

1. Martha Dandridge Curtis Washington: 1731-1802. (George Washington Administration, 1789-1797)  
First "First Lady"; first capital was in New York City; subsequently moved to Philadelphia.
  - Benson J. Lossing. *Martha Washington* [J.C. Buttre, 1865] E W320L
  - James Walter. *Memorials of Washington and of Mary, his mother, and Martha, his wife* [Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887] E W318wal
2. Abigail Smith Adams: 1744–1818. (John Adams Administration, 1797-1801)  
Wife of one president and the mother of another, John Quincy Adams; also first President to live in White House
  - Edith B. Gelles. *Portia, The World of Abigail Adam* [Indiana University Press, 1992] F844.3 A211g 1992
3. Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson: 1748–1782. (Thomas Jefferson Administration, 1801-1809)  
Martha died before Jefferson became president in 1801. Their daughter, Martha, and Secretary of State's wife, Dolley Madison, acted as White House hostesses
4. Dolley Payne Todd Madison: 1768–1817. (James Madison Administration, 1809–1817)  
Dolley was known for her courage as she saved the portrait of George Washington and important papers, including the Declaration of Independence, just prior to the burning of Washington, D.C. by the British in the War of 1812
  - Mynna Thruston. *History of Dolly Payne Madison, wife of James Madison, Fourth President of the U.S.* [Winchester Printers & Stationers, 1930] F8335.3 M1822t
  - Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, editor. *Dolley Madison Breakfast* [Washington, 1912] F8335.3 M1822d
5. Elizabeth Kortright Monroe: 1768–1830. (James Monroe Administration, 1817–1825)  
During the White House years, Mrs. Monroe suffered through ill health and lack of social acceptance. In spite of these obstacles, she is remembered for tastefully redecorating the White House.
6. Louisa Johnson Adams: 1775–1852. (John Quincy Adams Administration, 1825–1829)  
Mrs. Adams is the only First Lady born outside the United States and did not come to this country until four years after she had married John Q. Adams
  - Andrew Oliver. *The Adams Papers; series IV; Portraits* [The Belknap Press, 1970] E A2142po
7. Rachel Donelson Robards Jackson: 1767–1828. (Andrew Jackson Administration, 1829–1837)  
Rachel died the December prior to Andrew Jackson's inauguration.
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  - Irving Stone. *The President's Lady, a novel about Rachel and Andrew Jackson* [Doubleday, 1951] F882.3 J13st
8. Hannah Hoes VanBuren: 1783–1819. (Martin Van Buren Administration, 1837–1841)  
Hannah died prior to Martin being elected President. Their eldest son, Abraham, married Angelica Singleton in 1838. Angelica served as the President's hostess
9. Anna Tuthill Symmes Harrison: 1775–1864. (William Henry Harrison Administration, 1841)  
President Harrison was inaugurated March, 1841 and died April, 1841 of pneumonia. Mrs. Harrison had not yet moved to the White House
10. Letitia Christian Tyler: 1790–1842. (John Tyler Administration, 1841–1845)  
Although Mrs. Tyler was alive during the presidency, she was paralyzed by a stroke and subsequently died. The Tyler's daughter-in-law, Priscilla Cooper Tyler (Mrs. Robert) served as President Tyler's hostess until his re-marriage

11. Julia Gardiner Tyler: 1820–1889. (John Tyler Administration, 1841-1845)  
John Tyler was the first President to be married while in office. Julia was second wife of 10<sup>th</sup> President  
- Robert Seager II. *And Tyler too; a bibliography of John & Julia Gardiner Tyler* [McGraw-Hill Book Company, INC., 1963] E T982
12. Sarah Childress Polk: 1803–1891. (James K. Polk Administration, 1845–1849)  
Mrs. Polk served as her husband's private secretary and advisor. The first White House Thanksgiving dinner was hosted during this presidency.  
- John Reed Bumgarner. *Sarah Childress Polk, a Biography...* [McFarland & Company, 1997] F882.3 P769b  
- Jimmie Lou Sparkman Claxton. *88 Years with Sarah Polk* [Vantage Press, 1972] F83367.3 P7692c
13. Margaret Mackall Smith Taylor: 1788–1852. (Zachary Taylor Administration, 1849-1850)  
Mrs. Taylor did not serve as White House hostess; instead their daughter, Betty Taylor Bliss, did. President Taylor died while in office
14. Abigail Powers Fillmore: 1798–1853. (Millard Fillmore Administration, 1850-1853)  
Mrs. Fillmore chose not to serve as White House hostess; instead, asked their daughter, Mary "Abby" Fillmore, to fill this role
15. Jane Appleton Pierce: 1806–1863. (Franklin Pierce Administration, 1853–1857)  
Mrs. Pierce did not approve of President Pierce's presidency and remained secluded in her room
16. Harriet Lane Johnston: 1830–1903. (James Buchanan Administration, 1857–1861)  
James Buchanan was the first and only bachelor president. His niece, Harriet, served as the official White House hostess
17. Mary Todd Lincoln: 1818–1882. (Abraham Lincoln Administration, 1861–1865)  
Mrs. Lincoln's personal tragedies and those of the Civil War left her a legacy of sadness and sorrow  
- Consult the ALPL catalog.
18. Eliza McCardle Johnson: 1810–1876. (Andrew Johnson Administration, 1865–1869)  
Mrs. Johnson was an invalid before her husband was president; thus their daughter, Martha Johnson Patterson, acted as White House hostess
19. Julia Dent Grant: 1826-1902. (Ulysses S. Grant Administration, 1869–1877)  
Mrs. Grant enjoyed the role of First Lady and referred to it as "the happiest period of our lives"  
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- John Y. Simon, editor. *The Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant* [G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1975] F896.3 G7622
20. Lucy Ware Webb Hayes: 1831–1889. (Rutherford B. Hayes Administration, 1877–1881)  
Mrs. Hayes was the first college graduate of the presidents' wives but refused to become politically involved in any issues  
- George Tressler Scott. *Illinois Testimonial to Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes* [Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, Spring 1953] F83512 S4261  
- Emily Apt Geer. *First Lady, The Life of Lucy Webb Hayes* [Kent State University Press, 1984] F892.3 H417g
21. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield: 1831–1918. (James A. Garfield Administration, 1881)  
Due to Mrs. Garfield's illness immediately following the inauguration and President Garfield's death within six months of office, Mrs. Garfield did not assume any First Lady duties
22. Ellen Lewis Herndon Arthur: 1837–1881. (Chester A. Arthur Administration, 1881-1885)  
Mrs. Arthur died before the President's election and his youngest sister, Mary McElroy, served as White House hostess
23. Frances Folsom Cleveland: 1864–1947. (Grover Cleveland Administration, 1885-89; 1893–1897)  
The Clevelands were the first couple to be married in the White House; Mrs. Cleveland was the youngest First Lady, age 21, and they were the first couple to have a child born to a President while in the White House

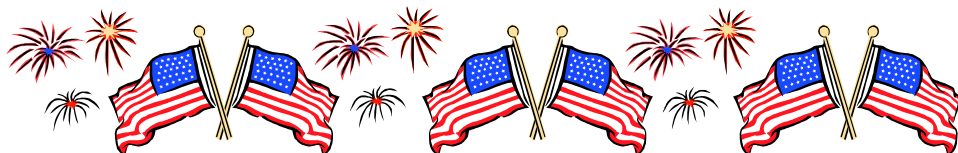
24. Caroline Scott Harrison: 1832-1892. (Benjamin Harrison Administration, 1889–1893)  
As First Lady, Mrs. Harrison established the historic White House china collection and put up the first White House Christmas tree. Mrs. Harrison died while in the White House
25. Ida Saxton McKinley: 1847–1907. (William McKinley Administration 1897–1901)  
Although Mrs. McKinley suffered poor health throughout the Presidency, she performed First Lady duties with grace and style. President McKinley was assassinated during his second term of office
26. Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt: 1861-1948. (Theodore Roosevelt Administration, 1901–1909)  
Mrs. Roosevelt served as First Lady as well as supervised the addition of the East and West Wings of the White House  
- Dorothy Clark Wilson. Alice & Edith [Doubleday, 1989] F8356.3 W7473a
27. Helen Herron Taft: 1861-1943. (William H. Taft Administration, 1909-1913)  
Mrs. Taft was an active supporter and promoter of President Taft's election and presidency; however, her legacy in Washington was the planting of three thousand cherry trees
28. Ellen Axson Wilson: 1860-1914. (Woodrow Wilson Administration, 1913-1921)  
Mrs. Wilson supported the improvement of working conditions for federal government employees and lobbied Congress to improve Washington's substandard living conditions. She died one year into President Wilson's term of office  
- Frances Wright Saunders. First Lady Between Two Worlds, Ellen Axson Wilson [University of North Carolina Press, 1985] F867.3 W747s
29. Edith Rolling Galt Wilson: 1872–1961. (Woodrow Wilson Administration, 1913-1921)  
Edith was President Wilson's second wife. In addition to serving as White House hostess, Mrs. Wilson supervised the White House and the President's financial affairs plus served as his Special Advisor. While in office, President Wilson suffered a stroke. Mrs. Wilson isolated the President from all visitors. She shared all communication and presidential duties with the President until his recovery
30. Florence Kling DeWolfe Harding: 1860-1924. (Warren G. Harding Administration, 1921–1923)  
In addition to First Lady duties, Mrs. Harding's specialty was garden parties for the WW I veterans. During President Harding's term the Teapot Dome scandal became public. President Harding died while in office  
- Carl Sferrazza Anthony, Florence Harding. The First Lady, The Jazz Age, And The Death of America's Most Scandalous President [William Morrow, 1998.] F854.3 H263a
31. Grace Goodhue Coolidge: 1879–1929. (Calvin Coolidge Administration, 1923-1929)  
Following Warren Harding's death in 1923, Vice President Calvin Coolidge assumed presidency. Mrs. Coolidge's warmth and gaiety were a welcome contrast to "Silent Cal"
32. Lou Henry Hoover: 1874–1944. (Herbert Hoover Administration, 1929-1933)  
Mrs. Hoover was a successful First Lady but also, a strong woman with her own personal identity. Mrs. Hoover organized women's groups; served as the national president of the Girl Scouts; promoted the League of Women Voters and many other humanitarian organizations
33. Eleanor Roosevelt Roosevelt: 1884–1962. (Franklin D. Roosevelt Administration, 1933-1945)  
Eleanor took First Lady duties to new heights. During her first year as First Lady, she traveled 38,000 miles around the country; she lobbied for improved federal programs; held her own weekly press conference; wrote a daily newspaper column and a monthly magazine column and during World War II, she visited American troops in war zones. President Roosevelt died while in office  
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34. Elizabeth Wallace Truman: 1885–1982. (Harry S. Truman Administration, 1945–1953)  
Mrs. Truman was named by the President as his “full partner in all transactions – politically and otherwise.” As First Lady she also attended advisory planning sessions and helped write the President's speeches
  - Robert H. Ferrell. Dear Bess, The Letters From Harry to Bess Truman [W.W. Norton, 1983] F8383.1 T867Ld
35. Mamie Geneva Doud Eisenhower: 1896–1979. (Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration, 1953-1961)  
Mrs. Eisenhower enjoyed her role as First Lady. Following the end of the war and accessibility of air travel, the Eisenhowers entertained unprecedented number of heads of state and leaders of foreign government visiting the White House
  - Alden Hatch. Red Carpet For Mamie Eisenhower [Popular Library, 1956] F912.3 E36h 1956
  - Lester David & Irene David. The Story of the General and his Lady [G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1981] F83831.3 D2494i
36. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: 1929-1994. (John F. Kennedy Administration 1961-1963)  
Mrs. Kennedy, as First Lady, was known for her elegance and poise. She also left a wide legacy: a young mother trying to shelter her children from public scrutiny; a promoter of the historical White House restoration; a diplomatic charmer both here and abroad and a supreme example of courage and dignity following the assassination of President Kennedy and his funeral
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  - Robert L. Ramey. One Dozen Red Roses, The Life Story of Jacqueline Kennedy [Tattler, 1964] E K348o
37. Claudia Taylor Johnson: 1912-. (Lyndon B. Johnson Administration, 1963–1969)  
Lady Bird Johnson became First Lady overnight following President Kennedy's assassination. As First Lady, she was an advocate for women; spearheaded the Highway Beautification Act and promoted Head Start, a federal program for disadvantaged children
  - Jan Jarboe Russell. Lady Bird [Scribner, 1999] F877.3 J675r
38. Patricia Ryan Nixon: 1912–1974. (Richard M. Nixon Administration, 1969–1974)  
As First Lady, Mrs. Nixon continued Mrs. Kennedy's White House restoration project. She also used her position as First Lady to promote volunteer service, “the spirit of people helping people”
39. Elizabeth Bloomer Warren Ford: 1918-. (Gerald Ford Administration: 1974–1977)  
Mrs. Ford assumed the role of First Lady following President Nixon's resignation. She will be remembered for her outspoken support of the women's rights movement, Equal Rights Amendment and the Supreme Court's ruling on abortion. Her personal experiences with breast cancer, mastectomy and recovery were received by the public with mixed emotions: outrage for her frankness or delight for the open acknowledgement
40. Rosalynn Smith Carter: 1927-. (Jimmy Carter Administration, 1977–1981)  
Mrs. Carter was dubbed the “steel magnolia”, a reflection of her Georgia roots, as well as for her combination of quiet sweetness, political savvy and drive. As First Lady, she attended cabinet meetings; represented President Carter on foreign visits; testified before Congress on behalf of mental health issues and promoted the causes of the elderly
41. Nancy Davis Reagan: 1921-. (Ronald Reagan Administration, 1981-1989)  
Mrs. Reagan's visible love and support of her husband throughout his political career are hallmarks of this First Lady. Although she was criticized for her expensive lifestyle, she improved her First Lady image by promoting the Foster Grandparent Program, a national program connecting older volunteers with handicapped and mentally retarded children and launching a campaign against drug use.
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42. Barbara Pierce Bush: 1925-. (George Herbert Walker Bush Administration, 1989–1993)  
Through her long history of supporting President Bush's political career, Mrs. Bush developed into a shrewd, tough-minded politician. As First Lady, she sat in on planning sessions and served as President Bush's "sounding board". During her White House years, she established the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and raised AIDS awareness.\*\*\*Mrs. Bush is the only First Lady after Abigail Adams to have both a husband and son elected president of the United States\*\*\*
43. Hillary Rodham Clinton: 1947-. (William Jefferson Clinton Administration, 1993–2001)  
During Mrs. Clinton's years as First Lady, she was criticized for being too assertive and professional; however, these skills allowed her to be appointed head of the National Health Care Reform Task Force by newly elected President Clinton. Although the health care reform effort failed, Mrs. Clinton continued to raise public awareness of women's and children's issues. As First Lady, she authored the bestselling book, *It Takes a Village*, which offered readers her ideas for a society that serves and supports its children. In 2000, Mrs. Clinton was elected senator of New York, the first "First Lady" to be elected to Congress
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44. Laura Welch Bush: 1946-. (George W. Bush Administration, 2001-)  
As First Lady, Mrs. Bush has used her educational training and professional experience to promote literacy and education. She launched a national initiative, Ready to Read, Ready to Learn; hosted the first White House conference on school libraries; proposed a recruitment program for librarians; hosted the National Book Festival in 2001, 2002 and 2003; and lobbied for more U.S. education spending around the world

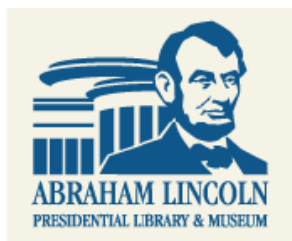
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