



FIRST SPOUSE SERIES

ONE-HALF OUNCE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED COINS

HIGHLY COLLECTABLE SERIES

American First Ladies are now honored with First Spouse Gold Coins, which are one-half ounce, 24 karat pure gold coins minted in collector proof and uncirculated versions. This series of gold coins introduced in 2007 and set to last until 2016 compliment and are released on the same schedule as the US Mint Presidential \$1 program which honors past Presidents at a rate of four gold coins each year.



THE FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COINS PROGRAM

The program is the first to feature women in a consecutive series of legal tender coins. The series of gold coins is authorized through the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, which was signed into law (Public Law 109-145) on Dec. 22, 2005 by President George Bush. It calls for the following coin specifications:

- A \$10 denomination
- The same diameter as the \$1 coins
- Issued as counterparts and during the same period as the circulating Presidential \$1 coins

There are two cases where a President has had more than one wife during service and two coins are issued, like John Tyler. Tyler's first wife Letitia died during his second year in office. Tyler later married Julia while still President. Under the program, both Letitia and Julia First Spouse Coins were produced.



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ELLEN WILSON FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COIN *FIRST LADY, 1913–1914*

The fourth strike to be issued in 2013 as part of the US Mint's First Spouse Gold Coin Program will be the 2013 Ellen Wilson First Spouse Gold Coin. Both the obverse and reverse of the coin contain designs emblematic of Ellen Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States.

This strike marks a bit of an anomaly for the series. Ellen was the first wife of Woodrow while he was President. She died while he was still in office and Woodrow later married another woman. Accordingly, both spouses are honored in this series and appear on separate coins.

The obverse of the coin features a portrait of the First Lady designed by Frank Morris and engraved by Charles Vickers. Inscriptions include "Ellen Wilson", the motto "In God We Trust", "Liberty", the date "2013", "28th", and "1913-1914".

The reverse of the coin was designed and engraved by Don Everhart and features an image of roses with the White House in the background. This is intended to be a tribute to Mrs. Wilson's creation of the White House Rose Garden. The final design was modified slightly from the initial design candidate, which had the roses slightly overlapping the White House. Inscriptions on the reverse include "United States of America", the motto "E Pluribus Unum", "\$10", and "1/2 oz. .9999 Fine Gold".

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Finish/Condition: Proof / Uncirculated

Metal Content: .9999

Fine Gold Weight: 0.5000 troy oz (15.554g)

Diameter: 1.043 inches (26.49 mm)

Edge: Reeded

Face Value: \$10