LEADERSHIP IN NASHVILLE

1964

Biography/History

This was a special project chosen by a History of Nashville Class of Senior Citizens and the results of their topic on Nashville’s Hundred Greatest Citizens. These people were selected on the basis of their contributions to city, state, or nation. By agreement, no one was included whose death occurred less than twenty years before the class.

The list is the product of the combined judgment of the class. The teacher, Alfred Leland Crabb, reserved the right of veto. In all, 154 men and women were nominated. The list was gradually reduced to a minimum of 116. Prolonged effort was made to lower the number to the 100 originally agreed upon, but it was futile.

In 1984, the class project was transferred from the Peabody Library to Special Collections.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one manuscript item with 41 pages, titled Leadership in Nashville. It contains a listing of 116 of the most prominent citizens in Nashville leadership, with brief accompanying biographical sketches. The following people are listed:

Adelicia Hayes Acklen, 1817-1889
Adam Gillespie Adams, 1829-1895
Edward Emerson Barnard, 1857-1923
Washington Barrow, 1807-1866
John Meredith Bass, 1804-1878
Jere Baxter, 1852-1904
John Bell, 1797-1869
William T. Berry, 1813-1889
John Diell Blanton, 1859-1933
William, Kirkman Bowling, 1808-1885
Richard Henry Boyd, 1843-1938
William T. Briggs, 1829-1894
Michael Burns, 1813-1896
Adelicia Hayes Acklen, 1817-1889
Social leader, gracious hostess
Adam Gillespie Adams, 1829-1895
Merchant and banker
Edward Emerson Barnard, 1857-1923
Astronomy
Washington Barrow, 1807-1866
Editor and Congressman
John Meredith Bass, 1804-1878
Lawyer, banker, planter, twice mayor
Jere Baxter, 1852-1904
Builder, Tennessee Central Railroads
John Bell, 1797-1869
Lawyer, statesman, orator, political leader
William T. Berry, 1813-1889
Publisher and bookseller
John Diell Blanton, 1859-1933
President of Ward Belmont College
William, Kirkman Bowling, 1808-1885
Physician, medical editor, Dean
Richard Henry Boyd, 1843-1938
Negro banker, publisher, editor, preacher
William T. Briggs, 1829-1894
Surgeon
Michael Burns, 1813-1896
Businessman, railroader, banker
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George Washington Campbell, 1769-1848 Lawyer, judge, Congressman, Senator
William Carroll, 1788-1844 Merchant, soldier, Governor of Tennessee
John Catron, 1786-1865 Justice of Supreme Court/United States
Benjamin Franklin Cheatham, 1820-1886 Farmer, Confederate General
Joel Owsley Cheek, 1852-1935 Merchant, industrial pioneer
Ann Robertson Cockrill, 1788-1872 Pioneer, first school teacher in Mid-TN
Mark Robertson Cockrill, 1788-1872 Surveyor, agriculturalist
Edmund Whitefoord Cole, 1827-1900 Railroader, banker, Methodist layman
Washington Cooper, 1802-1899 Portrait artist
Thomas Brown Craighead, 1750-1825 Presbyterian preacher, teacher
Nathaniel Cross, 1802-1866 Educator, orator, classical scholar

John Hibbett DeWitt, 1872-1937 Lawyer, judge, historian
Jacob McGavock Dickinson, 1851-1928 Lawyer, Cabinet Member
John Donelson, 1725-1785 Surveyor, Brigadier General U.S. Army
Mary C. Dorris, 1850-1924 Hermitage preservation
Will Allen Dromgoole, 1860-1934 Journalist, poet
William Lafland Dudley, 1859-1914 Dean, chairman of Athletics at Vanderbilt
George Dury, 1817-1893 Artist

John Todd Edgar, 1792-1860 Presbyterian minister
Collins D. Elliott, 1810-1899 Educator, preacher, civil leader
Joseph T. Elliston, Merchant, Methodist layman
Paul Fitzsimmons Eve, 1806-1877 Surgeon, teacher, editor
Andrew Ewing, 1813-1864 Lawyer, orator, statesman
Edwin Hickman Ewing, 1809-1902 Lawyer, Congressman, orator

Francis Brinley Fogg, 1795-1880 Attorney, public spirited citizen
Mary Middleton Rutledge Fogg, 1800-1872 Cultured and gracious lady, author
Ephraim Hubbard Foster, 1794-1854 Attorney, Whig politician, U.S. Senator

Landon Cabell Garland, 1810-1895 First Chancellor of Vanderbilt
Augustin Gattinger, 1825-1903 Physician, botanist
Alexander Little Page Green, 1806-1874 Methodist minister
Anne Rodgers Grundy, 1779-1847 Mother of 12, active in church/city
Felix Grundy, 1777-1840 Lawyer, statesman, orator
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<th>Title</th>
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<td>1808-1886</td>
<td>Agriculturalist, stock-breeder</td>
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<td>Adolphus Heiman</td>
<td>1809-1862</td>
<td>Architect, soldier</td>
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<td>Edward Dickson Hicks</td>
<td>1831-1894</td>
<td>Businessman, farmer, civil leader</td>
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<td>John Melchior Hull</td>
<td>1797-1870</td>
<td>Merchant, businessman</td>
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<td>Robert Boyte Crawford Howell</td>
<td>1801-1868</td>
<td>Baptist minister, author, editor</td>
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<td>Alfred Hume</td>
<td>1808-1854</td>
<td>Educator, first superintendent schools</td>
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<td>William Hume</td>
<td>1770-1833</td>
<td>Clergyman, educator</td>
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<td>Andrew Jackson</td>
<td>1767-1845</td>
<td>Seventh President of United States</td>
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<td>Howell Edmunds Jackson</td>
<td>1832-1895</td>
<td>Lawyer, Assoc. Justice of Supreme Court</td>
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<td>Rachel Donelson Jackson</td>
<td>1766-1828</td>
<td>Wife of Andrew Jackson</td>
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<td>James Franklin Jarman</td>
<td>1867-1937</td>
<td>Businessman, philanthropist, General Shoe</td>
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<td>James Weldon Johnson</td>
<td>1871-1938</td>
<td>Negro writer of plays and operas</td>
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<td>Joseph Buckner Killebrew</td>
<td>1831-1906</td>
<td>Scientist, author, editor, agriculturalist</td>
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<td>James Hampton Kirkland</td>
<td>1859-1939</td>
<td>Second Chancellor of Vanderbilt</td>
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<td>John McCormick Lea</td>
<td>1818-1903</td>
<td>Lawyer, jurist, scholar</td>
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<td>Rabbi Isadore Lewinthal</td>
<td>1849-1923</td>
<td>Rabbi, community leader</td>
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<td>Eugene Castner Lewis</td>
<td>1845-1917</td>
<td>Engineer, architect, railroad executive</td>
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<td>John Berrien Lindsley</td>
<td>1822-1897</td>
<td>Educator, physician, clergyman</td>
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<td>Philip Lindsley</td>
<td>1786-1855</td>
<td>Educator, clergyman, scholar</td>
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<td>David Lipscomb</td>
<td>1832-1918</td>
<td>Farmer, teacher, preacher, editor</td>
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<td>Lee Jefferson Loventhal</td>
<td>1875-1940</td>
<td>Businessman, philanthropist</td>
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<td>John Berry McFerrin</td>
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<td>Methodist preacher, editor</td>
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<td>Randall William McGavock</td>
<td>1826-1863</td>
<td>Politician, diarist, author, soldier</td>
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<td>William McKendree</td>
<td>1757-1835</td>
<td>Methodist Circuit Rider, Bishop</td>
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<td>Boyd McNairy</td>
<td>1785-1856</td>
<td>Physician, prominent citizen</td>
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<td>Holland Nimmons McTyeire</td>
<td>1824-1889</td>
<td>Methodist Bishop, Vanderbilt Founder</td>
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<td>Thomas Lafayette Maddin</td>
<td>1826-1908</td>
<td>Physician, surgeon, professor</td>
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<td>Return Jonathan Meigs</td>
<td>1801-1891</td>
<td>Lawyer, jurist, scholar, author</td>
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<td>Richard Pius Miles</td>
<td>1791-1860</td>
<td>Priest/Bishop Roman Catholic Church</td>
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<td>William Nichol</td>
<td>1800-1878</td>
<td>Businessman, banker, broker</td>
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<td>John Overton</td>
<td>1766-1833</td>
<td>Pioneer, legal authority, jurist</td>
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Bruce Ryburn Payne
William Harold Payne, 1836-1907
James Dace Plunkett, 1839-1919
James Knox Polk, 1795-1849
Sara Childress Polk, 1803-1891
George Washington Price, 1830-1892
James Priestly, 1740-1821

Educator
Scholar, administrator, education
Physician, public health, sanitation
Eleventh President of United States
Wife of James Knox Polk
Minister, educator
Classical scholar, educator

Charles Todd Quintard, 1824-1898
Charlotte Reeves Robertson, 1751-1843
Duncan Robertson, 1770-1833
Felix Robertson, 1781-1865
James Robertson, 1742-1814
Henry Middleton Rutledge, 1775-1844

Physician, Episcopal Bishop
Wife of James Robertson
Businessman, philanthropist
Physician, community leader
Nashville founder, frontiersman
Lawyer, planter

Samuel Seay, 1784-1864
John Shelby, 1786-1859
Baxter Smith, 1832-
Edward Bushrod Stahlman, 1843-1936
Vernon K. Stevenson
William Stockell, 1815-1888
William Strickland, 1787-1854

Merchant, Presbyterian elder
Physician
Attorney
Newspaper publisher, railroad executive
Pioneer in railroad building
Merchant, originator of Nashville Fire Dept.
Architect, engineer, painter

Wilkins Tannehill, 1787-1858
Henry Teitlebaun, 1871-1940
Gates Phillips Thurston, 1835-1914
Herbert Cushing Tolman, 1865-1937
John Trimble, 1812-1884
Girard Troost, 1776-1850

Businessman, scholar, historian
Merchant, community servant
Soldier, lawyer, banker, author
Classical scholar, archeologist, author
Lawyer, scholar
Scientist

James Isaac Vance, 1862-1939
William E. Ward, 1829-1887
James Carthwright Warner, 1829-1887
Samuel Watkins, 1794-1882
Robert Weakley, 1764-1845
James Whitsitt, 1771-1849
Dempsey Weaver, 1815-1880
George Leonard White, 1838-1895
Charles K. Winston
John Wesley Work Sr., 1871-1925

Presbyterian minister
Minister, Founder of Ward’s Seminary
Businessman, manufacturer, philanthropist
Contractor, manufacturer, philanthropist
Farmer, surveyor, land owner
Missionary
Financier, philanthropist
Educator, creator of Fisk Jubilee Singers
Physician, professor
Composer, educator

Felix Kirk Zollicoffer, 1812-1862

Editor, Congressman, soldier
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