

# S. GROVER CLEVELAND

1885 – 1889 & 1893 – 1897



**Stephen Grover Cleveland** was born in 1837 in Caldwell, New Jersey. While clerking in a law office he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1859. During the Civil War he remained at home to support his mother. He served as district attorney and sheriff of Erie County, New York, and reform governor of New York.

**Frances Folsom Cleveland** was born in 1864. Grover Cleveland had known her since she was born. They were married in 1886. Their second daughter was the first child born to a president in the White House. Frances died in 1947.



**President Grover Cleveland** was the first Democrat to be elected president in 28 years. His platform included reforms for the Civil Service and national finances. He actively promoted a non-partisan Civil Service. He was opposed to a protective tariff and so lost the support of some in his own party and was defeated for re-election by Benjamin Harrison in 1888. In 1892 he defeated Harrison and became the only president to serve two non-successive terms. During his second term there was a serious economic downturn and widespread unemployment. He was able to settle the Pullman strike with Federal troops. After leaving the presidency he was a trustee of Princeton University. He died at Princeton, New Jersey in 1908.

Until Grover Cleveland married in 1886, his sister Rose served as White House hostess. Frances Cleveland was one of the most popular First Ladies. She was an advocate of temperance, but served wine at White House dinners, though she never drank the wine herself.

## Arizona Timeline

- 1886 - Geronimo surrenders to General Nelson Miles and the Indian fighting is over.
- 1887 - Kingman was designated as Mohave County's fifth county seat. The Mohave County Miner newspaper moves to Kingman from Mineral Park.
- 1888 - Copper replaces gold and silver in economic importance in Arizona.
- 1896 - Kingman's Little Red Schoolhouse opened its doors to students.