



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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FRANCES CLEVELAND FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COIN *FIRST LADY, 1893–1897*

Frances Cleveland is the only individual to be featured on two separate issues of the First Spouse Gold Coin series. This is due to the fact that her husband served as President of the United States during two nonconsecutive terms. The second coin is issued for the 24th Presidency, covering the years 1893-1897.

This coin features another portrait of the First Lady on the obverse, along with the order of the Presidency and the dates of the term. The selected obverse was designed by Barbara Fox and sculpted by Phebe Hemphill. The reverse of the coin was designed and sculpted by Joseph Menna and is intended to represent the popularity of the First Lady with the public. She appears by the side of her husband greeting a crowd. The inscriptions on the reverse include "United States of America", the motto "E Pluribus Unum", "\$10", and "1.2 oz. .999 Fine Gold".

Mrs. Cleveland was always a strong proponent of education for women at all levels. During President Cleveland's second term, she secured a kindergarten teacher to teach in the White House, the first formalized school to be located there. Several children, including her daughter Ruth, were in the class.

Mrs. Cleveland's popularity remained strong through her husband's second term in office. She was the first presidential spouse to have a social secretary to handle her mail.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Date: 2012

Designers: Barbara Fox (obverse), Joseph Menna (reverse)

Composition: 0.9999 Gold

Weight: 0.5000 troy oz. (15.554 g)

Diameter: 1.041 inches (26.49 mm)

Thickness: 0.074 inches (1.88 mm)