

National History Day 2009 Theme:

THE INDIVIDUAL IN HISTORY: Actions & Legacies

WRHS is the repository for the following individuals' papers.

Allen, Florence Ellinwood: jurist whose career marked a series of firsts for women
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Baker, Newton Diehl: mayor of Cleveland 1912-1916 and secretary of war under President Woodrow Wilson.

Bell, Myrtle Johnson: teacher, administrator, community activist, first African American asst. high school principal in Cleveland Public Schools.

Bellamy, George: founded Hiram House, first social settlement in Cleveland.

Bellamy, Paul: editor of the Plain Dealer from 1928-1954.

Blossom, Dudley S.: businessman, philanthropist.

Bolton, Frances Payne: U.S. Congresswoman for 29 years, supported projects in nursing, health, education.

Brickner, Barnett Robert: rabbi at Fairmount Temple (Anshe Chesed) for 33 years.

Briggs, Joseph: instituted free home mail delivery in Cleveland.

Brown, Fayette: businessman, U.S. Army paymaster during Civil War.

Burton, Harold Hitz: mayor, U.S. Senator, Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court.

Cermak, Albina: first woman to run for mayor of Cleveland.

Chase, Russell N.: lawyer active in the defense of accused communists and in the affairs of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Chesnutt, Charles Waddell: novelist, short-story writer, lawyer, was the first black writer to deal with race from the African American point of view.

Chief Thunderwater: Native American chief who worked to preserve his people's rights and culture, and improve their welfare and image among white Americans.

Cleaveland, Moses: founder of Cleveland.

Cole, Allan E.: professional photographer in Cleveland's black community.

Crawford, Frederic C.: successful businessman, promoter of aviation, collector of vir

Crile, George Washington, Sr.: surgeon, researcher, founder of Cleveland Clinic Fou

Davis, Harry Edward: lawyer active in Republican politics and black community affairs.

Devereux, Henry Kelsey "Harry K.": businessman, drummer boy model for Archibald Willard's "The Spirit of '76," improved the sport of harness racing.

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Donahey, James Harrison “Hal”: chief editorial cartoonist of the Plain Dealer for 50 years.

Eaton, Cyrus Stephen: controversial capitalist who promoted U.S.-Soviet relations.

Ellsler, John Adam: actor, producer, manager, theater builder.

Feiss, Paul Louis: business executive, bibliophile, pioneered methods of scientific management as v.p. and general manager of Joseph and Feiss clothing store.

Fleming, Lethia Cousins: directed national campaign efforts among African American women for three Republican presidential candidates: Harding (1920), Hoover (1936), Alfred M. Landon (1940).

Fleming, Thomas Wallace (Tom): first black elected to Cleveland City Council.

Garfield, James Abram: 20th president of the U.S.

George, Zelma Watson: symbol of African American achievement in fields ranging from opera to U.N. diplomat.

Gillespie, Chester K.: lawyer, Republican politician, known as “Mr. Civil Rights,” part of Cleveland’s black community agitating for integration.

Gombos, Zoltan: publisher of Hungarian daily paper.

Grasselli, Caesar Augustin: president of Grasselli Chemical Co., helped develop high-explosive manufacturing.

Gray, A. Donald: landscape architect and designer.

Green, John Patterson: “Father of Labor Day,” first black member of Ohio Senate.

Gries, Moses J.: proponent of Classical Reform Judaism and spiritual leader of The Temple (Tifereth Israel).

Grossman, Mary: first woman municipal judge in U.S.

Hargrave, Mason Alexander: African American community activist best known for his work with the Universal Negro Improvement Assn.

Herrick, Myron Timothy: lawyer, businessman, diplomat.

Hughes, Adella Prentiss: best known as the founder of the Cleveland Orchestra.

Hunter, Jane Edna (Harris): prominent African American social worker, founded the Phillis Wheatly Assn.

Huntington, Samuel: politician, Ohio’s third governor.

Jackson, Perry B.: lawyer and first black judge in Ohio.

Jelliffe, Rowena Woodham: pioneer in the field of interracial theater as an outgrowth of her career as a social worker and cofounder of Karamu House.

Jelliffe, Russell W.: social worker who, along with his wife Rowena, established the i house that evolved into the nationally acclaimed Karamu House.

Johannesen, Eric: art teacher, historic preservationist, author.



Johnson, Tom L.: mayor of Cleveland and noted American Progressive.

Kirtland, Jared Potter: naturalist, physician, founder of Cleveland Academy of Natural Sciences.

Klunder, Bruce: martyr in the campaign to desegregate the Cleveland public schools.

McKinney, Wade Hampton and Ruth Berry: religious and civic leaders in Cleveland.

McVey, William Mozart: became Cleveland's most visible artist largely through his numerous local commissions for public sculpture.

Magee, Elizabeth Stewart: active securing labor reform legislation, especially child- and female-labor laws.

Manry, Robert: sailed the *Tinkerbelle* alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

Mather, Flora Stone: philanthropist dedicated to Cleveland religious, educational and social reform activities.

Mather, Samuel: industrialist and philanthropist.

Merrick, Myra King: first female physician in Ohio, one of the first in the U.S.

Morgan, Garret A.: important inventor and businessman active in the affairs of Cleveland's black community.

Ness, Eliot: Cleveland safety director, nationally known for leading the Chicago "Untouchables."

Pease, Seth: early surveyor in the Western Reserve.

Prentiss, Elisabeth Severance Allen: generous benefactress of educational, art and medical causes.

Prescott, James Sullivan: stonemason, educator, historian of the N. Union Shaker Community.

Riddle, Albert G.: lawyer, politician, promoter of equal rights for African Americans.

Rouse, Rebecca Cromwell: leading social-service organizer and reformer.

Scofield, Levi T.: architect specializing in institutional structures and public monuments, designed Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Severance, John Long: industrialist, gave the city \$2.5 million to build Severance Hall.

Silver, Abba Hillel: religious leader, Zionist, social-welfare activist.

Wade, Jephtha Homer: financier, telegraph pioneer, created Western Union Telegraph Co.

White, Rollin Henry: founder of White Motor Company, automotive pioneer.

Whittaker, (Louis) Howard: catalyst in Cleveland cultural circles as director of Cleveland Music School Settlement.

Winter, Harold Edward and wife, Thelma Frazier: he was a writer, she was a sculptor, both were enamellists who studied at Cleveland Institute of Art.