

***The Unveiling
Of
Mayors Portrait Gallery: 1869 - 2021***



***City of Plainfield
Municipal Courthouse
325 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060***

Friday, June 10, 2016

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Plainfield Mayors Portrait Gallery: 1869 - 2016

A meeting of the citizens of Plainfield Township was held in Laing's Hall on April 20, 1869 for the purpose of forming a city government. The next day, April 21, 1869, Plainfield was incorporated as a city by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature. The first charter election was held on May 4, 1869. With less than 5,000 citizens at the time, 644 votes were cast and Job Male (1808 – 1891) was elected the first Mayor of Plainfield. Male immigrated to the United States with his parents, at 8 years of age, from his native England in 1816.

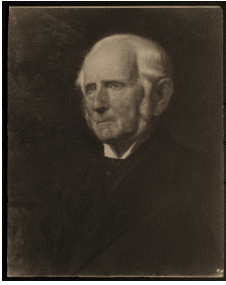
This permanent exhibit, located in the Plainfield Courthouse, offers a visual history of Job Male and the other 36 Mayors whose political actions and contributions shaped the City of Plainfield during their respective term (s). The 37 images cover a 144 - year period (1869 – 2016), portraying a historical record of Plainfield.

On February 17, 1917, in a speech delivered at a celebratory program held in conjunction with the laying of the cornerstone for Plainfield City Hall, then Mayor Leighton Calkins said *"Here will be performed the duties of the servants of the people. Let this building be a monument to the fidelity of public officials sworn to the service of this community...Better that this building should never be erected than it should be desecrated by unworthy use."*

The Georgian-style building, completed in 1920, is listed on the United States National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places.

Ethel M. Washington
Curator

Job Male



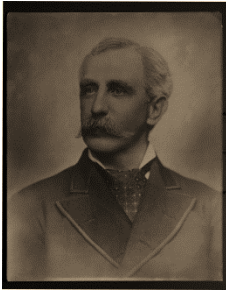
Job Male (1808 - 1891)

Republican

Three Non-Consecutive Terms

1869 - 1870 / 1877 - 1878 / 1887 - 1890

John H. Evans



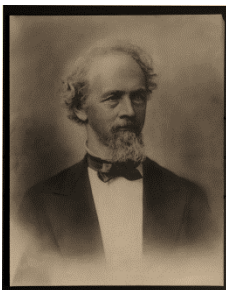
John H. Evans (1831 - 1889)

Anti-Bond

Single Term

1871 - 1872

Dr. Charles Stillman



Dr. Charles Stillman (1817 - 1881)

Republican

Single Term

1873 - 1874

Dr. John C. Sutphen



Dr. John C. Sutphen (1834 - 1878)

Law and Order / Citizens Ticket

Single Term

1875 - 1876

Nathan Harper, Esq.



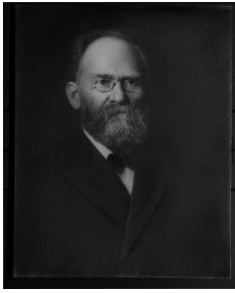
Nathan Harper, Esq. (1817 - 1893)

Democrat

Single Term

1879 - 1880

Lewis V. Fitz Randolph



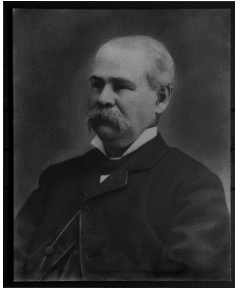
Lewis V. Fitz Randolph (1838 - 1921)

Republican

Single Term

1881 - 1882

William B. Maxson



William B. Maxson (1835 - 1888)

People's Union

Single Term

1883 - 1884

George W. Rockfellow



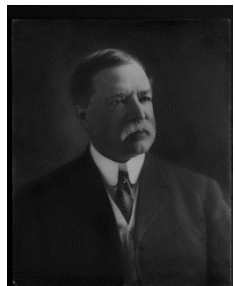
George W. Rockfellow (1817 - 1893)

Citizens / Republican

Two Non-Consecutive Terms

1885 - 1886 / 1899 - 1900

Alexander Gilbert



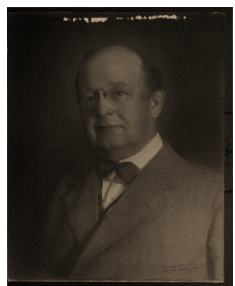
Alexander Gilbert (1839 - 1929)

Republican

Three Consecutive Terms

1891 - 1892 / 1893 - 1894 / 1895 - 1896

Charles J. Fisk



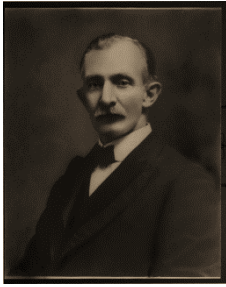
Charles J. Fisk (1858 - 1922)

Republican

Three Non-Consecutive Terms

1897 - 1898 / 1907 - 1908 / 1909 - 1910

Dr. Olin Jenkins



Dr. Olin Jenkins (1851 - 1904)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1901 - 1902 / 1903 - 1904

James F. Buckle



James F. Buckle (1852 - 1928)

Republican

Single Term

1905 - 1906

George W. V. Moy



George W. V. Moy (1865 - 1949)

Democrat

Single Term

1911 - 1912

Percy H. Stewart



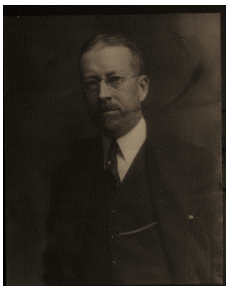
Percy H. Stewart (1867 - 1951)

Democrat

Single Term

1913 - 1914

Leighton Calkins



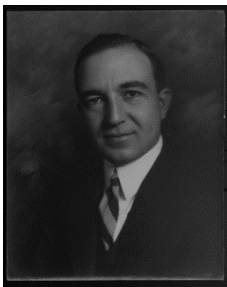
Leighton Calkins (1867 - 1956)

Republican

Three Consecutive Terms

1915 - 1916 / 1917 - 1918 / 1919 - 1920

Charles E. Loizeaux



Charles E. Loizeaux (1889 - 1947)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1921 - 1922 / 1923 - 1924

James T. MacMurray



James T. MacMurray (1894 - 1968)

Republican

Three Consecutive Terms

1925 - 1926 / 1927 - 1928 / 1929 - 1930

Martin B. Stutsman



Martin B. Stutsman (1886 - 1947)

Republican

Two Non-Consecutive Terms

1931 - 1932 / 1935 - 1936

Charles Benson Wigton



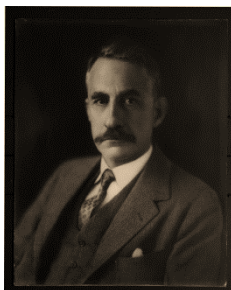
Charles Benson Wigton (1885 - 1961)

Republican

Single Term

1933 - 1934

DeWitt Dukes Barlow



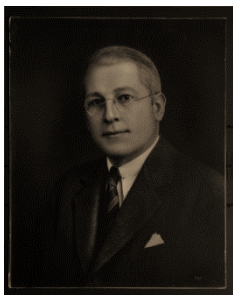
DeWitt Dukes Barlow (1880 - 1945)

Republican

Single Term

1937 - 1938

Harvey R. Linbarger



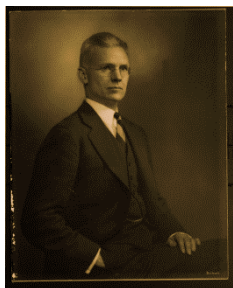
Harvey R. Linbarger (1881 - 1921)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1939 - 1940 / 1941 - 1942

Dixon C. Philips



Dixon C. Philips (1884 - 1992)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1943 - 1944 / 1945 - 1946

John W. Zerega



John W. Zerega (1894 - 1971)

Republican

Single Term

1947 - 1948

Carlyle W. Crane



Carlyle W. Crane (1914 - 1992)

Republican

Three Consecutive Terms

1949 - 1950 / 1951 - 1952 / 1953 - 1954

Allen D. Tompkins



Allen D. Tompkins (1906 - 1990)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1955 - 1956 / 1957 - 1958

Richard P. Dyckman



Richard P. Dyckman (1896 - 1974)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1959 - 1960 / 1961 - 1962

Robert C. Maddox



Robert C. Maddox (1924 - 1989)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1963 - 1964 / 1965 - 1966

George F. Hetfield



George F. Hetfield (1908 - 2002)

Republican

Single Term

1967 - 1968

Frank F. Blatz Jr.



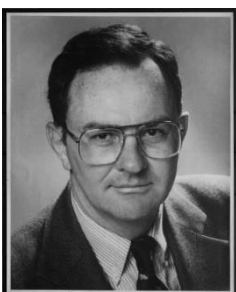
Frank F. Blatz Jr. (1910 - 1977)

Republican

Single Term

1969 - 1973

Paul J. O'Keeffe



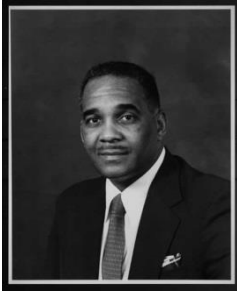
Paul J. O'Keeffe (1934 - 2004)

Republican

Two Consecutive Terms

1974 - 1977 / 1978 - 1981

Everett C. Lattimore



Everett C. Lattimore (1927 - 1991)

Democrat

One Partial Term

1982 - 1984

Richard L. Taylor



Richard L. Taylor (1944 - 2009)

Democrat

One Partial & One Full Term

1984 - 1985 / 1986 - 1989

Harold D. Mitchell



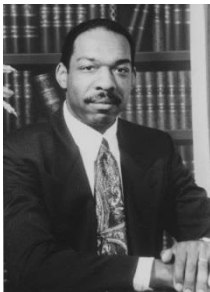
Harold D. Mitchell (Born 1939)

Democrat

Single Term

1990 - 1993

Mark A. Fury



Mark A. Fury (Born 1958)

Democrat

Single Term

1994 - 1997

Albert T. McWilliams



Albert T. McWilliams (1953 - 2007)

Democrat

Two Consecutive Terms

1998 - 2005

Sharon Robinson-Briggs



Sharon Robinson-Briggs (Born 1959)

Democrat

Two Consecutive Terms

2006 - 2013

Adrian O. Mapp



Adrian O. Mapp (Born 1956)

Democrat

2014 to Present

In the Beginning



***Construction of City Hall Cupola
Year 1918***

Paul Collier, Photographer

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Photos of City Hall

