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Historic Augusta's Peep n' Eat Day Trip to Beech Island, SC, May 15, Will Honor First Lady

Join Historic Augusta for a Peep n' Eat day trip to Beech Island, South Carolina on May 15, 2010 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ellen Axson Wilson. Ellen was the first wife of President Woodrow Wilson and the daughter of Rev. Samuel Edward Axson who served as the minister of Beech Island Presbyterian Church when she was an infant.

The guided bus trip will include stops at the former Beech Island Presbyterian Church, now All Saint's Episcopal Church, Oakland's Plantation, the Beech Island Agricultural Club, Redcliffe Plantation, Hammond Cemetery, Zubley Cemetery and Beech Island Historical Society Museum and will drive by many other historic sites of interest. A traditional Southern luncheon will be served by the ladies of All Saint's Church in Dunbar Hall. The trip will conclude with drinks on the grounds of "White Chimneys." The cost of the trip is \$90 per person. Please park in the Augusta Municipal Building parking lot located at 540 Greene Street. The bus will depart at 9 am and will return by 6 pm.

Historic Augusta has a special interest in the life of Ellen Axson Wilson because she was married to President Wilson, who grew up in the manse that the preservation organization owns and operates as a house museum at 419 Seventh Street in Augusta. She was the first Georgia native to serve as our nation's First Lady. Ellen has numerous Georgia connections including being born in Savannah while her parents were visiting her grandparents, residing in Madison and Rome, getting married in Savannah, and being buried in Rome.

For tickets and more information contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436 or visit www.historicaugusta.org or www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org.