COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
PORTRAITS IN TENNESSEE PAINTED BEFORE 1866
PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION

The Colonial Dames of America Portraits in Tennessee Painted Before 1866 Photograph Collection consists of photographs of portraits painted prior to 1866 now hanging in Tennessee. Marice Wolfe of Vanderbilt University Special Collections through the agency of Jim Hoobler donated the collection in December 1995 to the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The collection measures approximately 1 cubic foot and contains 186 items. There are no restrictions on the items. Copies may be obtained for scholarly or personal use.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 1956, the Colonial Dames of America began a project to find and list portraits hanging in Tennessee which were painted before 1866. In 1964, the society published a book entitled Portraits in Tennessee Painted Before 1866, compiled by Eleanor Fleming Morrissey. Photographs and surveys were completed for the portraits. In 1995, the Tennessee State Library and Archives received the photographs from Vanderbilt University Special Collections. As their were already other photographs and negatives in the TSLA Collection from the Colonial Dames, the collection was entitled “The Colonial Dames of America Portraits of Tennessee Painted Before 1866 Photograph Collection” to avoid confusion.

Many of the photographs appear to be of portraits of Tennesseans. Several well-known figures in Tennessee history are represented in the collection. These personages include Andrew Jackson, Brigadier General Gideon Johnson Pillow, James K. Polk, Mrs. James K. Polk, and Governor William Trousdale. Many of the women depicted in the collection have been identified by both maiden and married names.

The photographs were arranged in the order in which they appear in the book with an exception. Photographs P15 3 through P175 are pictures or portraits not listed in the book. These photographs were added to the collection while it was at Vanderbilt University and were transferred to the TSLA along with the rest of the photographs. The additional photographs have been numbered in the order in which they were found in the collection. At the end of the photographs is a folder containing correspondence regarding some of the photographs not listed in the book.

The Colonial Dames of America Portraits in Tennessee Painted Before 1866 Photograph Collection will provide information for researchers and the general public interested in portraits painted before 1866 now hanging in Tennessee.
CONTAINER LIST

Box 1:
P1 Allen, Cynthia (1839-1845)
P2 Anderson, Thompson (1813-1895)
P3 Arrington, Dr. Joseph (1800-1827)
P4 Arrington, Louise Ann
P5 Balance, Mary Elizabeth [Mrs. William Morgan Brooks] (1835-1919)
P6 Barrow, Matthew (1784-1855)
P7 Barrow, Mrs. Matthew [Martha “Patsy” Childress] (1789-1872)
P8 Bass, John Meredith (1804-1878)
P9 Berry, William Tyler (1813-1889)
P10 Binford, Abner Handyman (1794-1849)
P11 Blevins, John L. (1817-1888)
P12 Boies, Artemis (1792-1826)
P13 Boyce, Marshall
P14 Branner, John Roper (1822-1869)
P15 Branner, Mrs. John Roper [Deborah Chisolm Massengill] (1822-1885)
P16 Branner, George Arthur (1842-1861)
P17 Brazelton, General William (1792-1877)
P18 Brooks, Samuel (1809-?)
P19 Brownlow, Colonel John Belt (1839-1922)
P21 Mrs. Hardy Bryan (Catherine Elizabeth Berry)
P22 Butler, Mrs. Isaac [Jeanett Moore] (1771-?)
P23 Campbell, Brigadier General Alexander William (1828-1893)
P25 Carson, Dr. James Green (1815-1863)
P26 Carson, Mrs. James Green [Catherine Waller] (1815-1888)
P27 Carson, Mrs. Joseph [Caroline Green] (1794-1830)
P28 Chunn, Mrs. Joseph [Catherine Jane Neilson ] (1808-1859)
P29 Craft, Mrs. Henry Kirk White [Ellen Douglas Boddie] (1836-1890)
P30 Craighead, Mrs. Robert [Sophia White Park] (1822-1850)
P31 Deaderick, Dr. William Haney (1785-1857)
P32 Deaderick, Mrs. William Haney [Penelope Smith Hamilton] (1793-1836)
P33 Deane, Francis Brown, I (1770-1860)
P34 Deane, Mrs. Francis Brown, I [Nancy Hughes Woodson] (1768-1833)
P35 Deane, Francis Brown, II (1796-1867)
P36 Deane, Mrs. Francis Brown, II [Ariana Bethia Cunningham] (1805-1886)
P37 Dodge, Mary Melissa [Mrs. Samuel Brooks]
P38 Dorion, Charles Henry, Jr. (1831-?) and Willoughby C. Dorion (1838-?)
P39 Mathliew, Nancy Theresa, countess Du Puy
McKinney, Mrs. Robert J. [Margaret Coffin ]
McKinney, John Augustine (1781-1845)
McNairy, Nathaniel (1779-1851)
McNairy, Mrs. Nathaniel [Catherine Bentley Hobson] (1788-1873)
Marshall, Mrs. Charles Kimball [Amanda Maria Vick] (1812-1904)
Marshall, Reverend Charles Kimball (1811-1891)
Martin, George Montgomery (1780-1873)
Martin, Mrs. James Glasgow [Catherine Donelson] (1799-1836)
Mason, William Taylor (1829-1855)
Mason, Mrs. William Taylor [Margaret Ballentine] (1830-1866)
Massengill, Michael (1756-1834)
Miller, Louise Pope
Mitchum, Dudley (1745-1831)
Mitchum, Mrs. Dudley [Susannah Allen] (1759-1833)
Nelson, Thomas, I, Family: Anne Elizabeth Stuart Nelson (1820-1850), Alice Nelson (1840-?), Alexander Williams Nelson (1841-?), Thomas Nelson, II (1847-1934), Helen Nelson (1849-?), David Montgomery Nelson (1845-?), and Stuart Nelson (1843-?)
Netherland, John (1808-1887)
Overton, Mrs. John [Mary McConnell White] (1782-1862)
Patterson, Major General Robert (1798-1881)
Patton, Mrs. John [Marion Louise Walker]
Peck, Jacob (1779-1869)
Pillow, Brigadier General Gideon Johnson (1806-1878)
Pillow, Mrs. Gideon [Annie Payne] (1784-?)
Polk, James Knox (1795-1849)
Polk, Mrs. James Knox [Sarah Childress] (1803-1891)
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Polk, Mrs. James Knox [Sarah Childress] (1803-1891)
Polk, Mrs. Samuel [James Knox] (1776-1852)
Porter, Mrs. James Alexander [Amanda McNairy] (1809-1886)
Ramsay, Dr. David (1749-1815)
Rice, Joe May (1851-1913)

Box 2:
Richardson, Daniel
Robinson, Mrs. John Beverly [Elizabeth Blakemore Douglass] (1828-1864) and son Douglas (1852-1878)
Roper, Colonel John (1782-1858), Mrs. John Roper [Margaret Franklin] (1786-1861), Mary Ann Roper (1804-1862)
Rose, Patrick (1745-1822)
Sanders, David Ward (1800-1860)
Sanders, Mrs. David Ward [Alice Mitchell] (1806-1887)
P113 Schetky, Caroline (1790-1852)
P114 Schetky, Jane (1788-1827)
P115 Schetky, Jane (1788-1827)
P116 Schetky, Joseph Alexander (1785-1824)
P117 Schetky, John Christian (1778-1874)
P117a Schetky, John Christian (1778-1874)
P118 Shall, Jacob (1789-1859)
P119 Shelby, Mrs. David [Sarah Bledsoe] (1763-1852)
P120 Simmons, Mrs. Abraham [Caroline Wilmert] (?-c. 1823)
P121 Simmons, Abraham (1770-c. 1823)
P122 Snowden, John Bayard (1808-1863)
P123 Stewart, Erasmus Pickey (?-1859)
P124 Stuart, Anne Elizabeth (1820-1850)
P125 Talbot, James Lawrence (1813-1872)
P126 Talbot, Mrs. James Lawrence [Ann Pulliam Dickens] (1820-1883)
P127 Tannehill, Wilkins (1787-1858)
P128 Tannehill, Mrs. Wilkins [Eliza Dewees] (1789-1843)
P129 Thatcher, Samuel Selden (1801-1847)
P130 Thompson, Mrs. George Torrence [Martha Ann Trabue] (1823-1901)
P131 Thompson, Mrs. John [Mary Hamilton] (1823-1901)
P132 Topp, Juliott
P133 Topp, Robertson (1807-1876)
P134 Topp, Mrs. Robertson [Elizabeth Little Vance] (1818-1895)
P135 Trent, William Bailey (1811-1886)
P136 Trent, Mrs. William Bailey [Sallie Wall Garrett] (1816-1892)
P137 Trousdale, Governor William (1790-1872)
P138 Turner, John Walker (1853-1876), Martha Moorman Turner (1855-1893), Minerva Jones Turner (1851-1863)
P139 Turner, Mrs. William Alfred [Anne Eliza Jones] (1830-1894)
P139a Turner, William Alfred (1826-1892)
P140 Vance, Mrs. Samuel [Elizabeth Little Brown] (1792-1854)
P141 Vance, William Little (1816-1888)
P142 Vance, William Little (1816-1888)
P143 Vance, Mrs. William Little [Letitia Hart Thompson] (1826-1896)
P144 Venable, Mildred Coles (1803-1871)
P145 Wade, Maria Burnett (1832-1912)
P146 Walker, Mrs. James [Anna Perkins] (1765-?)
P147 Whiteside, Susan
P148 Wilkins, William (1779-1865)
P149 Woods, James (1814-1852)
P150 Woods, Robert (1786-1843)
P151 An Italian Lady
P152 “A Gentleman”
P153  Bellsnyder, Samuel
P154  White, Mrs. Rufus Green Pinkney
P155  Keith, Samuel Jackson (1831-1919)
P156  Keith, Mrs. Samuel Jackson [Elizabeth Evert Bellsnyder]
P157  McNish, Horatio (?-1857)
P158  Two Unidentified Children
P159  Unidentified Couple
P160  Wellford, Mrs. Charles Carter [Mary Catherine Stiff]
P161  Wellford, Charles Carter (1802-1870)
P162  West, John Madison (1815-1863)
P163  West, Mrs. John Madison [Ailsey Steele Oliver] (?-1865)
P164  White, Luther (1799-1842)
P165  White, Mrs. Luther [Mary Anne Holbrook] (1805-1869)
P166  White, Caleb (1762-1828)
P167  Hendricks, Mrs. John Middleton [Susan Bull] (1803-1853)
P168  Latimer, Hugh, bishop of Worcester (1485-1555)
P169  Travis, Mrs. [Polly Butler] (1799? - ?)
P170  Bowers, Frances Sarah Eleanor [Mrs. Richard Isham Baugh] (1854-1922)
P171  White, Alfred Calvin Weslyan and Mrs. Alfred Calvin Weslyan
P172  Appold, Mrs. George [Catherine Reese] (c. 1801-?)
P173  Jones, Sarah Elizabeth (1836-1877)
P174  Jones, Wylie (Wiley) Baker (1813-1893)
P175  Woodson, Thomas Shanks (1853-1864)

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