

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 this Federal Government under the auspices of the Constitution for the United States.



ELLEN LOUISE AXSON WILSON

First Lady (1913–1914)

Ellen was born on May 15, 1860 in Savannah, Georgia, the daughter of the Reverend Samuel Edward Axson and Margaret Hoyt.

Ellen lost her mother in 1881; her father was committed to an insane asylum and died in 1884. Losing both parents within a short time took its toll emotionally and physically. Ellen was a talented artist and studied in New York at the Art Student's League.

When she was 25, Ellen and Woodrow Wilson were married in Savannah, Georgia on June 24, 1885. They had three children: Margaret Woodrow, Jessie Woodrow and Eleanor Randolph.

Ellen had Bright's Disease and in March 1914, she fell in her bedroom. She died at the age of 54 in the White House, on August 6 of that year.

The White House staff called Ellen the "Angel of the White House." She was the First Lady who created the Rose Garden.

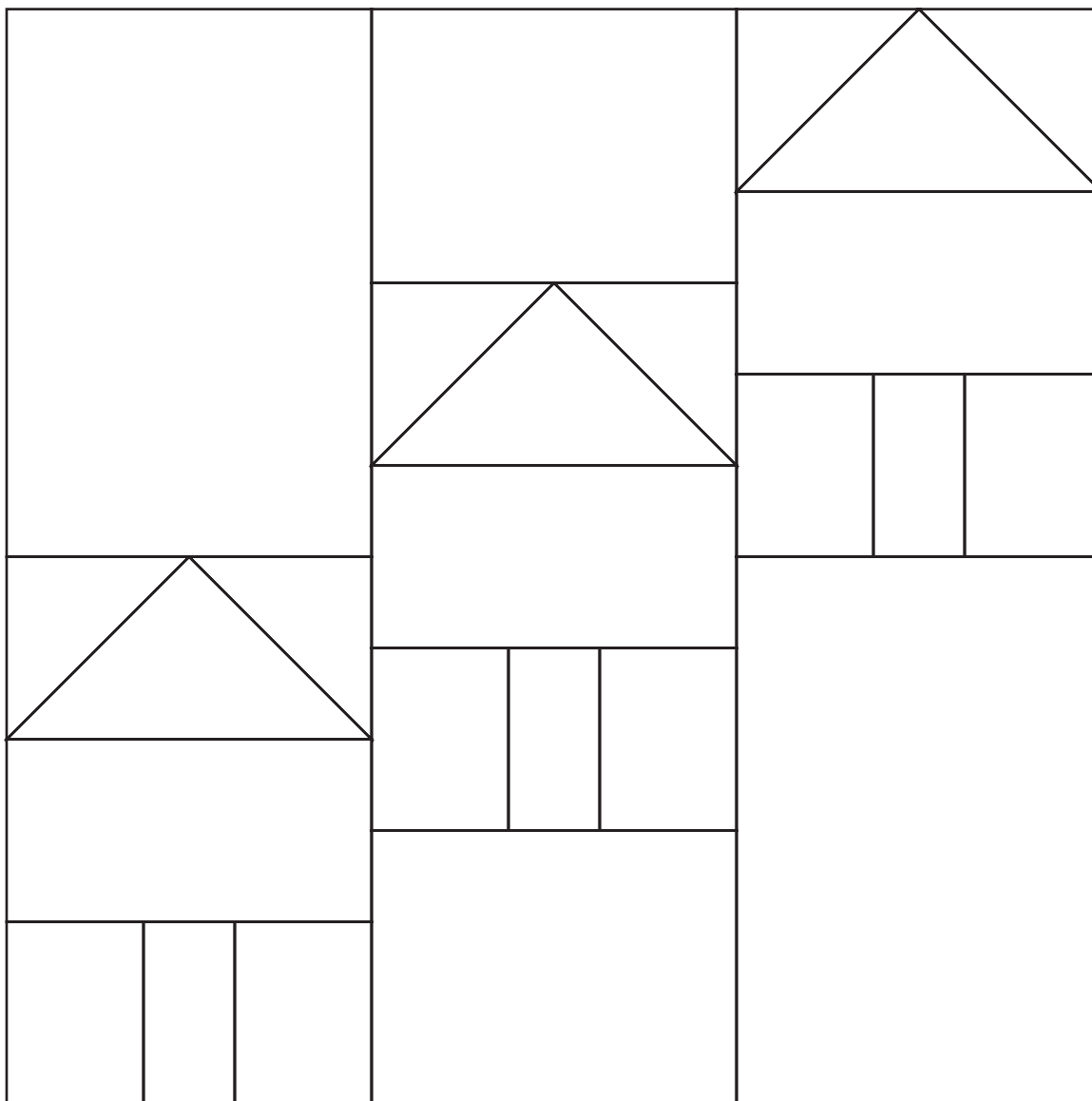
"I am naturally the most unambitious of women and life in the White House has no attractions for me."

~Ellen Wilson



Ellen's Dwellings

Ellen's block was created to commemorate her greatest achievement—her commitment to helping the poor. She joined a committee to pass a bill that would destroy slums and create better housing for the poor. Shortly before she died, the "Alley Dwelling Bill" had passed.



Ellen's Dwellings
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Beige (background)	2	2½" x 3½"
	2	2½" x 2"
	6	1½" x 1½"
Light Brown (House)	2	2½" x 1½"
	2	1¼" x 1½"
Red (House)	2	2½" x 1½"
	2	1¼" x 1½"
Dark Brown (House)	2	2½" x 1½"
	2	1¼" x 1½"
Light & Dark Brown (Doors)	3	1½" x 1"