

CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY PORTRAITS

Introduction

This portrait collection includes more than 1600 members of both houses of the General Assembly and state officials who worked in the Capitol Building between 1854 and 1919. The collection is not comprehensive; for some sessions only a few portraits are included. All of the portraits are photographs and many are in the original albums. During the 1860's and 1870's they are in the form of cartes de visite. During the 1880's and 1890's cabinet cards are predominant. After 1900 the portraits are similar to ones of the present day.

Group portraits include scattered legislative committees, through 1925, the State Library Committee of 1927 and 1933, the Senate of 1925 and the Constitutional Convention of 1902.

The portraits were presented to the library at different times. Donors of the albums are indicated inside each album.

Arrangement

Arranging the collection alphabetically by the legislator's name would have destroyed the integrity of the albums. Also, a number of unidentified portraits have been kept with a specific year. The alternative solution taken was to arrange them chronologically by legislative session accompanied by a surname index. Dates were assigned on the basis of year(s) served, not on the actual dates of the portraits which were

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usually not known. Unless otherwise indicated, the individuals listed in the index were members of the House of Representatives. Consult the PORTRAIT INDEX at the end of the last picture group register for individual names.

A list of Legislative group portraits follows the list of sessions below. The group portraits are located in the Over-size File.

List of Sessions

- pre 1861 - one carte de visite
- 1861 - Seven albums of miniature portraits with autographs, Album 1 contains 127 portraits. 3 albums contain duplicate portraits, but individually autographed
- 1862 - 93 cartes de visite including the Governor, Lieut. Gov., Sec. of State, Comptroller and Treasurer (removed from album)
- 1863/64 - 9 cartes de visite
- 1865/66 - 54 cartes de visite of which 44 are identified.  
Included is P. T. Barnum, a legislator at this time.  
*Barnum cartes de visite has been retired. See 8 1/2 x 11  
p + w print in PG 500.*
- 1867/68 - 115 cartes de visite and one autograph album with no portraits. Some via Eddy N. Smith, Aug. 1923
- 1869/70 - 129 cartes de visite, all identified, many autographed, some duplicates

- 1871 - 87 cartes de visite, some duplicates, 69 identified.
- 1873/74 - 60 cartes de visite, 51 identified. Many are autographed (Removed from album)
- 1875 - 104 cartes de visite, most of which are autographed. Many the gift of Elisha Johnson. 91 are identified
- 1876 - Centennial Senate; 32 portraits in book form (2 copies, unidentified)
- 1876 folder - 10 cartes de visite, identified .
- 1877/78/79 - 40 cartes de visite, some the gift of Mr. Coffey. 29 are identified
- 1880/81 - 58 cartes de visite, some the gift of Mrs. Wally S. Vining of East Canaan. 50 cabinet cards. 94 are identified
- 1882 - House of Representatives only; 18 cartes de visite and 3 cabinet cards. 18 are identified
- 1883 - 1 carte de visite, 1 cabinet card, both identified
- 1884 - 1 carte de visite, 4 cabinet cards, both identified
- 1885 - 5 cabinet cards, identified. Gift of Mr. Coffey  
- 15 cabinet cards, identified. Presented to the library by G. W. F. Blanchfield in 1912. 2 portraits of Representatives taken many years after, identified.

- 1886/87 - 52 identified cabinet cards
- 1889 - Album with 33 cabinet cards presented in 1935 by  
Jessie F. Brainard, identified.
  - 4 portraits, identified. 2 cabinet cards, 2  
probably taken at later date
- 1889/90 - Album with 26 senators (cabinet cards) presented  
by Mrs. W. J. McConville of Hartford in 1920.  
(identified on backs)
- 1891 - 2 identified cabinet cards
- 1893 - 50 cabinet cards presented by John Brooks of  
Torrington in 1934. 46 identified
- 1895/96 - 30 cabinet cards in album once belonging to Hon.  
James P. Little. All are identified.
  - 4 cabinet cards, identified
- 1897 - 45 portraits of various sizes, 37 identified. Some  
addressed to Adrian J. Muzzy.
- 1897/98 - 34 identified portraits presented by Charles H.  
Strong in 1936
- 1899/1900 - Album of 30 senators presented by Hon. Adrian J.  
Muzzy of Hartford in 1944, identified.
- 1899 - 22 portraits identified
- 1901/02 - 20 portraits, 15 identified

- 1903 - 27 portraits, identified
- 1905 - 29 portraits, identified
- 1907 - 27 portraits, identified
- 1909 - 7 portraits, identified
- 1911 - 37 portraits, identified
- 1913 - 2 portraits, identified
- 1915 - 3 portraits, identified
- 1917 - 2 portraits, identified
- 1919 - Group portrait of Senate, identified. 34 copies  
- 24 unidentified portraits
- 1919 GAC - 40 identified portraits of State officers appearing  
in the General Assembly Centennial Publication, 1919.  
See Related Materials below.

Miscellaneous -

Portraits of individuals who are believed to have been associated with state government, but for whom there is at present insufficient information to allow placement with a specific year. Most of the miscellaneous portraits have been tentatively identified, although in many cases an "educated guess" was required. These have been listed in the index. A very few portraits are unlisted because of lack of sufficient identification.



List of Group Portraits

*2 Boxes + 1 envelope oversized*

(Arranged chronologically. ~~Housed with oversize material.~~) *MV 2*

- 1901 - Committee on Labor
  
- 1902 - Delegates to Constitutional Convention of Ct.  
House Messengers, Doorkeepers, etc.
  
- 1903 - Agricultural Committee  
Committee on Banks  
Committee on Claims  
Committee on Congressional and Senatorial Districts  
Committee on Finance  
Committee on Incorporations  
Committee on Labor  
Committee on Military Affairs  
Committee on New Towns and Probate Districts  
Committee on Public Health and Safety  
Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers  
Committee on Sale of Lands  
Judiciary Committee
  
- 1905 - Senate
  
- 1915 - House of Representatives
  
- 1919 - Senate  
House of Representatives
  
- 1923 - Committee on Appropriations  
State Library Committee

- 1925 - Senate  
Committee on Appropriations
- 1927 - State Library Committee
- 1929 - State Library Committee
- 1931 - House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations
- 1933 - State Library Committee
- 1935 - State Library Committee
- 1957 - Gov. Ribicoff's Budget Message

Related Materials

PICTURE  
GRP. 200

Conn. State Government, Institutions and Parks

The following contain portraits and biographical sketches of Connecticut legislators and officers.

C920.0746  
fC76

Conn. Evening Post Annual (covers period between 1882 and 1895)

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C76r  
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Connecticut General Assembly Centenary 1919

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R26

Connecticut State Register & Manual (annual for entire period of index 1854-1919)

C920.0746  
C76t

Taylor's Connecticut Legislative History &  
Souvenir 1897-1899, 1899-1900, 1901-1912

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Roll of State Officers & General Assembly of  
Connecticut 1776-1882 (no portraits)