

MEN WHO HAVE SERVED CHATTANOOGA AS MAYOR



DR. MILO SMITH 1842-1852-1862-1863. DR. JOSEPH S. GILLESPIE 1844-45. CAPT. A. J. GAHAGAN 1878. GEORGE W. OCHS-OAKES 1894-95-96-97. MAYOR ED BASS Elected 1927. A. W. CHAMBLISS 1902-3-4-5 and 1919-23. W. L. FRIERSON 1906-07. THOMAS C. THOMPSON 1910-11-12-13-14-15. TOMLINSON FORT 1876. T. J. CARLIE 1878, died in office. CAPT. F. RAGSDALE 1854. D. C. McMILLIN 1858. THOMAS CRUTCHFIELD 1859. JAMES C. WARNER 1861. RICHARD HENDERSON 1865. CHAS. E. LEWIS 1866. DR. E. M. WIGHT 1872-76. DR. P. D. SIMS 1874. JOHN W. JAMES 1875. A. G. SHARP 1868-85-86. W. P. RATHBURN 1869-70-71. GEN. JOHN T. WILDER 1872. DR. E. M. WIGHT 1872-76. DR. P. D. SIMS 1874. JOHN W. JAMES 1875. A. G. SHARP 1868-85-86. W. P. RATHBURN 1869-70-71. GEN. JOHN T. WILDER 1872. DR. E. M. WIGHT 1872-76. DR. P. D. SIMS 1874. JOHN W. JAMES 1875. A. G. SHARP 1868-85-86. W. P. RATHBURN 1869-70-71. GEN. JOHN T. WILDER 1872.

CHATTANOOGA, in its ninety years of existence, has had forty-five Mayors. It is probable that a few more names might be added to the roster of first citizens of the city, if the records which were lost or destroyed during the War Between the States, might be duplicated. The years between 1845 and 1852 are unrecorded in the annals of the Mayors. Assuming that no Mayor succeeded himself, the term of office being for one year, the identity of six Mayors is unknown. Miss Laura Massengale, daughter of Mayor Massengale, on the other hand, has made the statement that her father served three successive terms as Mayor. It is within the range of possibility that Henry Massengale, Dr. Milo Smith and others whose identities are known served during the seven years, and that the list of forty-five Mayors is therefore complete. The first Mayor was James Berry, who was elected in 1840, succeeding a commission form of government. The town was two years old when he was inducted into office. A property owner of consequence and a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church, Mayor Berry ruled over the destinies of a community in which he had been an early citizen. During his administration his wife died and the Citizens Cemetery was designated as her final resting place. Although no record of his death has been found, it is probable that Mayor Berry was buried in the same cemetery. Beriah Frazier Second Mayor. Dr. Beriah Frazier succeeded him in office in 1841. He was a member of a family which was notably active in public life. Ex-Senator...

in 1843 and later in 1852. Ten years later the people again called him from private life, and he held office in 1862 and 1863. It is possible, however, that between the years 1845 and 1852, of which there are no records, he guided the community's destinies. Dr. Joseph S. Gillespie was elected Mayor for the years 1844 and 1845, his selection demonstrating the partiality the citizens seemingly had for members of the medical profession. Mayor Gillespie was the ancestor, direct and collateral, of many Chattanoogaans. Massengale, Williams, Ragsdale. Henry White Massengale, a prominent business man, was the choice of the electorate in 1853. He had a large family; several sons enlisted in the Confederate Army. William Williams, who succeeded to office in 1854, resigned during his term for a reason which the records do not disclose. William F. Ragsdale served out the term. As Captain Ragsdale, he organized a company which later served with the Confederate forces. Mayor Ragsdale was the great uncle of A. C. Ragsdale, Miss Rose Ragsdale and Mrs. A. S. Caldwell. E. G. Pearl, who owned the property on which the University of Chattanooga now stands, was the city's chief executive in 1855 and D. C. McMILLIN, member of a family prominent in present-day Chattanooga, in 1856. Then followed W. D. Fulton in 1858 and W. S. Bell, later killed in the War Between the States, elected in 1858. Civil authority having been restored to Chattanooga in the Fall of 1865,...

was the first Mayor to hold office for four years under a charter change inaugurated in 1912. Chattanooga's World War Mayor was Jesse M. Littleton, holding office for four years beginning in 1916. Alexander Chambliss succeeded him in office. After his resignation, Richard Hardy was selected by the Board of Aldermen to finish out the term. He, too, resigned before the term was ended, and Ed Bass was selected. The people then elected Mayor Bass for the four-year term. The former Mayors of Chattanooga who are living are: Jesse T. Hill, A. J. Gahagan, George W. Ochs-Oakes, Alexander W. Chambliss, W. L. Frierson and T. C. Thompson. H. F. TEMPLE 1880. JOHN A. HART 1881 and 1890. H. CLAY EVANS 1882-83. HUGH WHITESIDE 1884-85. JOHN B. NICKLIN 1887-88. L. B. MERRIAM 1891. GARNETT ANDREWS 1892-93. EDMUND WATKINS 1888-89. JOSEPH WASSMAN 1900-01. W. R. CRABTREE 1908-09. JESSE LITTLETON 1815-19. RICHARD HARDY 1923-24-25-26.

to public service. It is recalled that one of the early pioneers of Tennessee was a Beriah Frazier, common ancestor of the Tennessee Fraziers. In electing Dr. Milo Smith as their third Mayor, the citizens chose a man who was to serve them several times during the ensuing years. Mayor Smith was loved by the entire community, according to tradition. It was said of him that he devoted himself to the needs of the rich and poor alike, never keeping accounts of his ministrations as a physician. It was humorously remarked at the time that Dr. Smith never paid a bill and never collected one. Mayor Smith served in 1842, again...

Men and Women Who Figured in Politics, the Religious Field and Social Bodies Are Strikingly Familiar to Later Generation. Walker, Captain; Green B. Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Police Department had for officers: Marshal, Eugene Balch; Lieutenant, J. A. Allen. The Police Commissioners were: Dr. P. D. Sims, President, and E. H. Price, Secretary; First Ward, E. H. Price; Second Ward, J. C. Vance; Third Ward, W. O. Peoples; Fourth Ward, P. D. Sims; Fifth Ward, Pat Garvin, City-at-Large, G. M. Sherwood. Patrolmen: First Ward, B. Schwartz and W. A. Richardson; Second Ward, Hiram Fitzgerald and Thomas Russell; Third Ward, Charles G. Davis and Z. T. Hunnicutt; Fourth Ward, Marion Keith and Ed Gleason; Fifth Ward, W. H. Light and James M. Turney. The Board of Education was made up of J. W. Adams, President; W. C. Payne, Vice President; First Ward, E. H. Price and S. B. Moore; Second Ward, C. H. Dyer and J. P. Wilkinson; Third Ward, J. W. Adams and F. E. Tyler; Fourth Ward, W. C. Payne and E. P. Durando; Fifth Ward, J. R. Harris and Pat Garvin; Henry D. Wyatt, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools. Location of Schools. The schools were located as follows: High School, known also as the Third Ward Academy, Gillespie Street, corner of Early; W. D. Richardson, principal; Miss Mary E. Bailey, Miss M. R. S. Hunter, Mrs. C. C. Lukens, Miss Alice L. MacGowan, Miss Jennie Nicklin, Miss Agnes Putnam and Miss G. A. Wagner, teachers. First District School, known also as the Fourth Ward School, east side of Georgia Avenue, north of Branham; C. S. Clark, principal; Miss Sue Hodge, Miss Lasse Munsey, Miss Nettie Seymour, Miss Mary K. Thomason, Miss Mary Wilkinson and Miss Clara Wood, teachers. Second District School—See High School. Third District School, known also as the Fifth Ward School, east side...

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times two years was effected. He was a son of James A. Whiteside, a Chattanooga pioneer. He also held the office of county judge for several years. A. G. Sharp served his second term as Mayor in 1886 and 1887. John B. Nicklin, for many years prominent in business and Masonic circles, was the city's chief executive in 1887 and 1888. John A. Hart was again returned to office in 1890. Mayor Hart died in 1891 and Isaac B. Merriam was chosen by the Board of Aldermen to fill out the term. Garnet Andrews, father of Oliver B., Champ S. and A. B. Andrews, was the next incumbent. Ochs-Oakes Twice Elected Mayor. George Washington Ochs Oakes was Mayor in 1894 and 1895; was re-elected for the term of 1896-97; declined renomination for a third term. In 1901 he became publisher of the Philadelphia Public Ledger; he resides now in New York. Joseph Wassman in 1900 and 1901 is next in the chronology. Alexander W. Chambliss, who has the distinction of having served as Mayor for a greater number of years than his predecessors, held office from 1902 to 1905. Fourteen years out of office, he was re-elected after the commission form of government was inaugurated and the Mayorality term changed to four years. He resigned in 1923 to accept the position of Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. William Frierson succeeded Mayor Chambliss after the latter's first four-year term, occupying the position in 1906 and 1907. W. R. Crabtree was Mayor in 1908 and 1909.

CHATTANOOGA ADOPTED MANY TIMES POINTERS

List of Betterments Suggested in 1890, Along With Notation of Those Actually Made Since the Publication

UNDER the caption, "What Ought to Be Done," THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES—thirty-seven years ago—pointed out some city needs—"Things that ought to be done, or commenced at least, in 1891." The list follows, with an (A) following each of the suggestions adopted and put into effect: The purchase by the county of the Baptist Church lot, and incorporating it with Court House Square. (A) Building the Chattanooga Western Road and bringing down the supplies of coal from Walden's Ridge, thus greatly cheapening that essential. (A) Building 100 first-class eight and ten room tenements, with the comforts and conveniences of homes for rent; houses worth say \$50 to \$75 a month. (A) The city should fix up the park grounds around the National Cemetery. (A) The new city hospital should be begun. (A) Another school house for the First District, where five are jammed on benches long enough for three, must be provided, and a high school building ought to be begun. (A) The Nashville road authorities should take away the man trap from Market Street, and do their switching elsewhere. (A) Mr. John H. Inman should be invited to help us out on a central passenger depot big enough for all the roads and favorably located. (A) We hope the Queen & Crescent people will remember Mr. Schiff's promise to locate here the consolidation shops and so relieve us of the trouble of talking and printing so much about the matter. (A) The Electric Light Company should arrange to furnish energy to motors for manufacturing and other purposes. (A) The Legislature should be pushed into abolishing our superfluous justices and giving us a Criminal Court. (A) The Chamber of Commerce should take steps to put up a building, including a good big assembly hall. (A) Complete the electric line's loop round East Lake. (A) The Masons should build a temple. (A) The city might take steps to lease large grounds for a park, with privilege of buying at the end of five or ten years. (A) The following roads ought to be double-tracked this year: Nashville & Chattanooga, East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia, hence to Bristol; Alabama Great Southern, Chattanooga to Birmingham; Cincinnati Southern, from Chattanooga to Harriman; shorten the Western and Atlantic and double-track it from end to end. (A) Begin the railroad from Chattanooga to Middlesborough. (A) Build about 100 handsome villas along Lookout Mountain. (A) Give us 100 additional industries, big and little, to utilize the cruder materials produced. (A) The Over-the-River Company should get a move on itself. (A)

PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE WHEN THE TIMES WAS YOUNG

Men and Women Who Figured in Politics, the Religious Field and Social Bodies Are Strikingly Familiar to Later Generation

CHATTANOOGA in 1873, at the close of the first year of the history of THE TIMES under the ownership of Adolph S. Ochs, was reflected in the pages of the City Directory, published by Norwood, Kline & Co. There were many names familiar to the later generation among them those prominent in the affairs of the day. The official list for the city and the names of others having part in political, religious and social life follow: Mayor, J. T. Hill; Attorney, P. A. Brawner; Auditor, W. K. Morrison; Engineer, Oswald Dietz; Physician, W. T. Hope; Recorder, G. M. Sherwood; Registrar Vital Statistics, Dr. P. D. Sims; Tax Collector, George Drumbar; Treasurer, C. H. Peabody; Marshal, Eugene Balch; Lieutenant Police, J. A. Allen; Jailor, William Henderson. The Board of Aldermen comprised: Mayor J. T. Hill, presiding; First Ward, Zach T. Freece and W. E. Kennedy; Second Ward, M. M. Hope and Sam T. Dewees; Third Ward, J. J. Sullivan and J. L. McCollum; Fourth Ward, C. H. Manning and W. C. Hodge; Fifth Ward, C. C. Howard and George Manuel. The Constables were: Thomas Hill and J. W. Robinson. Board of Health. The Board of Health was composed of the Mayor, ex officio President; Dr. L. Y. Green, Vice President; Dr. P. D. Sims, Secretary; Drs. E. M. Wight, William H. Mullins and D. G. Curtis, the City Physician, the City Engineer and the Chairman of the Committee on Health and Hospitals in the Board of Aldermen. The Fire Department was conducted on the volunteer plan. The organization was: Chief, Harry W. Wilcox; Assistants, H. A. McQuade and William Friedman. Lookout Company No. 1, Cherry, corner Eighth (former Times building); William L. Horan, Foreman; Thomas S. Wilcox, Engineer, and Charles Harrington, Secretary. Vulcan Company No. 3, Whiteside, corner Missionary Avenue: A. H. Hicks, Foreman; David Davis, Assistant Foreman; Robert Orr, Secretary, and William Porter, Treasurer. Colored: Carlisle H. & L. No. 1, Cherry, corner Fifth; Charles W. of William Street: John W. Saunders, Principal; Miss Lizzie E. Coleman, Miss Lenora Miller and Miss Sallie Trumbull, teachers. Howard School, known also as the Freedman's Academy, south side of Branham Street, east of Georgia Avenue; L. B. Searle, Principal; Miss Mary E. Beach, Miss Carrie Harris, Miss Mabel L. Van Valkenburg and Miss Mary Whitaker, teachers (colored school). Primary Colored School, Griffin, corner of King Street; Miss Blanche H. V. Brooks, teacher. Private Schools. Other academies and schools were: Chattanooga Female Seminary, south side of Vine, east of Georgia Avenue; The Rev. William A. Rogers, A. M., Principal; Miss Minnie H. Rogers, assistant; Professor F. E. Hacker, director of music and art departments; Miss Ada Celeste Rogers, assistant. Notre Dame Academy, south side of Gilmer, east of Georgia Avenue; Joseph C. Vance, President; Richard J. Huston, Vice President; Charles T. Wilson, cashier. The cemeteries were: City Cemetery, north side of Carolina, near E. T. V. & G. R. R.; Newton Carroll, sexton. Confederate Cemetery, north side of Carolina, near E. T. V. & G. R. R., adjoining City Cemetery. Hebrew Cemetery, north side of Carolina, near E. T. V. & G. R. R.; Newton Carroll, sexton. National Cemetery, about one mile southeast from the Union Passenger Depot; Frederick Buntley, superintendent. The following clubs, societies and associations were recorded in the City Directory. Hebrew Benevolent Association, M. Block, President; L. Lowenthal, Secretary; Jo Simpson, Treasurer. Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society, Mrs. M. Block, President; L. Lowenthal, Secretary; Mrs. L. Lowenthal, Treasurer. I. O. O. B., Lookout Mountain Lodge, 194; L. Sanders, President; L. Lowenthal, Secretary. Young Ladies' Foreign Mission Society. Y. M. C. A., L. P. Thatcher, President; J. W. Adams, Vice President; J. T. Stewart, Treasurer; W. H. Havron, Secretary and Librarian. Chattanooga Literary and Debating Society, John F. Monning, President; W. H. Havron, Secretary; I. Melville Barton, Treasurer; P. A. Brawner Jr., critic. Confederate Memorial Association. Mrs. W. D. Van Dyke, President; Young Ladies' Club of the Confederate Memorial Association, Miss Mary Thomason, President; Miss Mary Cooke, Secretary; Miss Annie Van Dyke, Treasurer. "Greenback" Clubs. Greenback Club 4, I. N. Northrup, President. Greenback Club 9, C. C. Howard, President; W. M. Miller, Vice President; John Caulder, Secretary; Pat Garvin, Treasurer. Iron, Coal and Manufacturers Association of Chattanooga. Chattanooga Turn Verein, Hall, Market Street, corner of Ninth Street, Oswald Dietz, President; A. Fassnacht, Secretary; Jacob Kunz, Treasurer; A. Bohr Jr., first turn wart; O. A. Dietz, second turn wart. Emmet Club, W. L. Horan, President; Pat Garvin, Secretary.

TIMES ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS

Protests in Bold-Faced Type Against a Railroad Crossing Were Printed Every Day For An Entire Year

THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES, from time to time in the past, ran paragraphs in bold-face seven-point type in pithy warning or discussion of vital questions of civic welfare. An editorial on Sept. 9, 1891, said: The City Council has sat by tamely, without lifting a finger even to modify the untoward condition of the Market Street death trap. The police authorities have acted as if they were afraid to assert the rights of the people pursuant to the State laws and city ordinances. Paragraphs running in this issue and in every subsequent issue throughout the year, day after day, were two, which shot home to the citizen intelligence the necessity of action. The use of Market Street as a switchyard by the railroads is a legal and a moral wrong; every hour in the day death and destruction are faced by the people of Chattanooga at this terrible man-trap; it is not safe to drive across and no less dangerous to walk across this switchyard. Have the people no rights? Is there no one clothed with sufficient power to lessen, if not to suppress, this danger? Is there no value of life and limb in Chattanooga? The second daily shot at the death trap was: The Man-Trap and the Law. All railroad companies shall so construct and manage their lines as not to interfere with the convenient travel of the public along all the public country roads, or along the streets and alleys of any city, town or village, and so as to allow buggies, carts, carriages, wagons and other vehicles conveniently to pass over or under them, and so as not to interrupt travelers on foot, or on horseback, or in vehicles of any kind, from the necessary and proper use of the public road, street or alley in the usual and proper mode for their convenience.—Tennessee Acts, Chapter LIV, approved Jan. 30, 1871. In 1890 THE TIMES protested against the granting of a franchise to the Chattanooga Electric Railway, which had its weight in the defeat of the so-called "Third Track Franchise." The protest follows: No Third Track. WHY THE FRANCHISE SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. FIRST—Because it will forever spoil the main thoroughfare of the city. SECOND—Because there is no need for the additional track on account of the volume of travel. THIRD—Because there is no public demand for it and no public need of it. FOURTH—Because it will render doubly dangerous the crossings at the man-trap, which under present conditions are sufficiently dangerous for the most venturesome. FIFTH—Because former boards of Mayor and Aldermen, with commendable foresight, specially made it a part of the franchise that the Chattanooga City Electric Railway should lay but one track at these crossings, and this policy should not be abandoned. SIXTH—Because the good faith of the city is at stake, inasmuch as the franchise for the Market Street privilege gives the present occupants the exclusive right to that street for electric railway purposes. SEVENTH—Because the public good and the public welfare in no way rule the granting of this franchise.