

# What President of the United States arrived in Somerset County at the Bound Brook train station? Hint - he came to play a few rounds of golf over 4th of July weekend!

**IT WAS PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING!**

★ On July 1, 1921, President Harding arrived in Somerset County with his wife, some Senators and members of the House of Representatives. The President was on vacation for the 4th of July weekend at Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen's country house in Somerville.

★ President Harding was playing golf at the Somerset Hills Country Club when he heard that he must return to the Frelinghuysen home to sign the Knox Porter Resolution. He signed it - then left for another round of golf, this time at the Raritan Valley Country Club.



## EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY... OR DOES IT?

You can't tell from this photo, but about 30 people were in the room with President Harding when he signed the Knox Porter Resolution including reporters, Secret Service agents, the acting Governor of New Jersey, and Frelinghuysen's children and housekeepers!



## GOLF IN SOMERSET COUNTY

Golf has always been a popular sport in Somerset County, and with US Presidents. Woodrow Wilson played at least 1,000 rounds of golf during his eight years in office—that's about one game every three days!



Thanks to news reporters, we know what President Harding was wearing when he had to stop his golf game to sign the Knox Porter Resolution:

“a Palm Beach suit, white shoes, white socks with black clocks, a white shirt buttoned by removable gold studs and a green and red bow tie”

— THE outfit for golfers in the 1920s!

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