

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute and elect Franklin Pierce to be President of the United States for the term of four years, commencing on the 4th day of March, 1853.



## ABIGAIL POWERS FILLMORE

*First Lady (1850–1853)*

Abigail was born on March 13, 1798 in Stillwater, New York, the daughter of Reverend Lemuel Powers (a Baptist minister) and Abigail Newland.

After a seven-year engagement, Abigail married Millard Fillmore (two years her junior) on February 5, 1826 in Moravia, New York. She was 29 years old. Abigail and Millard had two children: Millard Powers and Mary Abigail.

Abigail was the first First Lady to have a job outside of the home. She was a teacher at the New Hope Academy where her husband was briefly her student.

After creating the first library in Sempronius, New York, Abigail was an avid collector of books and she and Millard collected more than 4,000 of them.

With a special appropriation from Congress, Abigail began selecting books for the White House library and spent hours arranging them in the Oval Office.

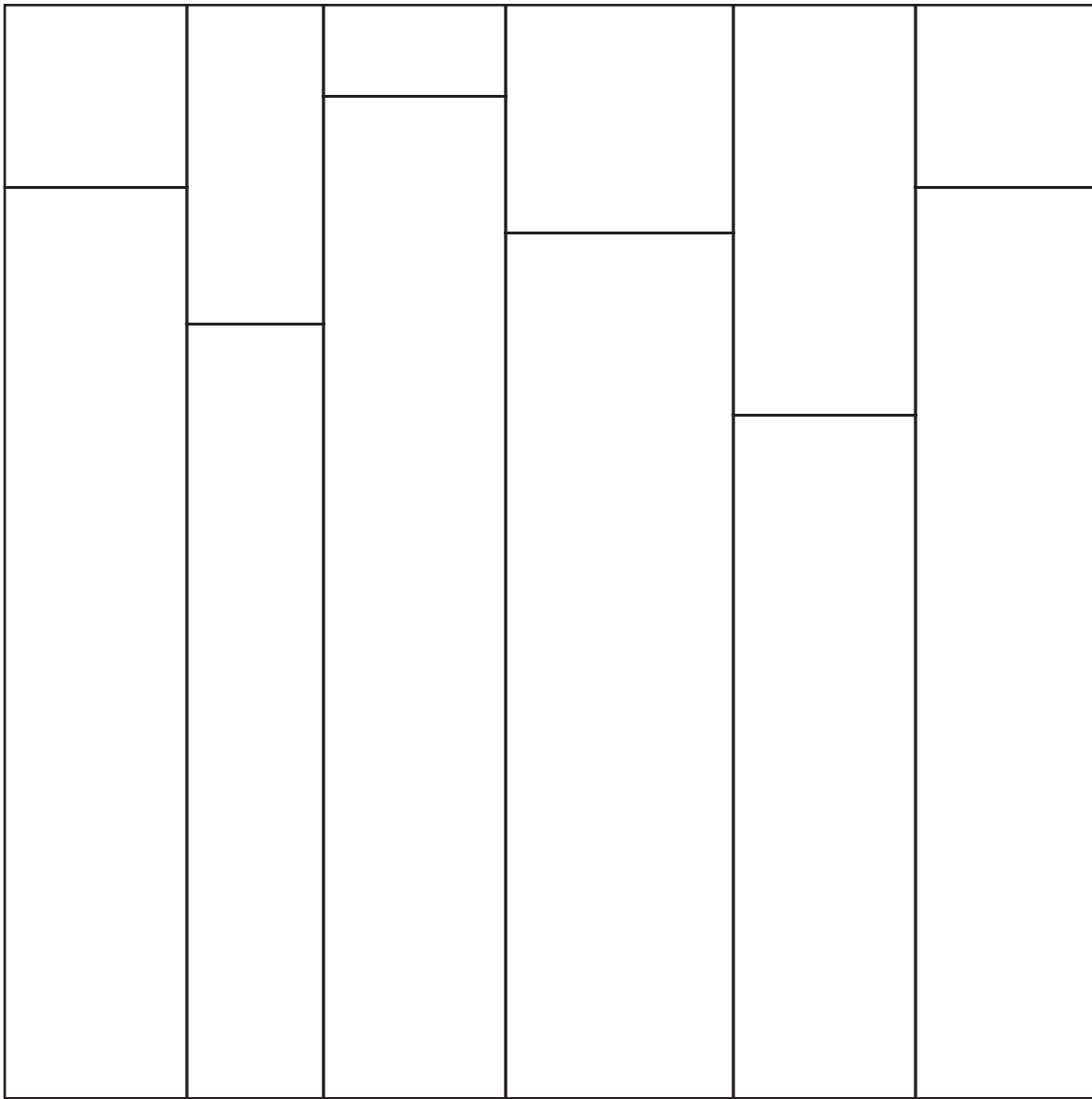
Abigail died at 55 years of age on March 30, 1853, after she caught pneumonia during the inauguration of Franklin Pierce.

*“Mrs. Walsh called here on Monday and wished me to write you to ask you to use your influence for her cousin... so you can see, I am already beset by office seekers.”*  
~From a letter to her husband



### Abigail's Library

Abigail's block was created to celebrate her love of books and her efforts to create the White House library.



**Abigail's Library**  
**Making the Block**

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Green	1	1½" x 5½"
Brown	1	1¼" x 5"
Dark. Brown	1	1½" x 6"
Light Brown	1	1¾" x 5½"
Dark Green	1	1½" x 4½"
Medium Brown	1	1½" x 5½"
Beige	1	1½" x 1½"
	1	1¼ x 2"
	1	1½" x 1"
	1	1¾ x 1½"
	1	1½" x 2½"
	1	1½" x 1½"