

WOODROW WILSON

1913 - 1921



Thomas Woodrow Wilson was born in 1856 in Staunton, Virginia. He graduated from Princeton and did post-graduate work in political science at Johns Hopkins University. He became president of Princeton in 1902 and was elected governor of New Jersey in 1910.

Ellen Axson Wilson, Woodrow Wilson's first wife, was born in 1860 in Georgia. Wilson had first seen her when they were children; they met again in 1883. They were married in 1885. Ellen had studied art in New York and took refuge from social obligations in her painting. The Wilsons had three children.



President Woodrow Wilson was elected in 1912. His administration enacted many domestic reforms, including the Federal Reserve Act, the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, establishment of the Federal Trade Commission, and prohibition of child labor. In 1917, when Germany resumed submarine warfare, Wilson brought the United States into the war. The 1918 Armistice was negotiated on Wilson's Fourteen Points. It was his hope that problems with the Versailles Treaty could be solved by the formation of the League of Nations, but the treaty was defeated in the Senate. Wilson died in Washington in 1924.

The Wilsons began the administration without an inaugural ball and the First Lady's entertainments were simple but successful. Ellen Wilson had a skylight installed at the White House, so she could continue her painting. Her health was failing and she died at the White House on August 6, 1914. Wilson married Edith Bolling Galt in 1915, and it was she who saw him through recovery from a paralytic stroke in 1919.

Arizona Timeline

1914 - Arizona institutes statewide prohibition.

1916 - Republican Thomas E. Campbell is elected Governor.

1917 - World War I brings economic boom to Arizona especially in developing cotton farming.

1917 - Former Governor George W. P. Hunt demands a recount of votes from the November 1916 election. The Arizona Supreme Court rules that Hunt won the election and Thomas E. Campbell is forced to turn the governorship back to Hunt.