

The Trump Birth Time Question

Here's some information (and hopefully a clarification) on Donald Trump's birth data and sources. Although these have been reported as 'mysterious', as a data collector myself they look pretty straightforward to me.

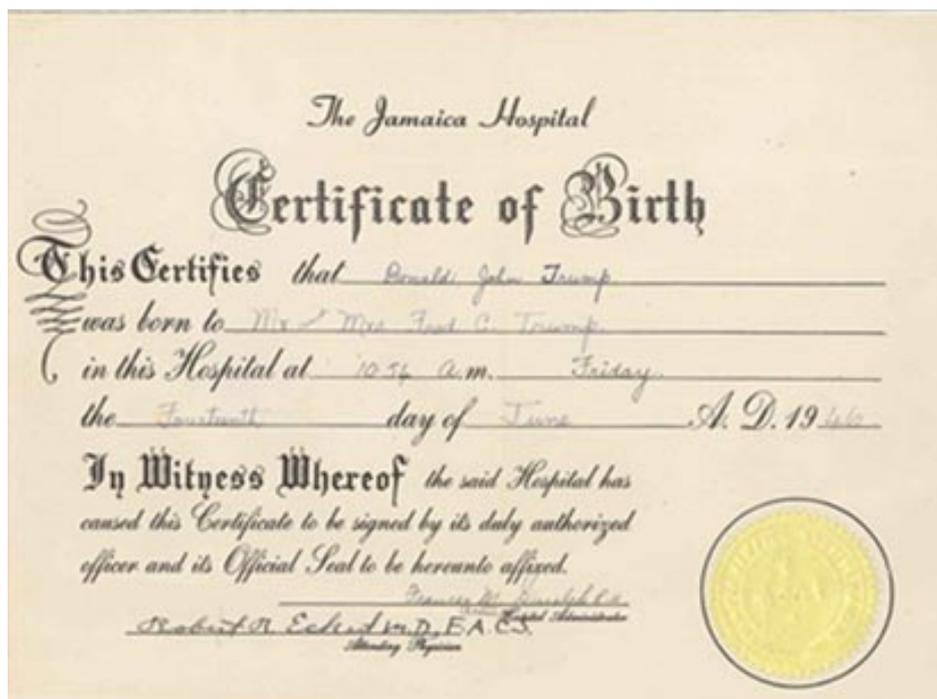
In April 1992, Lois Rodden's 'Data News' (Issue 34) published the following:

'Finally we have data for The Donald! I am reluctant to say "private source" as that is so ambiguous as to mean nothing. However in this case I have to say that I accept the reliability of my source but cannot divulge it. The story is that he laughed at the question and then called his mother to ask what time he was born.'

Lois gave the data as 14 June 1946, 9:51 am EDT, Queens, NY. The time gives 17° Leo rising. I presume he only gave the birth time; the date and place probably came from various published information about Trump. (I have a copy of this issue of 'Data News' in my library.)

From this date forward, astrologers such as Lois Rodden and Lynne Palmer used this birth time when writing about the businessman in their books. I placed it in my Clifford Data Compendium for Solar Fire (1997 and 2000 editions) and in my book 'The Astrologer's Book of Charts' (Flare, 2009). (Later, Sy Scholfield took charge of updating the Solar Fire data files and, when the birth certificate was published, he changed the birth time in my Compendium to the 10:54 a.m. time.)

In 2011, when in full flow attacking the citizenship of Barack Obama, Trump himself released his own hospital record to the media, followed by his full length birth certificate. Both confirm the date (14 June 1946) and record that his birth took place in Jamaica Hospital in the Richmond Hill area of Queens, New York. But both the hospital record and birth certificate give a birth time of 10:54 a.m. (resulting in 29° Leo on the Ascendant). This is the time many astrologers now use.



In this age of misinformation (highlighted by the recent square between Saturn and Neptune in Jupiter's signs) and a widespread mistrust of reportage, there is now a rumour among some that Trump decided to mislead astrologers by changing his birth data from 9:51 a.m. to 10:54 a.m. and falsifying his hospital record and birth certificate. Various reasons are given: from a deliberate attempt to move his Ascendant to the then-degree of Regulus ... to a decision to 'confuse the enemy' ... to simply 'because he's a duplicitous Gemini'!

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CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

Certificate of Birth Certificate No. 7621

1. Full name of child (PRINT) 8 **DONALD JOHN TRUMP**
First name Middle name Last name

2. Sex MALE 3. Color or Race WHITE 4. Number of children born of this pregnancy 1 5. If more than one, number of this child in order of birth
 6. Date of child's birth (Month) June (Day) 14 (Year) 1946 7a. Hour 10:54 A.M. X

7. PLACE OF BIRTH (a) NEW YORK CITY; (b) Borough Queens
 (c) Name of Hospital or Institution Jamaica Hospital
(If not in hospital or institution, give street and number)
 (d) Length of mother's stay at place of birth immediately prior to birth of child 10 hrs.

8. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER: (a) State New York
 (b) Co. Queens (c) Post Office and Zone Jamaica
 (d) No. 85 15 Farham Road Ave. St.
 (e) Length of residence or stay in New York City immediately prior to birth of child 15 yrs.

9. Full name **FATHER** Fred C. Trump
 10. Color or race White 11. Age at time of this birth 40 (years)

12. Birthplace (City or place and State or country) NYC

13. Occupation (A) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as builder
lawyer, bookkeeper, etc.
 (B) Industry or business in which work was done, as own business
textile mill, bank, etc.

14. Full maiden name **MOTHER** Mary MacLeod
 15. Color or race White 16. Age at time of this birth 33 (years)

17. Birthplace (City or place and State or country) Scotland

18. Occupation (A) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as Housewife
typist, nurse, clerk, etc.
 (B) Industry or business in which work was done, as own home
lawyer's office, silk mill, etc.

19a. Total number of children BORN ALIVE PREVIOUS to this pregnancy 3
 19b. Number of children born PREVIOUS to this pregnancy and NOW LIVING 3

I hereby certify that this child was born alive at the hour and on the date stated above, and that all the facts stated in this certificate and report of birth are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Given name added from a supplemental report (Date of) _____
 (Signed) Rose L. S. ... M.D.
 Address 8702 54th St. Bklyn R.N.
 Date of Report June 14, 1946

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Jamaica

Above is an exact copy of a certificate of birth registered, on the date indicated, in the Bureau of Records and Statistics of the Department of Health in the borough in which the birth occurred. It is sent, without charge, pursuant to the provisions of Section 567-3.0 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

If the certificate contains any errors, return this copy with the correct information to the Assistant Registrar of Records in the borough where the child was born. (See address below.) He will advise you how to proceed to have the record corrected. It is important to do this at once.

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Online <<http://keplercollege.org/home/index.php/articles/using-astrology/item/580-donald-trump-birthtime>>, there's an article that outlines the various 'mysterious' facts around the birth data and suggests that we use the earlier, original time for Trump (17° Leo on the Ascendant) for the following six reasons. With respect to the reporter (astrologer Christine Arens) and her extensive article, I've challenged these points by adding my notes/answers in italics after each one:

1) The originally published chart by astrologer Lynne Palmer (1994).

This was most likely based on the info Lois Rodden received in 1992. Lynne subscribed to 'Data News' and gave out her celebrity client data to Rodden at various times.

2) The compelling question posed by astrologer Alphee Lavoie.

Lavoie has spent many years rectifying charts for clients; his 'compelling question' to astrologers is simply whether Trump has a 12th or 1st house Mars.

3) The off-hand comments made by astrologer Bill Meridian.

Meridian quoted Lois's original source, and mentioned that an unnamed astrologer was consulted by Melania Trump and one of the Trump daughters and apparently they use the 9:51 a.m. chart. The problem here is that we don't know what took place in that conversation, and when it took place (i.e. before the release of the certificate and hospital record in 2011). Did they get the birth time from Donald Trump? Did they know the birth time already or did they or the astrologer simply reference the then-known birth time from the internet (or chart database files)? As a data collector and consultant, I've sometimes said to a well-known client, 'This is the birth data I already have from your birth record/parent etc. Is it correct?' Sometimes they're able to check, other times they simply go with what I've got in my collection.

4) The Astro-Databank "Source Notes" for Trump's chart.

These simply say, 'Since the document was evidently posted by Trump, some caution is advised even though there is no evidence that the document was altered.' Astrodatabank give the 10:54 a.m. birth time a top 'AA' rating.

5) The 'flip-flop' in the data source/comments in Solar Fire.

My Clifford Data Compendium was updated by Sy Scholfield for later versions of Solar Fire. An old version of the file may have found its way into a newer version of Solar Fire, but the update, source and new time of 10:54 a.m. appear in the latest versions.

6) Trump's own penchant for misleading and misdirected information.

Whatever some people think of the current president, it is questionable that Trump would present a doctored document when trying to force Obama to reveal his own birth certificate (and later spending so much time questioning the authenticity of the birth document Obama published). In addition, no one has come forward to say that Trump's document is a forgery.

But, even with corroborating evidence, birth certificates and hospital records can and sometimes do contain incorrect information. I have in my files conflicting information between hospital tags/cards and birth certificates. Registrars, midwives and parents make mistakes reporting birth details. And sometimes birth times are recorded as later or earlier than the actual moment of birth. The mother's memory may well be correct.

We cannot be 100% sure that the 10:54 a.m. time is accurate but, as a data collector, having both a hospital record and a birth certificate state this birth time amounts to more substantial evidence than a mother's memory some (probable) forty years after the event. I'd recommend using the 10:54 a.m. time, but would encourage astrologers (when they have the opportunity) to check this with events in Trump's life leading up to his becoming president. As every day of his presidency appears to be drama- and crisis-filled, rectifying his birth time based on current and recent events may not be the easiest to do.

– Frank Clifford, August 2017