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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	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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William Giles Harding, 1808-1886	Agriculturalist, stock-breeder
Adolphus Heiman, 1809-1862	Architect, soldier
Edward Dickson Hicks, 1831-1894	Businessman, farmer, civil leader
John Melchior Hull, 1797-1870	Merchant, businessman
Robert Boyte Crawford Howell, 1801-1868	Baptist minister, author, editor
Alfred Hume, 1808-1854	Educator, first superintendent schools
William Hume, 1770-1833	Clergyman, educator
Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845	Seventh President of United States
Howell Edmunds Jackson, 1832-1895	Lawyer, Assoc. Justice of Supreme Court
Rachel Donelson Jackson, 1766-1828	Wife of Andrew Jackson
James Franklin Jarman, 1867-1937	Businessman, philanthropist, General Shoe
James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938	Negro writer of plays and operas
Joseph Buckner Killebrew, 1831-1906	Scientist, author, editor, agriculturalist
James Hampton Kirkland, 1859-1939	Second Chancellor of Vanderbilt
John McCormick Lea, 1818-1903	Lawyer, jurist, scholar
Rabbi Isadore Lewinthal, 1849-1923	Rabbi, community leader
Eugene Castner Lewis, 1845-1917	Engineer, architect, railroad executive
John Berrien Lindsley, 1822-1897	Educator, physician, clergyman
Philip Lindsley, 1786-1855	Educator, clergyman, scholar
David Lipscomb, 1832-1918	Farmer, teacher, preacher, editor
Lee Fefferson Loventhal, 1875-1940	Businessman, philanthropist
John Berry McFerrin, 1807-1887	Methodist preacher, editor
Randall William McGavock, 1826-1863	Politician, diarist, author, soldier
William McKendree, 1757-1835	Methodist Circuit Rider, Bishop
Boyd McNairy, 1785-1856	Physician, prominent citizen
Holland Nimmons McTyeire, 1824-1889	Methodist Bishop, Vanderbilt Founder
Thomas Lafayette Maddin, 1826-1908	Physician, surgeon, professor
Return Jonathan Meigs, 1801-1891	Lawyer, jurist, scholar, author
Richard Pius Miles, 1791-1860	Priest/Bishop Roman Catholic Church
William Nichol, 1800-1878	Businessman, banker, broker
John Overton, 1766-1833	Pioneer, legal authority, jurist

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Bruce Ryburn Payne	Educator
William Harold Payne, 1836-1907	Scholar, administrator, education
James Dace Plunkett, 1839-1919	Physician, public health, sanitation
James Knox Polk, 1795-1849	Eleventh President of United States
Sara Childress Polk, 1803-1891	Wife of James Knox Polk
George Washington Price, 1830-1892	Minister, educator
James Priestly, 1740-1821	Classical scholar, educator
Charles Todd Quintard, 1824-1898	Physician, Episcopal Bishop
Charlotte Reeves Robertson, 1751-1843	Wife of James Robertson
Duncan Robertson, 1770-1833	Businessman, philanthropist
Felix Robertson, 1781-1865	Physician, community leader
James Robertson, 1742-1814	Nashville founder, frontiersman
Henry Middleton Rutledge, 1775-1844	Lawyer, planter
Samuel Seay, 1784-1864	Merchant, Presbyterian elder
John Shelby, 1786-1859	Physician
Baxter Smith, 1832-	Attorney
Edward Bushrod Stahlman, 1843-1936	Newspaper publisher, railroad executive
Vernon K. Stevenson	Pioneer in railroad building
William Stockell, 1815-1888	Merchant, originator of Nashville Fire Dept.
William Strickland, 1787-1854	Architect, engineer, painter
Wilkins Tannehill, 1787-1858	Businessman, scholar, historian
Henry Teitlebaun, 1871-1940	Merchant, community servant
Gates Phillips Thurston, 1835-1914	Soldier, lawyer, banker, author
Herbert Cushing Tolman, 1865-1937	Classical scholar, archeologist, author
John Trimbel, 1812-1884	Lawyer, scholar
Girard Troost, 1776-1850	Scientist
James Isaac Vance, 1862-1939	Presbyterian minister
William E. Ward, 1829-1887	Minister, Founder of Ward's Seminary
James Carthwright Warner, 1829-1887	Businessman, manufacturer, philanthropist
Samuel Watkins, 1794-1882	Contractor, manufacturer, philanthropist
Robert Weakley, 1764-1845	Farmer, surveyor, land owner
James Whitsitt, 1771-1849	Missionary
Dempsey Weaver, 1815-1880	Financier, philanthropist
George Leonard White, 1838-1895	Educator, creator of Fisk Jubilee Singers
Charles K. Winston	Physician, professor
John Wesley Work Sr., 1871-1925	Composer, educator
Felix Kirk Zollicoffer, 1812-1862	Editor, Congressman, soldier