

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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JAMES BUCHANAN'S LIBERTY 2010



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JAMES BUCHANAN'S LIBERTY FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COIN *PRESIDENT, 1857–1861*

The James Buchanan's Liberty Gold Coin will be the third release of 2010 for the series created to honor the spouses of the Presidents. Because James Buchanan did not have a spouse while in office, the coin will depict an image representing Liberty combined with a scene from the life of the President.

The obverse of the coin will be a reproduction of the Liberty Head Quarter Eagle, which was originally minted and issued from 1840 to 1907. The coin was originally designed by Christian Gobrecht. The required inscriptions have been added to include the order of the Presidency, years of the term, "In God We Trust", and the current date.

The reverse of James Buchanan's Liberty First Spouse Gold Coin features a scene from his youth when he worked as a book keeper in his family's small country store. The required inscriptions are placed within a circle around the circumference of the coin. The reverse image was designed by David Westwood and sculpted by Joseph Menna.

Fourth and Final Liberty in the First Spouse Series.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Designer: Christian Gobrecht (obverse), David Westwood (reverse)

Sculptor: Joseph Menna (reverse) Date: 2010 Mint: West Point (W mint mark) Weight: 0.5000 troy oz. (15.554 g) Composition: 0.9999 fine gold Diameter: 1.041 inches (26.49 mm) Thickness: 0.074 inches (1.88 mm)