he caught so in the moment he kissed her and she cried. With that in mind, only the girls who did not cry were sent to the table. Georgy did not fill his table but all was not lost as one maiden caught his eye. Colored by his enamored state, he declared Martha the winner. Martha won Georgy and turned him back into George. It was her influence that settled him down and led him to becoming the first president. Honestly, this was because she did not like baking and wanted to live in a big white house where there was a baker to make George's pies. So ... did he catch her or did she catch him?