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2010 Millard Fillmore Presidential Dollar

Thirteenth in the Presidential Dollars Collection

The Millard Fillmore Dollar starts the fourth year of the Presidential Dollars series. The first of four Presidential Dollars issued in 2010, it was released by the United States Mint on February 18, 2010.

Four unique Presidential Dollars are issued each year, and they are released in the order in which the Presidents served. The 2007 coins featured the first four Presidents, the 2008 coins were for the fifth through eighth Presidents, and the 2009 coins honored the ninth through 12th Presidents. The 2010 coins will be for the 13th through 16th Presidents (Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln, respectively).

Each of the four Presidential Dollars issued each year is a limited edition commemorative. The minting period for each coin is only about three months, and the coins are released one-at-a-time for only about three months each. Coins for circulation are made at the U.S. Mints in Philadelphia and Denver.

The design for each Presidential Dollar is based on various portraits, prints, photographs, and other works of art. Most of the source material was created during or close to the President's term in office, although some of the designs for the early coins relied on earlier or later likenesses due to the lack of appropriate images from the time the President served.

The Fillmore Dollar depicts a portrait of Millard Fillmore that is based on a photograph taken between about 1855 and 1865, or within a few years of the end of his Presidency. The photograph was taken by Mathew Brady, who is most famous for his Civil War photography and his portraits of President Abraham Lincoln. Like the 2009 coins, the 2010 coins feature the motto "In God We Trust" on the obverse; on the 2007 and 2008 coins, the motto was part of the edge inscriptions.



Millard Fillmore

Millard Fillmore was born on January 7, 1800, in Summerhill, New York. He was the first President born in the 19th century, but he failed to grasp the ideals that shaped the century and was rejected by his own political party for nomination for a second term as President. He was also the last Whig President.

After a short career as a lawyer in East Aurora, New York, Fillmore was elected to the New York State Assembly. Starting in 1829 when he first took his seat in the State Assembly, he became a respected politician both in New York and nationally. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in 1848 the Whig party chose him as the Vice Presidential candidate to run with Zachary Taylor.

Taylor and Fillmore won the 1848 election, but Taylor died in office on July 9, 1850. Fillmore succeeded to the Presidency the following day. His support for the Compromise of 1850 and the Fugitive Slave Law was a middle-of-the-road approach to slavery that failed to satisfy either side of the issue. In 1852, the Whig party selected Winfield Scott instead of the incumbent Fillmore as its Presidential candidate. Fillmore retired to Buffalo, New York, although he ran for President again four years later but was soundly defeated. He died in Buffalo on March 8, 1874.

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